



**UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR**

In the Matter of:)
)
Taotao USA, Inc.,) **Docket No. CAA-HQ-2015-8065**
Taotao Group Co., Ltd., and)
Jinyun County Xiangyuan Industry)
Co., Ltd.)
)
Respondents.)

ORDER GRANTING COMPLAINANT’S MOTION TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

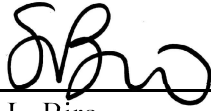
On August 9, 2017, Complainant Motion to Take Depositions was filed (“Motion”). The Motion requests leave to depose nine witnesses identified by Respondents in their Joint Prehearing Exchange filed on October 28, 2016, and First Motion to Supplement the Prehearing exchanged filed June 16, 2017.¹ Complainant indicates in the Motion that the Respondents do not oppose the relief sought.

The applicable procedural rule provides, in brief, that the undersigned may allow additional discovery if it will neither unreasonably delay the proceeding nor unreasonably burden the non-moving party; seeks information that is most reasonably obtained from the non-moving party, and seeks information that has significant probative value on a disputed issue. 40 C.F.R. § 22.1 9(e)(1). In order to undertake additional discovery using depositions, the moving must also show, in brief, that the information sought cannot reasonably be obtained by alternative methods or there is a substantial reason to believe that relevant and probative evidence may not be preserved for hearing. 40 C.F.R. § 22.1 9(e)(3). The Complainant’s Motion sets forth in detail persuasive arguments as to the requirements of these rules being met in regard to each of the depositions requested. Mot. at 3-11.

As such, Complainant’s Motion to take Depositions is hereby **GRANTED**.

SO ORDERED.

¹ The nine witnesses are: Matao Cao, David Garibyan, Jackie Wang, James Xu, Larry Swiencki, Jonathan Shefftz, Larry Doucet, Clark Gao, and Dr. Joseph Gatsworth.



Susan L. Biro
Chief Administrative Law Judge

Dated: August 17, 2017
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of *Taotao USA, Inc., Taotao Group Co., Ltd., and Jinyun County Xiangyuan Industry Co., Ltd.*, Respondents. Docket No. CAA-HQ-2015-8065

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that copies of the foregoing Order Granting Complainant's Complainant Motion to Take Depositions, dated August 17, 2017, were sent this day to the following parties in the manner indicated below.



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