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Mr. Thomg Vu J. T. Future, Incorporated 4750 Candacraig Drive Alpharetta, GA 30022

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I. Statutory Authority

- 1. This is a civil penalty proceeding pursuant to Section 309(g)(2)(A) of the Clean Water Act ("CWA"), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(2)(A), and the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, Issuance of Compliance or Corrective Action Orders and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits, including Subpart I, published at 64 Fed. Reg. 40176 (July 23, 1999) and codified at 40 Code of Federal Regulations ("C.F.R.") Part 22.
- 2. The authority to take action under Section 309(g)(2)(A) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(2)(A), is vested in the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"). The Administrator has delegated this authority to the Regional Administrator, Region 4, who in turn has delegated this authority to the Director of the Water Management Division, EPA, Region 4, who in turn has delegated this authority to the Chief of the Water Programs Enforcement Branch, EPA, Region 4 ("Complainant").

II. Allegations

- 3. At all times relevant to this action, J. T. Future, Incorporated ("Respondent"), was a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and, therefore, a "person" within the meaning of Section 502(5) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(5).
- 4. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent owned and/or operated a construction site known as Indian Trail Plaza ("Facility") located at 1300 Indian Trail Road, Norcross, Georgia.
- 5. To accomplish the objective of the CWA {defined in Section 101(a) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1251(a), as to restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the nation's waters}, Section 301(a) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a), prohibits the discharge of pollutants by any person into waters of the United States except as in compliance with a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit issued pursuant to Section 402 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1342.

identifying the receiving water and areal extent of wetland acreage at the site. These items were not identified on the Plan reviewed during the CSWEI.

- D. Part IV.D.2.a.(1) of the Permit by failing to ensure that the Plan contained a description of interim and permanent stabilization measures, including site specific scheduling of the implementation of the measures within fourteen (14) days after construction activity in that portion of the site had temporarily or permanently ceased. No seeding or mulching required by the Plan was observed by the EPA inspector during the CSWEI.
- E. Part IV.D.2.a.(3) of the Permit by failing to construction a permanent sedimentation basin as required by the Plan. A temporary sedimentation basin, which needed maintenance by removal of sediments, was observed during the CSWEI; this basin was not contained in the Plan. The underground sedimentation basin required by the Plan had not been constructed at the time of the CSWEI.
- F. Part IV.D.3.a.(1), Part IV.D.3.a.(2), and Part IV.D.3.a.(3) of the Permit by failing to ensure that qualified personnel inspected: (a) all areas at the site where petroleum products were stored, used or handled for spills and leaks from vehicles and equipment; (b) all locations where vehicles entered or exited the site for evidence of off-site sediment tracking; and (c) measured rainfall once each twenty-four (24) hour period at the site. Respondent also failed to ensure that qualified personnel inspected the site at least once every seven (7) calendar days and within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of a storm of 0.5 inches or greater. Inspection reports reviewed by EPA did not contain a signature of a qualified inspector or a certification statement.
- G. Part IV.D.4 of the Permit by failing to ensure that the Plan contained a description of procedures to ensure the timely maintenance of vegetation, erosion and sediment control measures and other protective measures identified in the Plan. Seeding and mulching in accordance with the Plan were not observed during the CSWEI.
- H. Part IV.D.5.c.(1) of the Permit by failing to require sampling of the receiving water, or outfall, or a combination of receiving water and outfall. No sampling data was made available for review by the EPA inspector.
- I. Part IV.E.(2) of the Permit by failing to retain copies of all monitoring results. No sampling data was made available for review by the EPA inspector.
- J. Part V.L of the Permit by failing to properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which were installed or used by the Permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of the Permit and with the required Plan. The EPA inspectors observed the lack of maintenance on silt fences and the temporary sedimentation basin located on the northwest portion of the site. The EPA inspector also observed that check dams, rip rap, silt fencing around the site perimeter, the underground sedimentation pond, and stabilization were not installed according to the Plan.
- 13. Therefore, Respondent violated Sections 301 and 402(p) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1311 and 1342(p), by failing to comply with Parts III.C.1, III.C.2, IV.C, IV.D.1, IV.D.2.a.(1), IV.D.2.a.(3), IV.D.3.a.(1), IV.D.3.a.(2), IV.D.3.a.(3), IV.D.4., IV.D.5.c.(1), IV.E.(2) and V.L of the Permit.

