



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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Mr. Carey S. Rosemarin  
500 Skokie Boulevard  
Suite 510  
Northbrook, Illinois 60062

Consent Agreement and Final Order, Docket No. **EPCRA-05-2008-0014**

Dear Mr. Rosemarin:

Enclosed is a copy of a fully executed Consent Agreement and Final Order in resolution of the above case. This document was filed on June 12, 2008, with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

The civil penalty in the amount of \$9,639.00 is to be paid in the manner described in paragraph 37. In the comment or description field of the electronic funds transfer, please state: Electronic Interconnect Corporation, the docket number of this CAFO (above), and the following billing document number BD 2750844E013. Payment is due by July 14, 2008 (within 30 calendar days of the filing date).

Thank you for your cooperation in resolving this matter.

Sincerely,

Terence Bonance  
Pesticides and Toxics Compliance Section

Enclosures

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5

In the Matter of: ) Docket No. EPCRA-05-2008-0014  
)  
Electronic Interconnect Corporation ) Proceeding to Assess a Civil Penalty  
Elk Grove Village, Illinois, ) Under Section 325(c) of the Emergency  
Respondent. ) Planning and Community Right-to Know  
Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c)  
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Consent Agreement and Final Order

Preliminary Statement

1. This is an administrative action commenced and concluded under Section 325(c) of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c), and Sections 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2) and (3) of the *Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits* (Consolidated Rules) as codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

2. The Complainant is the Director of the Land and Chemicals Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), Region 5.

3. Respondent is Electronic Interconnect Corporation, a corporation doing business in the State of Illinois.

4. Where the parties agree to settle one or more causes of action before the filing of a complaint, the administrative action may be commenced and concluded simultaneously by the issuance of a consent agreement and final order (CAFO). 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b).

5. The parties agree that settling this action without the filing of a complaint or the adjudication of any issue of fact or law is in their interest and in the public interest.

6. Subject to Paragraph 7 of this CAFO, Respondent consents to the assessment of the civil penalty specified in this CAFO, and to the terms of this CAFO.

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### **Jurisdiction and Waiver of Right to Hearing**

7. Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations in this CAFO and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations in this CAFO.

8. Respondent waives its right to request a hearing as provided at 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(c), any right to contest the allegations in this CAFO, and its right to appeal this CAFO.

9. Respondent certifies that it is complying with Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023.

### **Statutory and Regulatory Background**

10. Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023, and 40 C.F.R. §§ 372.22 and 372.30 require the owner or operator of a facility that has 10 or more full-time employees; is covered by certain Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes; meets one of the criteria set forth in 40 C.F.R. § 372.22(b)(1)-(3); and manufactured, processed, or otherwise used a toxic chemical in an amount in excess of an applicable threshold quantity of that chemical listed under Section 313(f) of EPCRA and 40 C.F.R. §§ 372.25 and 372.28, during the calendar year, to complete and submit a toxic chemical release inventory form (Form R) to the Administrator of U.S. EPA and to the state in which the subject facility is located by July 1 for each toxic chemical manufactured, processed, or otherwise used in quantities exceeding the established threshold during the preceding calendar year.

11. As set forth in Section 313(f) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f), and 40 C.F.R. § 372.25, except as provided in 40 C.F.R. §§ 372.27 and 372.28, the reporting threshold amount for a toxic chemical manufactured or processed at a facility is 25,000 pounds for calendar years including and subsequent to 1989. The reporting threshold for a toxic chemical otherwise used at a facility is 10,000 pounds for calendar years including and subsequent to 1987.

12. As set forth in Section 313(f) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f), and 40 C.F.R. § 372.28, the reporting threshold amount for lead manufactured, processed, or otherwise used at a facility is 100 pounds for calendar years including and subsequent to 2001.

13. Section 325(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c), authorizes the Administrator of U.S. EPA to assess a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per day for each violation of Section 313 of EPCRA. The Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, 28 U.S.C. § 2461 note (1990), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701 note (1996), required federal agencies to issue regulations adjusting for inflation the maximum civil penalties that can be imposed pursuant to each agency's statutes. The U.S. EPA may assess a civil penalty of up to \$27,500 per day for each violation of Section 313 of EPCRA that occurred from January 31, 1997 through March 15, 2004, and may assess a civil penalty of up to \$32,500 per day for each violation of Section 313 of EPCRA that occurred after March 15, 2004, pursuant to Section 325(c)(1) and (3) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c)(1) and (3), and 40 C.F.R. Part 19.

