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Greenwood Village, CC	80111	

FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2), of EPA's Consolidated Rules of Practice, the Consent Agreement resolving this matter is hereby approved and incorporated by reference into this Final Order. The Respondent is hereby **ORDERED** to comply with all of the terms of the Consent Agreement, effective immediately upon receipt by Respondent of this Consent Agreement and Final Order.

SO ORDERED THIS 10th DAY OF Decem , 2013.

Elyana R. Sutin Regional Judicial Officer

### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8

IN THE MATTER OF: ) Devex Construction, LLC ) 8301 E. Prentice Avenue Suite 203 ) Greenwood Village, CO 80111, ) Respondent. ) ENA REBION VIE

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COMBINED COMPLAINT AND CONSENT AGREEMENT

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Complainant, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 8, and Respondent, Devex Construction, LLC, (Respondent) (together, the Parties) by their undersigned representatives, hereby consent and agree as follows:

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
- 1. This civil administrative enforcement action is authorized by Congress in the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act (Residential Lead Hazard Act), 42 U.S.C. § 4851 et seq., and the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), 15 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq.
- EPA regulations authorized by the statutes are set out in part 745, subpart E of title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R) and, as set out in 42 U.S.C. § 4852d (b)(5), violations of the regulations constitute violations of section 16 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615.
- 3. This proceeding is subject to EPA's "Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits," (Rules of Practice), 40 C.F.R. part 22. This Combined Complaint and Consent Agreement (Agreement), intended to simultaneously commence and conclude this matter is authorized by the Rules of Practice, 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b). The undersigned EPA officials have been properly delegated the authority to issue this action.
- 4. The Respondent is a "firm" and a "renovator" as the terms are defined in 40 C.F.R. § 745.83.
- 5. The Respondent conducted residential renovation at a property located at 3230 Jay Street, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, during August 2013.
- On August 26, 2013, an authorized representative of the EPA conducted a compliance inspection at the Respondent's jobsite located at 3230 Jay Street, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, to determine compliance with the Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Rule. 15 U.S.C. § 2682, 40 C.F.R part 745 Subpart E.
- 7. The jobsite referenced herein is a residential housing property constructed prior to 1978.

- During the inspection, the EPA found that Respondent did not cover the floor surface, including installed carpet, with taped-down plastic sheeting or other impermeable material in the work area 6 feet beyond the perimeter of surfaces undergoing renovation or a sufficient distance to contain the dust. This is a violation of the RRP Rule, specifically, 40 C.F.R. § 745.85.
- Respondent's failure to comply with 40 C.F.R. § 745.85 is a violation of Section 402 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2682.

## II. TERMS OF SETTLEMENT

- 10. To determine the amount of the civil penalty to be assessed, EPA considered, in addition to such other factors as justice may require, to the extent known, the nature, circumstances, extent and gravity of the violations alleged, any of Respondent's history of prior violations of TSCA, or lack thereof, and degree of culpability.
- 11. In consideration of the facts and circumstances of this matter, the Parties agree to enter into this Agreement in order to settle the violation for the penalty amount of \$800 (eight hundred dollars) to be paid in accordance with the attached document (Attachment A) entitled *Instructions for Making a Payment.*
- 12. In signing this Agreement, Respondent: (1) admits that Respondent was subject to the RRP requirements (40 C.F.R. § 745 subpart E) at the time the work described herein was being conducted; (2) admits the jurisdictional allegations made herein; (3) neither admits nor denies the factual allegations contained herein; and (4) consents to the assessment of the penalty specified in this agreement.
- 13. Upon the effective date of the Agreement, full payment of the civil penalty shall only resolve Respondent's liability for Federal civil penalties for the violations and facts alleged herein.
- 14. No portion of the civil penalty or interest paid by the Respondent pursuant to the requirements of this Agreement shall be claimed by Respondent as a deduction for federal, state, or local income tax purposes.
- 15. Upon signing and returning this Agreement to the EPA, Respondent waives the opportunity for a hearing, including but not limited to the right to contest the allegations contained herein, and to appeal this Agreement.
- 16. Each party shall bear its own costs and attorney fees, if any.
- 17. The undersigned representative of the Respondent certifies that he/she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of the Agreement and to bind the Respondent to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- 18. The Parties agree to submit this Agreement to the Regional Judicial Officer with a request that it be incorporated into a final order.

