UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 7

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In the Matter of)
Siegwerk USA 129 SE 18th Street) Docket No. RCRA-07-2023-0104
Des Moines, Iowa 50317) EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT
IAD078096732) AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER
Respondent.)

EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is authorized to enter into this Expedited Settlement Agreement ("Agreement" or "ESA") pursuant to Section 3008(a) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a), and 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b).
- 2) The EPA has provided the State of Iowa with notice of the referenced violations of Subtitle C of RCRA as required by Section 3008(a)(2).
- Siegwerk USA ("Respondent") is the owner or operator of the facility located at 129 SE 18th Street, Des Moines, Iowa ("Facility"). The EPA inspected the Facility, on June 8, 2022. As a result of the findings during the inspection and additional investigation, the EPA alleges that Respondent violated the following requirements of the RCRA hazardous waste management program:
 - a. 40 C.F.R. § 261.4(a)(23)(ii)(A) requires generators seeking exemption from the definition of solid waste for hazardous secondary materials (HSM) to contain HSM as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 260.10. At the time of the EPA inspection, three containers holding HSM were not properly labeled or otherwise having a system to immediately identify the HSM in the unit. One container of HSM did not have a cover, thus allowing HSM to evaporate into the environment. Failure to contain HSM invalidates the exemption at 40 C.F.R. § 261.4(a)(23) causing the material to be a hazardous waste that Respondent did not properly identify or contain.
 - b. 40 C.F.R. § 261.4(a)(23)(ii)(B) requires generators seeking exemption from the definition of solid waste for HSM to not speculatively accumulate the HSM. 40 C.F.R. § 261.2(e)(2)(iii) states that materials accumulated speculatively are solid wastes. 40 C.F.R. § 261.1(c)(8) defines speculative accumulation as a material accumulated before being recycled unless the person accumulating it can show that at least 75 percent of the material is recycled during the calendar year by labeling the material with the first date that the material began to be accumulated or by documenting that date through an inventory log or other appropriate method. At the

time of the EPA inspection, the facility did not label or have a log demonstrating when HSM began accumulation prior to recycling. Failure to maintain distillation records caused the HSM to be speculatively accumulated which invalidates the exemption at 40 C.F.R. § 261.4(a)(23) causing the material to be a hazardous waste that Respondent did not properly identify or contain.

- c. 40 C.F.R. § 262.15(a)(5)(i) requires generators of hazardous waste to mark or label satellite accumulation containers with the words "Hazardous Waste." At the time of the EPA inspection, Respondent had not labeled a 5-gallon steel container accumulating flammable hazardous waste in the Quality Control Laboratory with the words "Hazardous Waste."
- d. 40 C.F.R. § 262.17(a)(6) requires large quantity generators (LQG) of hazardous waste to comply with the emergency procedures found in 40 C.F.R. Part 262, Subpart M. 40 C.F.R. § 262.255 of that subpart requires generators to maintain adequate aisle space to allow the unobstructed movement of personnel, fire protection equipment, spill control equipment, and decontamination equipment to any area for facility operations in an emergency, unless aisle space is not needed for any of these purposes. At the time of the EPA inspection, the facility was accumulating eight 55-gallon drums on pallets in the western side of the Flammable Warehouse. The drums were surrounded by bulk containers, a pallet rack, and equipment thus obstructing access to the hazardous waste containers. Respondent did not provide adequate aisle space around accumulation containers.
- e. 40 C.F.R. § 262.17(a)(6) requires LQGs of hazardous waste to comply with the emergency procedures found in 40 C.F.R. Part 262, Subpart M. 40 C.F.R. § 262.261(d) of that subpart requires an LQG, in its contingency plan, to list names and emergency telephone numbers of all persons qualified to act as emergency coordinator, and this list must be kept up to date. At the time of the EPA inspection, the list of emergency coordinators in Respondent's contingency plan was not up to date.
- f. 40 C.F.R. § 262.17(a)(6) requires LQGs of hazardous waste to comply with the emergency procedures found in 40 C.F.R. Part 262, Subpart M. 40 C.F.R. § 262.262(b) of that subpart requires an LQG that first becomes subject to these provisions after May 30, 2017, or an LQG that is otherwise amending its contingency plan to, at that time, submit a quick reference guide of the contingency plan to the local emergency responders identified at 40 C.F.R. § 262.262(a) or, as appropriate, the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Respondent had not developed or submitted a quick reference guide to such persons.
- g. 40 C.F.R. § 262.17(a)(7)(iv)(D) requires LQGs to maintain records that document that the training or job experience, required under 40 C.F.R. § 262.17(a)(7)(i-iii), has been given to, and completed by facility personnel. At the time of the EPA inspection, facility representatives shared a spreadsheet of training records for three specific personnel. The "Description" and "Item Description" columns of the