#### **Factual Allegations and Alleged Violations**

14. Respondent is a "person" as that term is defined at Section 329(7) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(7).

15. At all times relevant to this CAFO, Respondent was an owner or operator of the facility located at 2700 West Touhy Avenue, Elk Grove Village, Illinois (facility).

16. At all times relevant to this CAFO, Respondent had "10 or more full-time employees," as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 372.3, and was an employer at the facility.

17. Respondent's facility consists of buildings, equipment, structures, and other stationary items which are located on a single site or on contiguous or adjacent sites, and which are owned or operated by the same person.

18. Respondent's facility is a "facility" as that term is defined at Section 329(4) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(4).

19. The facility has a SIC code of 3672, a covered SIC code as defined at Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023, and 40 C.F.R. § 372.22.

Complainant states the allegations in Counts I, II and III, below, for the purpose of complying with 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2); Respondent neither admits nor denies the factual allegations in Counts I, II or III.

#### **Count I**

20. During calendar year 2005, Respondent's facility manufactured, as that term is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 372.3, copper compounds, a chemical category or CAS No. listed under 40 C.F.R. § 372.65, in the amount of 137,624 pounds which is greater than 25,000 pounds, the threshold for reporting, as set forth in Section 313(f) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f), and 40 C.F.R. § 372.25. Of the 137,624 pounds of copper compounds manufactured at Respondent's facility, 44,163.7 pounds of this total were also processed at the facility and have therefore been included in the 50,586 pounds cited in paragraph 21.

21. During calendar year 2005, Respondent's facility processed, as that term is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 372.3, copper compounds, a chemical category or CAS No. listed under 40 C.F.R. § 372.65, in the amount of 50,586 pounds, which is greater than 25,000 pounds, the threshold for reporting, as set forth in Section 313(f) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f), and 40 C.F.R. § 372.25. Of the 50,586 pounds of copper compounds processed at Respondent's facility, 44,163.7 pounds of this total were manufactured at the facility and have therefore been included in the 137,624 pounds cited in paragraph 20.

22. Respondent was required to submit to the Administrator of U.S. EPA and to Illinois a Form R for copper compounds for calendar year 2005 by July 1, 2006.

23. Respondent did not submit to the Administrator of U.S. EPA and to Illinois a Form R for copper compounds for calendar year 2005 by July 1, 2006.

24. Respondent submitted Form R for copper compounds to the Administrator of U.S. EPA and to Illinois on October 10, 2006 for calendar year 2005.

25. Respondent's failure to submit timely a Form R for copper compounds to the Administrator of U.S. EPA and to Illinois for calendar year 2005 violated Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023, and 40 C.F.R. § 372.30.

### Count II

26. During calendar year 2005, Respondent's facility processed, as that term is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 372.3, copper, a chemical category or CAS No. listed under 40 C.F.R. § 372.65, in the amount of 60,275 pounds, which is greater than 25,000 pounds, the threshold for reporting, as set forth in Section 313(f) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f), and 40 C.F.R. § 372.25.

27. Respondent was required to submit to the Administrator of U.S. EPA and to Illinois a Form R for copper for calendar year 2005 by July 1, 2006.

28. Respondent did not submit to the Administrator of U.S. EPA and to Illinois a Form R for copper for calendar year 2005 by July 1, 2006.

29. Respondent submitted Form R for copper to the Administrator of U.S. EPA and to Illinois on October 10, 2006 for calendar year 2005.

30. Respondent's failure to submit timely a Form R for copper to the Administrator of U.S. EPA and to Illinois for calendar year 2005 violated Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023, and 40 C.F.R. § 372.30.

### Count III

31. During calendar year 2005, Respondent's facility processed, as that term is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 372.3, lead, a chemical category or CAS No. listed under 40 C.F.R. 5 372.65, in the amount of 2,413 pounds, which is greater than 100 pounds, the threshold for reporting, as set forth in Section 313(f) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f), and 40 C.F.R. § 372.28.

32. Respondent was required to submit to the Administrator of U.S. EPA and to Illinois a Form R for lead for calendar year 2005 by July 1, 2006.

33. Respondent did not submit to the Administrator of U.S. EPA and to Illinois a Form R for lead for calendar year 2005 by July 1, 2006.

34. Respondent submitted Form R for lead to the Administrator of U.S. EPA and to Illinois on October 10, 2006 for calendar year 2005.

35. Respondent's failure to submit timely a Form R for lead to the Administrator of U.S. EPA and to Illinois for calendar year 2005 violated Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023, and 40 C.F.R. § 372.30.