III. Stipulations and Findings

- 14. 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 ("CA/FO") will simultaneously commence and conclude this matter.
- 15. For the purposes of this CA/FO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set out above and admits the factual allegations set out above.
- 16. Respondent hereby waives its right to contest the allegations set out above and its right to appeal the Final Order accompanying this Consent Agreement.
- 17. Respondent consents to the assessment of and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CA/FO and consents to the other conditions set forth in this CA/FO.
- 18. By signing this CA/FO, Respondent certifies that the information it has supplied concerning this matter was at the time of submission, and is, truthful, accurate, and complete for each such submission, response and statement. Respondent realizes that there are significant penalties for submitting false or misleading information, including the possibility of fines and/or imprisonment for knowing submission of such information.
- 19. EPA reserves the right to assess and collect any and all civil penalties for any violation described herein to the extent that any information or certification provided by Respondent was materially false or inaccurate at the time such information or certification was provided to EPA.
- 20. Complainant and Respondent agree to settle this matter by their execution of this CA/FO. The parties agree that the settlement of this matter is in the public interest and that this CA/FO is consistent with the applicable requirements of the CWA.

IV. Payment

- 21. Pursuant to Section 309(g)(2)(A) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(2)(A), and 40 C.F.R. Part 19, and considering the nature of the violations and other relevant factors, EPA has determined that Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00) is an appropriate civil penalty to settle this action.
- 22. Respondent shall submit payment of the penalty specified in the preceding paragraph within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this CA/FO via a cashier's or certified check, payable to the order of "Treasurer, United States of America." The check shall reference on its face the name of Respondent and the Docket Number of this CA/FO. Such payment shall be tendered to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Cincinnati Operations Accounting Mellon Lockbox 371099M Pittsburgh, PA 15251-7099

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Pursuant to Section 309(g)(9) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(9), failure by Respondent to pay the penalty assessed by the CA/FO in full by its due date may subject Respondent to a civil action to collect the assessed penalty plus interest (at currently prevailing rates from the effective date of this CA/FO), attorney's fees, costs for collection proceedings and a quarterly nonpayment penalty for each quarter during which such failure to pay persists. Such nonpayment penalty shall be in an amount equal to twenty percent (20%) of the aggregate amount of such penalty and nonpayment penalty which are unpaid as of the beginning of such quarter. In any such collection action, the validity, amount and appropriateness of the penalty and of this CA/FO shall not be subject to review.

V. General Provisions

- 28. This CA/FO shall not relieve Respondent of its obligation to comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state, or local law, nor shall it be construed to be a ruling on, or determination of, any issue related to any federal, state, or local permit. Other than as expressed herein, compliance with this CA/FO shall not be a defense to any actions subsequently commenced pursuant to federal laws and regulations administered by EPA.
- 29. Nothing in this CA/FO shall be construed as prohibiting, altering, or in any way limiting the ability of the United States to seek any other remedies or sanctions available by virtue of Respondent's violation of this CA/FO or of the statutes and regulations upon which this CA/FO is based, or for Respondent's violation of any federal or state statute, regulation or permit.
- 30. Except as otherwise set forth herein, this CA/FO constitutes a settlement by Complainant and Respondent of all claims for civil penalties pursuant to the CWA with respect to only those violations alleged in this CA/FO. Except as otherwise set forth herein, compliance with this CA/FO shall resolve the allegations of violations contained herein. Nothing in this CA/FO is intended to nor shall be construed to operate in any way to resolve any criminal liability of Respondent, or other liability resulting from violations that were not alleged in this CA/FO. Other than as expressed herein, Complainant does not waive 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.
- 31. Each undersigned representative of the parties to this CA/FO certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this CA/FO and to execute and legally bind that party to it.
- 32. This CA/FO applies to and is binding upon Respondent and its officers, directors, employees, agents, successors and assigns.

- 33. Any change in the legal status of Respondent, including but not limited to any transfer of assets of real or personal property, shall not alter Respondent's responsibilities under this CA/FO.
- 34. Each party shall bear its own costs and attorneys fees in connection with the action resolved by this CA/FO.
- 35. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.5, the individuals below are authorized to receive service relating to this proceeding.

For Complainant:

Adam Sowatzka
Associate Regional Counsel
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960
(404) 562-89527

For Respondent:

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- 36. The parties acknowledge and agree that this CA/FO is subject to the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 22.45(c)(4), which provides a right to petition to set aside a Consent Agreement and proposed Final Order based on comments received during the public comment period.
- 37. Pursuant to Section 309(g) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g), and 40 C.F.R. § 22.38(b), Complainant represents that the State of Georgia was provided a prior opportunity to consult with Complainant regarding this matter.

VI. Effective Date

Douglas/F Mundrick, P.E., Chief Water Programs Enforcement Branch Water (Management Division U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4	Date:	
For RESPONDENT, J. T. FUTURE, INC. Thomas Vu. Vice President	Date: 12/12/05	

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U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Date: Mar. 13 2006

Susan B. Schub

Regional Judicial Officer

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By hand-delivery:

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