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COMMENTS TO THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) FOR THE STRAVINSKI- DAOU DEVELOPMENTS PROJECT

Dear Darcy Delgado:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review the MND for the Stravinski – Daou Developments Project. The project proposes to construct two separate warehouse facilities (approximately 196,000 & 157,000 square feet) to be used for the storage, processing, and distribution of wine. At this time, we offer the following comments in response to the MND:

Caltrans supports development that is consistent with State and Federal planning priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety. We accomplish this by working with local agencies to achieve a shared vision of how the transportation system can and should accommodate interregional and local travel and development. Caltrans believes that continued coordination with your agency is imperative to achieve overall network connectivity.

We appreciate the City's continued partnership on efforts in the area to improve our shared regional transportation network. The short- and long-term solutions we see for this area are focused on the City continuing to pursue and implement parallel route development along State Route (SR) 46 East, the implementation of the Huer Huelo Creek Bridge, and the further development and completion of the Union Road Interchange project.

Our interest with this project, as with others in the area, is additional trips and left turns being added onto SR46 at Airport Road. Of note is the addition of trucks making left turns onto the highway at an unprotected at-grade intersection. Additional trips should be directed to either a signalized or grade separated intersection. The construction of

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the Huer Huero Creek Bridge would provide a route for trucks to access the Golden Hill signalized intersection to make left turns onto SR46 and the future Union Road Interchange will provide a grade separated intersection.

The transportation analysis memorandum (CCTC; November 18, 2022) for this project provides several recommendations for mitigating the traffic impacts. We support the recommendation to prohibit outbound distribution of trucks during certain peak traffic hours. We also support the recommendation for the City to ensure construction of the Huer Huero Creek Bridge to serve truck trip access to the Golden Hill intersection with applicant participation in cost sharing for the bridge as well as other effected local road improvements.

We request that the project be conditioned to not begin operations until the Huer Huero Creek Bridge is operational. As an interim option until the bridge is operational, we recommend the restriction of left turn movements out of Airport Road, requiring all vehicles to use the signal at Golden Hill Road. Passenger vehicles can make the U-turn at Golden Hill and trucks can turn left onto Golden Hill Road and then turn left onto Union Road to access eastbound SR 46. This would be similar to the detour currently being used for the roundabout construction at the intersection of Golden Hill Road and Union Road, just the opposite direction.

We look forward to continued coordination with the City on this project. If you have any questions, or need further clarification on items discussed above, please contact me at (805) 835-6432 or Jenna.Schudson@dot.ca.gov

Sincerely,

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