



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 4
ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER
61 FORSYTH STREET
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

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Ms. Lee F. Moio
President
VC Group Corporation
11685 Manchester Road
St. Louis, Missouri 63131

Re: VC Group Corporation
Consent Agreement and Final Order
Docket No.: TSCA-04-2011-2528(b)

Dear Ms. Moio:

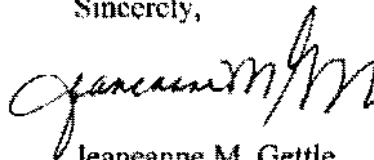
Enclosed is a copy of the ratified Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) in the above-referenced matter. The original CAFO has been filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk and served on the parties as directed in Section 22.6 of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 CFR Part 22.

As stated in Section V of the CAFO, the assessed penalty of \$16,441.50 is due within 30 days from the effective date. Please ensure that the face of your cashier's or certified check includes the name of the respondent and the docket number of this case. Penalty payment questions should be directed to Mr. Bryson Lehman either by telephone at (513) 487-2123 or by written correspondence to his attention at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Cincinnati Accounting Operations at the address identified in the CAFO.

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 EPA.

Should you have any questions about this matter or your compliance status in the future, please call me at (404) 562-8979 or Mr. Verne George of the EPA Region 4 staff at (404) 562-8988.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeaneanne M. Gettle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

Jeaneanne M. Gettle
Chief
Pesticides and Toxic
Substances Branch

Enclosures

UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

In the Matter of:)
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VC Group Corporation F/K/A Vertex)
Chemical Corporation)
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Respondent)
_____)

Docket No. TSCA-04-2011-2528(b)

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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. Complainant is the Director of the Air, Pesticides, and Toxics Management Division, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4. Respondent is VC Group Corporation (F/K/A) Vertex Chemical Corporation.
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 authority to take action under Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), is vested in the Administrator of EPA. The Administrator of EPA has delegated this authority under TSCA to EPA Region 4 by EPA Delegation 12-2-A, dated May 11, 1994.
4. Pursuant to Section 15 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2614, it is unlawful for any person to:
 - (1) fail or refuse to comply with any rule or order promulgated pursuant to Sections 4, 5, 8, 12 or 13 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2603, § 2604, § 2607, § 2611 or § 2612); (2) use for commercial purposes a chemical substance or mixture that the person knew or had reason to know was manufactured, imported, processed, or distributed in commerce in violation of TSCA Section 5, 15 U.S.C. § 2604; (3) fail to maintain records, submit reports or information, or permit access to or allow copying of records as required by TSCA; and (4) refuse to permit entry or inspection as authorized by Section 11 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2610.
5. Any person who violates a provision of Section 15 of TSCA shall be liable for a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for each such violation, in accordance with Section 16(a) of TSCA. The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 requires 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 occurring after January 30, 1997, through March 15, 2004, is \$27,500, for each violation occurring after March 15, 2004, through January 12, 2009, the maximum penalty for each violation is

\$32,500, and for each violation occurring after January 12, 2009, the maximum penalty for each violation is \$37,500. Each day a violation continues may constitute a separate violation.

6. All Confidential Business Information (CBI) in this CAFO has been redacted. To determine the identity of the chemical substance referenced in this CAFO or the CBI that was deleted (CBI deleted), Complainant and/or Respondent should refer to the show cause letter dated August 23, 2010, sent to the Respondent identifying the potential violations of TSCA and notifying the Respondent of the opportunity to show cause why EPA should not proceed with an enforcement action.
7. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.5(c)(4), the following individual is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Verne George
Chemical Products and Asbestos Section
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960
(404) 562-8988

III. Specific Allegations

8. Respondent owns and operates a chemical manufacturing plant located at 2825 Channel Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.
9. On January 20, 2011, Articles of Amendment were filed with the Tennessee Department of State to change the name Vertex Chemical Corporation to VC Group Corporation.
10. Respondent is a manufacturer as the term is defined in 40 C.F.R. § 704.3.
11. On May 20, 2009, Complainant contacted Respondent to schedule an inspection for June 24, 2009, to determine compliance with TSCA Sections 4, 5, 8, 12 and 13 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2603, 2604, 2607, 2611 and 2612.

12. On or about June 16, 2009, Respondent submitted a voluntary disclosure to EPA Headquarter in Washington, D.C..
13. The voluntary disclosure revealed Respondent failed to submit a 2006 Inventory Update Report (IUR) for [CBI deleted] hereinafter referred to as Chemical A.
14. On June 24, 2009, an authorized agent of EPA Region 4 conducted an inspection at Respondent's place of business pursuant to Section 11(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2610(a).
15. During the inspection, Respondent provided a copy of the voluntary disclosure to EPA Inspector.
16. Upon review of the voluntary disclosure and Respondent's production records, it was determined that a reportable quantity of Chemical A was produced in 2005.
17. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 710.45, Chemical A is chemical substance for which information must be reported on the 2006 IUR.
18. During the reporting period (August 25, 2006 through March 23, 2007) described in 40 C.F.R. § 710.53, Respondent failed to submitted Chemical A's 2006 IUR to EPA in Washington D.C..
19. Respondent violated 40 C.F.R. § 710.52 by failing to submit Chemical A's 2006 IUR to EPA during the reporting period.

