UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION III Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

: U.S. EPA Docket No. TSCA-03-2022-0079
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: Proceeding under Section 16(a) of the Toxic
: Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. Section
: 2615(a)

CONSENT AGREEMENT

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 1. This Consent Agreement is entered into by the Director of the Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III ("Complainant") and JP Stone & Construction, LLC ("Respondent") (collectively the "Parties"), pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 2615(a), and the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits ("Consolidated Rules of Practice"), 40 C.F.R. Part 22. TSCA authorizes the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to assess penalties and undertake other actions required by this Consent Agreement. The Administrator has delegated this authority to the Regional Administrative penalties to the Complainant. This Consent Agreement and the attached Final Order (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Consent Agreement and Final Order") resolve Complainant's civil penalty claims against Respondent under Section 409 of TSCA (or the "Act") for the violations alleged herein.
- 2. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2) and (3) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, Complainant hereby simultaneously commences and resolves this administrative proceeding.

JURISDICTION

- 3. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has jurisdiction over the above-captioned matter, as described in Paragraph 1, above.
- 4. The Consolidated Rules of Practice govern this administrative adjudicatory proceeding

pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.1(a)(5) and 22.4.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 5. For purposes of this proceeding only, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth in this Consent Agreement and Final Order.
- 6. Except as provided in Paragraph 5, above, Respondent neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations set forth in this Consent Agreement.
- 7. Respondent agrees not to contest the jurisdiction of EPA with respect to the execution of this Consent Agreement, the issuance of the attached Final Order, or the enforcement of this Consent Agreement and Final Order.
- 8. For purposes of this proceeding only, Respondent hereby expressly waives its right to contest the allegations set forth in **this Consent Agreement and Final Order** and waives its right to appeal the accompanying Final Order.
- 9. Respondent consents to the assessment of the civil penalty stated herein, to the issuance of any specified compliance order herein, and to any conditions specified herein.
- 10. Respondent shall bear its own costs and attorney's fees in connection with this proceeding.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 11. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2) and (3) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, Complainant alleges and adopts the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth immediately below.
- 12. Congress passed the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (The "Act"), 42 U.S.C §§ 4851 to 4586, to address the need to control exposure to lead-based paint hazards. The Act amended TSCA by adding *Subchapter IV— Lead Exposure Reduction*, TSCA Section 401 to 412, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2681 to 2692.
- 13. Section 402(c) of TSCA 15 U.S.C. § 2682, required the Administrator of EPA to promulgate regulations for the certification of individuals engaged in renovation or remodeling activities in target housing, public buildings built before 1978, and commercial buildings.
- 14. Under the RRP Rule, each person who performs for compensation, a renovation of target housing or a child-occupied facility must be trained and certified by an EPA accredited training provider to conduct renovation, remodeling and/or painting activities in target housing and/or child-occupied facilities or must be employed by an EPA-certified renovation firm.

- 15. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.83, the term "firm" means "a company, partnership, corporation, sole proprietorship or individual doing business, association or other business entity; a Federal, State, Tribal or local government agency; or a nonprofit organization."
- 16. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.83, the term "renovation" means "the modification of any existing structure, or portion thereof that results in the disturbance of painted surfaces, unless that activity is performed as part of an abatement as defined by 40 C.F.R. § 745.223."
- 17. Pursuant to Section 401(17) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2681(17), the term "target housing" means "any housing constructed prior to 1978, except housing for the elderly or persons with disabilities (unless any child who is less than 6 years of age resides or is expected to reside in such housing) or any 0-bedroom dwelling."
- 18. Respondent, at all times relevant to the violations alleged in this Consent Agreement, was a "firm" who performed a "renovation," as those terms are defined at 40 C.F.R. § 745.83, at the property located at 147 Pennsylvania Ave., Westminster, MD 21157 ("Renovation Property").
- 19. The Renovation Property was constructed prior to 1978 and is "target housing" as that term is defined in Paragraph 17 above.
- 20. Respondent acted as a subcontractor for CPM Home & Outdoor, LLC ("CPM Home"). CPM Home entered into a renovation contract with the owner of the Renovation Property on September 18, 2019 for the purpose of performing a "renovation for compensation" pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.82(a) at the Renovation Property.
- 21. As a Subcontractor, Respondent performed "renovation for compensation" activities as these terms are defined at 40 C.F.R. § 745.83, including scraping, prep for painting, and exterior painting at the Renovation Property. The EPA on-site inspection at the Renovation Property on November 13, 2019 confirmed that Respondent was performing a "renovation for compensation" at that time.
- 22. JP Stone was not an EPA-certified firm pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.89 at the time of the "renovation for compensation" performed at the Renovation Property on or around November 13, 2019.
- 23. The above referenced "renovation for compensation" did not involve a renovation in target housing or child-occupied facility in which:
 - "a written determination ha[d] been made by an inspector or risk assessor ... that the components affected by the renovation are free of paint or other surface coatings that contain lead equal to or in excess of 1.0 milligrams/per square centimeter ...," as provided at 40 C.F.R. § 745.82(a)(1);

