



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region 9 - 75 Hawthorne St San Francisco, CA 94105
EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
Docket Number: CWA-09-2021-0004 NPDES No. ["Unpermitted"]

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Spark Capital Holdings, Inc. ("Respondent"), a California corporation, is a "person," within the meaning of Section 502(5) of the Clean Water Act ("Act"), 33 U.S.C. § 1362(5), and 40 C.F.R. § 122.2.

U.S. EPA, Region 9
Fines and Penalties, Cincinnati Finance Center
In the Matter of: Spark Capital Holdings, Inc.
Docket No. CWA-09-2021-0004
P.O. Box 979077
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

By its signature, Complainant ("EPA") finds that Respondent is responsible for unauthorized discharge(s) of stormwater in violation of Section 301(a) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311.

This Agreement settles EPA's civil penalty claims against Respondent for the alleged violation(s) of the Act specified in this Agreement. EPA does not waive its rights to take any enforcement action against Respondent for any other past, present, or future civil or criminal violation of the Act or of any other federal statute or regulation. EPA does not waive its right to issue a compliance order for any uncorrected alleged violation(s) described in the Form. EPA has determined this Agreement to be appropriate.

EPA finds, and Respondent admits, that Respondent is subject to Section 301 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311, and that EPA has jurisdiction over any "person" who "discharges pollutants" from a "point source" to "waters of the United States." Respondent neither admits nor denies the specific days of unauthorized industrial stormwater discharges that EPA alleges. Attached is an "Industrial Non-filer Expedited Settlement Worksheet" ("Worksheet"), which is incorporated by reference. The Settlement Worksheet summarizes the allegations and calculates a proposed penalty of \$3,750, based on conditions at the Respondent's referenced facility at the time of EPA's March 9, 2020 inspection.

This Agreement is binding on the parties signing below and effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

EPA is authorized to enter into this Expedited Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") under the authority vested in the Administrator of EPA by Section 309(g)(2)(A) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(2)(A), and by 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b). The parties enter into this Agreement to settle the civil violation(s) alleged in this Agreement for a penalty of \$3,750. Respondent consents to the assessment of this penalty and waives the right to: (1) contest the finding(s) specified in the Worksheet; (2) a hearing pursuant to Section 309(g)(2) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(2); and (3) appeal pursuant to Section 309(g)(8), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(8).

APPROVED BY EPA:
ELIZABETH BERG Digitally signed by ELIZABETH BERG
Date: 2020.10.07 17:08:42 -0700
Elizabeth Berg, Assistant Director, Water Branch
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

Additionally, Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false statement to the United States Government, that the Respondent has addressed the alleged violations identified in the Worksheet by either a) developing and implementing a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and submitting to the permit authority a Notice of Intent to be covered by the applicable industrial stormwater permit; or b) acting to meet eligibility requirements for a waiver from industrial stormwater permit requirements as allowed by the permit authority and submitting the relevant forms (such as a No Exposure Certification) to the permit authority.

APPROVED BY RESPONDENT:
Name
(print): KAUSHIK SINHA
Title
(print): CEO & President
Signature: *Kaushik* Date: 7/27/2020

EPA received no comments concerning this matter in response to a 30-day public notice comment period publicly noticed by EPA pursuant to Section 309(g)(4)(A) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(4)(A), and 40 C.F.R. § 22.45.

Respondent certifies that, within ten (10) days after issuance of the Final Order, Respondent will submit a bank, cashiers, or certified check, payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," via certified mail, to:

Having determined that this Agreement is authorized by law,
IT IS SO ORDERED:
Steven L. Jawgiel Digitally signed by Steven L. Jawgiel
Date: 2020.12.16 15:16:41 -0800
Signature: _____
Steven L. Jawgiel
Regional Judicial Officer, U.S. EPA Region 9

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The following document does hereby certify that the EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT in the matter of SPARK RECYCLING (CWA-09-2021-0004) has been filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, and a copy was served on both Respondent and Counsel for EPA by email, as indicated below:

RESPONDENT

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COMPLAINANT

Rich Campbell,
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Date: _____

Steven Armsey
Regional Hearing Clerk
EPA Region 9