

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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

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<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> <u>RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

Mr. Terry Kidwell Director, Loss Prevention & Safety Continental Carbonic Products, Inc. 3985 E. Harrison Ave. Decatur, IL 62526

SUBJ: Expedited Settlement Agreement Continental Carbonic Products, Inc. Docket No. CAA-04-2007-8018(b)

Dear Mr. Kidwell:

Enclosed please find an executed copy of the Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) that resolves the Clean Air Act (CAA) matter (Docket No. CAA-04-2007-8018(b)) involving Continental Carbonic Products, Inc. The ESA was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, as required by 40 C.F.R. Part 22 and became effective on today's date. Penalty payment of \$2,460 has been received, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act Enforcement Section, considers this matter closed.

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 your potential duty to disclose to the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) any environmental enforcement actions taken by the EPA. If you have any questions with regards to the SEC's environmental disclosure requirements, you may refer to the contact phone number at the bottom of the SEC Notice.

If you have any questions, please call Victor Weeks at (404) 562-9189.

Sincerely,

Caron B. Falconer, Chief EPCRA Enforcement Section

Enclosures (2)

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 4

EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

DOCKET NO: <u>CAA-04-2007-8018(b)</u>

This ESA is issued to:

<u>Continental Carbonic Products, Inc.</u> <u>194 Blair Bend Drive</u> Loudon, TN <u>37774</u>

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for violating 40 CFR § 68.67, 40 CFR § 68.69, 40 CFR § 68.75, 40 CFR § 68.79 and Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act.

This Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) is being entered into by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 4, the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division (Complainant), and by Continental Carbonic Products, Inc. (Respondent), pursuant to Section 113(a)(3) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (the "Act"), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3) and (d), and pursuant to 40 CFR § 22.13(b).

ALLEGED VIOLATION

Based on a compliance monitoring inspection conducted at the Respondent's stationary source on December 7, 2005, EPA alleges that the Respondent violated the Act's Chemical Accident Prevention Program when Respondent did not provide evidence that it had:

Retained all process hazards analyses, including updates or revalidations for the life of the covered process as required by 40 CFR § 68.67(g);

Developed and implemented written operating procedures that address the following elements found at 40 CFR § 68.69(a): steps for each operating phase, including (1)(ii) normal operations and (1)(vii) startup following a turnaround, or after an emergency shutdown; operating limits, including (2)(i) consequences of deviation and (2)(ii) steps required to correct or avoid deviation; safety and health considerations, including (3)(i) properties of, and hazards presented by the chemicals used in the process, (3)(ii) precautions necessary to prevent exposure, including engineering controls, administrative controls and personal protective equipment, 3(iii) control measures to be taken if physical contact or airborne exposure occurs; and (4) safety systems and their functions;

Certified the operating procedures (i.e., that the procedures are current and accurate) on an annual basis as required by 40 CFR § 68.69(c);

Established and implemented written management of change procedures as required by 40 CFR § 68.75(a); and

At least every three years, evaluated its compliance with the prevention program requirements and certified that its procedures and practices are adequate and are being followed as required by 40 CFR § 68.79(a);

SETTLEMENT

In consideration of Respondent's size, its full compliance history, its good faith effort to comply, and other factors as justice may require, and upon consideration of the entire record the parties enter into the ESA in order to settle the violations cited above, for the total penalty amount of **\$2460**.

This settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions: the Respondent by signing below admits the jurisdictional allegations contained herein, neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations contained herein, and consents to the assessment of the penalty as stated above; Respondent waives its rights to a hearing afforded by Section 113(d)(2)(A) of the Act, 42 U.S.C § 7413(d)(2)(A), and to contest the allegations contained in this ESA; and each party to this action shall bear its own costs and fees, if any.

Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that the Respondent has corrected the alleged violations listed in this ESA. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of **\$2460.** Please note that payment <u>should</u> <u>not</u> be made until after Respondent receives a copy of the <u>fully executed</u> ESA. Within fifteen (15) days receiving a copy of the fully executed ESA, the Respondent shall send a cashier's check or certified check (payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America") in the amount of **\$2460,** in payment of the full penalty amount to one of the following addresses:

> For payment sent via U.S. Postal Service U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Box 371099M Pittsburgh, PA 15251; or

For payment sent via overnight mail service (FedEx, UPS, ect.) Mellon Client Service Center ATTN: Shift Supervisor, Room 0690 Lockbox 371099M 500 Ross Street Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15262-0001 (Contact Phone Number is 412-234-4381)

The Respondent's name and the Docket Number of this ESA <u>must be included on</u>

the check. The Docket Number is located at the top left corner of the first page of this ESA.

