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Dr. Manfred Seiter Kreussler, Inc. 8426 Sunstate St Tampa, Florida 33634

SUBJ: Kreussler, Inc.

Consent Agreement and Final Order Docket No.: TSCA-04-2008-2514(b)

Dear Dr. Seiter:

Enclosed is a copy of the ratified Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) in the above-referenced matter that has been filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk and served as required in the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 CFR § 22.6. Please make note of the provisions in Section V of the CAFO, with respect to payment of the assessed penalty, which is due within 30 days from the effective date of the CAFO.

Also enclosed, please find a copy of a document entitled "Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings." This document puts you on notice of your potential duty to disclose to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) any environmental enforcement actions taken by EPA

If you have any questions, please contact Verne George of the EPA Region 4 staff at (404) 562-8988.

Sincerely,

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Chief

Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 4

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Kreussler, Inc.) Docket Number: TSCA-04-2068-2514(b)
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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

I. Nature of the Action

- 1. This is a civil penalty proceeding pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), 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), as codified in 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 Kreussler, Inc. (hereinafter, "Respondent").
- 2. Complainant and Respondent have conferred for the purpose of settlement pursuant to 40 CF.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), this Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) will simultaneously commence and conclude this matter.

II. Preliminary Statements

- 3. Pursuant to Section 15 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2614, it is unlawful for any person to: (1) fail or refuse to comply with any rule or order promulgated pursuant to Sections 4, 5, 8, 12 or 13 of TSCA (15 U.S.C. § 2603, § 2604, § 2607, § 2611 or § 2612); (2) use for commercial purposes a chemical substance or mixture that the person knew or had reason to know was manufactured, imported, processed, or distributed in commerce in violation of TSCA Section 5, 15 U.S.C. § 2604; (3) fail to maintain records, submit reports or information, or permit access to or allow copying of records as required by TSCA; and (4) refuse to permit entry or inspection as authorized by Section 11 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2610. Any person who violates a provision of Section 15 of TSCA may be assessed a penalty of up to \$27,500 for each such violation, in accordance with Section 16(a) of TSCA and 40 C.F.R. Part 19. For a violation occurring after March 15, 2004, a penalty of up to \$32,500 may be assessed. Each day a violation continues may constitute a separate violation.
- 4. The authority to take action under Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), is vested in the Administrator of EPA. The Administrator of EPA has delegated this authority under TSCA to EPA Region 4 by EPA Delegation 12-2-A, dated May 11, 1994.
- 5. Complainant will file the original non-confidential CAFO with the Regional Hearing Clerk and a copy will be mailed to the Respondent. To determine the confidential business information (CBI) that was deleted [CBI deleted] from this CAFO, Complainant or Respondent should refer to the EPA's Show Cause Letter that contain CBI and dated September 11, 2007.

III. Specific Allegations

6. On June 13, 2006, an authorized agent of the EPA, Region 4 conducted an inspection at Respondent's place of business pursuant to Section 11(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2610(a).

- 7. Respondent owns and operates a textile cleaning products distribution center at 8426 Sunstate Street, Tampa, Florida.
 - 8. Respondent is an exporter as the term is defined in 40 C.F.R. § 707.63(b).
- On [CBI deleted], Respondent exported a shipment of [CBI deleted] to
 [CBI deleted]. [CBI deleted] contained [CBI deleted] hereinafter referred to as Chemical A.
- 10. Chemical A was subject to the TSCA 12(b) Export Notification Requirements set forth at 40 C.F.R. § 707.65.
- 11. At the time of the inspection, Respondent did not submit an export notice to the EPA for Chemical A.
- 12. Respondent violated 40 C.F.R. § 707.65(a) by failing to submit an export notice to the EPA for Chemical A.
- 13. On [CBI deleted], Respondent exported a shipment of [CBI deleted] to [CBI deleted]. [CBI deleted] contained [CBI deleted] hereinafter referred to Chemical B.
- 14. Chemical B was subject to the TSCA 12(b) Export Notification Requirements set forth at 40 C.F.R. § 707.65.
- 15. At the time of the inspection, Respondent did not submit an export notice to the EPA for Chemical B.
- 16. Respondent violated 40 C.F.R. § 707.65(a) by failing to submit an export notice to the EPA for Chemical B.

IV. Consent Agreement

- 17. Respondent waives its right to a hearing on the allegation contained herein.
- 18. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits to the jurisdictional allegations set out above but neither admits nor denies the factual allegations set out above.

- 19. Respondent consents to the assessment of and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.
- 20. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance with the export regulations promulgated pursuant to TSCA Section 12 (TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2611).
- 21. Compliance with this 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, neither EPA nor Complainant waives 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 pursue criminal enforcement.
- 22. 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 TSCA.

V. Final Order

- 23. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of *Thirteen Thousand*, *One Hundred Fifty Two Dollars and Ninety Cents* (\$13,152.90), which is to be paid within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this CAFO.
- 24. Respondent shall pay the penalty by forwarding a cashier's or certified check, payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," to the following address:

US Environmental Protection Agency Fines and Penalties Cincinnati Finance Center PO Box 979077 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000 The check shall reference on its face the name and the Docket Number of the CAFO.

25. 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 30303-8960

Verne H. George PCB and Chemical Products Management Section U.S. EPA Region 4 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

Saundi Wilson
Office of Environmental Accountability
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960.

- 26. For the purposes of state and federal income taxation, 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.
- 27. 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 date of entry of this CAFO, if the penalty is not paid by the date required. A charge will also be assessed to cover the administrative costs, both direct and indirect, of overdue debts. In addition,

a late payment penalty charge Shall be applied on any principle amount not paid within 90 days of the due date.

- 28. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.
 - 29. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors and assigns.
- 30. The following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Verne H. George PCB and Chemical Products Management Section U.S. EPA Region 4 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960 (404) 562-898855.

31. Each undersigned representative of the parties to this CAFO certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party represented to enter into this CAFO and legally bind that party to it.

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VI. Effective Date

32. The effective date of this CAFO shall be the date on which the CAFO is filed with

the Regional Hearing Clerk. Respondent: Kreussler, Inc. **Docket Number:** TSCA-04-2008-2514(b) WREUSSLER INC TAMPA, FL Date: 12th DEC 2007 _____ (Typed or Printed) Title: < _____ (Typed or Printed) United States Environmental Protection Agency Complainant: By: Date: Beverly Banister, Director Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division Region 4 APPROVED AND SO ORDERED this 3 By: Susan B. Schub Regional Judicial Officer

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 Kreussler, Inc., Docket No. TSCA-04-

2008-2514(b) to the addressees listed below:

Dr. Manfred Seiter Kreussler, Inc. 8426 Sunstate St Tampa, Florida 33634 (Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested)

Verne H. George
PCB and Chemical Products
Management Section
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(via EPA's internal mail)

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Robert Caplan, Senior Attorney
Office of Environmental Accountability
U.S. EPA, Region 4
61 Forsyth St., SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

Date: 4-7-08

Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk
United States Environmental Protection Agency

Region 4

Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303 (404) 562-9511

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