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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
Article Number **7012 2210 0001 2356 2044**

Marcello Fusco, Owner
Quality Plus Contracting
620 Shunpike Road
Erma, NJ 08204

Re: Quality Plus Contracting, Docket No. TSCA-02-2017-9173

Dear Mr. Fusco:

Enclosed is a fully executed copy of the Administrative Expedited Settlement Agreement and Final Order in the above-referenced proceeding, signed by the Regional Judicial Officer of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2.

Please contact James Crossmon at (732) 452-6409, should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Gorman".

John Gorman, Chief
Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch

Enclosure

UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 2

IN THE MATTER OF:

Quality Plus Contracting,
Respondent.

) Docket No.
) TSCA-02-2017-9173

) **EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT**
) **AGREEMENT AND**
) **FINAL ORDER**
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EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

1. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") alleges Quality Plus Contracting ("Respondent") failed to comply with Sections 402, 406 and 407 of the U.S. Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 2682, 2686 and 2687 respectively.
2. Respondent performed a residential renovation at a property located at: 404 Miller Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204 in 2015.
3. The aforementioned residential housing property in paragraph 2, above, was constructed prior to 1978 and is target housing¹ subject to the Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Rule (40 C.F.R. § 745, Subpart E).
4. Respondent was required to obtain initial firm certification from EPA, as required by 40 CFR § 745.81(a)(2)(ii), prior to offering to perform renovations at the residential housing property, as described in paragraph 2. Respondent did not do this.
5. Respondent was required to obtain a course completion certificate (proof of training), as required by 40 CFR § 745.90(b), prior to performing renovations at the residential housing property, as described in paragraph 2. Respondent did not do this.
6. EPA and Respondent agree that settlement of this matter for a civil penalty of \$2,000 (two thousand dollars) is in the public interest.
7. EPA is authorized to enter into this Expedited Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") pursuant to Section 16 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615, and 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b), and 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(2).
8. In signing this Agreement, Respondent: (1) admits that Respondent is subject to the RRP Rule; (2) admits that EPA has jurisdiction over Respondent and Respondent's conduct as


¹ Target Housing is defined in TSCA Section 401 as any housing constructed before 1978, except for: 1) housing for the elderly or persons with disabilities (unless a child less than six years of age resides or is expected to reside in such housing); and 2) any zero-bedroom dwelling.

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described in paragraphs 4 and 5 above; (3) neither admits nor denies the factual finding contained therein; (4) consents to the assessment of the penalty; and (5) waives any right to contest the findings contained herein.

9. By its signature below, Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that: (1) the violations described in paragraphs 4 and 5, above, have been corrected; and (2) Respondent is submitting proof of payment of the civil penalty with this agreement.
10. The civil penalty of \$2,000 (two thousand dollars) has been paid in accordance with the *Instructions for Making a Payment* that was provided to the Respondent.
11. Respondent will also provide, if it has not already done so, a written statement outlining actions taken to correct the violation cited above.
12. Full payment of the penalty in Paragraph 6 shall only resolve Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violation(s) and facts described in Paragraphs 4 and 5, above. Full payment of this penalty shall not in any case 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.
13. No portion of the civil penalty or interest paid by Respondent pursuant to the requirements of this Agreement shall be claimed by Respondent as a deduction for federal, state, or local income tax purposes.
14. EPA reserves all of its rights to take enforcement action for any other past, present, or future violations by Respondent of TSCA, any other federal statute or regulation, or this Agreement.
15. Upon signing and returning this Agreement to EPA, Respondent waives the opportunity for a hearing or appeal pursuant to TSCA or 40 C.F.R. Part 22.
16. Each party shall bear its own costs and fees, if any.
17. This Agreement is binding on the parties signing below, and in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.31(b), is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

IT IS SO AGREED, **QUALITY PLUS CONTRACTING**

Name (print): Marcello Fusco
Title (print): Owner, Quality Plus Contracting
Signature:  Date 6/7/17

APPROVED BY EPA:

 Date 6/26/17
Kathleen Anderson, Acting Director
Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance

