



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

JUN 27 2014

UNITED PARCEL SERVICE

Mr. Steven Black  
Plant Manager  
Universal Alloy Corporation  
180 Lamar Haley Parkway  
Canton, Georgia 30114

Re: Universal Alloy Corporation  
Consent Agreement and Final Order  
Docket Number: EPCRA-04-2014-2031(b)

Dear Mr. Black:

Enclosed please find an executed copy of the Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) that resolves the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act matter (Docket Number EPCRA-04-2014-2031(b)) involving the Universal Alloy Corporation. The CAFO was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, as required by 40 C.F.R. Part 22 and became effective on the date of filing.

Also enclosed, please find a copy of the "Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings." This document puts you on notice of its potential duty to disclose to the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) any environmental enforcement actions taken by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If you have any questions with regards to the SEC's environmental disclosure requirements, you may refer to the contact phone number at the bottom of the SEC notice.

All other questions should be directed to Ms. Patricia Rubin at (404) 562-8986.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Caron B. Falconer".

Caron B. Falconer  
Chief  
EPCRA Enforcement Section

Enclosures

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 4

IN THE MATTER OF: )  
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Universal Alloy Corporation ) Docket Number: EPCRA-04-2014-2031(b)  
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Respondent. )  
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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

I. Nature of the Action

1. This is a civil penalty proceeding pursuant to Section 325 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), 42 U.S.C. § 11045, and pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules), codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22. Complainant is the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, Region 4, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Respondent is Universal Alloy Corporation.

2. The authority to take action under Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045, is vested in the Administrator of EPA. The Administrator of EPA has delegated this authority under EPCRA to the Regional Administrators by EPA Delegation 22-3-A, dated May 11, 1994. The Regional Administrator, Region 4, has redelegated this authority to the Director, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, by EPA Region 4 Delegation 22-3-A, dated November 8, 1994. Pursuant to that delegation, the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division has the authority to commence an enforcement action as the Complainant in this matter.

3. Complainant and Respondent have conferred for the purpose of settlement pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18 and desire to resolve this matter and settle the allegations described herein without a formal hearing. Therefore, without the taking of any evidence or testimony, the making of any argument, or the adjudication of any issue in this matter, and in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b) and 22.18(b), this Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) will simultaneously commence and conclude this matter.

II. Preliminary Statements

4. Respondent is the Universal Alloy Corporation, a corporation doing business in the State of Georgia.

5. Respondent is a "person" as defined in Section 329(7) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(7).

6. Respondent owns and operates a "facility" as that term is defined by Section 329 (4) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(4).

7. Respondent's facility is located at 180 Lamar Haley Parkway, Canton, Georgia.

### III. EPA's Allegations of Violations

8. Section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022, and the regulations found at 40 C.F.R. Part 370, provide that the owner or operator of a facility that is required to prepare or have available a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for hazardous chemicals under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSHA) and regulations promulgated under that Act, shall submit to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), and the fire department with jurisdiction over the facility, on or before March 1 annually, a completed emergency and hazardous chemical inventory form (Tier I or Tier II) as described in 40 C.F.R. Part 370, containing the information required by that part for hazardous chemicals present at the facility at any one time in the calendar year in amounts equal to or greater than 10,000 pounds and containing the information required by that part for extremely hazardous substances (EHS) present at the facility at any one time in amounts equal to or greater than the threshold planning quantity (TPQ) or 500 pounds, whichever is less.

9. At some time during calendar years 2012, 2011 and 2010, aluminum was present at the facility in an amount equal to or greater than 10,000 pounds.

10. Aluminum is a "hazardous chemical" as defined by Section 329(5) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(5), for which Respondent is required to prepare or have available an MSDS under OSHA at its facility.

11. Respondent failed to submit a completed Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory Form for aluminum to the SERC, the LEPC, and fire department with jurisdiction over the facility for calendar years 2012, 2011 and 2010 by March 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

12. EPA alleges that Respondent violated the reporting requirements of Section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022, at its facility for calendar years 2012, 2011 and 2010, and is therefore subject to the assessment of civil penalties under Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045.

13. Pursuant to Section 325(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c), and 40 C.F.R. Part 19, EPA may assess a civil penalty of not more than \$37,500 for each violation of Section 312 that occurred after January 12, 2009. Each day a violation of Section 312 continues constitutes a separate violation. Civil penalties under Section 325(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c), may be assessed by Administrative Order.

