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Legislation will feature a Foam Recycling Test *Dart Drops Opposition; Amendment is a Step in the Right Direction*

New York, NY – Today, Dart Container announced that recent recycling amendments to the polystyrene foam bill sponsored by Council Member Fidler, and supported by Mayor Bloomberg's office, represent a step in the right direction by city officials.

As amended, the bill calls for a foam recycling test. A successful test will ultimately allow New Yorkers to recycle used foam cups and take-out containers in their residential recycling bins. In response to the amended bill, Michael Westerfield, Dart Container's Director of Recycling, released the following statement:

"Throughout this process we have negotiated with the city in good faith and we thank Speaker Quinn and the members of the city's Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management for making sensible changes to the proposed bill. While it is clear that this legislation singles out and unfairly maligns a quality, cost effective, and safe line of products, we are suspending further opposition as we believe it is in the best interests of all parties that we turn our attention to successfully passing the recycling test. We look forward to working with the Commissioner of Sanitation and other key stakeholders to prove that foam recycling is possible and practical for NYC as we have shown in many cities across the United States. We stand by the significant offer that we have guaranteed to the city that will reduce the amount of material going to landfills and their related costs as well as provide \$4 million in additional revenue to the city's coffers."

The amended bill calls for the Commissioner of Sanitation to determine whether or not foam cups and containers can be recycled in NYC's residential metal, glass, and plastic recycling program in a way that is economically feasible, environmentally effective, and safe for employees. The Commissioner has until January 01, 2015 to make the determination and present it to the Mayor and City Council.

Mr. Westerfield added, "A successful polystyrene foam recycling program in NYC will only add to the environmental, performance, and cost advantages that foam has over competing foodservice materials and make it one of the most recyclable foodservice containers in NYC."

The ordinance is expected to be voted on by the City Council on December 19. For more information about Dart, please go to www.dart.biz. For information about foam recycling, please go to www.homeforfoam.com

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