

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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

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Mr. Richard Harris President Pjur Group USA, LLC 1680 Michigan Ave. Miami Beach, Florida 33139

SUBJ: Docket No. FIFRA-04-2009-3028(b)

Pjur Group USA, LLC

Dear Mr. Harris:

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 C.F.R. Part 22.

As stated in Section IV of the CAFO, the initial payment of \$1,992.54 of the assessed penalty of \$7,738.00 is due within 30 days from the effective date. Section IV also provides information on when remaining payments are due. Please ensure that the face of your cashier's or certified check includes the name of the company and the docket number of this case.

Penalty payment questions should be directed to Ms. Lori Weidner either by telephone at (513) 487-2125 or by written correspondence to her attention at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Cincinnati Accounting Operations address identified in the CAFO. Should you have any questions about this matter or your compliance status in the future, please call me at (404) 562-8979 or Ms. Melba Table at (404) 562-9086.

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 (SEC) any environmental enforcement actions taken by EPA.

Sincerely,

Jeaneanne M. Gettle

Chief

Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch

Enclosures

Mr. Craig Bryant, FLDACS cc:

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ATLANTA, GEORGIA

| In the Matter of: |) | |
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| Pjur Group USA, LLC |) | Docket No. FIFRA-04-2009-3028(b) |
| Respondent. |) | |
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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

I. Nature of the Action

- 1. This is a civil penalty proceeding pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Federal Insecticide,
 Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a) (FIFRA), 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 CFR Part 22. Complainant is the Director of the Air, Pesticides, and Toxics
 Management Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 (EPA).
 Respondent is Pjur Group USA, LLC.
- 2. Complainant and Respondent have conferred for the purpose of settlement pursuant to 40 CFR § 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 CFR § 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 14(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136*l*(a), is vested in the Administrator of EPA. The Administrator of EPA has delegated this authority under FIFRA to EPA Region 4 by EPA Delegation 5-14, dated May 11, 1994.
- 4. Pursuant to 40 CFR § 22.5(c)(4) the following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Melba Table
Pesticides Section
U.S. EPA - Region 4
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960
(404) 562-9086.

- Respondent is Pjur Group USA, a Florida corporation, located at 1680 Michigan Avenue,
 Miami Beach, FL 33139.
- 6. Respondent is a "person" as defined by Section 2(s) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(s), and as such is subject to FIFRA and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

III. Specific Allegations

- 7. On or about November 26, 2008, an authorized representative of the EPA conducted a website inspection at www.pjurusa.com. During the inspection, "Pjur Med Clean Wipes" and "Pjur Med Clean Spray Lotion" were identified as being offered for sale on the Respondent's website.
- 8. "Pjur Med Clean Wipes" and "Pjur Med Clean Spray Lotion" are pesticides as defined in Section 2(u) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(u), which includes any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest.
- 9. A pest is defined in Section 2(t) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. §136(t), as any insect, rodent, nematode, fungus, weed, or any other form of terrestrial or aquatic plant or animal life or

- virus, bacteria, or other micro-organism (except viruses, bacteria, or other microorganisms on or in living man or other living animals) which the Administrator declares to be a pest under Section 25(c)(1) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136w(c)(1).
- 10. At the time of the aforementioned inspection, the "Pjur Med Clean Wipes" and "Pjur Med Clean Spray Lotion" were not registered as pesticides with EPA.
- 11. Under Section 12(a)(1)(A) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(A), it is unlawful for any person in any State to distribute or sell any pesticide that is not registered under Section 3 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136a.
- 12. Respondent violated Section 12(a)(1)(A) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(A), on one occasion for each product and is therefore subject to the assessment of civil penalties under Section 14 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l.
- 13. Section 14(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. §136*l*(a), in conjunction with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, authorizes the assessment of a civil penalty.
- 14. Section 14(a)(4) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a)(4), requires EPA to consider the appropriateness of the assessed penalty to the size of business of the Respondent, the effect on Respondent's ability to continue in business, and the gravity of the violation. After consideration of the factors set forth in Section 14(a)(4) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a)(4), the EPA proposes to assess a total civil penalty of SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$7,738) against the Respondent for the above-described violations. Civil penalties under Section 14(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a), may be assessed by Administrative Order.

III. Consent Agreement

- 15. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth above and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations set forth above.
- 16. 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.
- 17. Respondent consents to the assessment of the penalty proposed by EPA and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.
- 18. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance with all relevant requirements of FIFRA.
- 19. 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.
- 20. 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 FIFRA.

IV. Final Order

21. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED

THIRTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$7,738), plus interest at three percent per annum which
shall be paid according to the schedule agreed upon as shown in this section.

22. The first installment payment of \$1,992.54 shall be made on July 1, 2009 or within 30 days from the date this CAFO is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, whichever is later. The remaining three installment payments will be made as set forth below:

DATE AMOUNT

November 1, 2009 \$1,992.54

March 1, 2010 \$1,992.54

July 1, 2010 \$1,992.54

23. Respondent shall remit the penalty by either a cashier's or certified check made payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," and shall send the check via U.S. mail to the following address:

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

The check shall reference on its face the name of the

Respondent and the Docket Number assigned to this CAFO. ime of payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of the check and

24. 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;

Melba Table
Pesticides Management Section
U.S. EPA - Region 4
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960; and

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

- 25. 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.
- 26. 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.
- 27. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.
- 28. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors and assigns.
- 29. 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.

V. Effective Date

Date: 4001/ 28 2009

Date: 4/9/09

30. 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:

Pjur Group USA, LLC Docket No. FIFRA04-2009₂3028(b)

y: Mylia (Signature

Name: // Chard Harro (Typed or Printed)

Title: (Typed or Printed)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Carol L. Kemker, Acting Division Director

Air, Pesticides and Toxics
Management Division
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

Triana, Georgia 30303-0700

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED this 18 day of June 2009.

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 Pjur Group USA, LLC, Docket Number: FIFRA-04-2009-3028(b), to the addressees listed below.

Mr. Richie Harris Pjur Group USA, LLC 33418 Old Saint Joe Road Dade City, Florida 33525 (via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested)

Ms. Melba Table Pesticide Section U.S. EPA Region 4 61 Forsyth S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303

(via EPA's internal mail)

Mr. Robert Caplan
Office of Environmental Accountability
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth S.W.

(via EPA's internal mail)

Date: 6-19-09

Atlanta, GA 30303

Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 Atlanta Federal Center

61 Forsyth St., SW Atlanta, GA 30303 (404) 562-9511

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