## III. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 19. This Agreement, upon incorporation into a final order, applies to and is binding upon the EPA and upon Respondent and Respondent's successors or assigns. Any change in ownership or corporate status of Respondent, including, but not limited to, any transfer of assets or real or personal property, shall not alter Respondent's responsibilities under this agreement. This Agreement contains all terms of the settlement agreed to by the Parties.
- 20. Nothing in this Agreement shall relieve Respondent of the duty to comply with TSCA and its implementing regulations.
- 21. The EPA reserves all of its rights to take enforcement action for any other past, present, or future violations by Respondent of TSCA, any other federal statute or regulation, or this Agreement.
- 22. Failure by Respondent to comply with any of the terms of this Agreement shall constitute a breach of the Agreement and may result in referral of the matter to the Department of Justice for enforcement of this Agreement and for such other relief as may be appropriate.

In the Matter of: Devex Construction, LLC Docket No: (Continued)

#### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8, Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice,

#### Complainant

Date:

By:

Cheryl Turcotte, Supervisor

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Date: //

By:

James H Eppers, Supervisory Attorney

Legal Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice (8ENF-L) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8 In the Matter of: Devex Construction, LLC **Docket No:** (Continued)

Devex Construction, LLC,

Respondent

Date: 11/12/13

By:

Name: <u>Bill Lyons</u> Title: <u>Manager</u>

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING A PAYMENT

Payment in the amount of **\$800** (eight hundred dollars) shall be due on or before thirty (30) days after the date of the Final Order issued by the Regional Judicial Officer who adopts this agreement. If the due date falls on a weekend or legal Federal holiday, then the due date is the next business day. Payments must be received by 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time to be considered as received that day.

In the event payment is not received by the specified due date, interest accrues from the date of the Final Order, not the due date, at a rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717, and will continue to accrue until payment in full is received. (That is, on the 1st late day, 30 days of interest accrues.)

In addition, a handling charge of fifteen dollars (\$15) shall be assessed on day 31 after the date of the Final Order, and each subsequent thirty-day period that the debt, or any portion thereof, remains unpaid. In addition, a six percent (6%) per annum penalty shall be assessed on any unpaid principal amount if payment is not received within 90 days of the due date (that is, on day 121 after the date the Final Order is signed). Payments are first applied to handling charges, 6% penalty interest, and late interest; then any balance is applied to the outstanding principal amount.

<u>The payment shall reference the name and docket number of this case</u> and be made by remitting a cashier's or certified check, for this amount, payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," (or be paid by one of the other methods listed below) and sent as follows:

#### **REGULAR MAIL:**

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

### WIRE TRANSFERS:

Federal Reserve Bank of New York ABA = 021030004 Account = 68010727 SWIFT address = FRNYUS33 33 Liberty Street New York NY 10045 Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read "D 68010727 Environmental Protection Agency "

#### FEDERAL EXPRESS, AIRBORNE, OR OTHER COMMERCIAL CARRIER:

US Bank U.S. EPA Fines & Penalties Government Lockbox 979078 1005 Convention Plaza Mail Station SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101

#### ACH TRANSACTIONS (also known as REX or remittance express)

Automated Clearinghouse (ACH) for receiving US currency PNC Bank 808 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20074 Contact: Jesse White 301-887-6548 ABA = 051036706 Transaction Code 22 - checking Environmental Protection Agency Account 310006 CTX Format

### ON LINE PAYMENT:

There is now an On Line Payment Option, available through the Dept. of Treasury. This payment option can be accessed from the information below:

WWW.PAY.GOV (Enter sfo 1.1 in the search field Open form and complete required fields.)

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

Tina Artemis Regional Hearing Clerk Mail Code 8RC U.S. EPA, Region 8 1595 Wynkoop Street Denver, Colorado 80202-1129

and

Alexas Gilbert RRP Enforcement Coordinator Mail Code 8ENF-AT U.S. EPA, Region 8 1595 Wynkoop Street Denver, Colorado 80202-1129

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the original of the attached COMBINED COMPLAINT, CONSENT AGREEMENT/FINAL ORDER in the matter of DEVEX CONSTRUCTION, LLC.; DOCKET NO.: TSCA-08-2014-0001 was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk on December 10, 2013.

Further, the undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the documents were delivered to, Eduardo Quintana, Enforcement Attorney, U. S. EPA – Region 8, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202-1129. True and correct copies of the aforementioned documents were placed in the United States mail to:

Bill Lyons, Manager Devex Construction, LLC. 8301 E. Prentice Avenue, Suite 203 Greenwood Village, CO 80111

And emailed to:

Kim White U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Cincinnati Finance Center 26 W. Martin Luther King Drive (MS-0002) Cincinnati, Ohio 45268

December 10, 2013

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Tina Artemis Paralegal/Regional Hearing Clerk

