

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Dr. Richard Maguire President CitroBio, Inc. 7614 15th Street E. Sarasota, FL 34243

SUBJ: Docket No. FIFRA-04-2008-3016(b) CitroBio, Inc.

Dear Dr. Maguire:

Enclosed is a copy of the ratified Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) in the above-referenced matter. The original CAFO has been filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk and served on the parties as directed in Section 22.6 of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 CFR Part 22.

Please make note of the provisions in the Final Order, with respect to payment of the assessed penalty of \$11,924. The initial payment in the amount of \$993.67 is due within 30 days from the effective date of the CAFO. Remaining payments are due as set forth in Section IV of the CAFO.

Also enclosed, please find a copy of the October 2001 Enforcement Alert titled "U.S. EPA Notifying Defendants of Securities and Exchange Commission's Environmental Disclosure Requirements." This document notifies you of your potential duty to disclose to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) any environmental enforcement actions taken by the EPA. Please note the contact phone number on page three of the Notice has been changed to (202) 551-3115.

Penalty payment questions should be directed to Ms. Lori Weidner either by telephone at (513) 487-2125 or by written correspondence to her attention at the U.S. EPA, Cincinnati Accounting Operations address identified in Section IV of the CAFO. Should you have any questions about your company's compliance status in the future, please do not hesitate to call me or Molly Freeman at (404) 562-9684.

Sincerely,

Jeaneanne M. Gettle

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Chief

Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch

Enclosures (2)

cc: Craig Bryant

FL Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ATLANTA, GEORGIA

In the Matter of:)	2000 E	
CitroBio, Inc.)	Docket No. FIFRA-04-2008-3016(b)	
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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

I. Nature of the Action

- 1. This is a civil penalty proceeding pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Federal Insecticide,
 Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a) (hereinafter "FIFRA"),
 and pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing Administrative Assessment
 of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits
 (Consolidated Rules), 40 CFR Part 22. Complainant is the Director of the Air, Pesticides,
 and Toxics Management Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency,
 Region 4 (EPA). Respondent is CitroBio, Inc.
- 2. Complainant and Respondent have conferred for the purpose of settlement pursuant to 40 CFR §22.18 and desire to resolve this matter and settle the allegations described herein without a formal hearing. Therefore, without the taking of any evidence or testimony, the making of any argument, or the adjudication of any issue in this matter, and in accordance with 40 CFR § 22.13(b), this Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) will simultaneously commence and conclude this matter.

II. Preliminary Statements

- 3. The authority to take action under Section 14(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136*l*(a), is vested in the Administrator of EPA. The Administrator of EPA has delegated this authority under FIFRA to EPA Region 4 by EPA Delegation 5-14, dated May 11, 1994.
- 4. Pursuant to 40 CFR § 22.5(c)(4) the following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Molly Freeman Pesticides Management Section U.S. EPA - Region 4 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960 (404) 562-9684.

- Respondent is CitroBio, Inc, a Florida corporation, located at 7614 15th Street E.,
 Sarasota, Florida 34243.
- 6. Respondent is a "person" as defined by Section 2(s) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(s), and as such is subject to FIFRA and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 7. On or about March 26, 2007, an authorized representative of the EPA conducted an inspection at CitroBio, Inc., 7614 15th Street E., Sarasota, Florida 34243.
- 8. During the aforementioned inspection, the products "CitroBio Fresh Food Wash," "CitroBio CB 100," and "CitroBio CB20," were identified as being produced and distributed by the Respondent.
- 9. The inspector documented the products as being offered for sale by the Respondent.
- 10. CitroBio Fresh Food Wash, CitroBio CB 100, and CitroBio CB20 are pesticides as defined in Section 2(u) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(u), which includes any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest.

- 11. A pest is defined in Section 2(t) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(t), as any insect, rodent, nematode, fungus, weed, or any other form of terrestrial or aquatic plant or animal life or virus, bacteria, or other micro-organism (except viruses, bacteria, or other microorganisms on or in living man or other living animals) which the Administrator declares to be a pest under Section 25(c)(1) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136w(c)(1).
- 12. Respondent "distributes or sells" pesticides. The term "to distribute to sell" as defined by Section 2(gg) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(gg), includes to distribute, sell, offer for sale, hold for distribution, hold for sale, hold for shipment, ship, deliver for shipment, or release for shipment.
- 13. At the time of the inspection, the CitroBio Fresh Food Wash, CitroBio CB 100, and CitroBio CB20 were not registered as pesticides with EPA.
- 14. Under Section 12(a)(1)(A) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(A), it is unlawful for any person to distribute or sell to any person any pesticide that is not registered under Section 3 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136a.
- 15. Respondent offered for sale each of the three pesticides on at least one occasion.
- 16. Respondent violated Section 12(a)(1)(A) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(A), on three separate occasions and is therefore subject to the assessment of civil penalties under Section 14 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l.
- 17. At the time of the inspection, Respondent produced the pesticides CitroBio Fresh Food Wash, CitroBio CB 100, and CitroBio CB20 in an establishment that was not registered with the Administrator of EPA as a pesticide-producing establishment.
- 18. Under Section 12(a)(2)(L) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(2)(L), it is unlawful to produce a pesticide in any State unless the establishment is registered with the Administrator of EPA as set forth in Section 7 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136e.

