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Mr. Warren Lehrenbaum Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP 2300 N Street, NW Washington, DC 20037-1122

SUBJ: Docket No. FIFRA-04-2009-3020(b)

Georgia Labeling and Filling, Inc.

Dear Mr. Lehrenbaum:

Enclosed is a copy of the ratified Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) in the above-referenced matter. The original CAFO has been filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk and served on the parties as directed in Section 22.6 of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

As stated in Section IV of the CAFO, the initial payment of \$4604.44 of the assessed penalty of \$13,411 is due within 30 days from the effective date. Section IV also provides information on when remaining payments are due. Please ensure that the face of your cashier's or certified check includes the name of the company and the docket number of this case.

Penalty payment questions should be directed to Ms. Lori Weidner either by telephone at (513) 487-2125 or by written correspondence to her attention at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Cincinnati Accounting Operations address identified in the CAFO. Should you or your client have any questions about this matter or their compliance status in the future, please call me at (404) 562-8979 or Ms. Dawn Johnson at (404) 562-9017.

Also enclosed is a copy of a document entitled "Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings." This document

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puts you on notice of your potential duty to disclose to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) any environmental enforcement actions taken by EPA.

Sincerely,

Jeaneanne M. Gettle

Chief

Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch

Enclosures

cc: Tommy Gray

Georgia Department of Agriculture

File # 011508173001

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ATLANTA, GEORGIA

In the Matter of:)		≱ >
Georgia Labeling & Filling, Inc.)))	Docket No. FIFRA-04-2009-3020(b)	• •
Respondent.)))		

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

1. Nature of the Action

- 1. This is a civil penalty proceeding pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Federal Insecticide,
 Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a) (FIFRA), and pursuant
 to the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing Administrative Assessment of Civil
 Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated
 Rules), 40 CFR Part 22. Complainant is the Director of the Air, Pesticides, and Toxics
 Management Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4.
 Respondent is Georgia Labeling and Filling, Inc.
- 2. Complainant and Respondent have conferred for the purpose of settlement pursuant to 40 CFR § 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 CFR § 22.13(b), this Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) will simultaneously commence and conclude this matter.

II. Preliminary Statements

- 3. The authority to take action under Section 14(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136*l*(a), is vested in the Administrator of EPA. The Administrator of EPA has delegated this authority under FIFRA to EPA Region 4 by EPA Delegation 5-14, dated May 11, 1994.
- 4. Pursuant to 40 CFR § 22.5(c)(4) the following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Dawn Johnson Pesticides Section U.S. EPA - Region 4 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960 (404) 562-9017

- Respondent is Georgia Labeling and Filling, Inc., a Georgia corporation, located at
 4980 Hammermill Road, Tucker, Georgia 30084.
- 6. Respondent is a "person" as defined by Section 2(s) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(s), and as such is subject to FIFRA and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

III. Specific Allegations

- On or about December 20, 2007, an authorized representative of the EPA conducted an inspection at Georgia Labeling and Filling, Inc., 4980 Hammermill Road, Tucker, Georgia 30084.
- 8. During the aforementioned inspection, the products "MoldBlock," "Parvokill" and "Germblaster" were identified as being produced and distributed by Respondent.
- 9. The products are "pesticides" as defined in Section 2(u) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(u), which includes any substance of mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest.

- 10. A pest is defined in Section 2(t) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. §136(t), as any insect, rodent, nematode, fungus, weed, or any other form of terrestrial or aquatic plant or animal life or virus, bacteria, or other micro-organism (except viruses, bacteria, or other microorganisms on or in living man or other living animals) which the Administrator declares to be a pest under Section 25(c)(1) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136w(c)(1).
- 11. At the time of the inspection, the MoldBlock was not registered as a pesticide with the EPA in accordance with Section 3 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136a.
- 12. The inspector documented the offer of sale or distribution of the MoldBlock from the Respondent. Section 2(gg) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(gg), defines the term "distribute or sell" to include: sell, offer for sale, hold for distribution, hold for sale, hold for shipment, ship, deliver for shipment, or release for shipment.
- 13. Under Section 12(a)(1)(A) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(A), it is unlawful for any person to distribute or sell to any person any pesticide that is not registered under Section 3 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136a.
- 14. Respondent violated Section 12(a)(1)(A) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(A) and is therefore subject to the assessment of civil penalties under Section 14 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l.
- 15. At the time of the inspection, Respondent produced the pesticides MoldBlock, Parvokill and Germblaster in an establishment that was not registered with the Administrator of EPA as a pesticide-producing establishment.
- 16. Under Section 12(a)(1)(L) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(L), it is unlawful to produce a pesticide in any State unless the establishment is registered with the Administrator of EPA as set forth in Section 7 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136e.

