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Dr. Bert Eshaghpour, CEO and Principal
Wego Chemical and Mineral Company
239 Great Neck Road
Great Neck, New York 11021

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Re: In the Matter of Wego Chemical and Mineral Company
Docket No. TSCA-02-2012-9251

Dear Dr. Eshaghpour:

Enclosed is a fully executed copy of the Administrative Consent Agreement and Final Order in the above-referenced proceeding, signed by the Regional Judicial Officer of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2.

Please note that the forty-five (45) day period for payment of the civil penalty commenced as of the date this Consent Agreement was signed by the Regional Judicial Officer. Please arrange for payment of this penalty according to the instructions given within the enclosed document under "Terms of Consent Agreement". Further, please ensure that a copy of your payment check is mailed to the EPA staff member listed in that section of the Agreement.

Please contact Mr. Chester Norman of my staff at (732) 906-6811, should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

John Gorman
Chief
Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch

Enclosure

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In the Matter of : :
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Wego Chemical and Mineral Corporation, : :
: : CONSENT AGREEMENT
: : AND
: : FINAL ORDER
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Respondent. : :
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Proceeding under Section 16(a) of : :
the Toxic Substances Control Act. : :
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Docket No.
TSCA-02-2012-9251

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

This administrative proceeding for the assessment of a civil penalty was instituted pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"), 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a). 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 (July 1, 2000) (hereinafter "Consolidated Rules"), provide in 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b) that when the parties agree to settle one or more causes of action before the filing of an Administrative Complaint, a proceeding may be simultaneously commenced and concluded by the issuance of a Consent Agreement and Final Order ("CAFO") pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(2) and (3). The Director of the Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance, United States Environmental

Protection Agency, Region 2 (hereinafter "EPA" or "Complainant"), alleges that Wego Chemical and Mineral Corporation (hereinafter "Respondent") violated Section 4(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2603(a), and the regulations promulgated pursuant to that Section, set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 799, and Section 15(1) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2614(1).

EPA and Respondent agree that settling this matter by entering into this CAFO pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b) and 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(2) and (3), is an appropriate means of resolving this case without further litigation. This CAFO is being issued pursuant to said provisions of 40 C.F.R. Part 22. No formal or adjudicated findings of fact or conclusions of law have been made. The following constitute Complainant's findings of fact and conclusions of law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is Wego Chemical and Mineral Corporation.
2. Respondent owns, operates, and/or controls the facility in and 239 Great Neck Road, Great Neck, New York 11021 (hereinafter "Respondent's facility").
3. On or about May 4, 2011, duly designated representatives of the EPA conducted an inspection of and at Respondent's facility.
4. As a result of the inspection, EPA determined that Respondent had failed to submit a letter of intent to conduct testing by March 9, 2011, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. 799.5087(c).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent, as the owner and/or operator of the facility which is the subject of this action, is subject to the regulations and requirements pertaining to test rules promulgated pursuant to Section 4 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2603, and set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 799.

2. Respondent is a "person" within the meaning of 40 C.F.R. § 790.3.
3. Failure to submit a letter of intent to conduct testing by March 9, 2011 is a violation of 40 C.F.R. § 799.5087(c), which is a violation of Section 4(a) and Section 15(1)(C) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2603, 2614(1)(C).

TERMS OF CONSENT AGREEMENT

Based on the foregoing, and pursuant to Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a) and in accordance with the Consolidated Rules of Practice at 40 C.F.R. Part 22, it is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto, and accepted by Respondent, that Respondent voluntarily and knowingly agrees to, and shall comply with, the following terms:

1. Respondent shall hereinafter comply with all applicable provisions of TSCA and the regulations promulgated pursuant to it.
2. For the purposes of this Consent Agreement, Respondent (a) admits that EPA has jurisdiction pursuant to Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), to commence a civil administrative proceeding for the violations alleged in the "Conclusions of Law" section, above; (b) neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations contained in the "Findings of Fact" section, above; and (c) neither admits nor denies the assertions set forth in the "Conclusions of Law" section, above.
3. Respondent shall pay, by cashier's or certified check, a civil penalty in the amount of **THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$13,855)** to the "Treasurer of the United States of America". The check shall be identified with a notation of the name and docket number of this case, set forth in the caption on the first page of this



document. Such check shall be mailed to:

