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In the Matter of:	DOCKET NO. TSCA-10-2018-0240
	EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT
Renaissance Fine Woodworking, Inc.	AGREEMENT AND
Pullman, Washington	FINAL ORDER
Respondent )	

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

- 1. The U.S. Environmental Protections Agency ("EPA") alleges that Renaissance Fine Woodworking, Inc. ("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. Under Section 402(c) of TSCA, Respondent was required to: (1) obtain initial firm certification from EPA before performing, offering, or claiming to perform renovations for compensation under 40 C.F.R. § 745.81(a)(2)(ii) and; (2) retain all records necessary to demonstrate compliance with the Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule ("RRP Rule") for a period of three years following completion of the renovation activities pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.86.
- 3. In 2016, Respondent conducted renovations for compensation at the following properties located in Moscow, Idaho which were constructed prior to 1978 and are target housing within the meaning of 15 U.S.C. § 2681(17).
  - 3.1. 717 E. B Street, Moscow, Idaho (B Street Renovation),
  - 3.2 524 Blaine Street, Moscow, Idaho (Blaine Street Renovation), and

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- 3.3 814 Mabelle Street, Moscow, Idaho (Mabelle Street Renovation).
- 4. Respondent was not firm certified when it conducted the renovation on the B Street Renovation, Blaine Street Renovation, and Mabelle Street Renovation, in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 745.81(a)(2)(ii).
- 5. Respondent failed to retain any of the required documents following completion of the renovation activities at the B Street Renovation, Blaine Street Renovation, and Mabelle Street Renovation, in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 745.86.
- 6. The EPA and Respondent agree that settlement of this matter for a civil penalty of \$400 is in the public interest.
- 7. Upon signing this Expedited Settlement Agreement, Respondent shall deposit the civil penalty amount listed in paragraph 6, by one of the following methods:
  - 7.1 Send a cashier's or certified check or money order with a notation for TSCA-10-2018-0240 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

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Cincinnati Finance Center
P.O. Box 979077

St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

7.2. 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-10-2018-0240 payable to the order of the "Treasury of the United States of America" to the following address:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Government Lockbox 979077 1005 Convention Plaza SL-MO-C2-GL St. Louis, MO 63101

- 7.3. Make an electronic deposit for payment (Vendor Express, Fedwire, Pay.gov) at <a href="http://www2.epa.gov/financial/makepayment">http://www2.epa.gov/financial/makepayment</a> following the online directions for an electronic funds transfer (EFT).
- 8. Concurrently with paragraph 7, Respondent shall forward the <u>original signed</u>
  Expedited Settlement Agreement, a copy of the cashier's or certified check or money order or documentation of a wire transfer to the following address, and a certification signed by
  Respondent that regarding the violation alleged above that Respondent is in compliance with Section 402(c) of TSCA to the following address:

Maria Tartaglia, Lead-Based Paint Compliance Officer U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10, Mail Stop OCE-201 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 155 Seattle, WA 98101

By written notice to Respondent, the EPA may change the address and/or person listed above.

- 9. EPA is authorized to enter into this Expedited Settlement Agreement, and this proceeding for the 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).
- 10. In signing this Expedited Settlement Agreement ("Agreement"), for purposes of this proceeding, Respondent: (a) 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

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the allegations contained in this Agreement, and its right to appeal the Final Order attached below.

- 11. 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) agrees to provide a deposit for payment of the civil penalty as set forth in paragraph 6; (b) agrees to submit a true and accurate proof of deposit for payment of the civil penalty as set forth in paragraph 7, and (c) agrees to release said deposit for payment to EPA upon entry of the Final Order attached below.
- 12. Upon the effective date of this Agreement and subsequent payment of the civil penalty as set forth in paragraph 6, Respondent shall be resolved of liability for Federal civil penalties for the violation(s) and facts alleged in this Agreement.
- 13. 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.
- 14. 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.
- 15. 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.
  - 16. Each party shall bear its own costs and fees, if any.

## FINAL ORDER

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

- 1. Renaissance Fine Woodworking, Inc. ("Respondent") shall comply with all terms of the Agreement;
  - 2. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of (\$400); and
- 3. Respondent shall, in accordance with the payment provisions set forth in the Agreement, make payment via certified or cashier's check, money order, or through a wire transfer as described in the Agreement.

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

IT IS SO ORDERED:

RICHARD MEDNICK Regional Judicial Officer

EPA Region 10

Date September 13,2018

- 17. The Agreement authorized by EPA's execution of the Final Order attached hereto constitutes a final order under 40 C.F.R. Part 22.
- 18. This Agreement is binding on the parties signing below, and in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.31(b), is effective upon filing.

Respondent Name (print):	Thomas	D.	Rod	gers
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Respondent Title (print): President

Respondent Signature: Thomas D. Sloven

Date: 9/07/2018

APPROVED BY EPA:

Edward J. Kowalski, Director

Office of Compliance and Enforcement

EPA Region 10

Date: 9-1

## Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that the original of the attached **EXPEDITED** SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER, In the Matter of: Renaissance Fine Woodworking, Inc., Docket No.: TSCA-10-2018-0240, 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 to:

Maria Tartaglia Lead-Based Paint Compliance Officer U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10, Mail Stop OCE-201 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 155 Seattle, WA 98101

Further, the undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the aforementioned document was placed in the United States mail certified/return receipt to:

Mr. Thomas Rodgers President Renaissance Fine Woodworking, Inc. 535 SE Riverview Street Pullman, Washington 99163

DATED this 19 day of September 2018

Teresa Young Regional Hearing Clerk EPA Region 10

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