



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

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In the Matter of: Syngenta Seeds, LLC, d/b/a Syngenta Hawaii, LLC, Respondents.

Docket No. FIFRA-09-2017-0001

Date: January 19, 2018

ORDER RETURNING CASE TO CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

As you previously have been notified, the March 27, 2017 Order of the Chief Administrative Law Judge designated me as a neutral in the Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") process in the above-captioned matter.

On January 18, 2018, the Office of Administrative Law Judges received from Complainant the following: Unopposed Motion for Leave to Amend the Complaint; Complainant's Amended Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, and Respondent's Answer to Amended Complaint and Request for Hearing.

During a number of ADR settlement teleconferences that took place in the beginning of May 2017, the parties were actively negotiating a settlement. Pursuant to these discussions, the parties have reached a settlement to resolve this matter and thus desired to continue the ADR process to finalize the settlement agreement. Additional time to hold the case in ADR was given due to the complexity of the combined Consent Agreement and Final Order ("CAFO") and Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP").

Inasmuch as the neutral in the ADR process is without authority to act on the motion, the case is returned to the Chief Administrative Law Judge for resolution of the pending motion. Thereafter, I recommend that the case be returned to me for the conclusion of the ADR process.

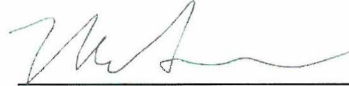
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M. Lisa Buschmann Administrative Law Judge

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing **Order Returning Case to Chief Administrative Law Judge**, dated January 19, 2018, and issued by Administrative Law Judge M. Lisa Buschmann, was sent this day to the following parties in the manner indicated below.



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