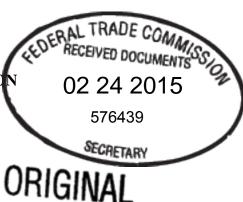
### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSIO

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In the Matter of
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ECM BioFilms, Inc.,
) Docket No. 9358
a corporation, also d/b/a
Enviroplastics International
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# JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF WORD COUNT LIMITATION

Pursuant to Commission Rule of Practice 3.52(c)(2) and (k), the parties hereby move for a 2,500-word extension of the limits for the parties' opening and answering briefs, for a limit of 16,500 words in each brief.

Although such extensions are disfavored, an extension is appropriate "where a party can make a strong showing that undue prejudice would result from complying with the existing limit." 16 C.F.R. § 3.52(k). The existing limit would prevent the parties from providing the Commission with a complete statement of their positions on appeal. The record is voluminous and highly technical. Specifically, the record includes testimony from 29 witnesses (including eight experts in arcane fields such as plastics and landfill engineering), more than 1,700 exhibits, over 3,400 proposed findings of fact, and no less than 52 biodegradation tests (in addition to four consumer perception studies). The Administrative Law Judge's opinion substantially added to this volume: the Initial Decision is 323 pages and makes 1,539 findings of fact. Only with an

extension of the word count limit will the parties have sufficient opportunity to synthesize this enormous record in a complete, accurate, and nuanced way.

In short, undue prejudice will result from the existing word limits. For this reason, the parties respectfully request a 2,500-word extension of the limits for the opening and answering appeals briefs, for a limit of 16,500 words each.

Dated: February 24, 2015 Respectfully submitted,

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