## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 10



In the Matter of:	) DOCKET NO. TSCA-10-2023-0147
HARRISON HOMES, LLC	) EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT ) AGREEMENT AND ) FINAL ORDER
Gig Harbor, Washington	)
Respondent.	) )

## **EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT and FINAL ORDER**

- 1. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") alleges that Harrison Homes, LLC ("Respondent") failed to comply with Section 402(c) of the U.S. Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq. ("TSCA").
- 2. The State of Washington is authorized under Section 404(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2684(a), and 40 C.F.R. § 745.324(d) to administer and enforce requirements for a renovation, repair, and painting (RRP) program in accordance with Section 402(c)(3) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2682(c)(3), and a lead-based paint pre-renovation education program in accordance with Section 406(b) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2686(b).
- 3. Section 404(b) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2684(b), makes it unlawful for any person to violate or fail or refuse to comply with any requirement of a state program authorized under Section 404 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2684.

In the Matter of: Harrison Homes, LLC Docket Number: TSCA-10-2023-0147 Expedited Settlement Agreement Page 1 of 5 4. The Washington Administrative Code ("WAC") Title 365 applies to renovations

performed for compensation in target housing as specified in the WAC, Chapter 365-230.

5. Under the Washington Administrative Code ("WAC") 365-230-360(1),

Respondent was required to obtain initial firm certification from the Washington State

Department of Commerce before performing, offering, or claiming to perform renovations for

compensation at 3116 N 28th Street, Tacoma, Washington 98407 ("Target Property").

6. On May 10, 2023, Respondent provided a copy of Permit, BLDRA22-0565, from

the City of Tacoma Planning and Development that was issued to the Respondent on August 1,

2022, to conduct a renovation for compensation at the Target Property.

7. The Target Property was constructed in 1925 and is target housing within the

meaning of WAC 365-230-020(78).

8. Respondent was not firm certified when it offered, performed or claimed to

perform renovation on the Target Property on August 1, 2022, in violation of WAC 365-230-

360(1).

9. In determining the amount of penalty to be assessed, EPA has taken into account

the factors specified in Section 16(a)(2)(B) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a)(2)(B). After

considering these factors, EPA has determined, and Respondent agrees that an appropriate

penalty to settle this action is \$1,000.

10. Upon signing this Expedited Settlement Agreement ("Agreement"), Respondent

shall deposit the civil penalty amount listed in paragraph 9 by one of the following methods:

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10.1 Send a cashier's or certified check or money order with a notation for TSCA-10-2023-0147 payable to the order of the "Treasury of the United States of America" to the following address:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Fines and Penalties Docket No. TSCA-10-2023-0147 Cincinnati Finance Center P.O. Box 979078 St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000

10.2 Send a cashier's or certified check or money order by an overnight/common carrier (*e.g.*, FedEx® or United Parcel Service of America, Inc.) with a notation for TSCA-10-2023-0147 payable to the order of the "Treasury of the United States of America" to the following address:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Government Lockbox 979078 Docket No. TSCA-10-2023-0147 1005 Convention Plaza SL-MO-C2-GL St. Louis, Missouri 63101

- 10.3 Make an electronic deposit for payment (Vendor Express, Fedwire, Pay.gov) at http://www2.epa.gov/financial/makepayment following the online directions for an electronic funds transfer (EFT).
- 11. Concurrently with the deposit under paragraph 10, Respondent shall forward a scanned, ink signed PDF copy of the Agreement, and a copy of the cashier's or certified check or money order or documentation of a wire transfer via email to Kim Farnham, Lead-Based Paint Compliance Officer at the following email address: farnham.kim@epa.gov. By written notice to Respondent, EPA may change the address and/or person listed above.

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assessment of a civil penalty is simultaneously commenced and concluded, pursuant to Section

16 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615, and 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b).

In signing this Agreement, for purposes of this proceeding, Respondent: (a) 13.

admits that EPA has jurisdiction over Respondent and Respondent's conduct as alleged herein;

(b) neither admits nor denies the factual allegations in this Agreement; (c) consents to the

assessment of this penalty; and (d) waives any right to contest the allegations contained in this

Agreement, and its right to appeal the attached Final Order.

14. By its signature below, Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal

penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that Respondent: (a) is

currently in compliance with the firm certification requirements as stated in 40 C.F.R.

§§ 745.81(a)(2)(ii) and 745.89(a); (b) agrees to provide a deposit for payment of the civil penalty

as set forth in paragraph 9; (c) agrees to submit a true and accurate proof of deposit for payment

of the civil penalty as set forth in paragraph 10; and (d) agrees to release said deposit for

payment to EPA upon entry of the Final Order attached hereto.

Upon the effective date of this Agreement and subsequent payment of the civil 15.

penalty as set forth in paragraph 9, Respondent shall be resolved of liability for Federal civil

penalties for the violation(s) and facts alleged herein.

16. The penalty, including interest, paid by Respondent pursuant to the requirements

of this Agreement, represents civil penalties assessed by EPA, and shall not be deductible for

purposes of federal, state, or local income taxes.

17. 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.

18. Failure of Respondent to remit the civil penalties provided herein will result in this matter being forwarded to the United States Department of Justice for collection of the amount due, plus stipulated penalties and interest at the statutory judgment rate provided in 28 U.S.C. § 1961.

19. Each party shall bear its own costs and fees, if any.

20. The Agreement authorized by EPA's execution of the Final Order attached hereto constitutes a final order under 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

21. This Agreement is binding on the parties signing below, and in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.31(b), is effective upon filing.

IT IS SO AGREED,

Respondent Name (print): James Brawer	
Respondent Title (print): PRESIDENT	1 1
Respondent Signature:	Date: 8/21/2023

APPROVED BY EPA:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Edward J. Kowalski, Director Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division EPA Region 10

## FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to the authority of Section 16 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615, and according to the terms of the Expedited Settlement Agreement, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

This agreement shall be effective upon the filing of the Final Order by the Regional Hearing Clerk for EPA, Region 10. Unless otherwise stated, all time periods stated herein shall be calculated in calendar days from such date.

SO ORDERED this	day of	, 2023.

DICHARD MEDNICK

RICHARD MEDNICK Regional Judicial Officer EPA Region 10

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## Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that the original of the attached **EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER, In the Matter of: HARRISON HOMES, LLC**, Docket No. TSCA-10-2023-0147 was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk and served on the addressees in the following manner on the date specified below:

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the document was delivered electronically to:

Kim Farnham Lead-Based Paint Compliance Officer U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 155, 20-C04 Seattle, Washington 98101 Farnham.kim@epa.gov

Further, the undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the aforementioned document was delivered electronically to:

Mr. James Brewer, Owner Harrison Homes, LLC 5720 144<sup>th</sup> Street NW Gig Harbor, Washington 98332-9034 james@harrhomes.com

DATED this	day of	, 2023		
			Regional Hearing Clerk	
			EPA Region 10	

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