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Ms. Leah Barnett  
Executive Assistant  
Alabama Aircraft Industries, Inc.  
1943 50<sup>th</sup> Street North  
Birmingham, AL 35212

SUBJ: Docket No. TSCA-04-2008-2537(b)  
Alabama Aircraft Industries, Inc.

Dear Ms. Barnett:

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 18 of the CAFO, the assessed penalty of \$3,289.00 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 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. Mary Summers at (404) 562-8997.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeaneanne M. Gettle".

Jeaneanne M. Gettle  
Chief  
Pesticides and Toxic  
Substances Branch

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In the Matter of: )  
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ALABAMA AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIES, )  
INC. )  
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Respondent. )  
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Docket No. TSCA-04-2008-2537(b)

**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, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 (EPA). Respondent is Alabama Aircraft Industries, Inc.
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 Administrator of EPA promulgated rules in 40 C.F.R. Part 761, pursuant to Section 6(e) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2605. Failure to comply with any such rule constitutes a violation of Section 15 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2614. Any person who violates a provision of Section 15 of TSCA may be assessed a penalty of up to \$27,500 for each such violation occurring between January 30, 1997, and March 15, 2004, in accordance with Section 16(a) of TSCA and 40 C.F.R. Part 19, as amended. For each such violation occurring after March 15, 2004, a penalty of up to \$32,500 may be assessed. Each day a violation continues may constitute a separate violation.
4. 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.
5. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.5(c)(4) the following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Mary Summers  
PCB and Chemical Products  
Management Section  
U.S. EPA Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960  
(404) 562-8997.

## **III. Specific Allegations**

6. Respondent owns a facility located at 1943 N. 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Birmingham, Alabama.  
Respondent is a "person" as defined in 40 C.F.R. §761.3.
7. A Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) Item, as defined in 40 C.F.R. §761.3, is any PCB Article, PCB Article Container, PCB Container, PCB Equipment, or anything that deliberately or unintentionally contains or has a part of it any PCB or PCBs.

8. On or about April 23, 2008, an inspection was conducted at Respondent's facility to determine compliance with regulations promulgated under Section 6(e) of TSCA pertaining to PCBs.
9. Respondent had in building 79, sub 8, a General Electric (GE) Pyranol Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) Transformer, serial number B975514 in use. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 761.180(a) all owners of PCBs and PCB Items in service or projected for disposal, beginning February 5, 1990, shall develop and maintain at the facility all annual records and the written annual document log of the disposition of PCBs and PCB Items. Respondent failed to include their GE PCB Transformer, in their annual records and annual document logs for calendar year 2004, as required.
10. Respondent had in building 79, sub 8, a General Electric (GE) Pyranol Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) Transformer, serial number B975514 in use. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 761.180(a) all owners of PCBs and PCB Items in service or projected for disposal, beginning February 5, 1990, shall develop and maintain at the facility all annual records and the written annual document log of the disposition of PCBs and PCB Items. Respondent failed to include their GE PCB Transformer, in their annual records and annual document logs for calendar year 2005, as required.
11. Respondent had in building 79, sub 8, a General Electric (GE) Pyranol Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) Transformer, serial number B975514 in use. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 761.180(a) all owners of PCBs and PCB Items in service or projected for disposal, beginning February 5, 1990, shall develop and maintain at the facility all annual records and the written annual document log of the disposition of PCBs and PCB Items. Respondent failed to include their GE PCB Transformer, in their annual records and annual document logs for calendar year 2006, as required.

#### **IV. Consent Agreement**

12. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth above and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations.
13. 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.
14. Respondent consents to the assessment of the penalty proposed by EPA and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.
15. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance with all relevant requirements of TSCA.
16. This CAFO constitutes a settlement by EPA of all claims for civil penalties pursuant to Section 16(a) of TSCA, for the specific violations alleged herein. Except as specifically provided in this CAFO, EPA reserves all other civil and criminal enforcement authorities, including the authority to address imminent hazards. Compliance with this CAFO shall not be a defense to any other actions subsequently commenced pursuant to Federal laws and regulations administered by EPA, and it is Respondent's responsibility to comply with said laws and regulations.
17. 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**

18. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of THREE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$3,289.00), which shall be paid within 30 days from the effective date of this CAFO.

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

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

**The check shall reference on its face the name of the  
Respondent and Docket Number of this CAFO.**

For payment submittal by any overnight mail service (Fed Ex, UPS, DHL, etc.), please use the following address:

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

Contact: Natalie Pearson (314) 418-4087

20. At the time of payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of the check and a written statement that the payment has been made in accordance with this CAFO, to each of the following persons at the following addresses:

Regional Hearing Clerk  
U.S. EPA Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960;

Mary Summers  
PCBs and Chemical Products  
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.

21. 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.
22. 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.
23. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.
24. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors and assigns.
25. 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.

**VI. Effective Date**

26. 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:** Alabama Aircraft Industries, Inc.  
**Docket No.:** TSCA-04-2008-2537(b)

By: Doris K. Sewell (Signature) Date: 7-24-08

Name: DORIS K. SEWELL (Typed or Printed)

Title: V.P. LEGAL & CORPORATE AFFAIRS (Typed or Printed)

**Complainant:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

By: Beverly H. Banister for Date: 8/20/08

Beverly H. Banister  
Director  
Air, Pesticides and Toxics  
Management Division  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

**APPROVED AND SO ORDERED** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2008.

By: Susan B. Schub  
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 Alabama Aircraft Industries, Inc., Docket Number: TSCA-04-2008-2537(b), to the addressees listed below.

Ms. Leah Barnett  
Executive Assistant  
Alabama Aircraft Industries Inc.  
1943 50<sup>th</sup> Street North  
Birmingham, AL 35212

(via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested)

Mary Summers  
PCBs and Chemical Products  
Management Section  
U.S. EPA Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

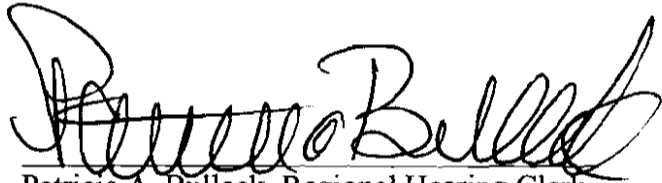
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Robert Caplan  
Office of Environmental Accountability  
U.S. EPA - Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960.

(via EPA's internal mail)

Date:

8-26-08



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

**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: Saundi Wilson on 8/22/08  
(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

Not sent with bill

Other Receivable

Oversight Billing - Cost Package not required

This is an original debt

This is a modification

PAYEE: Alabama Aircraft Industries Inc  
(Name of person and/or Company/Municipality making the payment)

The Total Dollar Amount of the Receivable: \$ 3289  
(If installments, attach schedule of amounts and respective due dates. See Other side of this form.)

The Case Docket Number: TSCA 04 2008 2537 (6)

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<br>Environmental Enforcement Section<br>Department of Justice RM 1647<br>P.O. Box 7611, Benjamin Franklin Station<br>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)    |