- (2) "a certified renovator, using an EPA recognized test kit ..., has tested each component affected by the renovation and determined that the components are free of paint or other surface coatings that contain lead equal to or in excess of 1.0 milligrams/per square centimeter ...," as provided at as provided at 40 C.F.R. § 745.82(a)(2); or
- (3) "a certified renovator has collected a paint chip sample from each painted component affected by the renovation and a laboratory recognized by EPA ... has determined that the samples are free of paint or other surface coatings that contain lead equal to or in excess of 1.0 milligrams/per square centimeter ... ," as provided at 40 C.F.R. § 745.82(a)(3).
- 24. EPA received a tip/complaint from the Maryland Department of the Environment ("MDE") on November 4, 2019 alleging CPM Home's noncompliance with the RRP Rule. The tip/complaint indicated that MDE observed Respondent following unsafe work practices while performing a renovation for compensation at the Renovation Property. MDE submitted a copy of its report and pictures to support the allegations.
- 25. In response to the tip/complaint, the Complainant conducted an on-site inspection at the Renovation Property on November 13, 2019 to observe renovation activities and Respondent's level of compliance with the RRP Rule's work practice standards ("Site Inspection"). On the morning of January 28,2020, Complainant conducted a records inspection at Respondent's office to further determine Respondent's level of compliance with the RRP Rule ("Records Inspection").
- 26. During the November 13, 2019 Site Inspection, the EPA Inspector took 13 photos of the Renovation property which provided proof of three work practice violations including no posted signage clearly defining the work area as required under 40 C.F.R. § 745.85(1), no plastic sheeting or other material extending 10 feet beyond the perimeter of surfaces undergoing renovation as required under 40 C.F.R. § 745.85(a)(2)(ii)(C), and no vertical containment or equivalent extra precautions in containing the work area as required under 40 C.F.R. § 745.85(a)(2)(ii)(D).
- 27. During the January 28, 2020 Records Inspection, Respondent stated that he was not an EPA-certified firm as required under 40 C.F.R. § 745.89. Respondent also acknowledged that he did not employ a certified renovator at the time of the Site Inspection on November 13, 2019 as required under 40 C.F.R. § 745.89(d)(2).
- 28. Respondent was not able to produce to the EPA Inspector any proof of written acknowledgement of receipt of EPA's *Renovate Right* Pamphlet from the owners of the Renovation Property pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.84(a)(1).

Count I Failure to Obtain EPA-Firm Certification

- 29. The information and allegations in the preceding paragraphs of this Consent Agreement are incorporated herein by reference.
- 30. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §745.89(a) and 40 C.F.R. § 745.81(a)(2)(ii), on or after April 22, 2010, no firm may perform, offer, or claim to perform renovations without certification from EPA under 40 C.F.R. § 745.89, in target housing or child-occupied facilities, unless the renovation qualifies for one of the exceptions identified in 40 C.F.R. § 745.82.
- 31. At the time of the renovation described in paragraph 21 above, on or around November 13, 2019, Respondent's firm was not certified to perform, offer, or claim to perform renovations under 40 C.F.R. § 745.89 and the renovation for compensation performed at the Renovation Property did not qualify for the exceptions identified in 40 C.F.R. § 745.82.
- 32. Respondent's failure to obtain initial firm certification from EPA under 40 C.F.R. § 745.89(a), prior to performing a renovation at the Renovation Property on or around November 13, 2019 constitutes a violation of 40 C.F.R § 745.87(a), and Sections 15 and 409 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2614 and 2689.

