

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8 1595 WYNKOOP STREET DENVER, CO 80202-1129 Phone 800-227-8917 http://www.epa.gov/region08

## DOCKET NO.: TSCA-08-2007-0011

IN THE MATTER OF:

MERYASH FAMIY TRUST

#### **FINAL ORDER**

RESPONDENT

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §22.18, of EPA's Consolidated Rules of Practice, the Consent Agreement resolving this matter is hereby approved and incorporated by reference into this Final Order. The Respondent is hereby **ORDERED** to comply with all of the terms of the Consent Agreement, effective immediately upon receipt by Respondent of this Consent Agreement and Final Order.

SO ORDERED THIS 24th DAY OF Oc 2007.

Elvana R. Sutin

Regional Judicial Officer

### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8

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In the Matter of:

Meryash Family Trust,

Respondent.

#### CONSENT AGREEMENT

Complainant, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8 (EPA), and Respondent, Meryash Family Trust, by their undersigned representatives, hereby consent and agree as follows:

1. On September 25, 2007, Complainant issued a Complaint alleging certain violations of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act ("Residential Lead Hazard Act") and the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA") The Complaint proposed a civil penalty for the violation alleged therein.

2. Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations of the Complaint and neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations of the Complaint.

3. Respondent waives its right to a hearing before any tribunal, to contest any issue of law or fact set forth in the Complaint, or this Consent Agreement.

4. This Consent Agreement, upon incorporation into a final order, applies to and is binding upon EPA and upon Respondent and Respondent's heirs, successors or assigns. Any change in ownership or corporate status of Respondent, including, but not limited to, any transfer of assets or real or personal property, shall not alter Respondent's responsibilities under this agreement. This Consent Agreement contains all terms of the settlement agreed to by the parties.

5. Respondent consents and agrees to pay a civil penalty in the amount of four thousand six hundred and forty (\$4,640) dollars in eight (8) penalty installment payments of five hundred and eighty dollars (\$580) in the manner described below:

a. The first penalty installment payment is due on or before December 1, 2007. The second penalty installment of \$580 is due on or before March 1, 2008. The third penalty installment of \$580 is due on or before June 1, 2008. The fourth penalty installment of \$580 is due on or before September 1, 2008. The fifth penalty installment of \$580 is due on or before

before December 1, 2008. The sixth penalty installment of \$580 is due on or before March 1, 2009. The seventh penalty installment of \$580 is due on or before June 1, 2009. The eight and final penalty installment of \$580 is due on or before September 1, 2009. If the due date falls on a weekend or legal federal holiday, the due date is the next business day. The date the payment is made is considered to be the date of the deposit ticket (standard form 215) issued by the Mellon Bank. Payments must be received by 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time to be considered as received that day.

b. Respondent shall make these **eight** installment payments by remitting a cashier's or certified check, including the name and docket number of this case (Meryash Family Trust; Docket No. TSCA-08-2007-0011), for the specified amount, payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," to:

Regular Mail:

US Environmental Protection Agency Fines and Penalties Cincinnati Finance Center PO Box 979077 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

For payments sent in a manner other than by regular mail or for payments other than by check, please see the instructions in attachment 1 entitled "Collection Information."

A copy of the check shall be sent simultaneously to:

Tina Artemis Regional Hearing Clerk (8RC) U.S. EPA Region 8 1595 Wynkoop Denver, CO 80202-1129

c. In the event a payment is not received by the specified due date, interest on the remaining unpaid balance accrues from the date of the final order, not the due date, at a rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717, and will continue to accrue until payment in full is received. (I.e., on the 1<sup>st</sup> late day, 30 days of interest accrues). Respondent agrees and consents that if Respondent fails to pay the penalty amount on the due dates set forth above, any unpaid balance thereof, shall become due and owing by the Respondent, or EPA, in its sole discretion, may waive all or part of such acceleration and or such interest payment.

