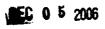


UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 4
ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER
61 FORSYTH STREET
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960



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

Mr. David Taylor Logistics Environmental Manager ChemPro, Inc. 141 Venture Boulevard Spartanburg, SC 29304

SUBJ: ChemPro, Inc.

Consent Agreement and Final Order Docket No. EPCRA-04-2007-2004(b)

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Enclosed please find an executed copy of the Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) that resolves the EPCRA matter (Docket No. EPCRA-04-2007-2004(b)) involving ChemPro, Inc. The CAFO was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, as required by 40 CFR Part 22 and became effective on date of filing.

Penalty payment of \$8,810 has been received and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act Enforcement Section considers this matter closed.

Also enclosed, please find a copy of the "Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings." This document puts you on notice of your potential duty to disclose to the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) any environmental enforcement actions taken by the EPA. If you have any questions with regards to the SEC's environmental disclosure requirements, you may refer to the contact phone number at the bottom of the SEC Notice.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Jyoti Bhushan at (404) 562-9182.

Sincere

Caron B. Falconer, Chief

EPCRA Enforcement Section

Enclosures

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 4

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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

I. Nature of the Action

- 1. This is a civil penalty proceeding pursuant to Section 325 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), 42 U.S.C. § 11045, and pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules), codified at 40 CFR Part 22. Complainant is the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, Region 4, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Respondent is ChemPro, Inc., (hereinafter, "Respondent").
- 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 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045, is vested in the Administrator of EPA. The Administrator of EPA has delegated this authority under EPCRA to the Regional Administrators by EPA Delegation 22-3-A, dated May 11, 1994. The Regional Administrator, Region 4, has redelegated this authority to the Director, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, by EPA Region 4 Delegation 22-3-A, dated November 8, 1994. Pursuant to that delegation, the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division has the authority to commence an enforcement action as the Complainant in this matter.
 - 4. Respondent is a corporation doing business in the State of South Carolina.
- 5. Respondent is a "person" as defined in Section 329(7) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(7).

- 6. Respondent owns and operates a "facility" as that term is defined by Section 329(4) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(4).
- 7. Respondent's facility is located at 141 Venture Boulevard, Spartanburg, South Carolina.
- 8. Section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022, and the regulations found at 40 CFR Part 370, provide that the owner or operator of a facility that is required to prepare or have available a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for hazardous chemicals under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSHA) and regulations promulgated under that Act, shall submit to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), and the fire department with jurisdiction over the facility, by March 1, 1988, and on or before March 1 annually thereafter, a completed emergency and hazardous chemical inventory form (Tier I or Tier II) as described in 40 CFR Part 370, containing the information required by that part for hazardous chemicals present at the facility at any one time in the calendar year in amounts equal to or greater than 10,000 pounds and containing the information required by that part for extremely hazardous substances (EHS) present at the facility at any one time in amounts equal to or greater than the threshold planning quantity (TPQ) or 500 pounds, whichever is less.
- 9. At some time during the calendar years of 2004 and 2005, chelate 100 (EDTA), pine oil, sodium hypochlorite, butly oxitor "EB", and sulfonic L 12-6 were present at the facility in an amount equal to or greater than 10,000 pounds.
- 10. Chelate 100 (EDTA), pine oil, sodium hypochlorite, butly oxitor "EB" and sulfonic L 12-6 are "hazardous chemicals" as defined under Section 329(5) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049, for which Respondent is required to prepare or have available an MSDS under OSHA at its facility.
- 11. Respondent failed to submit a completed Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory Form for chelate 100 (EDTA), pine oil, sodium hypochlorite, butly oxitor "EB", and sulfonic L 12-6 to the SERC, LEPC and fire department with jurisdiction over the facility for calendar years 2004 and 2005 by March 1 of the following calendar year for which a report was required.
- 12. Respondent violated the reporting requirements of Section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022, at its facility for calendar years 2004 and 2005, and is therefore subject to the assessment of penalties under Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045.
- 13. Pursuant to Section 325(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c), and 40 CFR Part 19, EPA may assess a penalty of not more than \$27,500 for each violation of Section 312 that occurred on or after January 31, 1997 and \$32,500 for each violation of Section 312 that occurred on or after March 15, 2004. Each day a violation of Section 312 continues constitutes a separate violation. Civil penalties under Section 325(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c), may be assessed by an Administrative Order.

III. Consent Agreement

- 14. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set out above but neither admits nor denies the factual allegations set out above.
- 15. Respondent waives any right to contest the allegations and its right to appeal the proposed final order accompanying the Consent Agreement.
- 16. Respondent consents to the assessment of and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.
- 17. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance with all relevant requirements of EPCRA.
- 18. Compliance with the CAFO shall resolve the allegation of 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.
- 19. 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 EPCRA.

IV. Final Order

- 20. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (\$8,810). Payment shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this CAFO.
- 21. Respondent shall pay the penalty by forwarding a cashier's or certified check payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," to the following address:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Cincinnati Accounting Operations Mellon Lockbox 371099M Pittsburgh, PA 15251-7099

The check shall reference on its face the name and the Docket Number of the CAFO.

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

Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. EPA, Region 4 Office of Environmental Accountability 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303

Jyoti Bhushan U.S. EPA, Region 4 Air, Pesticides & Toxics Management Division 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303

Saundi Wilson U.S. EPA, Region 4 Office of Environmental Accountability 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303

- 23. 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.
- 24. 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 the CAFO if the penalty is not paid by the date required. Interest will be assessed at the rate established by the Secretary of Treasury pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717. A charge will be assessed to cover the costs of debt collection, including processing and handling costs and attorney fees. In addition, a penalty charge of up to six percent per year compounded annually will be assessed on any portion of the debt that remains delinquent more than ninety (90) days after payment is due.
- 25. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.
 - 26. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors, and assigns.
- 27. The following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Caron B. Falconer U.S. EPA, Region 4 Air, Pesticides & Toxics Management Division 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303 (404) 562-8451 28. Each undersigned representative of the parties to this CAFO certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party represented to enter into this CAFO and legally bind that party to it.

V. Effective Date

29. 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:

ChemPro, Inc.	•
By: Carol B. Krwin	Date: 4/38/06
Name: Coul B. Ekide	(Typed or Printed)
Title: He Manger	- (Typed or Printed)
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Air, Pesticides & Toxics	
Management Division	
Region 4	

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 ChemPro, Inc.,

EPCRA-04-2007-2004(b), on the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

Caron Falconer
U.S. EPA, Region 4
Air, Pesticides, & Toxics
Management Division
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, GA 30303

(Via EPA's internal mail)

Alan Dion U.S. EPA, Region 4 Office of Environmental Accountability 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, GA 30303

(Via EPA's internal mail)

Mr. David Taylor Logistics Manager ChemPro, Inc. P.O. Box 2708 Spartanburg, Sc 29304 (Via Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested)

Date:

Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303 (404) 562-9511

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ChemPro, Inc.

P. O. Box 2708 Spartanburg, SC 29304 Phone (864) 587-9308 Fax (864) 574-1495 e-mail: chempro(a/bellsouth.net

November 28, 2006

Regional Hearing Clerk
US EPA Region 4
Office of Environmental Accountability
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

Enclosed is a copy of a cashier's check in the amount of \$8810.00. The actual check has been sent to USEPA lockbox in Pittsburgh. This is for Docket Number EPCRA -04-2007-2004 (b) for ChemPro, Inc.

Sincerely,

Carol B. Erwin

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HR Manager

CR Brands, Inc (formerly ChemPro, Inc)

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