Count II Failure to Ensure that Certified Renovators were Assigned to the Renovation

- 33. The information and allegations in the preceding paragraphs of this Consent Agreement are incorporated herein by reference.
- 34. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.89(d)(2), firms performing renovations "must ensure that a certified renovator is assigned to each renovation performed by the firm and discharges all of the certified renovator responsibilities identified in § 745.90."
- 35. At the time of the renovation described in paragraph 21 above, on or around November 13, 2019, Respondent's firm did not assign a certified renovator to perform and discharge all of the certified renovator responsibilities for the renovation for compensation performed at the Renovation Property.
- 36. Respondent's failure to ensure that certified renovators were assigned to the renovation performed at the Renovation Property under 40 C.F.R. § 745.89(d)(2) on or around November 13, 2019 constitutes a violation of 40 C.F.R § 745.87(a), and Sections 15 and 409 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2614 and 2689.

Count III

Failure to Distribute to Property Owners a Copy of EPA's Pamphlet Entitled, "The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right" ("Renovate Right Pamphlet")

- 37. The information and allegations in the preceding paragraphs of this Consent Agreement are incorporated herein by reference.
- 38. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.84(a)(1), the firm performing a renovation must provide to the owner of the Target Housing a copy of the Renovate Right Pamphlet "No more than 60 days before beginning renovation activities in any residential dwelling unit of target housing[.]"
- 39. To fully comply with 40 C.F.R. § 745.84(a)(1), the firm performing the renovation must also either: 1) obtain written acknowledgement that the owner received the Renovate Right Pamphlet pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.84(a)(1)(i); or 2) "obtain a certificate of mailing at least 7 days prior to the renovation" pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.84(a)(ii).
- 40. At the time of the renovation described in Paragraph 21 above, on or around November 13, 2019, Respondent's firm had not provided to the owner of the Target Housing a Renovate Right Pamphlet and did not obtain a written acknowledgement of receipt from the owners that they received the pamphlet or received a certificate of mailing at least 7 days prior to the renovation.
- 41. Respondent's failure to distribute to the property owner a copy of EPA's *Renovate Right* pamphlet at the Renovation Property and failure to obtain a written acknowledgement of receipt from the owners that they received the pamphlet under 40 C.F.R § 745.84(a) constitutes a violation of 40 C.F.R § 745.87(a), and Sections 15 and 409 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2614 and 2689.

Count IV

Failure to Post Signage Clearly Defining the Work Area and Warning Persons Not Involved in the Renovation to Remain Outside of the Work Area

- 42. The information and allegations in the preceding paragraphs of this Consent Agreement are incorporated herein by reference.
- 43. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.85(a)(1), the firm performing a renovation "must post signs clearly defining the work area and warning occupants and other persons not involved in renovation activities to remain outside of the work area... These signs must be posted before beginning the renovation and must remain in place and readable until the renovation and the post-renovation cleaning verification have been completed."
- 44. At the time of the renovation described in Paragraph 21 above, on or around November 13, 2019, Respondent's firm did not post the appropriate signage clearly identifying the work area and warning other persons not involved in the renovation to remain outside of the work area.

45. Respondent's failure to post the appropriate signs identifying the work area and warning others to remain outside of the work area prior to beginning a renovation on or around November 13, 2019 constitutes a violation of 40 C.F.R § 745.87(a), and Sections 15 and 409 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2614 and 2689.

Count V

Failure to Cover the Ground with Plastic Sheeting or Other Disposable Impermeable Material Extending 10 Feet Beyond the Perimeter of the Surfaces Undergoing Renovation

- 46. The information and allegations in the preceding paragraphs of this Consent Agreement are incorporated herein by reference.
- 47. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.85(a)(2)(ii)(C), the firm performing a renovation must "cover the ground with plastic sheeting or other disposable impermeable material extending 10 feet beyond the perimeter of the surfaces undergoing renovation or a sufficient distance to collect falling paint debris, whichever is greater, unless the property line prevents 10 feet of such ground covering" before beginning the renovation.
- 48. At the time of the renovation described in Paragraph 21 above, on or around November 13, 2019, Respondent's firm did not cover the ground with plastic sheeting or other disposable impermeable material extending 10 feet beyond the perimeter of surfaces undergoing renovation or a sufficient distance to collect falling paint debris.
- 49. Respondent's failure to cover the ground with plastic sheeting or other disposable impermeable material extending 10 feet beyond the perimeter of the surfaces undergoing renovation on or around November 13, 2019 constitutes a violation of 40 C.F.R § 745.87(a), and Sections 15 and 409 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2614 and 2689.