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 ESA to:

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

Victor L. Weeks U. S. EPA Region 4 EPCRA Enforcement Section 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Upon Respondent's payment of the penalty, EPA will take no further civil action against Respondent for the alleged violations of the Act referenced in this ESA. EPA does not waive any other enforcement action for any other violations of the Act or any other statute. The following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Caron B. Falconer U. S. EPA - Region 4 61 Forsyth St., S. W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303 (404) 562-8451

This ESA is binding on the parties signing below.

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

FOR RESPONDENT:

Date: 6 and)avid WR Name (print):

Title (print): ________ Continental Carbonic Products, Inc.

FOR COMPLAINANT:

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Date: 5/24107

Beverly H. Barfister Director Air, Pesticides & Toxics Management Division Region 4

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

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Susan B. Schub Regional Judicial Officer

Date: <u>June 28 2007</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement, in the matter of Continental Carbonic Products, Inc., CAA-04-2007-8018(b), on the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

(Via EPA's internal mail)

Caron B. Falconer U. S. EPA - Region 4 Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, GA 30303

Jennifer Lewis U. S. EPA - Region 4 Office of Environmental Accountability 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, GA 30303

Mr. Terry Kidwell Director, Loss Prevention & Safety Continental Carbonic Products, Inc. 3985 E. Harrison Ave. Decatur, IL 62526 (Via EPA's internal mail)

(Via Certified Mail -Return Receipt Requested)

Date: <u>6-28-07</u>

Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk Unites States Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303 404-562-9511

Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings

Securities and Exchange Commission Regulations require companies registered with the SEC (e.g., publicly traded companies) to disclose, on at least a quarterly basis, the existence of certain administrative or judicial proceedings taken against them arising under Federal, State or local provisions that have the primary purpose of protecting the environment. Instruction 5 to Item 103 of the SEC's Regulation S-K (17 CFR 229.103) requires disclosure of these environmental legal proceedings. For those SEC registrants that use the SEC's "small business issuer" reporting system, Instructions 1-4 to Item 103 of the SEC's Regulation S-B (17 CFR 228.103) require disclosure of these environmental legal proceedings.

If you are an SEC registrant, you have a duty to disclose the existence of pending or known to be contemplated environmental legal proceedings that meet any of the following criteria (17 CFR 229.103(5)(A)-(C)):

A. Such proceeding is material to the business or financial condition of the registrant;

B. Such proceeding involves primarily a claim for damages, or involves potential monetary sanctions, capital expenditures, deferred charges or charges to income and the amount involved, exclusive of interest and costs, exceeds 10 percent of the current assets of the registrant and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis; or

C. A governmental authority is a party to such proceeding and such proceeding involves potential monetary sanctions, unless the registrant reasonably believes that such proceeding will result in no monetary sanctions, or in monetary sanctions, exclusive of interest and costs, of less than \$100,000; provided, however, that such proceedings which are similar in nature may be grouped and described generically.

Specific information regarding the environmental legal proceedings that must be disclosed is set forth in Item 103 of Regulation S-K, or, for registrants using the "small business issuer" reporting system, Item 103(a)-(b) of Regulation S-B. If disclosure is required, it must briefly describe the proceeding, "including the name of the court or agency in which the proceedings are pending, the date instituted, the principal parties thereto, a description of the factual basis alleged to underlie the proceedings and the relief sought."

You have been identified as a party to an environmental legal proceeding to which the United States government is, or was, a party. If you are an SEC registrant, this environmental legal proceeding may trigger, or may already have triggered, the disclosure obligation under the SEC regulations described above.

This notice is being provided to inform you of SEC registrants' duty to disclose any relevant environmental legal proceeding to the SEC. This notice does not create, modify, or interpret any existing legal obligations, it is not intended to be an exhaustive description of the legally applicable requirements and it is not a substitute for regulations published in the Code of Federal Regulations. This notice has been issued to you for information purposes only. No determination of the applicability of this reporting requirement to your company has been made by any governmental entity. You should seek competent counsel in determining the applicability of these and other SEC requirements to the environmental legal proceeding at issue, as well as any other proceedings known to be contemplated by government authorities.

If you have any questions about the SEC's environmental disclosure requirements, please contact the Office of Chief Counsel of the SEC's Division of Corporation Finance. The phone number is (202) 551-3500.

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