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**Peoria, IL** – KK glass announces it will no longer utilize PDC’s lead-stabilization process and will direct CRT funnel glass exclusively to smelting options. This announcement follows Peoria Disposal Company’s (PDC) announcement that they are shutting down their hazardous waste treatment processing facility due to changing conditions in the K061 Electric Arc Furnace Dust, its primary supplier to its Waste Stabilization Facility located in Peoria, Illinois effective January 1, 2020. Kuusakoski, US and PDC have worked in partnership since 2014, as PDC served as an end-of-life option for CRT funnel and panel glass generated by Kuusakoski Glass in Peoria, IL. PDC’s Waste Stabilization Facility’s depended on electric arc furnace dust (K061) generated by steel mills, with less than 10% of its volume coming from Kuusakoski Glass and its leaded glass product. Operations at Kuusakoski Glass will continue uninterrupted to disassemble, separate and clean CRTs and find proper recycling and reuse homes for the recovered materials. PDC’s decision to exit the hazardous waste treatment sector is strictly a financial decision and is in no way related to the quality or sustainability of their process. PDC’s financial assurances through establishment of independent trust funds are second to none in the industry and all customers past present and future can rest assured that these changes in no way impacts proper management and monitoring of their operations.

Since 2018, Kuusakoski, US has been working with key stakeholders within the e-waste industry, as well as other service providers to provide sustainable solutions for our trusted customers, which includes partnerships with other funnel glass processing options. Kuusakoski Glass continually strives for process improvement. The Kuusakoski Glass team will work together with our parent organization to ensure we are meeting the needs of our customers through innovation and technology. ”It will be business as usual at KK glass with no impacts to the service we provide our customers. We pledge to continue to provide a much needed and transparent service in the handling of CRT leaded glass. Our experienced team is familiar with proper management options for CRT glass and therefore strives to strengthen our own processes and be a trusted industry solution until the CRT issues no longer exist,” Marc Artozqui, CEO, Kuusakoski, US.



The Kuusakoski companies are a family owned, over one-hundred-year-old, global leader in recycling. Our US team has seen many changes within the industry over the past few years. Our continued ability to adapt to new challenges only makes us a stronger and more viable organization.

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