#### IV. Consent Agreement

14. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set out above but neither admits nor denies the factual allegations set out above.

15. Respondent waives any right to contest the allegations and its right to appeal the proposed Final Order accompanying the Consent Agreement.

16. Respondent consents to the assessment of and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.

17. Respondent agrees to complete the Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) set forth in this CAFO.

18. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance with all relevant requirements of EPCRA at the facility.

19. Compliance with the CAFO shall resolve the allegations of violations contained herein. This CAFO shall not otherwise affect any liability of Respondent to the United States other than as expressed herein. Complainant does not waive any right to bring an enforcement action against Respondent for violation of any federal or state statute, regulation or permit, to initiate an action for imminent and substantial endangerment, or to pursue criminal enforcement.

20. Complainant and Respondent agree to settle this matter by their execution of this CAFO. The parties agree that the settlement of this matter is in the public interest and that this CAFO is consistent with the applicable requirements of EPCRA.

#### V. Final Order

21. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of FOUR THOUSAND SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$4,070), for the violation alleged in Section III. Payment shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this CAFO.

22. Respondent shall pay the penalty by forwarding a cashier's or certified check, payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," to one of the following addresses:

##### BY MAIL

U.S. Environmental  
Protection Agency  
Fines and Penalties  
Cincinnati Finance Center  
P.O. Box 979077  
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

##### BY OVERNIGHT

U.S. Bank  
Government Lockbox 979077  
U.S. EPA Fines & Penalties  
1005 Convention Plaza  
SL-MO-C2-GL  
St. Louis, MO 63101  
(314) 418-1818

The check shall reference on its face the name and the Docket Number of the CAFO.

23. At the time of payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of the check, and a written statement that payment has been made in accordance with this CAFO, to the following persons at the following addresses:

Regional Hearing Clerk  
U.S. EPA, Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Patricia Rubin  
U.S. EPA, Region 4  
Air, Pesticides & Toxics Management Division  
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Saundi Wilson  
U.S. EPA, Region 4  
Office of Environmental Accountability  
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

24. For the purposes of state and federal income taxes, Respondent shall not be entitled, and agrees not to attempt, to claim a deduction for any civil penalty payment made pursuant to this CAFO. Any attempt by Respondent to deduct any such payments shall constitute a violation of this CAFO.

#### VI. Supplemental Environmental Project

25. Respondent shall undertake and complete the following Emergency Planning and Preparedness project within 45 days of the effective date of this CAFO. Respondent shall expend no less than FIFTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY THREE DOLLARS (\$15,263) for the purchase of the following equipment and donation to the Canton Fire Department:

Quantity	Description
2	VTS-K1231201101, Industrial Scientific Ventis MX4 Monitor
2	26 piece 22-796852 Paratech Highway Vehicle Stabilization Kit
1	Paratech 10" Hydrافusion Strut Kit with Pump
1	Paratech 20' x 3/8" Grade 80 Rescue Chain
2	48" Rescue Pickett

26. This CAFO shall not be construed to constitute EPA's endorsement of the equipment or technology to be purchased by Respondent in connection with the SEP undertaken pursuant to the Agreement.

27. Respondent certifies that neither it, nor, to the best of its knowledge, the recipient of the Emergency Planning and Preparedness SEP, is a party to any open federal financial assistance transaction that is funding or could be used to fund the same activity as the SEP. Respondent further certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief after reasonable inquiry, there is no such open federal financial transaction that is funding or could be used to fund the same activity as the SEP, nor has the same activity been described in an unsuccessful federal financial assistance transaction proposal submitted to EPA within two years of the date of this settlement (unless the project was barred from funding as statutorily ineligible). For the purposes of this certification, the term "open federal financial assistance transaction" refers to a grant, cooperative agreement, loan, federally-guaranteed loan guarantee, or other mechanism for providing federal financial assistance whose financial performance period has not yet expired.

28. Respondent has obtained and presented to EPA a separate written Certification from the recipient of the SEP, the Canton Fire Department, stating that it is not a party to any open federal financial assistance transaction as stated in paragraph 27.

29. Respondent agrees that in order to receive credit for the SEP, it must fully and timely complete the SEP in accordance with Paragraph 25.

30. If Respondent fails to timely and fully complete any part of the SEP, including failure to spend the minimum amount of FIFTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY THREE DOLLARS (\$15,263), Respondent shall pay to the United States a stipulated penalty of the difference between \$15,263 and the actual amount expended on the SEP.

