## May 11, 2006

## MEMORANDUM

To:	Mr. Massimo Lazzeri, Co-Chair, Methane-to-Markets Landfill Subcommittee Mr. Brian Guzzone, USEPA Ladies and Gentlemen
From:	Dr. Atilio Savino, Co-Chair, Methane-to-Markets Landfill Subcommittee, Secretary of Environment and Sustainable Development of Argentina
Subject:	Regular Meeting of the Methane-to-Markets Landfill Subcommittee, May 12, 2006, Cologne, Germany

Thank you for your participation in this Methane-to-Markets Landfill Subcommittee meeting. If you would allow me, please accept my apologies for being unable to participate in today's important meeting. Regretfully, recent changes to my schedule made it impossible to travel to Germany.

If I was to provide guidance to you for today, it would be to cover the following points:

- Continue efforts to assemble data on landfill sites on a country-by-country basis (e.g., location and size of landfills, tons of methane reduced by country, etc.) and to identify potential sites for successful methane projects. Please commit to providing such information to the M2M General Secretariat at your earliest convenience.
- Encourage participation of solid waste institutions and associations from your countries in the M2M program. As a starting point, please commit to providing contact information for such institutions to the M2M General Secretariat.
- Specific to member countries Australia, Italy, Japan, and the United Kingdom, my Co-Chair and I strongly recommend that you consider providing financial and technical resources to this M2M program so as to advance methane capture projects and activities in Latin America, China, India, Korea, Russia, and Ukraine. A good example of this has been the collaboration to conduct two pre-feasibility studies at landfills in my country, Argentina.

I recognize the value of your time and energy into making this M2M program successful. You have my full support, and I am certain the debates and discussions submitted to this event will result in practical implementations, generating sustainable benefits to the public at-large.

My best wishes to you all.

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Atilio Savino