

Notice of Exemption**Form D**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Energy Commission
 1516 Ninth Street, MS-48
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Applicant: Cuberg, Inc.

Project Title: Improved Batteries for California's Zero-Emissions Vehicle Future

Project Location – Specific: 1198 65Th St Ste 170

Project Location – City: Emeryville 94608 **Project Location – County:** Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this Agreement is to fund the setup and commissioning of a pilot-scale production facility for manufacturing lithium-metal battery pouch cells. These innovative lithium-metal battery cells have a high energy density and are non-flammable. The project will achieve a ramp up of in-house manufacturing, where dry battery cells are cut open, injected with a unique electrolyte and vacuum-sealed. Ratepayers will benefit from the project when higher energy density, non-flammable batteries are adopted by the market – resulting in better energy storage in electric vehicles, consumer electronics, and grid applications.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Cuberg, Inc.

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial Exemption (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number
Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project fits within Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sect. §15301 because it involves minor construction and equipment installation at an existing facility, with no expansion of capacity. The proposed project will install new equipment at an existing research and production facility. The new equipment will enable the Recipient to manufacture lithium-metal battery pouch cells at pilot scale. The existing facility is approximately 7,400 square feet with planned minor alterations of installing an interior wall with a door, an HVAC exhaust duct, and a 3 phase outlet for a vacuum pump. The new equipment that will be added will use approximately 150 square feet. For these reasons, the proposed project will have no significant effect on the environment and fits within section 15301.

Responsible Agency

Contact Person: Joshua Croft

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: 

Date: 7/8/2019

Title: Specialist 1

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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