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

Alternatively, payment may be made by Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) directed to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. 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: 68010727
- 4) ABA number: 021030004
- 5) Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read "D 68010727
 Environmental Protection Agency"
- 6) Name of Respondent
- 7) Docket Number

Payment must be received at the above address (or account of EPA) on or before **45 calendar days** after the date of the signature of the Final Order at the end of this document (the date by which payment must be received shall hereinafter be referred to as the "due date"). Promptly after payment has been made, Respondent shall send copies of this payment or furnish reasonable proof that such payment has been made to both:

Regional Hearing Clerk
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
 290 Broadway, 16th Floor
 New York, NY 10007

and

Chester Norman
 Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch
 2890 Woodbridge Avenue, MS-105
 Edison, NJ 08837

a. Failure to pay the penalty in full according to the above provisions will result in the referral of this matter to the U.S. Department of Justice or the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection.

b. Further, 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 \$15 will be assessed for each 30-day period (or any portion thereof) following the due date in which the balance remains unpaid. A 6% per annum penalty also will be applied on any principal amount not paid within 90 days of the due date.

4. This Consent Agreement is being voluntarily and knowingly entered into by the parties in full and final settlement of the civil liabilities under the Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2601 *et seq.*, and the regulations promulgated thereunder in 40 C.F.R. Part 761, that attach or might have attached as a result of the "Findings of Fact" section, above, and the allegations contained in the "Conclusions of Law" section, above. Respondent has read the Consent Agreement, understands its terms, finds it to be reasonable, and consents to its 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.

5. 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.

6. Respondent hereby waives its right to seek or to obtain any hearing (pursuant to Subpart D of 40 C.F.R. Part 22) or other judicial proceeding on the assertions contained in the "Findings of Fact" section, above, and the allegations contained in the "Conclusions of Law" section, above, or on any allegations arising thereunder. Respondent further waives its right otherwise to contest all such assertions and/or allegations.

7. Respondent waives any right it may have pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.8 to be present during discussions with or to be served with and to reply to any memorandum or communication addressed to the Regional Administrator, the Deputy Regional Administrator, or the Regional Judicial Officer 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.

8. This Consent Agreement does not waive, extinguish, or otherwise affect Respondent's obligation to comply with all applicable federal, state, or local laws, rules, or regulations.

9. 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 terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Agreement.

10. Each party shall bear its own costs and fees in this matter.



11. Respondent consents to service upon Respondent of a copy of this Consent Agreement and Final Order by an EPA employee other than the Regional Hearing Clerk.

RESPONDENT: BY: *[Signature]*

NAME: HILBERT ESTAGHABIAN
(PLEASE PRINT)

TITLE: CO- PRESIDENT

DATE: 7/20/12

COMPLAINANT: *[Signature]*

Dore LaPosta, Director
Division of Enforcement and
Compliance Assistance
U.S. Environmental Protection
Agency, Region 2
290 Broadway
New York, New York 10007

DATE: 7/25/12

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Docket Number TSCA-02-2012-9251

FINAL ORDER

The Regional Judicial Officer of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2, concurs in the foregoing Consent Agreement in the case of In the Matter of Wego Chemical and Mineral Corporation bearing Docket Number TSCA-02-2012-9251. Said Consent Agreement, having been duly accepted and entered into by the parties, shall be, and hereby is, ratified, incorporated into and issued, as this Final Order, which shall become effective when filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk of EPA, Region 2 (40 C.F.R. § 22.31(b)). This Final Order is being entered pursuant to the authority of 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(3) and shall constitute an order issued under Section 6 of the Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2605 for purposes of Section 15(1)(C) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2614(1)(C).

DATE: July 26, 2012

Helen Ferrara

Helen Ferrara
Regional Judicial Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
290 Broadway
New York, New York 10007



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on the 3rd / day of *July*, 2012, *Norman Claster*
I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing fully executed Consent Agreement and Final
Order bearing Docket Number TSCA-02-2012-9251, by certified mail, return receipt requested,
to:

Dr. Bert Eshaghpour, CEO and Principle
Wego Chemical and Mineral Company
239 Great Neck Road
Great Neck, New York 11021

On the same date, I mailed via EPA internal mail to the Region 2 Regional Hearing Clerk at 290
Broadway, New York, New York 10007 the original and one copy of the foregoing Consent
Agreement and Final Order.

Claster Norman