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## RELEASE OF SECURITY INTEREST IN PATENTS

THIS RELEASE OF SECURITY INTEREST IN PATENTS ("Release") is made as of this 1st day of February 2017, by GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, a New York state chartered bank, in its capacity as Collateral Agent for the Secured Parties ("Agent"), with its mailing address of 6011 Connection Drive, Irving, Texas 75039, in favor of VERTEX ENERGY OPERATING, LLC, a Texas limited liability company and VERTEX REFINING LA, LLC, a Louisiana limited liability company (collectively, the "Companies"), with their mailing address of 1331 Gemini Street, Suite 250, Houston, Texas 77058.

Reference is made to that certain Payoff Letter dated as of February 1, 2017, by and between Agent and the Companies (the "Payoff Letter").

FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, subject to the terms and conditions of the Payoff Letter, Agent hereby releases its liens on and security interests in the patents listed on Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof, which liens and security interests were established under and pursuant to that certain Patent Security Agreement dated May 2, 2014, executed by Companies in favor of Agent and recorded with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 2, 2014 at Reel/Frame 032813/0353.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Agent has caused this Release to be duly executed by its  
duly authorized officer as of the day and year first above written.

GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, a New York State-  
Chartered Bank, as Collateral Agent

By:   
Name: Stephen W. Hipp  
Title: Authorized Signatory

**SCHEDULE A****Patents**

<b>PATENT</b>	<b>OWNER</b>	<b>REGIS. NUMBER</b>	<b>REGIS. DATE</b>
System for Making a Usable Hydrocarbon Product from Used Oil	Vertex Energy Operating, LLC	8,613,838	December 24, 2013
Method for Making a Usable Hydrocarbon Product from Used Oil	Vertex Energy Operating, LLC	8,398,847	March 19, 2013
Used Lubricating Oil Reclaiming	Vertex Refining LA, LLC	5,306,419	April 26, 1994
Reconstituting Lubricating Oil	Vertex Refining LA, LLC	5,447,628	September 5, 1995
Performance Grade Asphalt and Methods	Vertex Refining LA, LLC	6,203,606	March 20, 2001