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Rachelle Dillon. Environmental Health and Safety Officer Viventia Bio Inc. 147 Hamelin Street Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 3Z1 Via Email: <u>RDillon@viventia.com</u>

Dear Ms. Dillon:

## Re: Viventia Biotech Inc. – Alteration to HEPA Filter Disposal

Thank you for the Notice of Alteration (NoA) dated September 21, 2015 and the additional information submitted on April 8, 2016. The NoA requested an amendment to Clause 22 b) of the Environment Act Licence 1623 R issued to Viventia Biotech Inc located at 147 Hamelin Street. The alteration proposes a change to the disposal method for HEPA filters from the applications where the risk for microbiological contamination is assessed to be nil to low.

Upon review of your alteration request, I have concluded that the environmental effects of the alteration will be insignificant; therefore, in accordance with Section 14(2) of *The Environment Act* your alteration is approved as described in the September 21, 2016 and April 8, 2016 NoA. Accordingly, Clause 22 b) of the Licence is hereby amended as follows:

- 22 The Licencee shall dispose of HEPA filers, exposed to air from the Development, which are contaminated with
  - b) microbiological organisms and:
    - i) for the filters from Biosafety cabinet by a continuous exposure to formaldehyde gas at a concentration and for a sufficient time to decontaminate the filter, followed by land filling or incineration; or
    - ii) for the filters from process operation with nil to low risk of microbiological contamination by steam autoclaving at a temperature of at least 121°C at a pressure of 15 psi for more than 1 hour and then disposed at a landfill in accordance with the guidelines for the *Management of Biomedical Waste in Canada CCME EPC-WM-42E*; or
    - iii) by an alternate method approved by the Director.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Yvonne Hawryliuk, Regional Supervisor, at (204) 945-5305.

Yours sincerely,

## "original signed by"

Tracey Braun, M.Sc. Director

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