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CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

JUN 30 2011

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Mr. Richard Gollner
CHS Acquisition Corp. d/b/a
Chicago, Heights Steel
211 East Main St.
Chicago Heights, IL, 60411

Consent Agreement and Final Order, Docket No. EPCRA-05-2011-0023

Dear Mr. Gollner:

Enclosed is a copy of a fully executed Consent Agreement and Final Order in resolution of the above case. This document was filed on June 30, 2011, with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

The civil penalty in the amount of \$18,270 is to be paid in the manner described in paragraphs 43 and 44. Please be certain that the number DB 2751144E021 and the docket number are written on both the transmittal letter and on the check. Payment is due by July 30, 2011, (within 30 calendar days of the filing date).

Thank you for your cooperation in resolving this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Meghan Dunn".

Meghan Dunn
Pesticides and Toxics Compliance Section

Enclosures

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5

OFFICE OF REGIONAL
COUNSEL
JUN 10 2011

In the Matter of:) Docket No. EPCRA-05-2011-0023
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CHS Acquisition Corporation)
d/b/a Chicago Heights Steel,)
Chicago Heights, Illinois) Proceeding to Assess a Civil Penalty
Respondent.) Under Section 325(c) of the Emergency
Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c)) Planning and Community Right-to-Know

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Consent Agreement and Final Order

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1. This is an administrative action commenced and concluded under Section 325(c) of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c), and Sections 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2) and (3) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules), as codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22.
2. The Complainant is, by lawful delegation, the Director of the Land and Chemicals Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 5.
3. Respondent is CHS Acquisition Corporation, d/b/a/ Chicago Heights Steel (CHS), a corporation doing business in the State of Illinois.
4. Where the parties agree to settle one or more causes of action before the filing of a complaint, the administrative action may be commenced and concluded simultaneously by the issuance of a consent agreement and final order (CAFO). 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b).
5. The parties agree that settling this action without the filing of a complaint or the adjudication of any issue of fact or law is in their interest and in the public interest.
6. Respondent consents to the assessment of the civil penalty specified in this CAFO,

and to the terms of this CAFO.

Jurisdiction and Waiver of Right to Hearing

7. Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations in this CAFO and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations in this CAFO.

8. Respondent waives its right to request a hearing as provided at 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(c), any right to contest the allegations in this CAFO, and its right to appeal this CAFO.

9. Respondent certifies that it is complying with Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023.

Statutory and Regulatory Background

10. The EPA promulgated the Toxic Chemical Release Reporting Community Right-to-Know Rule at 40 C.F.R. Part 372 pursuant to Sections 313 and 328 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 11023 and 11048.

11. Section 313(b) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(b), and 40 C.F.R. § 372.22 provide that the requirements of Section 313 and Part 372 apply to any facility that has 10 or more full-time employees, a Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) 3312 and that manufactures, imports, processes, or otherwise uses a toxic chemical identified at Section 313(c) and listed at 40 C.F.R. § 372.65 in an amount that exceeds the threshold for reporting, as set forth in Section 313(f) and in 40 C.F.R. §§ 372.25 and 372.27.

12. Section 313(a) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(a), and 40 C.F.R. § 372.30 require the owner or operator of a facility subject to the requirements of Section 313 and Part 372 to complete and submit to the Administrator of U.S. EPA and to the state in which the facility is located, no later than July 1, 1988 and each July 1 thereafter, a chemical release form published pursuant to Section 313(g) for each toxic chemical listed under Section 313(c) that was

manufactured, processed, or otherwise used at the facility during the preceding calendar year in a quantity exceeding the threshold established by Section 313(f). See also 40 C.F.R. § 372.25.

13. The EPA made available the Toxic Chemical Release Inventory Reporting Form, U.S. EPA Form 9350-1 (Form R) at 40 C.F.R. § 372.85 pursuant to Section 313(g) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(g).

14. All persons required to report pursuant to Section 313(b) must use Form R according to Section 313(a) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(a).