IV. Consent Agreement

20. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth above and neither admits nor denies the allegations set forth above.
21. 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.

22. Respondent consents to the assessment of the penalty proposed by EPA and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.
23. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance with the TSCA regulations referenced in this CAFO.
24. 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 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.
25. 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

26. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of **SIXTEEN THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED FORTY ONE DOLLARS and Fifty Cents (\$16,441.50)** which shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the effective date.
27. 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 associated with this CAFO.** The penalty payment shall be sent by one of the following methods to the address identified for the method chosen.

Address for payment submittal using the United States Postal Service:

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

Address for payment submittal using other mail service (e.g., Federal Express, United Parcel Service (UPS), DHL, etc.):

U.S. Bank
1005 Convention Plaza
Mail Station SL-MO-C2GL
St. Louis, Missouri 63101
Contact Person: Natalie Pearson (314) 418-4087

28. 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, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960;

Verne George
Chemical Products and Asbestos Section
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960; and

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

29. 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 made

pursuant to this CAFO. Any attempt by Respondent to deduct any such payments shall constitute a violation of this CAFO.

30. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717, 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. In addition, a late payment penalty charge shall be applied on any principal amount not paid within 90 days of the due date.
31. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.
32. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors and assigns.
33. The undersigned representative of the party 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.

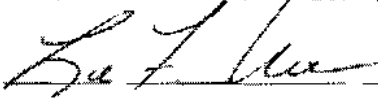
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VI. Effective Date

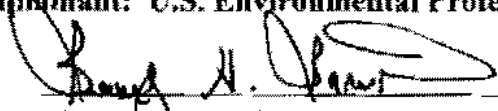
34. The effective date of this CAFO shall be the date on which the CAFO is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

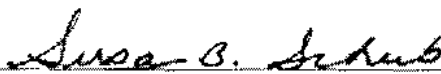
Respondent: VC Group Corporation
Docket No.: TSCA-04-2011-2528(b)

By:  Date: 3/21/2011
Name: LEE F. PROISIO
Title: PRESIDENT, CEO

Complainant: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

By:  Date: 4/7/11
Beverly H. Banister
Director
U.S. EPA Region 4
Air, Pesticides and Toxics
Management Division

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED this 14th day of April, 2011.

By: 
Susan B. Schub
Regional Judicial Officer

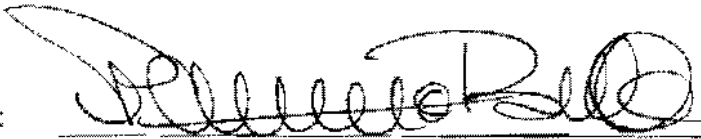
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 VC Group Corporation F/K/A Vertex Chemical Corporation, Docket Number: TSCA-04-2011-2528(b), to the addressees listed below.

Lee F. Moisisio (via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested)
President
VC Group Corporation
11685 Manchester Road
St. Louis, MO 63131

Verne George (via EPA's internal mail)
Chemical Products and Asbestos Section
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Robert Caplan (via EPA's internal mail)
Office of Environmental Accountability
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

By: 

Date: 4-14-11

Patricia A. Bullock
Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth St., S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303

(404) 562-9511

EPA ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CONTROL NUMBER FORM

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ORIGINATING OFFICE:

(Attach a copy of the final order and transmittal letter to Defendant/Respondent)

This form was originated by: Saundl Wilson on 4/12/01
(Name) (Date)

in the Region 4, ORC, OEA at (404) 562-9504
(Office) (Telephone Number)

Non-SF Judicial Order/Consent Decree
USAO COLLECTS

Administrative Order/Consent Agreement
FMO COLLECTS PAYMENT

SF Judicial Order/Consent Decree
DOJ COLLECTS

Oversight Billing - Cost Package required:
Sent with bill

Other Receivable

Not sent with bill

This is an original debt

Oversight Billing - Cost Package not required

This is a modification

PAYEE: VC Group Corporation, d/b/a Vertex Chemical Corp
(Name of person and/or Company/Municipality making the payment)

The Total Dollar Amount of the Receivable: \$ 16,441.50
(If installments, attach schedule of amounts and respective due dates. See Other side of this form.)

The Case Docket Number: TXP 01 2011 2578W

The Site Specific Superfund Account Number: _____

The Designated Regional/Headquarters Program Office: _____

The IFMS Accounts Receivable Control Number is: _____ Date: _____

If you have any questions, please call: _____ of the Financial Management Section at: _____

DISTRIBUTION:

A. **JUDICIAL ORDERS:** Copies of this form with an attached copy of the front page of the **FINAL JUDICIAL ORDER** should be mailed to:

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| 1. Debt Tracking Officer
Environmental Enforcement Section
Department of Justice RM 1647
P.O. Box 7611, Benjamin Franklin Station
Washington, D.C. 20044 | 2. Originating Office (EAD) |
| | 3. Designated Program Office |

B. **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS:** Copies of this form with an attached copy of the front page of the Administrative Order should be to:

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| 1. Originating Office | 3. Designated Program Office |
| 2. Regional Hearing Clerk | 4. Regional Counsel (EAD) |