



DATE: June 15, 2021

TO: Depot Network

RE: **Theft at Blue Heron Bottle Depot**

Attention Depot Operators and Staff,

The Beverage Container Management Board (“BCMB”) has been informed of an incident that occurred at the **Blue Heron Depot in Athabasca on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at approximately 3:06AM, an individual wearing a bike helmet knocked off the camera at the Depot’s loading area. At 4:33AM, a white cube van entered the loading dock and took approximately 13 mega-bags and headed north.**

This resulted in the theft of (6) six ALUM mega-bags (Qty. 16,900); (5) five PET (0-1L) megabags (Qty.7,200); (1) one GableTop (0-1L) mega-bag (Qty.1,120); and (1) one Bi-Metal megabag (Qty. 240). This incident has been reported to local RCMP authorities.

Please remain attentive to any customers returning similar volumes of the above-mentioned material. This product could appear at your Depot, particularly if you are in the Athabasca area, and surrounding towns. If you suspect that these containers have arrived at your Depot, fill out the Container Validation Request (CVR) form on the Quality Monitoring System (QMS) and do not pay for these containers.

Please quarantine the containers at your Depot – do not provide a refund to the customer and do not ship the containers to ABCRC unless advised by the BCMB. You may provide the customer with BCMB’s contact information, should they have any questions. If the customer is unwilling to provide any information and wishes to leave with the product, they may do so but please make note of the encounter and notify the BCMB.

If a theft should occur, please ensure that after notifying local authorities, you also contact the BCMB to advise us of the incident. This allows the BCMB to notify the Depot network of the theft and to remind Depots to follow CVR processes if it is suspected that the stolen material has arrived at their Depot.

Should you have any questions or an incident to report, please contact a Compliance Officer at compliance@bcmb.ab.ca.