31. For purposes of Paragraph 30, the determination as to whether Respondent has fully and timely completed the SEP shall be the sole discretion of EPA.

32. Respondent certifies that, as of the date this CAFO is signed, it is not required to perform any part of the SEP by any federal, state, or local law, regulation, permit or order, or by any agreement or grant. Respondent further certifies that, as of this date, it has received and is not negotiating to receive, credit for any part of the SEP in any other enforcement action of any kind.

33. Any public statement, oral or written, by Respondent making any reference to the SEP shall include the following language:

"This project was undertaken in connection with the settlement of an enforcement action taken by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for violation of Section 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA).

34. No later than sixty (60) calendar days after the effective date of this CAFO, Respondent shall submit to EPA a SEP Completion Report. The Report shall be sent to the EPCRA Enforcement Section, to the attention of Patricia Rubin at the address provided above. The Report shall include the following:

- (a) an affidavit from an authorizing company official, attesting that the SEP has been

completed or explaining in detail any failure to complete it; and

- (b) copies of appropriate documentation, including invoice receipts, showing a total expenditure of no less than \$15,263, was spent on the Emergency Planning and Preparedness SEP described in Paragraph 25; and
- (c) documentation proving that the equipment was donated to and received by the Canton Fire Department.

Respondent shall send EPA any additional documentation requested by EPA.

35. If Respondent fails to timely submit a SEP Completion Report as required by this CAFO, Respondent shall pay to the United States a stipulated penalty of \$100 for each calendar day that the report is late.

36. Respondent shall pay any stipulated penalties that accrue under this CAFO within fifteen (15) calendar days of the receipt by Respondent of written demand from EPA for such penalties. Such penalties shall be paid in accordance with the procedures set forth above for the payment of the civil penalty.

37. For Federal Income Tax purposes, Respondent agrees that it will neither capitalize into inventory or basis nor deduct any costs or expenditures incurred in performing the SEP.

38. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717, EPA is entitled to assess interest and penalties on debts owed to the United States and a charge to cover the cost of processing and handling a delinquent claim. Interest will therefore begin to accrue on the civil penalty from the effective date of this CAFO if the penalty is not paid by the date required. Interest will be assessed at the rate established by the Secretary of Treasury pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717. A charge will be assessed to cover the costs of debt collection, including processing and handling costs and attorney fees. In addition, a penalty charge will be assessed on any portion of the debt that remains delinquent more than ninety (90) days after payment is due.

39. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.

40. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors and assigns.

41. The following individual is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Caron B. Falconer  
U.S. EPA, Region 4  
Air, Pesticides & Toxic Management Division  
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303  
(404) 562-8451

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Effective Date

43. The effective date of this CAFO shall be the date upon which the CAFO is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

Universal Alloy Corporation

By: Steven Black Date: 6/11/14

Name: Steven Black (Typed or Printed)

Title: Corp. Mechanical Engineer (Typed or Printed)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

By: Beverly H. Banister Date: 6-19-14

Beverly H. Banister

Director

Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED this 26 day of June 2014

Susan B. Schub

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Regional Judicial Officer

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing  
Consent Agreement and Final Order, In the Matter of, Universal Alloy Corporation., Docket  
Number: EPCRA-04-2014-2031(b), on the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

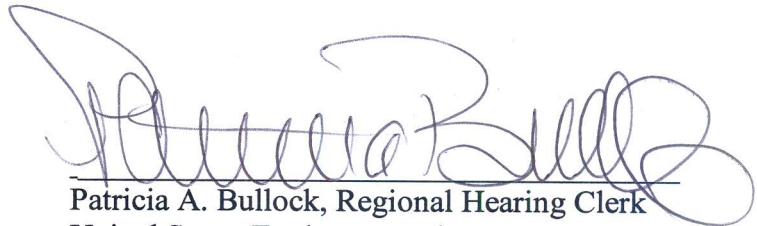
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Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Robert Caplan (Via EPA's internal mail)  
U.S. EPA, Region 4  
Office of Environmental Accountability  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Mr. Steven Black (Via Certified Mail—Return Receipt Requested)  
Plant Manager  
Universal Alloy Corporation  
180 Lamar Haley Parkway  
Canton, Georgia 30114

Date:

6-27-14



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