15. The EPA Administrator may prescribe regulations as may be necessary to carry out EPCRA. 42 U.S.C. § 11048.

16. The reporting threshold for a chemical identified at Section 313(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(c), and listed at 40 C.F.R. § 372.65, that is “processed” at a facility during calendar year 2008 is 25,000 pounds. 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f) and 40 C.F.R. § 372.25(a).

17. The reporting threshold for a chemical identified at Section 313(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(c), and listed at 40 C.F.R. § 372.65, that is “otherwise used” at a facility during calendar year 2008 is 10,000 pounds. 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f) and 40 C.F.R. § 372.25(b).

18. Manganese was a chemical identified at Section 313(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(c), and listed at 40 C.F.R. § 372.65 during calendar year 2008.

19. Certain Glycol Ethers was a chemical identified at Section 313(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(c), and listed at 40 C.F.R. § 372.65 during calendar year 2008.

20. The term “processed” is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 372.3.

21. The term “otherwise used” is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 372.3.

22. Section 325(c)(1) and (3) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c)(1) and (3), authorizes the EPA Administrator to assess a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per day for each violation of

Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023. The Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, 28 U.S.C. § 2461, as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701, required federal agencies to issue regulations adjusting for inflation the maximum civil penalties that can be imposed pursuant to each agency's statutes. The EPA may assess a civil penalty of up to \$37,500 per day for each violation of Section 313 that occurred after January 12, 2009, pursuant to Section 325(c)(1) and (3) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c)(1) and (3), and 40 C.F.R. Part 19.

Factual Allegations and Alleged Violations

23. Respondent is a "person" as that term is defined at Section 329(7) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(7).
24. Respondent is a corporation "incorporated" in the State of Illinois.
25. Respondent owned or operated a facility located at 211 East Main Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois 60411 (facility), during the calendar years 2008.
26. Respondent's facility consists of buildings, equipment and structures and other stationary items which are located on a single site or on contiguous or adjacent sites and which are owned by the same person, entity, or corporation.
27. During the calendar year 2008, Respondent employed at its facility the equivalent of at least 10 employees with total paid hours equal to or more than 20,000 hours per calendar year.
28. Respondent's facility is covered by SIC Code 3312.
29. On July 29, 2009, a representative from the EPA inspected Respondent's facility.
30. During calendar year 2008, Respondent's facility processed 644,958 pounds of manganese, CAS No. 7439-96-5.
31. Respondent failed to submit a Form R for manganese to the Administrator of the

EPA and the State of Illinois for calendar year 2008 on or before July 1, 2009.

32. During calendar year 2008, Respondent's facility otherwise used 98,008 pounds of certain glycol ethers, Chemical Category N230.

33. Respondent failed to submit a Form R for certain glycol ethers to the Administrator of the EPA and the State of Illinois for calendar year 2008 on or before July 1, 2009.

Form R Submissions

34. On August 20, 2009, Respondent submitted a Form R for manganese to the EPA and the State of Illinois for calendar year 2008.

35. On July 9, 2009, Respondent submitted a Form R for certain glycol ethers to the EPA and the State of Illinois for calendar year 2008.

Count 1

36. Complainant incorporates paragraphs 1 through 35 of this CAFO as if set forth in this paragraph.

37. Respondent's failure to timely submit a Form R for manganese to the Administrator of the EPA and the State of Illinois for the 2008 calendar year violated Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023, and 40 C.F.R. § 372.30.

38. Respondent's violation of Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023, and 40 CFR § 372.30 makes Respondent liable to the United States for a civil penalty under Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c).

Count 2

39. Complainant incorporates paragraphs 1 through 35 of this CAFO as if set forth in this paragraph.

40. Respondent's failure to timely submit a Form R for certain glycol ethers to the

Administrator of the EPA and the State of Illinois for the 2008 calendar year violated Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023, and 40 C.F.R. § 372.30.

41. Respondent's violation of Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023, and 40 CFR § 372.30 makes Respondent liable to the United States for a civil penalty under Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c).