- 19. Respondent violated Section 12(a)(2)(L) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(2)(L) and is therefore subject to the assessment of civil penalties under Section 14 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l.
- 20. Section 14(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136*l*(a), in conjunction with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, authorizes the assessment of a civil penalty.
- 21. Section 14(a)(4) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136*l*(a)(4), requires EPA to consider the appropriateness of the assessed penalty to the size of business of the Respondent, the effect on Respondent's ability to continue in business, and the gravity of the violation.
- 22. After consideration of the factors set forth in Section 14(a)(4) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C.
 § 136l(a)(4), the EPA proposes to assess a total civil penalty of ELEVEN THOUSAND
 NINE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$11,924) against the Respondent for the above-described violations. Civil penalties under Section 14(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C.
 § 136l(a), may be assessed by Administrative Order.

III. Consent Agreement

- 23. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth above and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations.
- 24. Respondent waives its right to a hearing on the allegations contained herein and its right to appeal the proposed final order accompanying the consent agreement.
- 25. Respondent consents to the assessment of the penalty proposed by EPA and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.
- 26. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance with all relevant requirements of FIFRA.
- 27. Compliance with this CAFO shall resolve the allegations of the violations contained herein. This CAFO shall not otherwise affect any liability of Respondent to the United

States. Other than as expressed herein, neither EPA nor Complainant waives any right to bring an enforcement action against Respondent for violation of any federal or state statute, regulation or permit, to initiate an action for imminent and substantial endangerment, or to pursue criminal enforcement.

28. Complainant and Respondent agree to settle this matter by their execution of this CAFO.

The parties agree that the settlement of this matter is in the public interest and that this

CAFO is consistent with the applicable requirements of FIFRA.

IV. Final Order

- 29. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of ELEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED

 TWENTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$11,924), plus interest at five percent per annum, which
 shall be paid according to the schedule agreed upon in paragraph 30.
- 30. The first installment payment of \$993.67 shall be made within 30 days from the date this CAFO is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk. The remaining eleven payments, each of \$993.67, shall be made by the 15th of each month following the initial payment.
- On or before the due date, Respondent shall remit each penalty installment by either a cashier's or certified check made payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," and shall send the checks via U.S. mail to the following address:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Fines and Penalties Cincinnati Finance Center P.O. Box 979077 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000.

Each check shall reference the name and the Docket Number of the CAFO along with the number of the payment 1-12 ["CitroBio, Inc., FIFRA-04-2008-3016(b)", payment number __].

32. At the time of each payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of the check and a written statement that the payment is being made in accordance with this CAFO, to the following persons at the following addresses:

Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. EPA - Region 4 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960;

Molly Freeman
Pesticides Management Section
U.S. EPA - Region 4
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960;

and

Saundi Wilson Office of Environmental U.S. EPA - Region 4 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960.

- 33. For the purposes of state and federal income taxation, Respondent shall not be entitled, and agrees not to attempt, to claim a deduction for any civil penalty payment made pursuant to this CAFO. Any attempt by Respondent to deduct any such payments shall constitute a violation of this CAFO.
- 34. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717, EPA is entitled to assess interest and penalties on debts owed to the United States and a charge to cover the cost of processing and handling a delinquent claim. Interest will therefore begin to accrue on the civil penalty from the date of entry of this CAFO, if the penalty is not paid by the date required. A charge will also be assessed to cover the administrative costs, both direct and indirect, of overdue debts. In addition, a late payment penalty charge shall be applied on any principle amount not paid within 90 days of the due date.

- 35. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.
- 36. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors and assigns.
- 37. The undersigned representative of the party to this CAFO certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party represented to enter into this CAFO and legally binds that party to this CAFO.

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V. Effective Date

38. The effective date of this CAFO shall be the date on which the CAFO is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

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Name: Richard H. Maguire (Typed or Printed)

Title: President (Typed or Printed)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

By: Keineth Witchell for	Date: _	4/23/08
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Beverly H. Banister

Director

Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division 61 Forsyth Street

Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED this _____ day of ______ 200 \overline{\mathcal{S}}.

Susan B. Schub

Regional Judicial Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order, in the Matter of: CitroBio, Inc., FIFRA Docket No. 04-2008-3016(b), on the parties listed below in the manner indicated.

For Complainant:

Molly Freeman Pesticides Management Section U.S. EPA - Region 4, 4APT-PTSB 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, GA 30303-8960 (Via EPA's internal mail)

Robert Caplan
Office of Environmental Accountability
U.S. EPA - Region 4
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960.

(Via EPA's internal mail)

For Respondent:

Dr. Richard Maguire President CitroBio, Inc. 7614 15th Street E. Sarasota, FL 34243. (Via Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested)

Date: 5-1-08

Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

(404) 562-9511

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