

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 4 ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER 61 FORSYTH STREET ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

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#### CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECIEPT REQUESTED

Mr. Ronald Dischinger LDG, Realty Management Group, LLC 1473 South Fourth Street Louisville, Kentucky 40208

SUBJ: Consent Agreement and Final Order Docket No. TSCA-04-2007-2734(b)

Dear Mr. Dischinger:

Enclosed please find an executed copy of the ratified Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) in the above referenced matter. The CAFO is effective as of the date of filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk. Please make note of the provisions in the CAFO, paragraphs 13 and 14, with respect to payment of the assessed penalty which must begin no later than 30 days from the effective date of the CAFO.

Also enclosed, please find a copy of the "Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings." This document puts you on notice of the potential duty to disclose to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) any environmental enforcement actions taken by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). If you have any questions with regard to the SEC's environmental disclosure requirements, you may refer to the contact phone number at the bottom of the Notice.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Andrea Lippitt of the EPA Region 4 staff at (404) 562-8983.

Sincerely,

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Joanne Benante Chief Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch

Enclosures

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 4

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IN THE MATTER OF:

LDG, Realty Management Group, LLC

Respondent

Docket Number: TSCA-04-2007342 PH 2:

# **CONSENT AGREEMENT FINAL ORDER**

#### I. Nature of the Action

1. This is a civil penalty proceeding pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), and pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules), codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22. Complainant is the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, Region 4, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Respondent is LDG, Realty Management Group, LLC (hereinafter, "Respondent").

2. Complainant and Respondent have conferred for the purpose of settlement pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 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 C.F.R. § 22.13(b), this Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) will simultaneously commence and conclude this matter.

### II. Preliminary Statements

3. The Administrator of EPA promulgated regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart F under the authority of Section 1018 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, 42 U.S.C. § 4852d. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 4852d(b)(5), a violation of any rule in 40 C.F.R. Part 745, is a prohibited act under Section 409 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2689. Any person who violates Section 409 of TSCA may be assessed a penalty of up to \$10,000 for each such violation, in accordance with Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a) and Section 1018. For a violation occurring after January 31, 1997, a penalty of up to \$11,000 may be assessed pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 19, and in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 745.118(f).

4. The authority to take action under Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), is vested in the Administrator of EPA. The Administrator of EPA has delegated this authority under TSCA to EPA Region 4 by EPA Delegation 12-2-A, dated May 11, 1994.

#### **III.** Specific Allegations

5. Respondent is a lessor, as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 745.103, of residential housing identified as LDG, Realty Management Group, LLC located at 1473 South Fourth Street Louisville, Kentucky 40208. This residential housing is "target housing," as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 745.103.

6. Based on information obtained by EPA on or about December 6, 2005, relating to Respondent's contracts to lease its target housing described above, EPA alleges that Respondent violated Section 409 of TSCA and the following regulations:

• Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.107(a)(1), a lessor shall provide the lessee an EPAapproved lead hazard information pamphlet before the lessee is obligated under any contract to lease target housing.

Respondent failed to provide lessees an EPA-approved pamphlet.

• Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.113(b)(1), each contract to lease target housing shall include, as an attachment to or within the contract, a "Lead Warning Statement".

Respondent failed to include the required "Lead Warning Statement".

• Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.113(b)(2), each contract to lease target housing shall include, as an attachment to or within the contract, a statement disclosing the presence of known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the target housing being leased or a statement indicating no knowledge of the presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards.

Respondent failed to include an appropriate statement.

• Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.113(b)(3), each contract to lease target housing shall include, as an attachment to or within the contract, a list of any records or reports available to the lessor pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing that have been provided to the lessee, or an indication that no such records or reports are available.

Respondent failed to include the appropriate information.

#### IV. Consent Agreement

7. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set out above but neither admits nor denies the factual allegations set out above.

8. Respondent waives its right to a hearing on the allegations contained herein.

9. Respondent consents to the assessment of and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.

10. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance with the requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart F.

11. Compliance with this CAFO shall resolve the allegations of 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 pursue criminal enforcement.

12. 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 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart F.

#### V. Final Order

13. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of *Three Thousand Six Hundred Ten Dollars* and sixty cents (\$3610.60). The full payment is due within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this CAFO.

14. Respondent shall pay the penalty by forwarding a cashier's or certified check, payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," to one of the following addresses:

For payment submittal by U.S. Postal Service:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Box 371099M Pittsburgh, PA 15251

For payment submittal by any overnight mail service (Fed Ex, UPS, DHL, etc.):

Mellon Client Service Center ATTN: Shift Supervisor, Room 0690 Lockbox 371099M 500 Ross Street Pittsburgh, PA 15262-0001

# The check shall reference on its face the name of the Respondent and Docket Number.

15. At the time of payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of the check, and a written statement that payment has been made in accordance with this CAFO, to the following persons at the following addresses:

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Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. EPA Region 4 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303

Andrea Lippitt Children's Health, Lead and Asbestos Management Section U.S. EPA Region 4 SNAFC – 12<sup>th</sup> Floor 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303

Saundi Wilson Office of Environmental Accountability U.S. EPA Region 4 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303.

16. 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.

17. 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 principle amount not paid within 90 days of the due date.

18. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.

19. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors and assigns.

20. The following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Andrea Lippitt Children's Health, Lead and Asbestos Management Section U.S. EPA Region 4 SNAFC – 12<sup>th</sup> Floor 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303 (404) 562-8983

21. Each undersigned representative of the parties to this CAFO certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party represented to enter into this CAFO and legally bind that party to it.

# VI. Effective Date

22. The effective date of this CAFO shall be the date on which the CAFO is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

# AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

ESPONDENT: LDG Realty Management Group, LLC OCKET NUMBER: TSCA-04-2007-2734(b)		
By: Ronald Disching	Date: <u>4-27-07</u>	
Name: RONALD DISCHINGER	(Typed or Printed)	
Title: DIRECTOR OF CONTRACTOR SERVICES	(Typed or Printed)	
By: Beverly H. Banister Director Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division Region 4	ONMENTAL PROTECTION Date: <u>5-14-07</u>	
APPROVED AND SO ORDERED this $2^{2}$ day of _	<u>May</u> , 2007	
By: <u>Susan B. Schub</u> Regional Judicial Officer		

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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: LDG Realty Management

Group, LLC TSCA Number: TSCA-04-2007-2734(b), to the addressees listed below.

Andrea Lippitt Children's Health, Lead and Asbestos Management Section U.S. EPA Region 4 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303

(via EPA's internal mail)

(via EPA's internal mail)

Alan Dion Office of Environmental Accountability U.S. EPA, Region 4 61 Forsyth St., SW Atlanta, GA 30303

(via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested)

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

Mr. Ronald Dischinger LDG, Realty Management Group, LLC 1473 South Fourth Street Louisville, Kentucky 40208

Date:

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