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REGION 2

NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

DOCKET NO: CAA-02-2024-1208
This ESA is issued to: Compania Cervecera de Puerto Rico, Inc.
100 Blvd. Alfonso Valdes
Mayaguez, PR 00680

This Expedited Settlement Agreement (“ESA”) is being entered into by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 (“EPA”), by its duly delegated official, and Compania Cervecera de Puerto Rico, Inc. (“Respondent”) pursuant to Sections 113(a)(3) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (the “Act”), 42 U.S.C. §7413(a)(3) and (d), and 40 C.F.R. §22.13(b). EPA and the United States Department of Justice have jointly determined that EPA may pursue this type of case as an administrative penalty action under Section 113(d)(1) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. §7413(d)(1).

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

On February 7, 2023, EPA conducted an onsite inspection at Respondent’s facility, located at 100 Blvd. Alfonso Valdes in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico to determine compliance with the Act’s Risk Management Program regulations, promulgated at 40 C.F.R. Part 68 pursuant to Section 112(r) of the Act. Pursuant to the inspection, EPA has determined that Respondent violated the RMP regulations described in the attached Risk Management Program Findings (“Findings”). EPA described the violations in a letter sent by email to Compania Cervecera de Puerto Rico, Inc. dated September 26, 2023.

SETTLEMENT

In consideration of the penalty assessment factors set forth in Section 113(e) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. §7413(e), and upon consideration of the entire record, the parties enter into the ESA in order to settle the violations described in the Findings for the total penalty amount of **six thousand and nine hundred dollars (\$6,900)**.

For purposes of this proceeding, Respondent agrees to the following: it waives any objections that it may have regarding jurisdiction; it neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations contained in the Findings; it consents to the assessment of the penalty as stated herein; and it waives its rights to contest the allegations contained herein, or to a hearing afforded by Section 113(d)(2)(A) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. §7413(d)(2)(A), and to appeal this ESA. Each party to this action shall bear its own costs and fees, if any.

Respondent also certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that Respondent has corrected the violations described in the Findings.

After signature, a scanned copy of the signed ESA must be sent by email to Francesco Maimone at the following email address: Maimone.Francesco@epa.gov. The original, signed ESA must be sent by certified mail to:

Francesco Maimone, Physical Scientist
Air Compliance Branch
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
290 Broadway, 21st Floor
New York, NY 10007

The ESA, when executed by both parties and the Regional Judicial Officer and filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, is binding on EPA and Respondent. Upon such filing and Respondent's timely payment of the penalty, EPA agrees it will not take any further civil penalty action against Respondent for the alleged violations of the Act referenced herein.

Nothing in this ESA shall affect the right of EPA or the United States to pursue appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions for any violations of law. This ESA does not relieve, extinguish, or otherwise affect Respondent's obligations to comply with all applicable provisions of the Act and regulations promulgated or permits issued thereunder.

If the signed ESA is not returned to EPA Region 2 as instructed herein by Respondent within forty-five (45) days of the date of Respondent's receipt of it (or within ninety (90) days if an extension is requested and granted), the proposed ESA is withdrawn, without any prejudice regarding EPA's ability to file an enforcement action for the alleged violations identified herein.

Respondent agrees to submit a payment in full of \$6,900 within thirty (30) days of the filing of a fully executed copy of this ESA with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

EPA requests that payments be made through the <http://Pay.gov> website using the following link: <https://www.pay.gov/public/form/start/11751879>.

Please ensure that the following information is included on the payment form:

- i. Amount of payment: \$6,900
- ii. Name of Respondent: Compania Cervecera de Puerto Rico, Inc.
- iii. Docket No.: CAA-02-2024-1208

To ensure your payment is recorded properly, you are required to notify EPA contemporaneously with

the payment. Please send an email message or letter, preferably electronically, that references the date of the payment, the payment amount, the docket number, and your name and address to the following: Francesco Maimone, at his email or address, shown above, and to:

Jean Regna
Assistant Regional Counsel
Office of Regional Counsel
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 2
290 Broadway, 17th Floor
New York, NY 10007-1866
email: Regna.Jean@epa.gov

Milton Wise
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
26 W. Martin Luther King Drive
Attention: FINANCE
MS: NWD
Cincinnati, OH 45268
emails: Wise.Milton@epa.gov and cinwd_acctsreceivable@epa.gov

and

Karen Maples, Regional Hearing Clerk
Office of Regional Counsel
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 2
290 Broadway, 16th Floor
New York, NY 10007-1866
email: Maples.Karen@epa.gov

Failure to pay the penalty when due may subject Respondent to a civil action pursuant to Section 113(d)(5) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. §7413(d)(5), to collect the penalty, including accrued interest, attorney's fees, collection costs, and nonpayment penalties.

For purposes of the requirements of 26 U.S.C. §162(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, the cost of actions taken to come into compliance with the violations identified herein are "restitution or paid to come into compliance with law."

This ESA is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.


FOR RESPONDENT:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name (print): _____

Title (print): _____


Maribel Montes Ramirez
Plant Manager

2-28-2024

FOR COMPLAINANT:

Kate Anderson, Acting Director
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division
U.S. EPA, Region 2

Date: _____

I hereby ratify the ESA and incorporate it herein by reference. It is so ORDERED.

Helen Ferrara
Regional Judicial Officer
U.S. EPA, Region 2

Date: _____

Risk Management Program Findings
CAA §112(r) Violations

Compania Cervecera de Puerto Rico, Inc.
100 Blvd. Alfonso Valdes
Mayaguez, PR 00680

COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT WITH THE ESA

<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>PENALTY AMOUNT</u>
<u>Subpart D Prevention Program</u>	
<i>Process Safety Information [68.65(d)(1)(ii)]</i> The owner or operator failed to provide accurate piping and instrumentation diagrams.	\$600
<i>Process Safety Information [68.65(d)(1)(viii)]</i> The owner or operator failed to provide consistent information regarding safety systems.	\$600
<i>Process Safety Information [68.65(d)(2)]</i> The owner or operator failed to document that equipment complies with recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices.	\$1,500
<i>Operating Procedures [68.69(a)(2)(i)]</i> The owner or operator failed to address consequences of deviations in its operating procedures.	\$1,200
<i>Mechanical Integrity [68.73(e)]</i> The owner or operator failed to correct deficiencies in equipment that were outside acceptable limits in a safe and timely manner.	\$900
<i>Management of Change [68.75(a)]</i> The owner or operator failed to implement written procedures to manage changes that affect the covered process.	\$1,500
<i>Contractors [68.87(b)(5)]</i> The owner or operator failed to periodically evaluate the performance of the contract owner or operator.	\$600
Total Penalty	\$6,900

The approximate cost to correct the above items: \$ 14,900

Compliance staff name: Anette Saiz Rivera

Signed: Anette Saiz Ri- Date: 28 Feb 2024