



EAST CENTRAL SOLID WASTE COMMISSION

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RE: Facility Operations

To Whom It May Concern:

The East Central Solid Waste Commission (ECSWC) was established in 1987 as a joint powers organization consisting of five counties in east central Minnesota. Its stated purpose is to provide solid waste management services for citizens in the five county area. The initial alternative did not prove successful as the operator consistently violated the operating agreement, violated facility permits issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and failed to act promptly to correct the problems identified in their operation by the Commission. This contract was terminated approximately nine months before its expiration date.

Following the termination of this operating agreement, the Commission solicited proposals from other composting vendors to provide management and operations supervision for the operation of the Commission owned facility. Micro Life USA, Inc. was the only firm to respond with a solution that met the requirements identified by the Commission. Their response addressed all aspects of the operation including but not limited to technical feasibility, financial feasibility and management expertise in the composting and MSW areas.

Micro Life USA, Inc. and the Commission have been working together for more than one year in an effort to retrofit and rehabilitate a 250/TPD facility in Mora, Minnesota to meet Commission and State of Minnesota requirements. The retrofit and rehabilitation will require an additional investment of nearly \$2.2 million. The Commission anticipates action to award contracts for construction in mid-June.

In addition to the retrofit and rehabilitation, the Commission and Micro Life USA, Inc. have been negotiating an operating agreement for operations at the Mora facility. It is anticipated that this agreement will be for a four year period with compensation at more than \$2.0 million annually. The Commission anticipates resolution of several minor differences to the agreement within the next several weeks and signing the agreement in mid-June.

It is our hope and intention to begin full operations within the next few months and look forward to continued successes with Micro Life USA, Inc. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely yours,

Douglas Sell
Executive Director

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