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Ms. Danielle Gosselin
Director, Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: STB Docket No. FD 36847 Laredo Gateway Industrial Railway, LLC – Construction and Operation Exemption–In Webb County, TX; Approval of the Environmental Contractor

Dear Ms. Gosselin:

In accordance with 49 CFR §1105.10(d), Laredo Gateway Industrial Railway, LLC ("LGIR") respectfully requests approval of the environmental consulting firm, VHB to work with the Office of Environmental Analysis ("OEA") to prepare the necessary environmental documentation associated with LGIR's proposed construction and operation of a new rail line ("the Line"). LGIR anticipates filing an individual Petition for Exemption under 49 U.S.C. §10901 to permit it to construct and own the Line. VHB has been identified by OEA as an entity that is qualified to serve as a third-party consultant for railroad-related projects.

We expect VHB's work to be performed under the OEA's direction, supervision, and control pursuant to 49 CFR §1105(d). Further, we expect VHB to undertake this project in accordance with the OEA's requirements for disclosure and pursuant to a memorandum of understanding to be entered among OEA, VHB, and LGIR.

We can confirm that VHB is not presently engaged in any other projects for LGIR.

Sincerely,



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