- d. In addition, in the event an installment payment is not received by the due date specified in this Consent Agreement, a handling charge of fifteen dollars (\$15) shall be assessed on the 31st day from the date of the final order, and each subsequent thirty day period that the debt, or any portion thereof, remains unpaid. In addition, a six percent (6%) per annum penalty shall be assessed on any unpaid principal amount if payment is not received within 90 days of the due date (i.e., the 121st day from the date the final order is signed). Payments are first applied to handling charges, 6% penalty interest, late interest, and any balance is then applied to the outstanding principal amount.
- e. Respondent agrees that the penalty shall never be claimed as a federal or other tax deduction or credit.

6. Nothing in this Consent Agreement shall relieve Respondent of the duty to comply with TSCA and its implementing regulations.

7. Failure by Respondent to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Agreement shall constitute a breach of the consent agreement and may result in referral of the matter to the Department of Justice for enforcement of this agreement and for such other relief as may be appropriate.

8. Nothing in this Consent Agreement shall be construed as a waiver by the EPA or any other federal entity of its authority to seek costs or any appropriate penalty associated with any collection action instituted as a result of Respondent's failure to perform pursuant to the terms of this Consent Agreement.

9. The undersigned representative of Respondent certifies that he/she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and to bind Respondent to the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement.

10. The parties agree to submit this Consent Agreement to the Regional Judicial Officer, with a request that it be incorporated into a final order.

11. Each party shall bear its own costs and attorney fees in connection with this matter.

12. This Consent Agreement, upon incorporation into a final order by the Regional Judicial Officer and full satisfaction by the parties, shall be a complete and full civil settlement of the specific violations alleged in the Complaint.

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Date: 10/18/2007

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 8,

By:

Michael T. Risner, Director David J. Janik, Supervisory Enforcement Attorney Legal Enforcement Program

By:

Martin Hestmark, Director Technical Enforcement Program

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Eduardo Quintana Senior Enforcement Attorney Legal Enforcement Program

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> Meryash Family Trust, Respondent.

Date: 10-16-200

By: <u>Roberta herges</u> LITEE Name: <u>ROBERTA MERYASH</u> TTEE

### ATTACHMENT 1 COLLECTION INFORMATION

#### WIRE TRANSFERS:

Wire transfers should be directed to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Federal Reserve Bank of New York ABA = 021030004 Account = 68010727 SWIFT address = FRNYUS33 33 Liberty Street New York NY 10045 Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read " D 68010727 Environmental Protection Agency "

OVERNIGHT MAIL:

U.S. Bank 1005 Convention Plaza Mail Station SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101

Contact: Natalie Pearson 314-418-4087

ACH (also known as REX or remittance express):

Automated Clearinghouse (ACH) for receiving US currency PNC Bank 808 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC 20074 Contact - Jesse White 301-887-6548 ABA = 051036706 Transaction Code 22 - checking Environmental Protection Agency Account 310006 CTX Format

ON LINE PAYMENT:

There is now an On Line Payment Option, available through the Dept. of Treasury. This payment option can be accessed from the information below:

WWW.PAY.GOV Enter sfo 1.1 in the search field

Open form and complete required fields.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that the original of the attached **CONSENT AGREEMENT/FINAL ORDER** in the matter **MERYASH FAMILY TRUST; DOCKET NO.: TSCA-080-2007-0011** was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk on October 24, 2007.

Further, the undersigned certifies that a true and correct copies of the documents were delivered to Eduardo Quintana, Enforcement Attorney, U. S. EPA – Region 8, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202-1129. True and correct copies of the aforementioned document was placed in the United States mail certified/return receipt requested on October 24, 2007, to:

Meryash Family Trust 199 LaRancheria Carmel Valley, CA 93924

E-mailed to:

Michelle Angel U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Cincinnati Finance Center 26 W. Martin Luther King Drive (MS-0002) Cincinnati, Ohio 45268

October 24, 2007

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Tina Artemis Paralegal/Regional Hearing Clerk