spreadsheet provided did not identify RCRA initial or RCRA annual refresher training. Respondent has not adequately documented RCRA training.

- In determining the amount of the penalty to be assessed, EPA has taken into account the factors specified in Section 3008 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928. After considering these factors, EPA has determined and Respondent agrees that settlement of this matter for a civil penalty of eight thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$8,750.00) is in the public interest.
- Solution Respondent shall pay the penalty within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Final Order. Such payment shall identify Respondent by name and docket number and shall be by certified or cashier's check made payable to the "United States Treasury" and sent to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Fines and Penalties Cincinnati Finance Center PO Box 979078 St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000

or by alternate payment method described at http://www.epa.gov/financial/makepayment.

A copy of the check or other information confirming payment shall simultaneously be emailed to the following:

Regional Hearing Clerk R7 Hearing Clerk Filings@epa.gov; and

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- In signing this Agreement, Respondent: (1) admits that Respondent is subject to RCRA and its implementing regulations; (2) admits that EPA has jurisdiction over Respondent and Respondent's conduct as alleged herein, (3) neither admits nor denies the factual allegations contained herein; (4) consents to the assessment of this penalty; (5) agrees to release funds held on deposit as payment to the EPA for the civil penalty upon final EPA approval of this Agreement; (6) waives the opportunity for a hearing to contest any issue of fact or law set forth herein; (7) waives its right to appeal the Final Order accompanying this Agreement pursuant to Section 3008(b) of RCRA; and (8) consents to electronic service of the filed ESA to the following email address: Julie.Backstrom@siegwerk.com. Respondent understands that the ESA will become publicly available upon filing.
- 8) By its signature below Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that: (1) the alleged violations have been corrected, and (2) it is presently in compliance with all requirements

- of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6901 et. seq., its implementing regulations, and any permit issued pursuant to RCRA.
- 9) The undersigned representative of Respondent certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter the terms and conditions of this Expedited Settlement Agreement and to execute and legally bind Respondent to it.
- Full payment of the civil penalty shall only resolve Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations alleged herein. The EPA reserves the right to take any enforcement action with respect to any other past, present, or future violations of RCRA or any other applicable law.
- The penalty specified herein shall represent civil penalties assessed by EPA and shall not be deductible for purposes of Federal, State and local taxes.
- 12) Each party shall bear its own costs and fees, if any.
- 13) This Agreement is binding on the parties signing below.

IT IS SO AGREED,		
Julie Buckstrom Name (print)		
Name (print)		
Title (print)		
Julie Backstrom	le[8]23	
Signature	Date	

APPROVED BY EPA: David Cozad Director Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division Christopher Muehlberger, Attorney Date

Office of Regional Counsel

FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to the authority of Section 3008(a) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a), and the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits, 40 C.F.R. Part 22, the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement resolving this matter is hereby ratified and incorporated by reference into this Final Order.

Respondent is ORDERED to comply with all of the terms of the Expedited Settlement Agreement. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.31(b), the effective date of the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement and this Final Order is the date on which this Final Order is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

IT IS SO ORDERED.	
Karina Borromeo	Date
Regional Judicial Officer	

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE To be completed by EPA

I certify that that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement and Final Order, in the matter of Siegwerk, USA, EPA Docket No. RCRA-07-2023-0104, was sent this day in the following manner to the following addressees:

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Dated this	day of	 ·	
			
		Signed	