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# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 2

In the Matter of :

Central Jersey Management

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND

FINAL ORDER

Respondent.

Docket No.

TSCA-02-2012-9168

Proceeding under Section 16(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act.

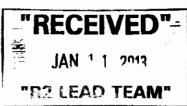
PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

This administrative proceeding for the assessment of a civil penalty was initiated pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"), 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a). On July 25, 2012, Complainant in this proceeding, the Director of the Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 ("EPA"), issued a Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Respondent, Central Jersey Management ("Respondent"), with a primary place of business located at 21 Kilmer Drive, Suite E, Morganville, NJ 07751. The Complaint alleged that Respondent, as lessor, failed to comply with 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart F – Disclosure of Known Lead-Based Paint and/or Lead-Based Paint Hazards Upon Sale or Lease of Residential Property. Failures or refusals to comply with 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart F, are violations of 42 U.S.C. § 4852d and § 409 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2689.

Complainant and Respondent agree that settling this matter by entering into this Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO), pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(2) and (3) of the revised Consolidated Rules of Practice, is an appropriate means of resolving this matter without further litigation.

#### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 1. EPA alleges that Respondent, acting as lessor, leased target housing to numerous tenants in 2010 and 2011, as set forth in the Complaint described above.
- 2. The subject Complaint alleged Respondent leased target housing without performing Disclosure. Disclosure requires: an EPA-approved lead hazard information pamphlet; an EPA-approved lead warning statement; a statement disclosing knowledge, or no knowledge, of the presence of lead-based in the housing; a list of available reports or records pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing; a Lessee's Acknowledgement statement for receipt of information pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing, and the EPA-approved lead hazard information pamphlet; a statement that the Agent has informed the lessor of the lessor's obligations under 42 U.S.C. § 4852d and is aware of his/her responsibility to ensure compliance; and, a Certification of Accuracy that the parties have reviewed the Disclosure information and that, to the best of their knowledge, the information they provided is true and accurate.
- 3. Subsequent to the Complaint, Respondent produced Disclosure records satisfying the elements of Disclosure listed above. However, these Disclosure records were not available at time of inspection on October 28, 2011, nor after numerous requests from EPA staff in the period from the inspection until they were finally received at EPA on October 2, 2012. This constitutes a failure to retain records as required by 40 C.F.R. § 745.113(c), and a failure to provide them within a reasonable time when requested by EPA.



4. Based on these alleged failures, EPA contends Respondent committed violations of 40 C.F.R. § 745.113(c), which constitutes violations of 42 U.S.C. § 4852d and § 409 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2689.

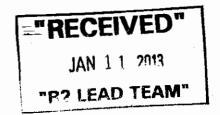
### **CONSENT AGREEMENT**

In lieu of costly and protracted litigation, and pursuant to § 22.18 of the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation or Suspension of Permits, 40 C.F.R. § 22.18, it is hereby agreed, and accepted by Respondent that it shall hereafter the effective date of the Final Order incorporating this Consent Agreement comply with the following terms:

- 1. Respondent shall comply with the applicable requirements of TSCA, and its implementing regulations set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart F, with respect to all target housing it leases, sells, or for which it acts as an agent in a lease or sale.
- 2. For the purposes of this proceeding, Respondent: (a) admits the jurisdictional allegations of the Complaint; and (b) neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations in the Complaint; and (c) neither admits nor denies the Factual Allegations in this Consent Agreement.
- 3. To ensure compliance with 40 C.F.R. § 745.113(c), upon EPA review and approval, Respondent shall implement a "Procedure for Maintenance of Records" for all properties they own or manage to ensure timely access to leasing records in the future.

  Respondent shall provide to EPA a copy of this written plan for approval within 20 business days of the date of signature of the Final Order. This document shall be mailed to the case officer:

James Crossmon, Lead Team
Pesticides and Toxic Substance Branch, MS-225
Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
2890 Woodbridge Avenue
Edison, NJ 08837



4. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty to EPA in the total amount of One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$1,760), in the amount and with the due date as detailed below. Payment shall be made by cashier's or certified check or by Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT). If payment is made by check, then the check shall be made payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," and shall be mailed to:

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

The check shall be identified with a notation thereon: IN THE MATTER OF CENTRAL

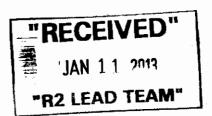
JERSEY MANAGEMENT, and shall bear thereon the Docket Number TSCA-02-2012-9168.

If Respondent chooses to make payment by EFT, then Respondent shall provide the following information to its remitter bank:

- 1) Amount of Payment
- 2) SWIFT address: FRNYUS33, 33 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10045.
- 3) Account Code for Federal Reserve Bank of New York receiving payment: 68010727.
- 4) Federal Reserve Bank of New York ABA routing number: 021030004.
- 5) Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read "D68010727 Environmental Protection Agency."
- 6) Name of Respondent: Central Jersey Management
- 7) Case Number: TSCA-02-2012-9168.

