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2020B and Taxable Series 2020C

PureCycle Polypropylene Phase II Project January 2021 Project Status Report

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Attached is the Construction Monitor's Project Status Report (the "Report") for the PureCycle Polypropylene Phase II Project (the "Project") for the period ending January 31, 2021 (the "Relevant Period"), being delivered to you by Leidos Engineering, LLC ("Leidos"), as Construction Monitor ("CM").

Our review of the data made available to us by PureCycle Ohio LLC (the "Owner"), Denham-Blythe Company (the "Denham-Blythe") and other equipment suppliers and contractors working on the Project for the Owner was performed within the scope and terms of a Professional Services Agreement ("PSA"), dated as of May 9, 2017, between Leidos and PureCycle Technologies, LLC. On October 1, 2020, UMB Bank, N.A. as trustee (the "Trustee") under the Indenture of Trust issued by the Southern Ohio Port Authority for Exempt Facility Revenue Bonds (PureCycle Project), Tax-Exempt Series 2020A, Subordinate Exempt Facility Revenue Bonds (PureCycle Project), Tax-Exempt Series 2020B and Subordinate Exempt Facility Revenue Bonds (PureCycle Project), Taxable Series 2020C dated October 1, 2020 (the "Indenture") entered into an Consent and Agreement with Leidos outlining the terms and conditions of the Trustee's use of the reports, certificates and other work products issued by Leidos. This Report is solely for the information of and assistance to the Trustee in connection with its review of the Project and is not to be used, circulated, quoted or otherwise referred to for any other purpose. The Independent Engineer disclaims any obligation to update this Report. This Report is not intended to, and may not be construed to benefit any party other than the Trustee and the Bondholders (as defined in the Indenture).

To the extent that it has been practical to do so, we have verified the status of the work performed by the Owner, Denham-Blythe and the major equipment suppliers and nothing has come to our attention during the review and observation that should cause us to believe that the progress made through the Relevant Period was not commensurate with Project objectives.

The next monthly Project review meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2021 at the PureCycle office in Ironton, Ohio. If you have any questions regarding this Report, or other aspects of the Project, please contact me by phone at 508.935.1606 or via email at <a href="https://doi.org/nichelus.2016/ni

Sincerely,

**LEIDOS ENGINEERING, LLC** 

Nicholas Drobot

Construction Manager

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Attachment

Ec: Karen Napoli, James (Jim) Newell – Leidos Engineering, LLC



Leidos Engineering, LLC ("Leidos" or "we"), in its capacity as the Construction Monitor ("CM") reviewed the progress of engineering, procurement and construction of the PureCycle Polypropylene Phase II Project (the "Project") including: monthly reports from the Denham-Blythe Company (the "Denham-Blythe"), the engineering, procurement and construction ("EPC") contractor for the Outside Battery Limits ("OSBL"), including utilities and product storage under the Construction Contract dated October 7, 2020 (the "EPC Contract") and progress information from the Inside Battery Limits ("ISBL") and OSBL major equipment suppliers. Additionally, we held discussions with the Owner's management relative to the status of the Project to review the progress for the period ending January 31, 2021 (the "Relevant Period"). We visited the Project job site in Ironton, Ohio on February 11, 2021 and participated in a progress meeting held at the PureCycle office near the Project site in Ironton, Ohio. Terms used in this Project Status Report ("Report") without definition shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in the Credit Agreement or the EPC Contract.

# **Project Technical Description**

The Project will be a waste polypropylene processing facility under development by the Owner and sponsored by PureCycle Technologies, LLC (the "Sponsor"). The Project will be located on 26 acres of land in Ironton, Lawrence County (the County"), Ohio (the "Facility Site"). The Facility Site is a former Dow Chemical Company ("Dow") plant site. The Facility Site land was previously donated by Dow to the Lawrence Economic Development Corporation ("LEDC") and includes three existing buildings (Building 504, Building 507, and Building 509) totaling 150,000 square feet that will be reused for raw material delivery, processing, and storage, and for utility equipment. An affiliate of the Owner purchased the land from the LEDC, and the affiliate sold the land to the Owner for use as the Facility Site.

# Summary

During the progress meeting noted above, the Owner and Denham-Blythe presented detailed updates highlighting the progress of EPC contractor activities under the Construction Contract. The Owner also reported on progress with regard to the ISPL equipment supply contract and the PureCycle-supplied OSBL equipment.

