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The Honorable Chairman Ann D. Begeman
Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 13)
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Re: Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 13)
NOTICE OF RAILROAD-SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
VACANCIES

Dear Chairman, Begeman:

The Surface Transportation Board ("Board") issued notice in its decision in Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 13), dated October 1, 2019, that the Board was seeking nominations for candidates for membership on the Rail Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC) to fill vacancies for two large shipper representatives.

I would like to submit my name as a candidate for membership on RSTAC as a large shipper representing Indorama Ventures and affiliated companies, Auriga Polymers, Starnet Inc., Alphapet Inc., Indorama Ventures Oxides & Glycols, Indorama Ventures Olefins, Indorama Ventures Xylenes & PTA, Entreprise Indorama P.T.A. Montreal and Indorama Ventures Mexico. We have active relationships with BNSF, CSX, CN, CP, KCS, KCSM, NS, UP, PanAm, G&W, WLE and numerous Short Line Railroads. Following is a brief description of Indorama's operations as well as my qualifications for serving on RSTAC.

Indorama Ventures Public Company Limited, listed in Thailand (Bloomberg ticker IVL.TB), is one of the world's leading petrochemicals producers, with a global manufacturing footprint across Africa, Asia, Europe and Americas. The company's portfolio comprises Integrated PET, Fibers, Packaging, Specialty Chemicals and Olefins. Indorama Ventures products serve major FMCG and Automotive sectors, i.e. Beverages, Hygiene, Personal Care, Tire and Safety segments. Indorama Ventures has approx. 19,000 employees worldwide and consolidated revenue of US\$ 10.7 billion in 2018. The Company is listed in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI).

Indorama Ventures is headquartered in Bangkok, Thailand with global operating sites in 31 different countries.

Indorama Ventures also has 15 manufacturing located in the United States, Canada and Mexico serving over 200 customers in 45 states and 18 transloading sites. Over the past decade Indorama has invested in greenfields, brownfields and acquisitions in the region with the most recent being the acquisition of Custom Polymers PET recycling facility in Athens, AL. In addition, on August 8, 2019 Indorama Ventures announced the \$2.0 billion acquisition of Huntsman's World-Class

Integrated Oxides and Derivative Businesses with large operating sites in US Gulf Coast as well as in India and Australia. The transaction is expected to be completed by 4Q 2019, subject to regulatory approvals. Indorama is one of the fastest growing Chemical Company's, ranked 28th Largest Chemical Company in World.

I am Senior Vice President, Supply Chain with broad responsibilities in Logistics and Procurement for the Americas region. I'm responsible for all modes of transportation, rail is highest spend, with long term commitment to rail transportation. I have been involved in transportation and rail issues for over 20 years, with hands on experience in railcar fleet management, rail contract rate negotiations, switching contracts, railroad track leases and local service operations with all Class I railroads and have established an active Shipper/Surface Transportation Board relationship. I am a Chemical Engineer and a graduate of the University of Tennessee.

I am intimately familiar with the complexities of both providing rail service and securing raw materials and supplying products to the marketplace, and I have an appreciation of the challenges faced by all parties.

I believe my broad experience in rail transportation and logistics will be of value to the Board as it seeks input regarding rail transportation policy issues. If appointed to RSTAC, I am committed to serving and providing guidance and advice to the members of the Board for the term in question.

Thank you for the opportunity to be considered for this honor to serve on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Awad". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "H" and a stylized "Awad".

Hussam Awad
Senior Vice President
Indorama Ventures