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INITIAL STUDY/PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

DATE: May 22, 2006

Project Title: Saint-Gobain Containers, Inc.  Project Number C-1053187

Project Location/City: 24441 Avenue 12 ½, Madera California

Project Location – City: Madera, California

Project Location - County: Madera

Description of Project: The San Joaquin Valley Air Basin (SJVAB) is classified as a serious ozone nonattainment area and a serious PM10 nonattainment area for the health-based air quality standards established by the federal Clean Air Act. The SJVAB is also classified as severe nonattainment for the California ozone standard and nonattainment for the California PM10 standard.

Saint-Gobain is an existing facility that operates a container glass manufacturing facility in Madera, California. The site is in an area zoned for heavy industrial uses. The proposed project will not result in any alteration of the present or planned land use. Saint-Gobain intends to make changes to its Madera, California facility to expand Furnace #2 and also to implement pollution control requirements of a consent decree with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) that was lodged on April 28, 2005 and signed into effect on June 22, 2005. Saint-Gobain submitted an original Authority to Construct (ATC) application for these proposed changes on July 21, 2005. These changes will result in a net air quality benefit and no other impacts were identified in the initial study.

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