Count VI

Failure to Take Extra Precautions in Containing the Work Area to Ensure Dust and Debris Does Not Contaminate Other Areas of the Property or Migrate to Adjacent Properties

- 50. The information and allegations in the preceding paragraphs of this Consent Agreement are incorporated herein by reference.
- 51. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.85(a)(2)(ii)(D), the firm performing a renovation that will affect surfaces within 10 feet of the property line "must erect vertical containment or equivalent extra precautions in containing the work area to ensure that dust and debris from the renovation does not contaminate adjacent buildings or migrate to adjacent properties."
- 52. At the time of the renovation described in Paragraph 21 above, on or around November 13, 2019, Respondent's firm did not erect vertical containment or equivalent extra precautions in containing the work area to prevent dust and debris from the renovation from contaminating adjacent buildings or migrating to adjacent properties.

53. Respondent's failure to erect vertical containment or equivalent extra precautions in containing the work area to ensure dust and debris from the renovation did not contaminate other buildings or migrate to adjacent properties on or around November 13, 2019 during the renovation constitutes a violation of 40 C.F.R § 745.87(a), and Sections 15 and 409 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2614 and 2689.

CIVIL PENALTY

- 54. In settlement of EPA's claims for civil penalties for the violations alleged in this Consent Agreement, Respondent consents to the assessment of a civil penalty in the amount of THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$3,124.00), which Respondent shall be liable to pay in accordance with the terms set forth below.
- 55. The civil penalty is based upon EPA's consideration of a number of factors, including the penalty criteria ("statutory factors") set forth in Section 16(a)(2)(B) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a)(2)(B), including the following: the nature, circumstances, extent and gravity of the violations, and with respect to Respondent's ability to pay, effect on ability to continue to do business, any history of prior such violations, the degree of culpability, and such other matters as justice may require. These factors were applied to the particular facts and circumstances of this case with specific reference to EPA's *Consolidated Enforcement Response and Penalty Policy for the Pre-Renovation Education Rule; Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule*; and Lead-Based Paint Activities *Rule* ("LBP Consolidated ERPP"), revised April 2013, and the applicable *Graduated Penalty Approach for TSCA RRP Rule and Abatement Rule Enforcement Settlements* issued on September 20, 2019, the appropriate *Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties for Inflation*, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 19, and the applicable EPA memoranda addressing EPA's civil penalty policies to account for inflation.
- 56. Payment of the civil penalty amount, and any associated interest, administrative fees, and late payment penalties owed, shall be made by either cashier's check, certified check or electronic wire transfer, in the following manner:
 - a. All payments by Respondent shall include reference to Respondent's name and address, and the Docket Number of this action, *i.e.*, TSCA-03-2022-0079;
 - b. All checks shall be made payable to the "United States Treasury";
 - c. All payments made by check and sent by regular mail shall be addressed and mailed to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Cincinnati Finance Center P.O. Box 979077 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000 d. For additional information concerning other acceptable methods of payment of the civil penalty amount see:

https://www.epa.gov/financial/makepayment

e. A copy of Respondent's check or other documentation of payment of the penalty using the method selected by Respondent for payment shall be sent simultaneously by email to:

