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Mr. Andrew Campbell
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Dear Mr. Campbell:

Re: Plastic Packaging

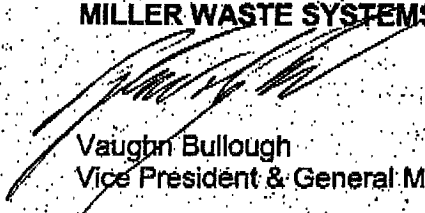
This is to confirm our recent discussions regarding the advisability of adding plastic packaging materials to the slate of recyclable materials for processing at the York Region Waste Management Centre.

Miller recommends that plastic packaging material not be added at this stage for the following reasons:

- Manual sorting of these materials in a single stream system requires a large amount of labour and slows the throughput of the facility adding considerable cost.
- In a single stream system where screens are used to separate flat (fibre) from round (containers) most plastic packaging will end up on the fibre lines. This poses two problems; firstly the problem of getting plastic back on the container line, and secondly the possible downgrading of fibre product due to contamination with plastic.
- Existing markets for 3-7 plastic containers are very weak. Most buyers process the product further to remove certain types of plastic. This can be done with containers imprinted with the resin code number. With plastic packaging this is not the case, and marketability is damaged further.

Sincerely,

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