

#### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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

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## CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Tamna Dunnigan Property Manager Advanced Realty Property Management 2575 Hwy 105 South, Suite 110 Boone, North Carolina 28607

> Re: Advanced Realty Property Management Ratified Consent Agreement and Final Order Docket No. TSCA-04-2014-2512(b)

Dear Ms. Dunnigan:

Enclosed is a copy of the ratified Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) in the above-referenced matter. The original CAFO has been filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk and served on the parties as directed in Section 22.6 of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 C.F.R. Part 22. Please refer to Section V of the CAFO for penalty information and payment requirements. To ensure proper processing, the Respondent's name and Docket Number for this case, identified above and in the CAFO, should be noted on any cashier's or certified check submitted in payment of the penalty.

Also enclosed is a copy of a document entitled "Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings." This document puts you on notice of your potential duty to disclose to the Securities and Exchange Commission any environmental enforcement actions taken by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4. Where used in the document "SEC" refers to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Should you have any questions about this matter or your compliance status in the future, please contact Ms. Brenda Pressley-Little of the EPA Region 4 staff at (404) 562-8231 or email pressley-little.brenda@epa.gov.

Sincerely

Anthony G. Toney

Chief

Chemical Safety and Enforcement Branch

**Enclosures** 

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 4 ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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Advanced Realty Property Management and Referral, Inc.	)	4-2 <del>5</del> 12	(b)날	VI
Respondent.	) ) )			

#### **CONSENT AGREEMENT AND 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), 40 C.F.R. Part

22. The authority to take action under Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a) is

vested in the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The

Administrator of the EPA has delegated this authority under TSCA to the Regional

Administrator of the EPA Region 4 by the EPA Delegation 12-2-A, dated May 11, 1994.

The Regional Administrator of the EPA Region 4 has re-delegated this authority under

TSCA to the Director of the Air, Pesticides, and Toxics Management Division, by the

EPA Region 4 Delegation 12-2-A, dated January 14, 2009. In accordance with 40 C.F.R.

§ 22.3(a), the Complainant in this matter is the Director of the Air, Pesticides, and Toxics

Management Division. Respondent is Advanced Realty Property Management and

- Referral, Inc., a limited liability company, doing business in the State of North Carolina.
- 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 the 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, also known as Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992. Pursuant to Title X, it is a prohibited act under Section 409 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2689, for any person to fail or refuse to comply with a provision of Title X or any rule or order issued under Title X.
- 4. Pursuant to Section 16 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615, the penalty for each violation of Title X of TSCA shall not exceed \$10,000. The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 requires the EPA to review and adjust penalties, as necessary, for inflation at least once every four years. As such, pursuant to the Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties for Inflation Rule, 40 C.F.R. Part 19, the revised maximum penalty for each violation of Title X occurring after January 30, 1997, through January 12, 2009, is \$11,000 and for each violation occurring after January 12, 2009, the maximum penalty is \$16,000.
- 5. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.5(c)(4) the following individual is authorized to receive service for the EPA in this proceeding:

Brenda Pressley-Little Lead and Asbestos Section U.S. EPA Region 4 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960 (404) 562-8231.

#### III. Specific Allegations

- 6. Respondent is a Lessor, as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 745.103, of residential housing located at 3071 Highway 421, Boone, North Carolina. These residential units are "target housing," as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 745.103.
- Respondent's contracts to lease its target housing described above, the EPA alleges that Respondent violated Section 409 of TSCA and 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart F as follows:

  Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.107(a)(1), a Lessor shall provide the Lessee(s) an EPA-approved lead hazard information pamphlet before the Lessee(s) is obligated under any contract to lease target housing. Respondent failed to provide Lessee(s) an EPA-approved lead hazard information pamphlet in at least one lease.

#### IV. Consent Agreement

- 8. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth above and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations set forth above.
- Respondent waives its right to a hearing on the allegations contained herein and its right to appeal the proposed Final Order accompanying the Consent Agreement.
- 10. Respondent consents to the assessment of the penalty proposed by the EPA and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.
- 11. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance with all relevant requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart F.

- 12. Compliance with this CAFO shall resolve the allegations of the violations contained herein. This CAFO shall not otherwise affect any liability of Respondent to the United States. Other than as expressed herein, neither the 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 to pursue criminal enforcement.
- 13. 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 TSCA.

### V. Final Order

- 14. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) which shall be paid within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this CAFO.
- 15. Respondent shall remit the penalty payment by either a cashier's or certified check made payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America."

The Respondent shall note on the face of the check the Respondent's Name and the Docket Number TSCA-04-2014-2512(b) associated with this CAFO.

The penalty payment shall be sent by one of the methods below.

Address for payment submittal using the United States Postal Service (excluding USPS overnight mail):

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Fines and Penalties Cincinnati Finance Center P.O. Box 979077 St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000. Address for payments by USPS overnight mail or other delivery service (e.g., Federal Express, United Parcel Service, DHL, etc.):

U.S. Bank Government Lockbox 979077 US EPA Fines & Penalties 1005 Convention Plaza Mail Station SL-MO-C2-GL St. Louis, Missouri 63101.

Contact Number: (314) 425-1818.

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

Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. EPA Region 4 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960;

Brenda Pressley-Little Lead and Asbestos Section U.S. EPA Region 4 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960; and

Saundi J. Wilson Office of Environmental Accountability U.S. EPA Region 4 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960.

- 17. 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 pursuant to this CAFO. Any attempt by Respondent to deduct any such payments shall constitute a violation of this CAFO.
- 18. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717, the 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.

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

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

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 binds that

party to this CAFO.

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#### 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:

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Title: Property Many

Complainant: U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

By: Carol A. Kamber for Date: 7915

Beverly Banister, Director

Air Pesticides and Toxics

Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED this 2 5td day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2015

By: Carol Bascher Tourya Floyd
Regional Judicial Officer

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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 Advanced Realty Property Management and Referral, Inc.], Docket Number: TSCA-04-2013-2512(b), to the addressees listed below:

Tamn Dunnigon

(via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested)

Owner

Advanced Realty Property Management and Referral, Inc.

2575 Highway 105 South, Suite 110

Boone, North Carolina 28607

Brenda Pressley-Little

(via EPA's internal mail)

Lead and Asbestos Section

U.S. EPA Region 4

61 Forsyth Street

Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

Robert Caplan, Senior Attorney

(via EPA's internal mail)

Date: 7-22-15

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