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**NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA**  
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From: Department of Food and Agriculture  
CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing  
2750 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 200  
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Project Title: ECD, Inc. dba Northern Emeralds Adult-Use Processor License

Project Location: The Project is located at 5550 West End Road, Suite 7, Arcata CA 95521, in Humboldt County.

County: Humboldt County

Project Description:

The Department of Food and Agriculture, pursuant to authority granted under Business and Profession Code Division 10, Chapter 2, Section 26012, approved a Cannabis Cultivation License submitted on 12/05/2019, by ECD, Inc. dba Northern Emeralds. ECD, Inc. dba Northern Emeralds applied for an adult-use processor license.

Project Activities:

The Project will consist of a processing facility that occupies subject unit #7 of the Project Location, which totals 2,581 sf within a building that is 11,640 sf. The building is on 4.6 acres. The surrounding property uses include industrial, manufacturing, cannabis, power substation, trucking, contractor, food manufacturing facility, children's services facility.

The project site is located within Cannabis Innovation Zone, Zone 1 and does not involve expansion of existing structures. The project site is sufficiently served by all public services including electricity and the local water municipality. There is no indication the project site is in an environmentally sensitive area.

Exemption Status: (check one)

- Ministerial [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(1); CCR, Sec. 15268]
- Declared Emergency [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(3); CCR, Sec.15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(4); CCR, Sec.15269(b)(c)]
- Categorical Exemption: [Class 1 Categorical Exemption Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, §15301]
- Statutory Exemptions: [State code section number]
- General Rule [CCR, Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The Department of Food and Agriculture has determined that the project is a Class 1 Categorical Exemption project. Class 1 Categorical Exemptions consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alterations to existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The project meets the criteria of an existing facilities project, Class 1, Section 15301 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3.

This is to certify that the final environmental document, comments and responses, and the record of project approval are available to the public at the following location:

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