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77 West Jackson Blvd.
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Re:

John A. Biewer Company of Toledo, Inc.

RCRA-05-2008-0006

Dear Clerk:

Enclosed for filing you will find Respondents John A. Biewer Company, Inc. and Biewer Lumber Company, LLC's Motion for Accelerated Decision, Memorandum in Support of Respondents John A. Biewer Company, Inc. and Biewer Lumber, LLC's Motion for Accelerated Decision, and Certificate of Service indicating mailing of the same to opposing counsel in the above-referenced matter.

Very truly yours,

Amy I. VanDyke

sjv Enclosures

cc:

Hon. William B. Moran (by Fed Ex and e-mail)

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## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 5

IN THE MATTER OF:

John A. Biewer Company of Toledo, Inc. 300 Oak Street St. Clair, Michigan 48079-0497 (Perrysburg Facility)

U.S. EPA ID #: OHD 106 483 522

and

John A. Biewer Company, Inc. 812 South Riverside Street St. Clair, Michigan 48079

and

Biewer Lumber, LLC 812 Riverside Street St. Clair, Michigan 48079

RESPONDENT

DOCKET NO: RCRA-05-2008-0006

RESPONDENTS JOHN A. BIEWER COMPANY, INC. AND BIEWER LUMBER, LLC'S MOTION FOR ACCELERATED DECISION



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Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.20, Respondents John A. Biewer Company, Inc. and Biewer Lumber, LLC hereby move this Administrative Law Judge to hold that said Respondents are neither directly nor indirectly liable for the RCRA violations allegedly committed in this action for the reasons set forth in the attached memorandum.

Respectfully Submitted,

MIKA MEYERS BECKETT & JONES PLC Attorneys for Respondent

Bv:

Douglas A. Donnell

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Dated: July 2, 2009

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Complainant has not even asserted that Biewer Lumber, LLC has ever acted through JAB Toledo or in any way disregarded the separate corporate status of the two companies. As such, Complainant's veil-piercing theory is wholly inapplicable, as a matter of law, because there is no veil to be pierced in the first instance.

Even if there were a corporate veil to be pierce, Complainant has advanced no plausible theory or explanation of how a corporation could possibly be subject to a veil-piercing claim based on actions or inactions that *pre-date* its existence. Thus, this Presiding Judge should rule that, as a matter of law, Biewer Lumber, LLC cannot be indirectly liable for JAB Toledo's RCRA liability under the Ohio common law of corporate veil piercing.

#### CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, JAB Company and Biewer Lumber, LLC respectfully request that this Court hold that as a matter of law neither JAB Company nor Biewer Lumber, LLC are directly or indirectly liable for JAB Toledo's alleged RCRA liability incurred at the Facility and grant Respondent's motion for accelerated decision.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 2, 2009

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Respondents

I, Sheryl J. Van Woerkom, hereby state that I am an employee of Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones PLC, and that on July 2, 2009, I served a copy of:

Respondents John A. Biewer Company, Inc. and Biewer Lumber Company, LLC's Motion for Accelerated Decision; and

Memorandum in Support of Respondents John A. Biewer Company, Inc. and Biewer Lumber, LLC's Motion for Accelerated Decision

upon the following individual by Federal Express overnight mail:

Richard R. Wagner, Senior Attorney Office of Regional Counsel (C-14J) U. S. Environmental Protection Agency 77 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604-3590

I declare that the statements above are true to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

Dated: July 2, 2009

Sheryl J. Van Woerkom

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- 1) Binder: John A. Biewer Company of Ohio
  - a. original signed motion and memorandum in support of the motion
  - b. letter to the Clerk
  - c. proof of service
  - d. copy of motion
  - e. copy of memorandum in support of the motion
  - f. exhibits A-O
- 2) Binder: John A. Biewer Company of Toledo
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Signed

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