Patrick J. Foley Assistant Regional Counsel Foley.Patrick.J@epa.gov

and

U.S. EPA Region III Regional Hearing Clerk <u>R3_Hearing_Clerk@epa.gov</u>

- 57. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717 and 40 C.F.R. § 13.11, EPA is entitled to assess interest and late payment penalties on outstanding debts owed to the United States and a charge to cover the costs of processing and handling a delinquent claim, as more fully described below. Accordingly, Respondent's failure to make timely payment of the penalty as specified herein shall result in the assessment of late payment charges including interest, penalties and/or administrative costs of handling delinquent debts.
- 58. Payment of the civil penalty is due and payable immediately upon Respondent's receipt of a true and correct copy of the fully executed and filed Consent Agreement and Final Order. Receipt by Respondent or Respondent's legal counsel of such copy of the fully executed Consent Agreement and Final Order, with a date stamp indicating the date on which the Consent Agreement and Final Order was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, shall constitute receipt of written initial notice that a debt is owed EPA by Respondent in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 13.9(a).
- 59. INTEREST: In accordance with 40 C.F.R § 13.11(a)(1), interest on the civil penalty assessed in this Consent Agreement and Final Order will begin to accrue on the date that a copy of the fully executed and filed Consent Agreement and Final Order is mailed or hand-delivered to Respondent. However, EPA will not seek to recover interest on any amount of the civil penalties that is paid within thirty (30) calendar days after the date on which such interest begins to accrue. Interest will be assessed at the rate of the United States Treasury tax and loan rate in accordance with 40 C.F.R § 13.11(a).
- 60. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS: The costs of the EPA's administrative handling of overdue debts will be charged and assessed monthly throughout the period a debt is overdue. 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(b). Pursuant to Appendix 2 of EPA's *Resources Management Directives Case Management*, Chapter 9, EPA will assess a \$15.00 administrative handling charge for administrative costs on unpaid penalties for the first

thirty (30) day period after the payment is due and an additional \$15.00 for each subsequent thirty (30) days the penalty remains unpaid.

- 61. LATE PAYMENT PENALTY: A late payment penalty of six percent per year will be assessed monthly on any portion of the civil penalty that remains delinquent more than ninety (90) calendar days. 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(c). Should assessment of the penalty charge on the debt be required, it shall accrue from the first day payment is delinquent. 31 C.F.R. § 901.9(d).
- 62. Respondent agrees not to deduct for federal tax purposes the civil penalty assessed in this Consent Agreement and Final Order.
- 63. The parties consent to service of the Final Order by e-mail at the following valid email addresses: Foley.Patrick.J@epa.gov (for Complainant), and Jpstone81@yahoo.com (for Respondent).

GENERAL SETTLEMENT CONDITIONS

- 64. By signing this Consent Agreement, Respondent acknowledges that this Consent Agreement and Final Order will be available to the public and represents that, to the best of Respondent's knowledge and belief, this Consent Agreement and Final Order does not contain any confidential business information or personally identifiable information from Respondent.
- 65. Respondent certifies that any information or representation it has supplied or made to EPA concerning this matter was, at the time of submission true, accurate, and complete and that there has been no material change regarding the truthfulness, accuracy or completeness of such information or representation. EPA shall have the right to institute further actions to recover appropriate relief if EPA obtains evidence that any information provided and/or representations made by Respondent to the EPA regarding matters relevant to this Consent Agreement and Final Order, **including information about respondent's ability to pay a penalty**, are false or, in any material respect, inaccurate. This right shall be in addition to all other rights and causes of action that EPA may have, civil or criminal, under law or equity in such event. Respondent and its officers, directors and agents are aware that the submission of false or misleading information to the United States government may subject a person to separate civil and/or criminal liability.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

66. Respondent certifies to EPA, upon personal investigation and to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it currently is in compliance with regard to the violations alleged in this Consent Agreement.

OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS

67. Nothing in this Consent Agreement and Final Order shall relieve Respondent of its

obligation to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, nor shall it restrict EPA's authority to seek compliance with any applicable laws or regulations, nor shall it be construed to be a ruling on the validity of any federal, state or local permit. This Consent Agreement and Final Order does not constitute a waiver, suspension or modification of the requirements of TSCA or any regulations promulgated thereunder.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

68. This Consent Agreement and Final Order resolves only EPA's claims for civil penalties for the specific violations alleged against Respondent in this Consent Agreement and Final Order. EPA reserves the right to commence action against any person, including Respondent, in response to any condition which EPA determines may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health, public welfare, or the environment. This settlement is subject to all limitations on the scope of resolution and to the reservation of rights set forth in Section 22.18(c) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(c). EPA reserves any rights and remedies available to it under TSCA, the regulations promulgated thereunder and any other federal law or regulation to enforce the terms of this Consent Agreement and Final Order after its effective date.

EXECUTION /PARTIES BOUND

69. This Consent Agreement and Final Order shall apply to and be binding upon the EPA, the Respondent and the officers, directors, employees, contractors, successors, agents and assigns of Respondent. By his or her signature below, the person who signs this Consent Agreement on behalf of Respondent is acknowledging that he or she is fully authorized by the Respondent to execute this Consent Agreement and to legally bind Respondent to the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and Final Order.

