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Dr. Victoria Travis National Program Director MED-Project USA 1800 M Street, NW Suite 400 South Washington, DC 20036 Sent via e-mail

Re: CalRecycle's Completeness Determination of MED-Project's 2023 Annual Report and 2025 Annual Program Budget for Covered Drugs

Dear Dr. Travis:

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) received MED-Project's 2023 annual report and 2025 annual program budget for covered drugs on March 29, 2024, titled, *MED-Project 2023 Annual Report; State of California, Covered Drugs* and *MED-Project 2025 Annual Program Budget; State of California, Covered Drugs*, respectively, the latter of which included an independent financial audit of MED-Project's stewardship programs titled, *MED-Project CA, LLC; Financial Statements; Year Ended December 31, 2023.* Public Resources Code (PRC) section 42033.2(d)(1) and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (14 CCR) section 18973.1(b) require CalRecycle to determine if the annual report and annual program budget are complete and notify MED-Project of its determinations within 30 days of receipt (i.e., by April 29, 2024).

Staff reviewed MED-Project's 2023 annual report and 2025 annual program budget for covered drugs for completeness pursuant to the requirements in PRC sections 42033.2(a) through (c) and 14 CCR sections 18973, 18973.1(b), 18973.4, and 18973.6 and found the annual report and annual program budget complete. These completeness determinations are separate from the compliance determinations CalRecycle will now conduct pursuant to 14 CCR sections 18973.1(d) through (f). CalRecycle has 90 days from the date of receipt of the 2023 annual report and 2025 annual program budget for covered drugs to review for compliance with all statutory, regulatory, and MED-Project's stewardship plan requirements and approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove the annual report and annual program budget (i.e., by June 27, 2024).

Questions regarding this letter may be directed to <u>pharmasharps@calrecycle.ca.gov</u>.

Regards,

Signed by: Krystal Acierto, Acting Director

Dated: April 29, 2024

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