The Project was reported to be materially on schedule and Bechtel reported that the overall progress is 2.8 percent complete as compared to a baseline plan of 2.8 percent complete. During the Relevant Period, the schedule baseline was established maintaining the contractual dates. As previously reported, the Denham-Blythe and major equipment supplier's engineering effort commenced with the issuance of a Notice to Proceed ("NTP") to all parties. The ISBL equipment supplier continued engineering activities including the completion of the utility load requirements. Development by engineering of the 3D model continued with the first integration review having been completed. Engineering also continued to incorporate comments and reissued updated degassing equipment drawings, revised the preprocessing general arrangement drawings and issued for review the raw material handling preliminary engineering package. Development of the instrumentation package continued and development of the utility load requirements was completed. Technical evaluation of rail design and build proposals was completed and the site storm drainage installation subcontract was awarded. Denham-Blythe continued demolition activities and commenced refurbishment activities. Site clearing continued and mass grading activities commenced. In summary, the Project appears to be on schedule and within budget.

The Owner continued to report that the required activities to support the PureCycle-supplied OSBL equipment continued materially on schedule to ensure timely coordination with ISBL and OSBL design.

During the Relevant Period no Occupational Safety and Health Administration ("OSHA") recordable safety incidents were reported. No reportable environmental incidents were reported at the Project Site during the Relevant Period.

## **Project Status**

The Owner's construction manager reported the actual and planned schedule progress percentage complete for engineering, procurement and construction activities. The schedule progress is shown in Table 1.

Table 1
Completion Progress – PureCycle Polypropylene Phase II Project (1)

Project Phase	January 2021 Planned % <sup>(2)</sup>	January 2021 Actual %	December 2020 Actual %
Engineering	13.3	13.3	NR <sup>(4)</sup>
Procurement	1.7	1.7	NR
Construction	0.7	0.7	NR
Start-Up	0.0	0.0	NR
Weighted Total	2.8	2.8	NR

- 1) All progress is shown in percent ("%") unless noted.
- 2) The "planned" percentage complete represents the baseline established in January 2021 maintaining the contractual dates.
- 3) Not reported ("NR").

### **EPC Contract Activities**

EPC Contract activities reported by the Owner, the Owner's Construction Manager, Denham-Blythe and major equipment suppliers included engineering, procurement and construction activities as described herein.

## Engineering

Overall, the Owner's construction manager reported that 13.3 percent of the engineering and design effort was completed against a planned 13.3 percent of the baseline plan. The Owner reported that detailed engineering coordination meetings are continuing on a weekly basis for Denham-Blythe and the ISBL equipment supply contract, and a bi-weekly basis for the OSBL equipment supply contracts. Denham-Blythe, the major equipment suppliers and the Owner continued to coordinate information exchange specific to material handling interfaces with the ISBL systems.

ISBL, OSBL and major equipment engineering activities through the Relevant Period include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Completed the first 3D Model integration review and continued development of same;
- Continued development of instrumentation package;
- Issued updated degassing equipment drawings for review;
- Submitted Building 504 and 507 structural and architectural drawings to the responsible local authorities for review;
- Continued revision of preprocessing general arrangement drawings as required;

- Issued raw material handling preliminary engineering package for review;
- Completed technical evaluation of rail design and build proposals;
- · Continued utility tie point design;
- Continued to develop utility process flow diagrams ("PFDs") and utility equipment bid packages;
- Continued to develop general arrangement drawings;
- Completed development of utility load requirements;
- Continued controls integration reviews;
- Commenced design of sanitary sewer collection, domestic water distribution and natural gas distribution utility systems;
- Commenced structural design of material handling pneumatic conveyor structural bridge near feedstock silos;
- Commenced design of Building 504 roof extension;
- Completed process hazard analysis for OSBL systems and issued draft report;
- Issued fire analysis draft report;
- · Completed additional quantitative risk analysis and issued draft report; and
- Overall facility risk analysis and evaluation was nearing completion.

Our review of engineering activities indicates progress materially in support of Project objectives.

#### Procurement

Overall, the Owner's construction manager reported that 1.7 percent of the procurement effort was completed against a planned 1.7 percent of the baseline plan. As previously reported, the ISBL equipment supplier has begun the procurement process and awarded several schedule, critical supply and fabrication subcontracts, including but not limited to high-pressure vessels and extruders.

ISBL, OSBL and major equipment engineering activities through the Relevant Period include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Finalized the rail design/build purchase order;
- Released for fabrication select preprocessing equipment parts;
- Continued ISBL supplier and sub-vendor information exchange;
- Issued electrical interconnect letter of credit and commenced meetings with the electrical interconnect provider;
- Awarded site storm drainage installation subcontract; and
- Awarded environmental engineering design subcontract.

Development of a bid package for the OSBL utility equipment continued. Denham-Blythe also continued a pre-qualification process for major 2021 work packages including process piping, mechanical, and electrical scopes of work.

