Resolution Adopting the Full Waste Recovery and Recycling Program

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) 9003 provides for the adoption of a systematic, comprehensive and ecological solid waste management program which shall, among others, ensure the protection of public health and the environment, and encourage greater private sector participation in solid waste management;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of the Republic Act (RA) 9003 provides for the basic policies on solid waste management to include, but not limited to, the following: utilize environmentally-sound methods that maximize the utilization of valuable resources and encourage resources conservation and recovery; and promote national research and development programs for improved solid waste management and resource conservation techniques, more effective institutional arrangement and indigenous and improved methods of waste reduction, collection, separation and recovery;

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Republic Act (RA) 9003 created the National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC) or “Commission” under the Office of the President to oversee the implementation of solid waste management plans and prescribe policies to achieve the objectives of this Act. Specifically, it shall, among others, develop and implement a program to assist local government units in the identification of markets for materials that are diverted from disposal facilities through re-use, recycling, and composting, and other environment-friendly methods; and Encourage private sector initiatives, community participation and investments resource recovery-based livelihood programs for local communities;

WHEREAS, Section 20 of the Republic Act (RA) 9003 provides for a Mandatory Solid Waste Diversion of all solid waste from waste disposal facilities through re-use, recycling, and composting activities and other resource recovery activities;

WHEREAS, the NSWMC identifies and promotes best environmental practices and encourage multi-stakeholder participation in solid waste management;

WHEREAS, the Study on the Development of the Recycling Industry conducted in 2008 revealed that there is a big potential of resource recovery from solid wastes, however its utilization is still limited in the domestic industries potentially receiving it as raw material because of fragmented information and network for optimizing the flow of recyclable/recoverable materials from generators to the final users;

WHEREAS, the Full Waste Recovery and Recycling Program involves filling the gaps on existing waste recovery and recycling program through assembling all existing technologies into one appropriate location where all recyclable items will be processed for recycling. The recovered wastes will then be transferred to recycling, co-processing and biomass facilities to upgrade them into useful by-products;

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WHEREAS, the Full Waste Recovery and Recycling Program involves the participation of various stakeholders to fully support the recycling market development.

WHEREAS, the said Program was discussed, deliberated and endorsed for adoption by NSWMC during the NSWMC TWG meeting held on February 28, 2014

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Full Waste Recovery and Recycling Program be adopted by the National Solid Waste Commission;

This resolution takes effect upon approval.

APPROVED this 51st day of March, 2015.

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