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Dear Mr. Konanahalli:

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March 10, 2014, VN Response Letter

I am in receipt of your letter dated March 10, 2014 regarding an air quality violation in the molten salt bath department, due to the inadequate performance of the baghouse. We typically replace the bags in the baghouse once a year, usually in January. Due to the heat, it is not safe to change the bags in warmer-weather.

I originally had scheduled the replacement of the bags for January 2014, but had to postpone the project due to lack of sufficient funding. The baghouse performance declined in mid-January, as evidenced by the reduced amount of dust retrieved during cleaning. The bags were replaced on March 15, 2014, and the baghouse is again operating as would be expected.

We are planning on replacement of the baghouse with a cartridge filter system, but timing will be dependent on obtaining suitable financing. Otherwise, we will be replacing the bags once again in January 2015.

I believe the foregoing addresses all the concerns as mentioned in your letter. If you should have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Very truly yours,

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