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Karen Maples Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 290 Broadway, 16th Floor New York, New York 10007-1866

Re: Docket No. CAA-02-2008-1215, Ronson Consumer Products, Woodbridge, NJ

Dear Ms. Maples:

Enclosed please find for filing original and one copy of the following in reference to the captioned matter:

- 1. Respondent's Motion for an Extension of Time to File Prehearing Exchanges to Allow Parties to Complete Execution of Consent Agreement;
- 2. Certification of Janine G. Bauer, Esq., Attorney for Respondent;
- 3. Proposed Order;
- 4. Certification of Service

Please be advised that I have the consent of EPA attorney, Damaris Cristiano, to file this motion.

Sincerely,

Janine G. Bauer,

Attorney for Respondent

Ronson Consumer Products Corporation

JGB:scj Enclosures

c/enc: Honorable Chief Judge Susan L. Biro

Damaris Cristiano, Esquire

Office of Administrative Law United States Environmental Protection Agency

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RESPONDENT'S MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PREHEARING EXCHANGES TO ALLOW PARTIES TO COMPLETE EXECUTION OF CONSENT AGREEMENT

Respondent Ronson Consumer Products Corporation hereby moves before the Office of Administrative Law, The Honorable Chief Judge Susan L. Biro, assigned, for an extension of time for thirty (30) days from today for both Complainant and Respondent to file pre-hearing exchange documents in accordance with the Prehearing Order entered on December 2, 2008, to allow for execution of the Consent Agreement, the form of which has been agreed upon, by the parties.

In support of this motion, Respondent relies upon the enclosed Certification of Janine G. Bauer, Esq., Respondent's attorney.

A proposed form of Order is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Janine G. Bauer, Esq.

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CERTIFICATION OF JANINE G. BAUER, ESQ., ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENT RONSON CONSUMER PRODUCTS CORPORATION

- 1. I am counsel to Ronson Consumer Products Corporation in the above-referenced matter and I am fully familiar with the facts stated herein. I make this certification in support of a motion for an extension of time to complete the execution of the agreed-upon Consent Agreement.
- 2. At this juncture, I do not think it is possible to file the Consent Agreement and Final Order by January 16, 2009, to avoid having to file the Pre-hearing Exchange documents (for Complainant on January 16, 2009 and for Respondent on February 6, 2009).
- 3. The parties have reached a settlement and have agreed upon the form and substance of the Consent Agreement. It took until yesterday to move through EPA's concurrence process before it was sent out to me for my client's signature. The holidays were an impediment to expediting this matter within the Agency. During that concurrence process, both parties were diligently discussing it with clients, counsel and staff to ensure that once concurrence was received, the document would be ready for execution, however. My client also underwent a change in management in December, consolidating the chief operating officer position in one person, who is not the person I had been dealing with previously in an officer position.
- 4. Even assuming my client executes the document today or tomorrow, it is my understanding that USEPA requires another three signatures or sign-offs upon the document being returned to them. Because the current Regional Administrator is leaving on January 22, 2009, there is some volume, and getting approvals expeditiously is not absolutely certain.
- 5. Complainant agrees to the extension of time requested herein, to February 6, 2009.
- 6. Respondent believes that the request for an extension of time is appropriate and in the public interest. Once the alleged violations were corrected, and the settlement was reached, the expenditure of time, costs and fees to litigate this matter by preparing for the hearing when the parties are only waiting for signatures on an approved Consent Agreement, would be futile and further damage Respondent's financial condition.

The foregoing statements are true. I understand that if any of the foregoing statements are willfully false, I am subject to punishment for perjury.

Janine G. Bauer, Esq.

Dated: January 8, 2009

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ORDER FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PREHEARING EXCHANGES TO ALLOW PARTIES TO COMPLETE EXECUTION OF CONSENT AGREEMENT

This matter having been opened to the Office of Administrative Law, by Janine G. Bauer, Esq., Szaferman, Lakind, Blumstein & Blader, P.C., appearing for Respondent Ronson Consumer Products Corporation, and the Office of Administrative Law having considered the motion and certification submitted in support herein and for good cause shown:

	IT IS on this	day of	, 2009;
	ORDERED that an extension of time for thirty (30) days from January 8, 2009 to		
February 6, 2009 for both Complainant and Respondent to file pre-hearing exchange			
documents and allow for execution of the Consent Agreement is hereby granted; and			
	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED) that within	days of this date,
Respondent's counsel shall serve all counsel of record with a true and correct copy of this			
Order.			
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		Hon. Chief Judge	Susan L. Biro
Dated	·	_	

CERTIFIATION OF SERVICE

I, Janine G. Bauer, certify that I have served a copy of Ronson Consumer Products Corporation's Motion for an Extension of Time to File Prehearing Exchanges to Allow Parties to Complete Execution of Consent Order by First Class Mail on this date to the following:

The Honorable Susan L. Biro Chief Administrative Law Judge Office of Administrative Law Judges U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Mail Code 1900L 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20460

Damaris Cristiano, Esq, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 290 Broadway, 16th Floor New York, NY 10007-1866

JANINE G. BAUER

DATED: January 8, 2009