

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY - REC

### Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance 290 Broadway

New York, New York 10007-1866

## EXPEDITED STORM WATER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT Las Lomas Construction, Docket Number: CWA-02-2008-3321, NPDES No. PRR10BC 12

Las Lomas Construction ("Respondent") is a "person," within the meaning of Section 502(5) of the Clean Water Act ("Act"), 33 U.S.C. §1362(5), and 40 C.F.R. §122.2.

Attached is an "Expedited Settlement Offer Deficiencies Form" (herein the "Form"), which is incorporated by reference. By its signature, Complainant ("EPA") finds that Respondent is responsible for the deficiencies specified in the Form.

Respondent failed to obtain Permit coverage prior to commencement of construction and to comply with its Permit in violation of Section 301(a) and 402 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §1311 and §1342, as described in the attached table.

EPA finds, and Respondent admits, that Respondent is subject to Section 301(a) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1311, and that EPA has jurisdiction over the allegations and any "person" who "discharges pollutants" from a "point source" to "waters of the United States." Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegation(s) specified in the Form.

EPA is authorized to enter into this Consent Agreement and Final Order ("Agreement") under the authority vested in the Dore LaPosta, Director Administrator of EPA by Section 309(g)(2)(A) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance  $\S1319(g)(2)(A)$ , and by 40 C.F.R.  $\S22.13(b)$ . The parties enter into this Agreement in order to settle the civil violation(s) alleged in this Agreement for a penalty of \$12,500. Respondent consents to the assessment of this penalty, and waives the right to: (1) contest the finding(s); (2) a hearing pursuant to Section 309(g)(2) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1319(g)(2); and (3) appeal pursuant to Section 309(g)(8), 33 U.S.C. §1319(g)(8).

Additionally, Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false statement to the United States Government, that it has corrected any deficiencies identified in the Form, and to the best of its knowledge, is in compliance with the NPDES permitting program.

Respondent certifies that, within ten (10) days of receiving notice from EPA that the Agreement is effective ("So Ordered") it will send a bank, cashiers or certified check for the amount specified above payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," via certified mail, to:

Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. EPA, Region 2 In the Matter of Las Lomas Construction, Vista Verde Development Docket No.: CWA-02-2008-3321 Cincinnati Finance Center PO Box 979077 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

This Agreement settles EPA's civil penalty claims against Respondent for the CWA violation(s) specified in this Agreement. However, EPA does not waive its rights to take any enforcement action against Respondent for any other past, present, or future civil or criminal violation of the Act or of any other federal statute or regulation. EPA does not waive its right to issue a compliance order for any uncorrected deficiencies or violation(s) described in the Form. EPA has determined this Agreement to be appropriate.

This Agreement is binding on the parties signing below and effective thirty (30) days from the date it is signed ("Approved") by the Director of the Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance unless a petition to set aside the Order is filed by a commenter pursuant to Section 309(g)(4)(C) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1319(g)(4)(C), and Part 22.

APPROVED BY EPA:

APPROVED BY RESPONDENT in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §122.22:

Name: Pedro E. Lluch Martinez

Title: Owner, Las Lomas Construction (Owner/Operator) of

Vista Verde Developr

Signature:

7-11-20

More than 40 days have elapsed since the issuance of public notice pursuant to Section 309(g)(4)(A) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1319(g)(4)(A), and EPA has received no comments concerning this matter.

Having determined that this CAFO is authorized by law and is in the public interest,

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Dore LaPosta, Director

Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 2

# IN THE MATTER OF:

Las Lomas Construction P.O. Box 346 San German, Puerto Rico 00683

NPDES Permit No. PRR10BC12

Respondent

Proceeding to Assess Civil Penalty Pursuant to Section § 309 (g) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319 (g) Docket No. CWA-02-2008-3321

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, on the date noted below, I caused to be mailed a copy of this "CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER" to the following person at the address listed below:

Mr. Pedro E. Lluch Martinez, Owner Las Lomas Construction P.O. Box 346 San German, Puerto Rico 00683

I [hand carried/mailed] the original and a copy of this "CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER" to the following person at the address listed below:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regional Hearing Clerk (16<sup>th</sup> Floor) 290 Broadway New York, N.Y. 10007-1866

[Signature of Sender]



#### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 2 290 BROADWAY NEW YORK, NY 10007-1866

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# <u>CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

Article Number: 7005 3110 0000 5930 0503

Mr. Pedro E. Lluch Martinez, Owner Las Lomas Construction P.O. Box 346 San German, Puerto Rico 00683

Re:

Final Consent Agreement and Final Order /Expedited Settlement Offer

Vista Verde Development, PR 100 Km 13.9, Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico

Docket No. CWA-02-2008-3321 NPDES Permit No. PRR10BC12

Dear Mr. Lluch:

Enclosed is a copy of the signed Expedited Settlement Offer ("ESO") Agreement entered into as part of the Consent Agreement and Final Order ("CAFO").

As you agreed to in this Expedited Storm Water Settlement Agreement, you must pay the settlement penalty amount (\$12,500.00) within ten (10) days from the date of receipt of this letter, which contains the agreement which has been "So Ordered" and is effective. You must send your original check and a copy of the Agreement, via certified mail, to:

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. EPA, Region 2
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The payment for the penalty amount must be in the form of a bank, cashiers or certified check payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America" with EPA and the Docket Number of the Expedited Settlement Agreement written on the check.

A copy of the check payment of the penalty amount must also be sent via certified mail, express mail or equivalent to Henry Mazzucca, P.E. Chief, Compliance Section, Water Compliance Branch, 290 Broadway, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10007 for our records.

Please note that once full payment is made this settles all civil penalties claims against you for the Clean Water Act violations issued in the CAFO.

REGIONAL HEARING