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Mr. Getulio Perelli
Perelli Enterprises, Inc.
d/b/a Advantage Sintered Metals
60 Creek Road
Battle Creek, Michigan 49015

Consent Agreement and Final Order, Docket No. EPCRA-05-2009-0030

Dear Mr. Perelli:

Enclosed is a copy of a fully executed Consent Agreement and Final Order in resolution of the above case. This document was filed on September 18, 2009, with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

The civil penalty in the amount of \$12,468 is to be paid in the manner described in paragraphs 40 and 41. In the comment or description field of the electronic funds transfer, please state: Perelli Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Advantage Sintered Metals, Inc, the docket number of this CAFO (above), and the following billing document number BD 2750944E033. Payment is due by October 18, 2009 (within 30 calendar days of the filing date).

Thank you for your cooperation in resolving this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Allen".

Robert Allen
Pesticides and Toxics Compliance Section

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In the Matter of:)	Docket No. EPCRA-05-2009-0030
)	
Perelli Enterprises, Inc.)	
d/b/a Advantage Sintered Metals, Inc.)	Proceeding to Assess a Civil Penalty
Battle Creek, Michigan)	Under Section 325(c) of the Emergency
)	Planning and Community Right-to-Know
Respondent.)	Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c)
_____)	

Consent Agreement and Final Order
Commencing and Concluding a Proceeding

Preliminary Statement

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 the Director of the Land and Chemicals Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 5.
3. Respondent is Perelli Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Advantage Sintered Metals, Inc., a corporation doing business in the State of Michigan.
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) 3399 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, 372.27 and 372.28.

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 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).

13. EPA published the Toxic Chemical Release Inventory Reporting Form, EPA Form 9350-1 (1-88) (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 Administrator of EPA 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 during the 2006 calendar year is 25,000 pounds. 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f) and 40 C.F.R. § 372.25(a).

17. Copper 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 the 2006 calendar year.

18. The term “processed” is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 372.55.

19. Section 325(c)(1) and (3) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c)(1) and (3), authorizes the Administrator of EPA 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 note (1990), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act

of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701 note (1996), required federal agencies to issue regulations adjusting for inflation the maximum civil penalties that can be imposed pursuant to each agency's statutes. EPA may assess a civil penalty of up to \$27,500 per day for each violation of Section 313 that occurred from January 31, 1997 through March 15, 2004, and may assess a civil penalty of up to \$32,500 per day for each violation of Section 313 that occurred after March 15, 2004 through 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

20. Respondent is a "person" as defined by Section 329(7) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(7).

21. Respondent is a corporation "incorporated" in the State of Michigan.

22. Respondent owned or operated a facility located at 60 Clark Road, Battle Creek, Michigan during the calendar years 2005 and 2006.

23. 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.

24. During the calendar years 2005 and 2006, 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.

25. Respondent's facility is covered by SIC Code 3399.

26. On October 25, 2007, a representative of the EPA inspected Respondent's facility.

Copper

27. During the 2005 calendar year, Respondent's facility processed 50,160 pounds of copper, CAS No. 7440-50-8.

28. During the 2006 calendar year, Respondent's facility processed 59,672 pounds of copper, CAS No. 7440-50-8.

29. Respondent failed to submit to the Administrator of EPA and to Michigan a Form R for copper for the 2006 calendar year on or before July 1, 2007.

30. On January 30, 2008, Respondent submitted to the Administrator of EPA a Form R for copper for the 2006 calendar year.

31. On May 5, 2009, Respondent self disclosed its failure to submit to the Administrator of EPA and to Michigan a Form R for copper for the 2005 calendar year on or before July 1, 2006.

32. On May 4, 2009, Respondent submitted to the Administrator of EPA a Form R for copper for the 2005 calendar year.

Count 1

33. Complainant incorporates paragraphs 1 through 32 of this Complaint as if set forth in this paragraph.

34. Respondent's failure to timely submit to the Administrator of EPA a Form R for copper for the 2005 calendar year violated Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023, and 40 C.F.R. § 372.30.

35. 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

36. Complainant incorporates paragraphs 1 through 32 of this Complaint as if set forth in this paragraph.

37. Respondent's failure to timely submit to the Administrator of EPA a Form R for copper for the 2006 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).

Civil Penalty

39. Pursuant to Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045, Complainant determined that an appropriate civil penalty to settle this action is \$12,468. 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 Respondent's willingness to self disclose Form R violations for calendar year 2005 when determining the appropriate penalty. Complainant also considered 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)*.

40. Within 30 days after the effective date of this CAFO, Respondent must pay a \$12,468 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 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.

41. 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

Robert Allen (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

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

43. If Respondent does not pay the civil penalty timely, 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.

44. 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

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

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

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

48. This CAFO is a "final order" for purposes of EPA's Enforcement Response Policy

for Section 313 of EPCRA.

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


50. 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.

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

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

Perelli Enterprises, Inc.
d/b/a Advantage Sintered Metals, Inc.


8-13-09
Date



Getulio Perelli
President
Perelli Enterprises, Inc.
d/b/a Advantage Sintered Metals, Inc.

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Complainant

9/15/09
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.

9-16-09

Date



Bharat Mathur
Acting 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 Perelli Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Advantage Sintered Metals, Inc., was filed on September 18, 2009, 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. 7001 0320 0006 0189 3918, a copy of the original to the Respondents:

Mr. Getulio Perelli
Perelli Enterprises, Inc.
d/b/a Advantage Sintered Metals, Inc.
60 Creek Road
Battle Creek, Michigan 49015

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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