### Civil Penalty

36. Pursuant to Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045, Complainant determined that an appropriate civil penalty to settle this action is \$9,639. In determining the penalty amount, Complainant considered the nature, circumstances, extent and gravity of the violations, and with respect to Respondent, its ability to pay, prior history of violations, economic benefit or savings resulting from the violations, and any other matters as justice may require. Complainant also considered U.S. EPA's *Enforcement Response Policy for Section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (1986) and Section 6607 of the Pollution Prevention Act (1990) (amended)* (April 12, 2001).

37. Within 30 days after the effective date of this CAFO, Respondent must pay a \$9,639 civil penalty for the EPCRA violations. Respondent must pay the penalty by sending a cashier's or certified check, payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," to:  
for checks sent by regular U.S. Postal Service mail:

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

for checks sent by express mail:

U.S. Bank  
Government Lockbox 979077 U.S. EPA Fines and Penalties  
1005 Convention Plaza  
Mail Station SL-MO-C2GL  
St. Louis, MO 63101

The check must note the case title, the docket number of this CAFO and the billing document number.

38. A transmittal letter, stating Respondent's name, the case title, Respondent's complete address, the case docket number and the billing document number must accompany the payment. Respondent must send a copy of the check and transmittal letter to:

Regional Hearing Clerk (E-13J)  
U.S. EPA, Region 5  
77 West Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, IL 60604

R. Terence Bonace (LC-8J)  
Pesticides and Toxics Compliance Section  
U.S. EPA, Region 5  
77 West Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, IL 60604

Erik H. Olson (C-14J)  
Office of Regional Counsel  
U.S. EPA, Region 5  
77 West Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, IL 60604

39. This civil penalty is not deductible for federal tax purposes.

40. If Respondent does not pay the civil penalty timely, U.S. EPA may bring an action to collect any unpaid portion of the penalty with interest, handling charges, nonpayment penalties and the United States' enforcement expenses for the collection action. The validity, amount and appropriateness of the civil penalty are not reviewable in a collection action.

41. Pursuant to 31 C.F.R. § 901.9, Respondent must pay the following on any amount overdue under this CAFO. Interest will accrue on any amount overdue from the date the payment was due at a rate established pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717. Respondent must pay a \$15 handling charge each month that any portion of the penalty is more than 30 days past due. In addition, Respondent must pay a 6 percent per year penalty on any principal amount 90 days past due.

#### **General Provisions**

42. This CAFO resolves only Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations and facts alleged in the CAFO.

43. Subject to Paragraph 42, this CAFO does not affect the right of the U.S. EPA or the United States to pursue appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions for any violations of law.

44. This CAFO does not affect Respondent's responsibility to comply with EPCRA and other applicable federal, state, and local laws.

45. This CAFO is a "final order" for purposes of U.S. EPA's Enforcement Response Policy for Section 313 of EPCRA.

46. The terms of this CAFO bind Respondent, its successors, and assigns.

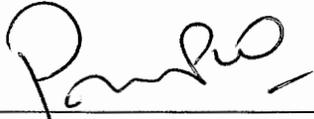
47. Each person signing this agreement certifies that he or she has the authority to sign for the party whom he or she represents and to bind that party to its terms.

48. Each party agrees to bear its own costs and attorney's fees, in this action.

49. This CAFO constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

**Electronic Interconnect Corporation, Respondent**

5/12/08  
Date

  
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Pratish Patel, President  
Electronic Interconnect Corporation

**United States Environmental Protection Agency, Complainant**

6/9/08  
Date

  
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Margaret M. Guerriero, Director  
Land and Chemicals Division

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**Final Order**

This Consent Agreement and Final Order, as agreed to by the parties, shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk. This Final Order concludes this proceeding pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.18 and 22.31. IT IS SO ORDERED.

6/11/08  
Date

Walter W. Kovalick Jr  
Bharat Mathur  
Acting Regional Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 5

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the original signed copy of the Consent Agreement and Final Order in resolution of the civil administrative action involving Electronic Interconnect Corporation, was filed on June 12, 2008, with the Regional Hearing Clerk (E-13J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, and that I mailed, by Certified Mail, Receipt No. 7001 0320 0006 0182 4370 a copy of the original to the Respondent:

Mr. Carey S. Rosemarin  
500 Skokie Boulevard  
Suite 501  
Northbrook, Illinois 60062

and forwarded intra-Agency copies to:

Marcy Toney, Regional Judicial Officer, ORC/C-14J  
Erik Olson, Counsel for Complainant/C-14J  
Eric Volck, Cincinnati Finance/MWD

  
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