- 17. Respondent violated Section 12(a)(1)(L) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(L) and is therefore subject to the assessment of civil penalties under Section 14 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l.
- 18. At the time of the inspection, the Parvokill and Germblaster products were misbranded.
- 19. According to FIFRA 2(q)(1)(A), 7 U.S.C. § 136(q)(1)(A), a pesticide is misbranded if its label bears any statement, design, or graphic representation relative thereto or to its ingredients which is false or misleading in any particular.
- 20. At the time of the inspection, the Parvokill and Germblaster product labels contained an inactive EPA establishment number.
- 21. Under FIFRA 12(a)(1)(E), 7 U.S.C. § 136j(12)(a)(1)(E), it is unlawful for any person in any State to distribute or sell to any person any pesticide which is misbranded.
- 22. Respondent violated Section 12(a)(1)(E) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(12)(a)(1)(E), and is therefore subject to the assessment of civil penalties under Section 14 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l.
- 23. Section 14(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. §136*l*(a), in conjunction with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, authorizes the assessment of a civil penalty.
- 24. Section 14(a)(4) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a)(4), requires EPA to consider the appropriateness of the assessed penalty to the size of business of the Respondent, the effect on Respondent's ability to continue in business, and the gravity of the violation. After consideration of the factors set forth in Section 14(a)(4) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a)(4), the EPA proposes to assess a total civil penalty of THIRTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED ELEVEN DOLLARS (\$13,411) against the

Respondent for the above-described violations. Civil penalties under Section 14(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136*l*(a), may be assessed by Administrative Order.

III. Consent Agreement

- 25. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth above and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations.
- 26. Respondent waives its right to a hearing on the allegations contained herein and its right to appeal the proposed final order accompanying the consent agreement.
- 27. Respondent consents to the assessment of the penalty proposed by EPA and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.
- 28. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance with all relevant requirements of FIFRA.
- 29. Compliance with this CAFO shall resolve the allegations of the 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 to pursue criminal enforcement.
- 30. 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 FIFRA.

IV. Final Order

31. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of THIRTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED ELEVEN DOLLARS (\$13,411), which shall be paid in three (3) payments, which includes interest at 3%. The first payment of \$4604.44 shall be paid within 30 days after the effective date of this CAFO.

The remaining two (2) payments will be made as set forth below:

DATE	AMOUNT		
May 1, 2009	\$4604.44		
June 1, 2009	\$4604.45		

32. Respondent shall remit the penalty by either a cashier's or certified check made payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," and shall send the check via U.S. mail to the following address:

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

The check shall reference the name and the Docket Number of the CAFO ["Georgia Labeling and Filling, Inc., FIFRA-04-2009-3020(b)"].

33. At the time of payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of the check and a written statement that the payment is being 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; Dawn Johnson
Pesticides Management Section
U.S. EPA - Region 4
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960; and

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

- 34. 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.
- 35. 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 principal amount not paid within 90 days of the due date.
- 36. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.
- 37. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors and assigns.
- 38. The undersigned representative of the party to this CAFO certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party represented to enter into this CAFO and legally binds that party to this CAFO.

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V. Effective Date

39.	The effective date of this CAFO shall be the date on which the CAFO is filed with the				
	Regional Hearing Clerk.				
AGRI	EED AND CONSENTED TO:				
Georg	ia Labeling and Filling, Inc.				
	Suudia L. Gyrjj (Signature)	Date: 3/4/09			
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Title:	President (Typed or Printed)				
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E A M 6	everly H. Banister Director Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division 1 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960	Date: 3/27/09			
APPR	OVED AND SO ORDERED this 30 day of _/	March 2009.			

Susan B. Schub Regional Judicial Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the date set out below, I filed the original and one copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order and served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order, In the Matter of Georgia Labeling and Filling, Inc., Docket Number: FIFRA-04-2009-3020(b), to the addressees listed below.

Warren Lehrenbaum Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP 2300 N Street, NW Washington, DC 20037-1122 (via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested)

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Atlanta, GA 30303

(via EPA's internal mail)

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Vera Kornylak Senior Attorney Office of Environmental Accountability U.S. EPA Region 4 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303

Date:

Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4

Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth St., SW Atlanta, GA 30303 (404) 562-9511

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