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Notice of Certification / Application ID: 4021

April 22, 2014

Rebecca Shearer  
Mine Safety Appliances Company  
1100 Cranberry Woods Drive  
Cranberry Township, PA 16066

Dear Rebecca Shearer,

On behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) BioPreferred® program, I am pleased to inform you that your application for use of the USDA Certified Biobased Product Label for V-Gard(R) GREEN Protective Helmet Shells has been approved as of April 18, 2014. The test results for your product indicate a biobased content of 95%.

The Label remains in effect as long as the product or package is manufactured and marketed in accordance with the approved application and requirements of §2904.5 (i.e. Code of Federal Regulations for the Voluntary Labeling Program for Biobased Products); unless one of these occur:

1. Product or package reformulation: The product or package formulation of the certified product is changed such that the biobased content is reduced to a level below that reported in the approved application. When products have been reformulated, a new application for certification must be submitted in order to resume using the USDA Certified Biobased Product Label; and/or,
2. New minimum biobased content: USDA revises the minimum biobased content required for a product or package to be eligible to display the certification mark and the product or package does not meet the revised minimum. USDA will inform you that your certification is no longer valid. In this case, you must increase the biobased content of your product to be at or above the revised minimum and re-apply for certification within 60 days in order to continue to use the certification mark.

You must read the BioPreferred Brand Guidelines and Graphic Standards document prior to downloading label artwork. (eAuth login is required)

This email is your official notice of biobased product certification. Please print and save this email should you need to provide certification documentation to any entity.

The BioPreferred program looks forward to a long and successful partnership with you in the promotion of biobased products. If you have additional questions or would like further information, you may call the BioPreferred Program Information Line (877) 251-6522 or email us at [biobasedlabel@dm.usda.gov](mailto:biobasedlabel@dm.usda.gov).

Sincerely,  
Kate Lewis  
Deputy Manager  
USDA BioPreferred Program