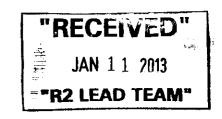
Whether the payment is made by check or by EFT, the Respondent shall promptly thereafter furnish reasonable proof that such payment has been made to:

Theresa Bourbon, Lead Team
Pesticides and Toxic Substance Branch, MS-225
Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
2890 Woodbridge Avenue
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and

Karen Maples, Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 290 Broadway, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10007-1866



The payment of One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$1,760) must be <u>received</u> at the above address on or before forty-five (45) calendar days after the date of signature of the Final Order, which is located at the end of this CAFO. This date shall hereafter be referred to as "due date". Payment which is untimely, or not made, is subject to the following penalties:

- Failure to pay the penalty in full, according to the above provisions, will result in referral of this matter to the United States Department of Justice or the United States Department of the Treasury for collection.
- b. Furthermore, if payment is not received on or before the due date, interest will be assessed at the annual rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to the Debt Collection Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3717, on the overdue amount from the due date through the date of payment. In addition, a late payment handling charge of fifteen dollars (\$15) will be assessed for each thirty (30) day period (or any portion thereof) following the due date in which the balance remains unpaid.
- c. A 6% per annum penalty will also be applied on any principal amount not paid within 90 days of the due date.
- d. The effective date of this Consent Agreement and Final Order shall be the date of filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA, Region 2, New York, NY.
- 5. This Consent Agreement and Final Order shall not relieve Respondent of its obligation to comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state, or local law, nor shall it be construed to be a ruling on, or determination of, any issue related to any federal, state, or local permit, nor shall it be construed to constitute EPA approval of any equipment, technology or structure installed or constructed by Respondent under the terms of this Agreement.

- 6. This Consent Agreement is being voluntarily and knowingly entered into by the parties to resolve (conditional upon full payment of the civil penalty herein and upon the accuracy of Respondent's certifications in this proceeding) the civil and administrative claims alleged in the Complaint in this matter. Nothing herein shall be read to preclude EPA or the United States, however, from pursuing appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions for any violation of law. Respondent has read the Consent Agreement, understands its terms, finds it to be reasonable and consents to the issuance and its terms. Respondent consents to the issuance of the accompanying Final Order. Respondent agrees that all terms of settlement are set forth herein.
- 7. Respondent explicitly and knowingly consents to the assessment of the civil penalty as set forth in this Consent Agreement, and agrees to pay the penalty in accordance with the terms of this Consent Agreement.
- 8. Respondent explicitly and knowingly waives its right to request or to seek any Hearing on the Complaint or on any of the allegations therein asserted, on the Factual Allegations therein, or on the accompanying Final Order.
- 9. Full payment of the penalty in a settlement pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b) shall only resolve Respondent's liability for Federal civil penalties for the violations and facts alleged in the Complaint.
- 10. Each undersigned signatory to this Consent Agreement certifies that he or she is duly and fully authorized to enter into and ratify this Consent Agreement and all the terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Agreement.
- 11. The provisions of this CAFO shall be binding upon Respondent, its officers, directors, agents, servants, authorized representatives and successors or assigns.
- 12. Respondent waives any right it may have pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.8 to be present during discussion with or to be served with and to reply to any memorandum or

communication addressed to the Regional Administrator or the Deputy Regional Administrator where the purpose of such discussion, memorandum, or communication is to discuss a proposed settlement of this matter or to recommend that such official accept this Consent Agreement and issue the attached Final Order.

- 13. Each party hereto agrees to bear its own costs and fees in this matter.
- 14. Respondent consents to service upon Respondent by a copy of this Consent Agreement and Final Order by an EPA employee other than the Regional Hearing Clerk.

**RESPONDENT:** 

Central Jersey Management

BY:

(Authorized Signature)

NAME: IMPRE LA

(PLEASE PRINT)

TITLE:

DATE:

**COMPLAINANT:** 

Dore LaPosta, Director

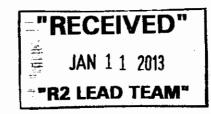
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DATE: JOHNEY 16, 2013



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## FINAL ORDER

The Regional Judicial Officer of the U.\$. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2, ratifies the foregoing Consent Agreement. The Consent Agreement, entered into by the parties to this matter, is hereby approved, incorporated herein, and issued as an Order pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act and 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(3). The effective date of this Order shall be the date of filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA, Region 2, New York, NY.

Helen Ferrara

Regional Judicial Officer

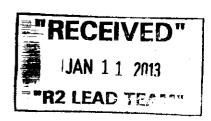
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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have on this day caused to be sent the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order, bearing the above-referenced docket number, in the following manner to the respective addressees below:

Original and one copy interoffice mail to:

Office of the Regional Hearing Clerk. U.S. EPA, Region 2 290 Broadway, 16<sup>th</sup> floor New York, NY 10007-1866

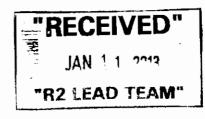
Copy by Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested:

Mr. Marc Weinberg, C.P.M. Central Jersey Management 21 Kilmer Drive, Suite E Morganville, NJ 07751

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Dated:		
	Edison, NJ	

January Comment



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