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The Honorable Walter A. Stosch Co-Chairman Senate Finance Committee Senate of Virginia 4551 Cox Road, Suite 110 Glen Allen, Virginia 23060

The Honorable R. Lee Ware Chairman House Finance Committee House of Delegates P.O. Box 689 Powhatan, Virginia 23139 Dear Messrs. Chairmen: The Honorable Charles J. Colgan Co-Chairman Senate Finance Committee Senate of Virginia 10677 Aviation Lane Manassas, Virginia 20110

The Honorable S. Chris Jones Chairman House Appropriations Committee House of Delegates P.O. Box 5059 Suffolk, Virginia 23435

I am writing to report on the grants that have been awarded during the first quarter of the 2015 calendar year as required by § 2.2-5103(D) of the Code of Virginia.

For the first quarter, ending March 31, 2015, four Virginia Investment Partnership grants were awarded. In the Major Eligible Employer category (over \$100 million in capital investment and at least 1,000 new employees or corporate headquarters and other basic employers that make a capital investment of at least \$100 million and create at least 400 jobs paying at least twice the prevailing average wage for the area), there were no grants awarded.

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Virginia Investment Partnership:

- 1. San-J International, Inc., located in Henrico County, produces tamari sauce. Awarded a \$300,000 grant, the company will be making a \$38 million investment and creating 18 new jobs by December 31, 2017.
- 2. Andros Foods North America, located in Shenandoah County, processes fruit. Awarded a \$600,000 grant, the company will be making a \$73 million investment and creating 160 new jobs by June 30, 2015.
- 3. Not yet announced.
- **4. Ashland Inc.**, located in the City of Hopewell, manufactures chemicals. Awarded a \$700,000 grant, the company will be making an \$89.25 million investment and creating 17 new jobs by September 30, 2017.

Major Eligible Employer:

No Major Eligible Employer grants were awarded.

For the first quarter of the 2015 calendar year, Virginia Investment Partnership grant disbursements from the Fund were made to Polymer Group (Chicopee), Stihl, Inc., Mennel Milling, U.S. Gypsum, Ashland, Merck, and WhiteWave. A Major Eligible Employer grant disbursement from the Fund was made to Altria (Philip Morris).

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Martin J. Briley President and Chief Executive Officer Virginia Economic Development Partnership