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of Transportation

**Federal Highway  
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

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In Reply Refer To:  
HSST-1/ B-280

Mr. Adrian Bullock  
Highway Care Ltd.  
Callow Hill Business Park  
Ledbury, Herefordshire  
HR8 2PZ

Dear Mr. Bullock:

This letter is in response to your March 10, 2017 request for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to review a roadside safety device, hardware, or system for eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program. This FHWA letter of eligibility is assigned FHWA control number B-280 and is valid until a subsequent letter is issued by FHWA that expressly references this device.

### **Decision**

The following devices are eligible, with details provided in the form which is attached as an integral part of this letter:

- BarrierGuard 800

### **Scope of this Letter**

To be found eligible for Federal-aid funding, new roadside safety devices should meet the crash test and evaluation criteria contained in the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH). However, the FHWA, the Department of Transportation, and the United States Government do not regulate the manufacture of roadside safety devices. Eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program does not establish approval, certification or endorsement of the device for any particular purpose or use.

This letter is not a determination by the FHWA, the Department of Transportation, or the United States Government that a vehicle crash involving the device will result in any particular outcome, nor is it a guarantee of the in-service performance of this device. Proper manufacturing, installation, and maintenance are required in order for this device to function as tested.

This finding of eligibility is limited to the crashworthiness of the system and does not cover other structural features, nor conformity with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

### **Eligibility for Reimbursement**

Based solely on a review of crash test results and certifications submitted by the manufacturer, and the crash test laboratory, FHWA agrees that the device described herein meets the crash test and evaluation criteria of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH). Therefore, the device is eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program if installed under the range of tested conditions.

Name of system: BarrierGuard 800  
Type of system: Longitudinal Barrier  
Test Level: MASH Test Level 3 (TL3)  
Testing conducted by: Safe Technologies  
Date of request: March 10, 2017

FHWA concurs with the recommendation of the accredited crash testing laboratory as stated within the attached form.

### **Full Description of the Eligible Device**

The device and supporting documentation, including reports of the crash tests or other testing done, videos of any crash testing, and/or drawings of the device, are described in the attached form.

### **Notice**

This eligibility letter is issued for the subject device as tested. Modifications made to the device are not covered by this letter and will need to be tested in accordance with all recommended tests in AASHTO's MASH as part of a new and separate submittal.

You are expected to supply potential users with sufficient information on design, installation and maintenance requirements to ensure proper performance.

You are expected to certify to potential users that the hardware furnished has the same chemistry, mechanical properties, and geometry as that submitted for review, and that it will meet the test and evaluation criteria of AASHTO's MASH.

Issuance of this letter does not convey property rights of any sort or any exclusive privilege. This letter is based on the premise that information and reports submitted by you are accurate and correct. We reserve the right to modify or revoke this letter if: (1) there are any inaccuracies in the information submitted in support of your request for this letter, (2) the qualification testing was flawed, (3) in-service performance or other information reveals safety problems, (4) the system is significantly different from the version that was crash tested, or (5) any other information indicates that the letter was issued in error or otherwise does not reflect full and complete information about the crashworthiness of the system.

**Standard Provisions**

- To prevent misunderstanding by others, this letter of eligibility designated as FHWA control number B-280 shall not be reproduced except in full. This letter and the test documentation upon which it is based are public information. All such letters and documentation may be reviewed upon request.
- This letter shall not be construed as authorization or consent by the FHWA to use, manufacture, or sell any patented system for which the applicant is not the patent holder.
- If the subject device is a patented product it may be considered to be proprietary. If proprietary systems are specified by a highway agency for use on Federal-aid projects: (a) they must be supplied through competitive bidding with equally suitable unpatented items; (b) the highway agency must certify that they are essential for synchronization with the existing highway facilities or that no equally suitable alternative exists; or (c) they must be used for research or for a distinctive type of construction on relatively short sections of road for experimental purposes. Our regulations concerning proprietary products are contained in Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 635.411.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Ritter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Robert Ritter  
Acting Director, Office of Safety  
Technologies  
Office of Safety

Enclosures

## Request for Federal Aid Reimbursement Eligibility of Highway Safety Hardware

<b>Submitter</b>	Date of Request:	March 10, 2017	<input checked="" type="radio"/> New <input type="radio"/> Resubmission
	Name:	Adrian Bullock	
	Company:	Highway Care Ltd	
	Address:	Callow Hill Business Park, Ledbury, Herefordshire. HR8 2PZ	
	Country:	UK	
	To:	Michael S. Griffith, Director FHWA, Office of Safety Technologies	

I request the following devices be considered eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program.

