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Dear friends,

We are finally (!) getting the answers we needed to wrap up budgeting for solving the remaining fire safety and seismic issues brought to our attention by regional Fire Marshalls last spring. We have already spent considerable resources to satisfy almost every issue they and other regulators presented us back then, but the remaining issues have had the potential to make our location unsuitable for ongoing glass production at our scale. This has held up our decision to commit to installation of the expensive furnace emission filter 'baghouse' system on our furnaces.

We are waiting for pricing from two vendors for solutions to the remaining issues, and for the release of yet another round of new Oregon DEQ rules for glass furnace emissions, due out this week. We don't yet know what these rules will be, how they will affect our activities, or how they might change the emission control equipment requirements.

Once these pieces of information are in hand, we will be in a position to finally commit to the investment required for the remaining equipment requirements. Once that commitment is made, we expect a 90-100 day installation lead time for the new equipment that would allow us to resume production of all our colors, so the earliest we can forecast is now January 1st.

Meanwhile, we continue to operate glass furnaces as we have since May under a written agreement and order from the Oregon DEQ, which limits the range of colorants we are able to use. We thank you for your patience during this time.

Eric Lovell
President



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