#### Construction

Overall, the Owner's construction manager reported that 0.7 percent of the construction effort was completed against a planned 0.7 percent of the baseline plan. Denham Blythe construction activities through the Relevant Period include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Continued mass grading and site clearing activities;
- Continued redistribution of the spoils pile;
- Continued demolition activities;
- Mobilized subcontractor for the repair of Building 507 siding;
- Commenced refurbishment of Building 507 masonry;
- Continued coordination with the utility company; and
- Continued coordination with Americas Styrenics ("Amsty") on relocation of the 12 kV electrical line and other items.

Our review of the construction activities indicates progress materially in support of Project objectives.

# **Off-Site and Interconnection Projects**

The Owner's construction manager and the Owner provided updates covering the offsite and interconnection project activities on the Project.

#### **Owner Activities**

As of the end of the Relevant Period, the Owner reported that all permits required for the current phase of construction are in place and that permitting activities for the upcoming phases of the Project were progressing materially as planned. Work is progressing on obtaining the remaining permits. A tracking procedure has been implemented and is being tracked for schedule compliance.

## Pre-processing Equipment Supply

As previously reported, the pre-processing equipment supplier's initial engineering kickoff meeting was held on October 14, 2020. As mentioned in the Engineering section above, the pre-processing equipment supplier continued with engineering and design activities and released for fabrication select preprocessing equipment parts.

## Material Handling Equipment Supply

As previously reported, the material handling equipment supplier's initial engineering kickoff meeting was held on October 15, 2020. As mentioned in the Engineering section above, the material handling equipment supplier continued with engineering and design activities. The material handling equipment supplier also continued coordination with the ISBL equipment supplier for waste handling systems and with the degassing equipment supplier for the degassing inlets and outlets.

### **Degassing Equipment Supply**

As previously reported, the degassing equipment supplier's initial engineering kickoff meeting was held on October 12, 2020. As mentioned in the Engineering section above, the degassing equipment supplier continued with engineering and design activities. As previously reported, through coordination meetings and early document reviews, the degassing equipment supplier has been able to release certain materials for fabrication.

#### Interconnections

The Owner reported that the natural gas line to the Facility was being installed. At the time of the visit, the Owner reported that the natural gas line was installed and the remaining work consisted of completing the metering station installation and tie-in.

As mentioned above, the electrical interconnect letter of credit was issued. The kick-off meeting with the electrical interconnect provider was held on January 12, 2021 and regular progress meetings continue.

## **Start-Up and Commissioning**

The Owner reported that activities in support of start-up and commissioning of the Project have not yet commenced.

## Safety/Environmental/Permits

### Safety and Environmental

The following items were reported through the Relevant Period:

- As previously reported, material suspected to be vermiculite was found in the walls of an existing building being renovated. This material was tested and concentrations were confirmed to be under the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") limits of being considered material containing asbestos and requiring special disposal.
- The Owner reports that it continues to monitor trends regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and that it has a COVID-19 policy that remains in effect regarding site activities.
- During the Relevant Period, the Owner's Construction Manager and Denham-Blythe reported there
  were no OSHA recordable incidents and no lost time incidents. Since the commencement of work
  at the Project Site, there were no recordable incidents and no lost time incidents.

## Permitting

Denham-Blythe continued to work with the Owner to secure the appropriate permits, certificates, notifications and approvals necessary to support the then-current phases of construction at the Project Site. Denham-Blythe is providing support to ensure overall compliance with applicable laws, regulations, permits and approvals.

The Owner reported that all necessary permits required for the current construction activities have been secured. The Owner also reported that the required activities for the air permit modifications are in progress and are on schedule. The modifications are associated with material handling and purification and are awaiting equipment manufacturer submittals and emission information.

# **Quality Assurance**

Denham-Blythe, in cooperation with the Owner, developed a detailed quality surveillance plan for the Project which will be updated, as required, to address any additional quality surveillance required for the then-current phase of construction. As part of the execution of the Project, each supplier and contractor will be required to submit a copy of their quality control plans to the Owner.

During the Relevant Period, the Owner reported no material quality assurance issues.

### **Schedule**

Table 2 displays key Project milestone dates. One key Project milestone was achieved during the Relevant Period.

