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<u>Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Proposed</u> <u>Muhlhauser Steel Project</u> (Planning Case # DP 2017-1267/TPM 37267, MCUP-2017-1268)

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the Final MND.

SCAQMD Staff's Summary of Project Description

The Lead Agency proposes to 39,000-square-foot commercial building on 8.06 acres (Proposed Project). The proposed manufacturing activities will include steel fabrication, machine operations, and painting. The Proposed Project will take approximately four to ten weeks to complete beginning in 2017.

SCAQMD as a Responsible Agency

Since the Lead Agency would install and operate equipment for the steel fabrication process¹, permits from the SCAQMD will be required, and SCAQMD should be identified as a responsible agency for the Proposed Project in the Final MND (California Public Resources Code Section 21069 and CEQA Guideline Section 15381). The Proposed Project will be required to submit complete and timely permit applications to SCAQMD. Should there be any specific questions on permits, please contact SCAQMD's Engineering and Permitting staff at (909) 396-2528 or (909) 396-2352. For general information on permits, please visit the SCAQMD's webpage, at: http://www.aqmd.gov/home/permits.

SCAQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address these issues and any other questions that may arise. If you have any questions regarding the comments, please contact Gordon Mize, Air Quality Specialist by email at gmize@aqmd.gov or at (909) 396-3302.

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¹ MND. Section 2.0, *Project Description*. Page 13 and 16. See also Section 4.3, *Air Quality*. Page 28.