UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 7 10 00T 29 AM 10: L-7

<u>ORDER</u>

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.5(a)(1), facsimile filing of page 5 of the Consent Agreement and Final Order is authorized in this proceeding.

Dated: 0 £ 29, 2010

Robert L. Patrick

Regional Judicial Officer

U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY 10 00T-29 AM 10: 47

901 NORTH 5th STREET KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 66101

ENVIRONMENDAL PROTECTION AGENCY-XELLON VII REGIONAL HEAMING CLERK

BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

In the Matter of)	
KASHFLO, INC.)	DOCKET NO. TSCA-07-2010-0002
St. Louis, Missouri)	
)	
Respondent)	
)	

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

This proceeding for the assessment of a civil penalty was initiated on January 21, 2010, pursuant to Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), when Complainant issued a Complaint and Notice of Opportunity For Hearing ("Complaint") to Kashflo, Inc. ("Respondent"). The Complaint charged Respondent with violations of Section 409 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), 15 U.S.C. § 2689, by failing to comply with the regulatory requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart F, *Disclosure of Known Lead-Based Paint and/or Lead-Based Paint Hazards Upon Sale or Lease of Residential Property*, promulgated pursuant to Section 1018 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, 42 U.S.C. § 4852d. The Complaint proposed a total civil penalty of Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$18,740.00) against Respondent for the violations. The parties subsequently entered negotiations in an attempt to settle the allegations contained in the Complaint. This Consent Agreement and Final Order (CA/FO) is the result of such negotiations, and fully and finally resolves the allegations contained in the Complaint.

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CONSENT AGREEMENT

- 1. For purposes of this proceeding, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth in the Complaint.
- 2. Respondent neither admits nor denies the factual allegations set forth in the Complaint.
- 3. Respondent waives its right to a judicial or administrative hearing on any issue of fact or law set forth above and its right to appeal the Final Order accompanying this Consent Agreement.
- 4. Respondent and EPA agree to settle this matter without the necessity of a formal hearing and to each bear their own respective costs and attorneys' fees.
- 5. Respondent certifies by the signing of this CA/FO that to the best of its knowledge and belief it is presently in compliance with all requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart F.
- 6. Respondent consents to the issuance of the Final Order hereinafter recited and consents to the payment of a mitigated civil penalty in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be paid within forty-five (45) days after the effective date of the Final Order.
- 7. Respondent understands that failure to timely pay any portion of the mitigated civil penalty stated in Paragraph 6 above, may result in the commencement of a civil action in Federal District Court to recover the full remaining balance, along with penalties, late payment handling charges, and accumulated interest. In such case, interest shall accrue thereon at the applicable statutory rate on the unpaid balance until such civil penalty and any accrued interest are paid in full. A late payment handling charge will be imposed after thirty (30) days and an

additional charge for each subsequent thirty (30) day period will be assessed. Additionally, as provided by 31 U.S.C. § 3717(e)(2), a six percent (6%) per annum penalty (late charge) may be assessed on any amount not paid within ninety (90) days of the due date.

FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to the provisions of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), 15 U.S.C. §§ 2601-2692, and based upon the information set forth in the Consent Agreement accompanying this Final Order, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Respondent shall pay a mitigated civil penalty, in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500). Payment will be due on or before forty-five (45) days following the effective date of this CA/FO.
- 2. Payment of the penalty shall be by cashier's or certified check which shall identify the Respondent by name and Docket Number TSCA-07-2010-0002, and made payable to "United States Treasury" and remitted to:

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

3. A copy of the check shall simultaneously be sent to the following:

Robert W. Richards
Office of Regional Counsel
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7
901 North 5th Street
Kansas City, Kansas 66101; and

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> Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7 901 North 5th Street Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

- 4. The effective date of this Order shall be the date on which it is signed by the Regional Judicial Officer.
- 5. Respondent and Complainant shall each bear their own respective costs and attorneys' fees.

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RESPONDENT:

KASHFLO, INC.

A Missouri Corporation

Date: October 15, 2010

Authorized Officer

Qasim Mustafa Bajwa, President

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COMPLAINANT:

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Date:

10/28/10

By:

Jamie Green

Branch

Toxics and Pesticides Branch

Water, Wetlands and Pesticides Division

Date:

By:

Robert W. Richards

Assistant Regional Counsel Office of Regional Counsel IN THE MATTER OF: Kashflo, Inc. Complaint Docket Number TSCA-07-2010-0002 Page 7 of 7

IT IS SO ORDERED. This Order shall become effective immediately.

Date: Oct. 29 20/0

ROBERT L. PATRICK Regional Judicial Officer

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Order and Consent Agreement and Final Order was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees:

Copy hand delivered to Attorney for Complainant:

Robert W. Richards Assistant Regional Counsel Region 7 United States Environmental Protection Agency 901 N. 5th Street Kansas City, Kansas 66101

Copy by Certified Mail Return Receipt to:

Robert C. Withington, Esquire 7116 Oakland Avenue Richmond Heights, Missouri 63117

Copy by Facsimile and First Class Pouch Mail to:

The Honorable Susan L. Biro Chief Administrative Law Judge U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Administrative Law Judges 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Mail Code 1900L Washington, D. C. 20005

Dated: 1029110

Kathy Robinson

Hearing Clerk, Region 7