**Device & Testing Criterion** - Enter from right to left starting with Test Level

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System Type	Submission Type	Device Name / Variant	Testing Criterion	Test Level
'B': Rigid/Semi-Rigid Barriers (Roadside, Median, Bridge Railings)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Physical Crash Testing <input type="radio"/> Engineering Analysis	BarrierGuard 800	AASHTO MASH	TL3

By submitting this request for review and evaluation by the Federal Highway Administration, I certify that the product(s) was (were) tested in conformity with the AASHTO Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware and that the evaluation results meet the appropriate evaluation criteria in the MASH.

**Individual or Organization responsible for the product:**

Contact Name:	Adrian Bullock	Same as Submitter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Company Name:	Highway Care Ltd	Same as Submitter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Address:	Callow Hill Business Park, Ledbury, Herefordshire. HR8 2PZ	Same as Submitter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Country:	UK	Same as Submitter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Enter below all disclosures of financial interests as required by the FHWA 'Federal-Aid Reimbursement Eligibility Process for Safety Hardware Devices' document.

Safe Technologies Inc. (STI) was the test laboratory used for the physical crash testing of this product for this eligibility application. STI has no financial interests in BarrierGuard 800 and has no ownership of the product IP.

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

<input checked="" type="radio"/> New Hardware or Significant Modification	<input type="radio"/> Modification to Existing Hardware	
<p>BarrierGuard 800 is a steel barrier formed from two step profile, thin gauge sheets of steel being welded together to form a long hollow section, the overall dimensions of the barrier section is 540mm wide at the base, 235mm wide at the top and 800mm high. Each longitudinal section can be joined together using a Quicklink hole and pin arrangement or a bolted joint arrangement. These barrier sections are joined together and laid out along the road surface to create a longitudinal barrier system (wall).</p>		
<h3>CRASH TESTING</h3>		
<p>By signature below, the Engineer affiliated with the testing laboratory, agrees in support of this submission that all of the critical and relevant crash tests for this device listed above were conducted to meet the MASH test criteria. The Engineer has determined that no other crash tests are necessary to determine the device meets the MASH criteria.</p>		
Engineer Name:	Joseph Nagy	
Engineer Signature:	Joseph Nagy	Digitally signed by Joseph Nagy Date: 2017.03.10 16:13:38 -08'00'
Address:	170 River Road, Rio Vista, CA 94571	Same as Submitter <input type="checkbox"/>
Country:	USA	Same as Submitter <input type="checkbox"/>

A brief description of each crash test and its result:

Required Test Number	Narrative Description	Evaluation Results
3-10 (1100C)	<p>This test was conducted by STI on June 24, 2016 under STI Test number BG1611. The BarrierGuard 800 satisfied the MASH structural adequacy criteria for its intended function as a longitudinal barrier. The test article redirected the 1100C vehicle in a controlled manner. The vehicle did not penetrate, underride, or override the installation. The test article exhibited controlled permanent and dynamic deflection in the test.</p> <p>All of the occupant risk criteria were satisfied in testing the BarrierGuard 800. Theoretical occupant impact velocities in the longitudinal and lateral directions were well below the preferred limit of 30.0 ft/s (9.6 m/s). Ridedown accelerations in the longitudinal and lateral directions were well below the preferred limit of 15.0 G. There was no test article debris detached during the test.</p> <p>There was no deformation to the occupant compartment of the 1100C test vehicle. There were no intrusions into the occupant compartment. The test vehicle remained upright during and after the collision with minor roll, pitch and yaw.</p> <p>The BarrierGuard 800 was judged as satisfying the applicable MASH vehicle trajectory criteria.</p> <p>The barrier was judged to have successfully met all of the evaluation criteria for MASH Test 3-10.</p>	PASS