Civil Penalty

42. Pursuant to Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045, Complainant determined that an appropriate civil penalty to settle this action is \$18,270. In determining the penalty amount, Complainant considered the nature, circumstances, extent and gravity of the violations, and with respect to Respondent, its ability to pay, prior history of violations, economic benefit or savings resulting from the violations, and any other matters as justice may require. Complainant also considered U.S. EPA's *Enforcement Response Policy for Section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (1986) and Section 6607 of the Pollution Prevention Act (1990) (amended) (April 12, 2001)*.

43. Within 30 days after the effective date of this CAFO, Respondent must pay a \$18,270 penalty for the EPCRA violations. Respondent must pay the penalty by sending a cashier's or certified check, payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," to:

Checks sent by regular U.S. Postal Service mail:

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

Checks sent by express mail:

U.S. Bank
Government Lockbox 979077
U.S. EPA Fines and Penalties
1005 Convention Plaza
Mail Station SL-MO-C2GL
St. Louis, MO 63101

The check must note the case title, the docket number of this CAFO and the billing document number.

44. A transmittal letter, stating Respondent's name, the case title, Respondent's complete address, the case docket number and the billing document number must accompany the payment. Respondent must send a copy of the check and transmittal letter to:

Regional Hearing Clerk (E-19J)
U.S. EPA, Region 5
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604

Meghan Dunn (LC-8J)
Pesticides and Toxics Compliance Section
U.S. EPA, Region 5
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604

Nidhi O'Meara (C-14J)
Office of Regional Counsel
U.S. EPA, Region 5
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604

45. This civil penalty is not deductible for federal tax purposes.

46. If Respondent does not pay the civil penalty timely, U.S. EPA may bring an action to collect any unpaid portion of the penalty with interest, handling charges, nonpayment penalties and the United States' enforcement expenses for the collection action. The validity, amount and appropriateness of the civil penalty are not reviewable in a collection action.

47. Pursuant to 31 C.F.R. § 901.9, Respondent must pay the following on any amount overdue under this CAFO. Interest will accrue on any amount overdue from the date the payment was due at a rate established pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717. Respondent must pay a \$15 handling charge each month that any portion of the penalty is more than 30 days past due. In addition, Respondent must pay a 6 percent per year penalty on any principal amount 90 days past due.

General Provisions

48. This CAFO resolves only Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations and facts alleged in the CAFO.

49. This CAFO does not affect the right of the U.S. EPA or the United States to pursue appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions for any violations of law.

50. This CAFO does not affect Respondent's responsibility to comply with EPCRA and other applicable federal, state, and local laws.

51. This CAFO is a "final order" for purposes of U.S. EPA's Enforcement Response Policy for Section 313 of EPCRA.

52. The terms of this CAFO bind Respondent, its successors, and assigns.

53. Each person signing this agreement certifies that he or she has the authority to sign for the party whom he or she represents and to bind that party to its terms.

54. Each party agrees to bear its own costs and attorney's fees in this action.

55. This CAFO constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

CHS Acquisition Corporation, d/b/a Chicago Heights Steel, Respondent

6/19/11

Date



Richard Gollner, Secretary and Treasurer
CHS Acquisition Corporation,
d/b/a Chicago Heights Steel

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Complainant

6/24/11

Date



Margaret M. Guerriero
Director
Land and Chemicals Division

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Final Order

This Consent Agreement and Final Order, as agreed to by the parties, shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk. This Final Order concludes this proceeding pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.18 and 22.31. IT IS SO ORDERED.

6-27-11

Date



Susan Hedman
Regional Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the original signed copy of the Consent Agreement and Final Order in resolution of the civil administrative action involving CHS Acquisition Corp., d/b/a Chicago Heights Steel., was filed on June 30, 2011, with the Regional Hearing Clerk (E-19J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, and that I mailed, by Certified Mail, Receipt No. 7009 1680 0000 7666 9030, a copy of the original to the Respondents:

Mr. Richard Gollner
CHS Acquisition Corp.
d/b/a Chicago, Heights Steel
211 East Main St.
Chicago Heights, IL, 60411

and forwarded intra-Agency copies to:

Marcy Toney, Regional Judicial Officer, ORC/C-14J
Nidhi O'Meara, Counsel for Complainant ORC/C-14J
Eric Volck, Cincinnati Finance/MWD



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