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IMS RESPONDS TO EXPORTING ALLEGATIONS

Poway, CA, June 22, 2016— A press release from the Basel Action Network (BAN) dated 6/20/16 suggests that IMS Electronics Recycling, Inc. (IMS) shipped a nonworking printer directly from the IMS facility in Poway, CA to China. IMS does not dispute the tracking data but has great concern how this data was presented to the public and to customers.

Per IMS standard operating procedures, printers coming from consumers are processed daily since they occupy much space and have no value. Printers require a presort process to remove ink, toner, batteries and other hazards prior to shredding to prevent contamination of commodities and to reduce the risk of fire. If a GPS tracking device was placed within the printer housing it would not be accessible to employees during the presort process. After presort printers are loaded on a shredder infeed conveyor where the shear shredder reduces the printers to an average size 2 to 4 inches. The sorting equipment then separates steel, plastic, aluminum, copper and circuit boards.

The specific printer reported in BAN's press release states the device was dropped off June 25th, 2015 at the IMS Poway facility. On June 27th the printer arrived at the Port of Long Beach and by July 25th the printer was located at the port of Hong Kong. IMS production reports (shredder output) show that between June 25th and June 26th, 2015, 86,926 pounds of printers were processed as described above. The tracking data provided by the BAN report exactly matches the downstream material chain of custody. Container #WHLU5468952 was picked up on BOL 67036 on June 26th to be delivered to the Port of Long Beach, CA with booking #1635X00340. The BOL indicates 42 gaylords of shredded plastic were sold to Ekman Recycling, a well-regarded plastics broker. The vessel, Cosco Development, shipped this material to Hong Kong (voyage #W024) and corroborates with the tracking data receiving dates. Additionally, the chain of custody shows the importer of record as Kwong Cheong and the plastics mill as MCB Equipment Co (MCB). MCB has an active import license from the People's Republic of China for the restricted solid wastes that can be used as raw materials: SPAX2016024925; expiration date of 12/31/2016.

The data above supports this tracking device passed through the shredder screen and followed the downstream tiers for plastic, as designed. IMS does not export scrap printers as the BAN article suggests; IMS

abides by all local, state, federal, and international laws. IMS and BAN share the common goal of providing environmentally sound solutions for recycling electronics.

IMS began in 2005 and has since processed over 400 million pounds electronics by investing over \$8 million in state of the art shredding equipment across its facilities. Currently, IMS has just over 200 employees with facilities located in Poway, CA, Vancouver, WA, Columbus, OH, and Atlanta, GA. IMS is certified to ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001, and R2:2013.

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