Required Test Number	Narrative Description	Evaluation Results
3-11 (2270P)	<p>This test was conducted by STI on October 14, 2013 under STI Test number BG1302. The BarrierGuard 800 satisfied the MASH structural adequacy criteria for its intended function as a longitudinal barrier. The test article redirected the 2270P vehicle in a controlled manner. The vehicle did not penetrate, underide, or override the installation. The test article exhibited controlled permanent and dynamic deflection in the test.</p> <p>All of the occupant risk criteria were satisfied in testing the BarrierGuard 800. Theoretical occupant impact velocities in the longitudinal and lateral directions were well below the preferred limit of 30.0 ft/s (9.6 m/s). Ridedown accelerations in the longitudinal and lateral directions were well below the preferred limit of 15.0 G. There was no test article debris detached during the test.</p> <p>There was no deformation to the occupant compartment of the 2270P test vehicle. There were no intrusions into the occupant compartment. The test vehicle remained upright during and after the collision with minor roll, pitch and yaw.</p> <p>The BarrierGuard 800 was judged as satisfying the applicable MASH vehicle trajectory criteria.</p> <p>The barrier was judged to have successfully met all of the evaluation criteria for MASH Test 3-11.</p>	PASS
3-20 (1100C)	Non-Relevant Test, not conducted	Non-Relevant Test, not conducted

3-21 (2270P)	<p>This test was conducted by STI on August 1, 2016 under STI Test number BG1614. The BarrierGuard 800 satisfied the MASH structural adequacy criteria for its intended function as a longitudinal barrier. The test article redirected the 2270P vehicle in a controlled manner. The vehicle did not penetrate, underride, or override the installation. The test article exhibited controlled permanent and dynamic deflection in the test.</p> <p>All of the occupant risk criteria were satisfied in testing the BarrierGuard 800. Theoretical occupant impact velocities in the longitudinal and lateral directions were well below the preferred limit of 30.0 ft/s (9.6 m/s). Ridedown accelerations in the longitudinal and lateral directions were well below the preferred limit of 15.0 G. There was no test article debris detached during the test.</p> <p>There was no deformation to the occupant compartment of the 2270P test vehicle. There were no intrusions into the occupant compartment. The test vehicle remained upright during and after the collision with minor roll, pitch and yaw.</p> <p>The Critical Impact Point for this test was chosen to verify the performance of the product at a point where it changes form being a flexible (deflecting) system to a rigid anchored system, this point was just upstream of the anchor point at the mid point of the last barrier section of the installed length.</p> <p>The BarrierGuard 800 was judged as satisfying the applicable MASH vehicle trajectory criteria.</p> <p>The barrier was judged to have successfully met all of the evaluation criteria for MASH Test 3-21.</p>	PASS
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Full Scale Crash Testing was done in compliance with MASH by the following accredited crash test laboratory (cite the laboratory's accreditation status as noted in the crash test reports.):



Laboratory Name:	Safe Technologies, Inc.	
Laboratory Signature:	<b>Joseph Nagy</b>	Digitally signed by Joseph Nagy Date: 2017.03.10 16:17:15 -08'00'
Address:	170 River Road, Rio Vista, CA 94571	Same as Submitter <input type="checkbox"/>
Country:	USA	Same as Submitter <input type="checkbox"/>
Accreditation Certificate Number and Dates of current Accreditation period :	1851.01. Valid through March 31, 2017	

Submitter Signature\*: **Adrian Bullock** Digitally signed by Adrian Bullock  
Date: 2017.03.10 16:29:17 -08'00'

**Submit Form**

## ATTACHMENTS

Attach to this form:

- 1) Additional disclosures of related financial interest as indicated above.
- 2) A copy of the full test report, video, and a Test Data Summary Sheet for each test conducted in support of this request.
- 3) A drawing or drawings of the device(s) that conform to the Task Force-13 Drawing Specifications [[Hardware Guide Drawing Standards](#)]. For proprietary products, a single isometric line drawing is usually acceptable to illustrate the product, with detailed specifications, intended use, and contact information provided on the reverse. Additional drawings (not in TF-13 format) showing details that are relevant to understanding the dimensions and performance of the device should also be submitted to facilitate our review.

**FHWA Official Business Only:**

Eligibility Letter		
Number	Date	Key Words