EFFECTIVE DATE

70. The effective date of this Consent Agreement and Final Order is the date on which the Final Order, signed by the Regional Administrator of EPA, Region III, or his/her designee, the Regional Judicial Officer, is filed along with the Consent Agreement with the Regional Hearing Clerk pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

71. This Consent Agreement and Final Order constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the Parties regarding settlement of all claims for civil penalties pertaining to the specific violations alleged herein and there are no representations, warranties, covenants, terms, or conditions agreed upon between the Parties other than those expressed in this Consent Agreement and Final Order. In Re: J.P. Stone & Construction LLC EPA Docket No. TSCA-03-2022-0079

For Respondent: JP Stone & Construction, LLC Date: By: Juan Molina Owner

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For the Complainant:

After reviewing the Consent Agreement and other pertinent matters, I, the undersigned Director of the Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, agree to the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and recommend that the Regional Administrator, or his/her designee, the Regional Judicial Officer, issue the attached Final Order.

By:

[Digital Signature and Date] Karen Melvin, Director Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division U.S. EPA – Region III Complainant

Attorney for Complainant:

By:

[Digital Signature and Date] Patrick J. Foley Assistant Regional Counsel U.S. EPA – Region III

BEFORE THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION III Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

IN THE MATTER OF:	DOCKET NO.: TSCA-03-2022-0079
JP Stone & Construction, LLC 2304 Hamilton Circle	: FINAL ORDER :
Baltimore, MD 21237 Respondent.	: : :

FINAL ORDER

Complainant, the Director of the Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region III, and Respondent, JP Stone & Construction, LLC, have executed a document entitled "Consent Agreement," which I hereby ratify as a Consent Agreement in accordance with the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits ("Consolidated Rules of Practice"), 40 C.F.R. Part 22, (with specific reference to Sections 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2) and (3)). The terms of the foregoing Consent Agreement are accepted by the undersigned and incorporated into this Final Order as if fully set forth at length herein.

Based upon the representations of the parties in the attached Consent Agreement, the penalty agreed to therein is based upon consideration of the *Consolidated Enforcement Response* and Penalty Policy for the Pre-Renovation Education Rule; Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule; and Lead-Based Paint Activities Rule ("LBP Consolidated ERPP"), revised April 2013, and the statutory factors set forth in Section 16(a)(2)(B) of the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"), 15 U.S.C. § 215(a)(2)(B), and EPA's September 20, 2019 Graduated Penalty Approach for TSCA RRP Rule and Abatement Rule Enforcement Settlements and the appropriate Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties for Inflation, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 19.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. Section 2615, and Section 22.18(b)(3) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Respondent pay a civil penalty in the amount of *THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$3,124.00)* in accordance with the payment provisions set forth in the Consent Agreement and in 40 C.F.R. § 22.31(c), and comply with the terms and conditions of the Consent Agreement.

This Final Order constitutes the final Agency action in this proceeding. This Final Order shall not in any case affect the right of the Agency or the United States to pursue appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief, or criminal sanctions for any violations of the law. This Final Order resolves only those causes of action alleged in the Consent Agreement and does not waive, extinguish or otherwise affect Respondent's obligation to comply with all applicable provisions

of Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615, and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

The effective date of the attached Consent Agreement and this Final Order is the date on which this Final Order is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

Date:

By:

Joseph J. Lisa Regional Judicial and Presiding Officer U.S. EPA Region III

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION III Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

In the Matter of:	:
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Baltimore, MD 21237	:
	: Proceeding under Section 16(a) of the Toxic
Respondent.	: Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. Section
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing *Consent Agreement and Final Order* was filed with the EPA Region III Regional Hearing Clerk on the date that has been electronically stamped on the *Consent Agreement and Final Order*. I further certify that on the date set forth below, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing to each of the following persons, in the manner specified below, at the following addresses:

Copy served via email to:

Juan Molina JP Stone & Construction, LLC Jpstone81@yahoo.com 2304 Hamilton Circle Baltimore, MD 21237

Patrick J. Foley Assistant Regional Counsel U.S. EPA, Region III Foley.Patrick.J@epa.gov Craig Yussen Chemical Engineer U.S. EPA, Region III Yussen.Craig@epa.gov

Dated: _____

[Digital Signature and Date]

Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III

TRACKING NUMBER(S):_____