Table 2 **Key Project Milestone Dates (1)** 

Key Event	Planned Date (1)	Forecasted/ Actual Date (2) (3)	
ISBL Equipment Supplier Delivery Schedule	r ianned bate	Actual Butc	
Stair and Pipe Rack Modules Arrive at Site	December 13, 2021	January 28, 2022	
Non-Long Lead Vessel Modules Arrive at Site	May 12, 2022	May 12, 2022	
Long Lead Vessel Modules Arrive at Site	June 1, 2022	June 1, 2022	
Packaged and Ship Loose Equip. Arrive at Site	June 22, 2022	June 22, 2022	
Construction Contract Schedule			
Issue OSBL Major Equip. Purchase Orders	October 7, 2020	October 7, 2020 (A)	
OSBL Construction Start	November 30, 2020	November 30, 2020 (A)	
Start Initial Earthwork (Mass Grading)	January 7, 2021	January 15, 2021 (A)	
Start Site Utilities – Natural Gas, Water, Sewer	February 11, 2021	March 2, 2021	
Start Degassing Equipment Installation	January 10, 2022	March 22, 2022	
Start Raw Material Handling Equip. Installation	September 2, 2021	January 18, 2022	
Start Finished Material Handling Equip. Installation	October 20, 2021	October 20, 2021	
Start Module Setting and Leveling	December 14, 2021	January 29, 2022	
OSBL Mechanical Completion – Phase A	January 10, 2022	May 31, 2022	
OSBL Substantial Completion – Phase A	February 11, 2022	June 28, 2022	
All Modules Set and Leveled	June 22, 2022	June 22, 2022	
OSBL Mechanical Completion – Phase B	July 14, 2022	July 14, 2022	
OSBL Substantial Completion – Phase B	July 21, 2022	July 21, 2022	
All Modules Installed and Interconnected	August 31, 2022	August 31, 2022	
Detail ISBL Integration with OSBL Complete	August 31, 2022	August 31, 2022	
Strat Hot Commissioning	September 11, 2022	September 11, 2022	
OSBL Mechanical Completion – Phase C	September 11, 2022	September 22, 2022	
OSBL Substantial Completion – Phase C	November 26, 2022	November 26, 2022	
ISBL Mechanical Completion	October 17, 2022	October 17, 2022	
Start Performance Testing	November 20, 2022	November 20, 2022	
Commercial Plant Producing Final Product	December 1, 2022	December 1, 2022	

- 1) Original baseline dates.
- 2) An (A) after a date indicates an actual date or completed activity.
   3) From November 2020 Monthly Construction Report

During the Relevant Period, the schedule baseline was established maintaining the contractual dates. The Owner and Denham-Blythe reported that the Project's summary critical path is though ISBL design, procurement, delivery, installation, commissioning, and start-up. The Owner also reported that, to date, there has been no variance to the critical path from the original contract schedule.

# **Change Orders**

There were no change orders ("COs") approved by the Owner with Denham-Blythe or the major equipment supplier contracts during the Relevant Period to cover out-of-scope costs. Table 3 shows approved and pending COs under the EPC Contract and major equipment supply contracts through the end of the Relevant Period. The total out-of-scope cost approved under the EPC Contract and major equipment supply contracts as of the end of the Relevant Period was \$112,958.

Table 3
Construction Contract Approved and Pending Change Orders

Item No.	Contract/Area	Approval Date	Cost Impact	Schedule Impact	Status
1	ISBL Equipment Supply	November 12, 2020	\$ 112,958	None	Approved
2	EPC Contract	Pending (1)	\$ 929,049	None	Submitted
	Total		\$1,042,007		

Approved subsequent to the Relevant Period.

# **Summary of Cost and Contingency**

The budget status, as of the end of the Relevant Period, reflects the Borrower's Requisition for Payment Certificate dated January 6, 2021 for a January 11, 2021 funds transfer (the "Construction Requisition") covering work completed during December 2020 as well as the direct payments made by the Owner during January 2021 and not yet requisitioned. The budget presented in the Owner's progress report is \$397,625,124, including \$21,153,011 in construction contingency. Cumulative Project expenditures reported by the Borrower (including the Construction Requisition above and expenditures during January 2021) were \$126,988,150. Through the Relevant Period, no net use of contingency has been reported.

### **Miscellaneous**

None at this time.

### **Areas of Concern**

None at this time.

# **Photographs**

Photographs included in Attachment 1 were taken on February 11, 2021 or were provided by the Owner.

**Attachment 1: Photographs** 



Figure 1: Installation of New Building 507 Siding and Insulation

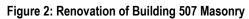






Figure 3: Extension of Building 507 Foundation Footing



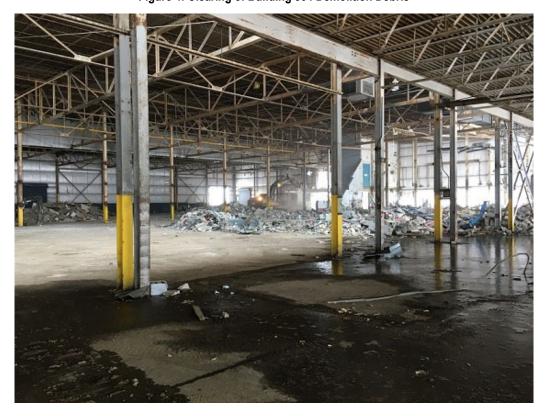




Figure 5: Future Utility Building



