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DATE: August 18, 2020

TO: Depot Network

RE: **Theft at Blue Heron Bottle Depot**

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Attention Depot Operators and Staff,

The Beverage Container Management Board (“BCMB”) has been informed of an incident that occurred at the Blue Heron Bottle Depot on **August 17, 2020 at approximately 2:57AM. An individual cut out a section of the fence on the West side of the perimeter to enter the property and cut another section on the East perimeter fence to exit the property. This resulted in the theft of three (3) mega bags of aluminum, one (1) mega bag of HDPE and one (1) mega bag of gable top >1 liter. This incident has been reported to local RCMP authorities.**

**Please remain attentive to any customers returning similar volumes of the above-mentioned material. This product could appear at your Depot, particularly if you are in the Athabasca area.** If you suspect that these containers have arrived at your Depot, fill out the Container Validation Request (CVR) form on the Quality Monitoring System (QMS) and do not pay for these containers. Please quarantine the containers at your Depot – do not provide a refund to the customer and do not ship the containers to ABCRC unless advised by the BCMB. You may provide the customer with BCMB’s contact information, should they have any questions. If the customer is unwilling to provide any information and wishes to leave with the product, they may do so but please make note of the encounter and notify the BCMB.

If a theft should occur, please ensure that after notifying local authorities, you also contact the BCMB to advise us of the incident. This allows the BCMB to notify the Depot network of the theft and to remind Depots to follow CVR processes if it is suspected that the stolen material has arrived at their Depot.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Mark Emsden, Investigation and Compliance Manager at [memsden@bcmb.ab.ca](mailto:memsden@bcmb.ab.ca).

