

UNITED STATES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION IX

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	Docket No.TSCA-09-2016- 0005
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Svala Construction, Inc.	)	<b>EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT</b>
139 Mendosa Avenue	)	<b>AGREEMENT AND</b>
San Francisco, CA 94116	)	<b>FINAL ORDER</b>
Respondent	)	
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**EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

1. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), Region IX, through the duly delegated Chief of the Waste and Chemical Section of the Enforcement Division, (“Complainant”) alleges that Svala Construction, Inc. (“Respondent”) failed to comply with the Toxic Substances Control Act (“TSCA”), 42 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq., and its implementing regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart E.
2. Under 40 C.F.R. §745.81(a)(2)(ii), Respondent was required to obtain a firm certification from EPA under 40 C.F.R. §745.89 before offering to perform a renovation for compensation in a child-occupied facility (Mission Education Center in San Francisco) in 2015 and failed to do so.
3. Complainant and Respondent agree that settlement of this matter for a civil penalty of \$400 (FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS) is in the public interest.
4. Complainant is authorized to enter into this Expedited Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) pursuant to Section 16 of TSCA and 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b).
5. In signing this Agreement, Respondent: (1) admits that Respondent is subject to TSCA; (2) admits that EPA has jurisdiction over Respondent and Respondent’s conduct as alleged herein; (3) neither admits nor denies the factual allegations contained herein; (4) consents to any conditions specified in the Agreement and to the assessment of the civil penalty; and (5) waives any right to contest the allegations contained herein or appeal the attached final order.
6. By its signature below, Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that: (1) the alleged violation has been corrected; and (2) Respondent has submitted proof of payment of the civil penalty with this Agreement.

7. Upon the effective date of this Agreement, payment of the civil penalty shall constitute full settlement of the civil claim alleged herein.
8. No portion of the civil penalty paid by Respondent pursuant to this Agreement shall be claimed by Respondent or any other person as a deduction from federal, state, or local income taxes.
9. EPA reserves all of its rights to take enforcement action against Respondent for any other past, present, or future violations of TSCA, any other federal statute or regulation, or this Agreement.
10. Each party shall bear its own costs and fees, if any.
11. The undersigned representative of Respondent and the undersigned representative of Complainant each certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter into this Agreement and to bind the party that he or she represents.
12. This Agreement is binding upon Respondent and its successors and assigns, and in accordance with 40 C.F.R. 22.31(b), is effective upon the filing of the Final Order attached to the Agreement.

IT IS SO AGREED.

FOR RESPONDENT, SVALA CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Name (print): Alex Svidler

Title (print): Vice President

Signature: 

Date 11/23/15

FOR COMPLAINANT, EPA REGION IX



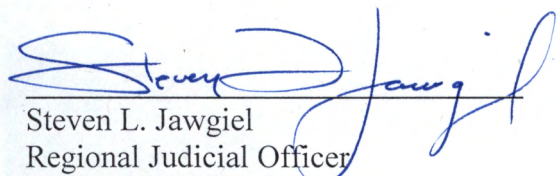
Douglas K. McDaniel  
Chief, Waste and Chemical Section  
Enforcement Division  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX

Date 12/15/15

**FINAL ORDER**

EPA Region IX and Respondent, having entered into the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement,

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**

  
Steven L. Jawgiel  
Regional Judicial Officer  
U.S. EPA, Region IX

Date 12/22/15

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

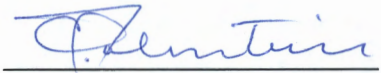
I hereby certify that on the date below, the original copy of the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, Region Nine, and that a copy was sent by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested to:

Inessa Svidler, President  
Svala Construction, Inc.  
139 Mendosa Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94116

Certified Mail No. 7014 1820 0000 4720 9775

12/22/15

Date



For : Regional Hearing Clerk  
Office of Regional Counsel, Region Nine