

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

In the Matter of:

Exide Technologies  
2700 South Indiana Street  
Los Angeles, California 90058

ID No. CAD 097 854 541

Respondent.

Docket HWCA 2008-1742

STIPULATION AND ORDER

Health and Safety Code  
Section 25187

The State Department of Toxic Substances Control (Department) and Exide Technologies (Respondent) enters into this Stipulation and Order (Order) and agrees as follows:

1. A dispute exists regarding the Enforcement Order issued by the Department on October 12, 2009. (Attached as Exhibit 1.)
2. The parties wish to avoid the expense of further litigation and to ensure prompt action to achieve the Schedule for Compliance below.
3. Jurisdiction exists pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25187.
4. Respondent waives any right to a hearing in this matter.
5. This Order shall constitute full settlement of the violations alleged in the Enforcement Order, but does not limit the Department from taking appropriate enforcement action concerning other violations.
6. SCHEDULE FOR COMPLIANCE
7. Respondent shall comply with the following:

7.1.1. Effective immediately the Respondent shall notify DTSC in writing four weeks in advance that it plans to accept hazardous waste from a foreign source. This includes hazardous waste lead acid batteries or any other type of hazardous waste battery.

7.1.2. Within 30 days of the effective date of this Order the Respondent shall submit to DTSC documentation describing in detail how it repaired the leaks in the Reaction Tank, Equalization Tanks 1 and 2 and the Clarifier. The Respondent shall also submit photos of the repaired above mentioned tanks and clarifier.

7.1.3. Within 30 days of the effective date of this Order the Respondent shall submit to DTSC documentation describing in detail how it repaired the gaps and cracks in the floor of the secondary containment system that surrounds the Waste Water Treatment plant. The Respondent shall also submit photos of the repaired floor.

7.1.4. Effective immediately, Respondent shall describe the remedial action taken when a problem is noted during inspections of its hazardous waste management units. Also within 30 days of the effective date of this Order, the Respondent shall document in its tank inspection logs for March and April 2008, the remedial action taken to prevent leaks in the North and South Oxidation tanks, Reaction tanks 1, 2 and 3, Equalization tanks 1 and 2, the Waste Water Treatment Plant Sump, and the Waste Water Treatment Plant Acid Storage Tank.

7.1.5. Within 15 days of the effective date of this Order, the Respondent shall provide documentation to DTSC that it provided a copy of its contingency plan to all the local authorities that would respond to an emergency at the site.

7.2. Submittals: All submittals from Respondent pursuant to this Order shall be sent simultaneously to:

To: Roberto Kou  
Acting Performance Manager  
Enforcement and Emergency Response Program  
Department of Toxic Substances Control  
9211 Oakdale Avenue  
Chatsworth, California 91311

To: Debra Schwartz  
Senior Staff Counsel  
Office of Legal Affairs  
Department of Toxic Substances Control  
9211 Oakdale Avenue  
Chatsworth, California 91311

7.3. Communications: All approvals and decisions of the Department made regarding such submittals and notifications shall be communicated to Respondent in writing by a Branch Chief, Department of Toxic Substances Control, or his/her designee. No informal advice, guidance, suggestions, or comments by the Department regarding reports, plans, specifications, schedules, or any other writings by Respondent shall be construed to relieve Respondent of its obligation to obtain such formal approvals as may be required.

7.4. Department Review and Approval: If the Department determines that any report, plan, schedule, or other document submitted for approval pursuant to this Order fails to comply with the Order or fails to protect public health or safety or the environment, the Department may:

a. Modify the document as deemed necessary and approve the document as modified; or

b. Return the document to Respondent with recommended changes and a

date by which Respondent must submit to the Department a revised document incorporating the recommended changes.

7.5. Compliance with Applicable Laws: Respondent shall carry out this Order in compliance with all local, State, and federal requirements, including but not limited to requirements to obtain permits and to assure worker safety.

7.6. Endangerment during Implementation: In the event that the Department determines that any circumstances or activity (whether or not pursued in compliance with this Order) are creating an imminent or substantial endangerment to the health or welfare of people on the site or in the surrounding area or to the environment, the Department may order Respondent to stop further implementation for such period of time as needed to abate the endangerment. Any deadline in this Order directly affected by a Stop Work Order under this section shall be extended for the term of such Stop Work Order.

7.7. Liability: Nothing in this Order shall constitute or be construed as a satisfaction or release from liability for any conditions or claims arising as a result of past, current, or future operations of Respondent, except as provided in this Order. Notwithstanding compliance with the terms of this Order, Respondent may be required to take further actions as are necessary to protect public health or welfare or the environment.

7.8. Site Access: Access to the Site shall be provided at all reasonable times to employees, contractors, and consultants of the Department, and any agency having jurisdiction. Nothing in this Order is intended to limit in any way the right of entry or inspection that any agency may otherwise have by operation of any

law. The Department and its authorized representatives may enter and move freely about all property at the Site at all reasonable times for purposes including but not limited to: inspecting records, operating logs, and contracts relating to the Site; reviewing the progress of Respondent in carrying out the terms of this Order; and conducting such tests as the Department may deem necessary. Respondent shall permit such persons to inspect and copy all records, documents, and other writings, including all sampling and monitoring data, in any way pertaining to work undertaken pursuant to this Order.

7.9. Sampling, Data, and Document Availability: Respondent shall permit the Department and its authorized representatives to inspect and copy all sampling, testing, monitoring, and other data generated by Respondent or on Respondent's behalf in any way pertaining to work undertaken pursuant to this Order. Respondent shall allow the Department and its authorized representatives to take duplicates of any samples collected by Respondent pursuant to this Order. Respondent shall maintain a central depository of the data, reports, and other documents prepared pursuant to this Order. All such data, reports, and other documents shall be preserved by Respondent for a minimum of six years after the conclusion of all activities under this Order. If the Department requests that some or all of these documents be preserved for a longer period of time, Respondent shall either comply with that request, deliver the documents to the Department, or permit the Department to copy the documents prior to destruction. Respondent shall notify the Department in writing at least six months prior to destroying any documents prepared pursuant to this Order.

7.10. Government Liabilities: The State of California shall not be liable for injuries or damages to persons or property resulting from acts or omissions by Respondent or related parties specified in paragraph 9.3 in carrying out activities pursuant to this Order, nor shall the State of California be held as a party to any contract entered into by Respondent or its agents in carrying out activities pursuant to this Order.

7.11. Incorporation of Plans and Reports: All plans, schedules, and reports that require Department approval and are submitted by Respondent pursuant to this Order are incorporated in this Order upon approval by the Department.

7.12. Extension Requests: If Respondent is unable to perform any activity or submit any document within the time required under this Order, the Respondent may, prior to expiration of the time, request an extension of time in writing. The extension request shall include a justification for the delay.

7.13. Extension Approvals: If the Department determines that good cause exists for an extension, it will grant the request and specify in writing a new compliance schedule.

## PAYMENTS

8. Respondent shall pay the Department a total of \$62,900.00. Respondent shall submit payment in two (2) installments as follows: the first payment installment, in the amount of \$31,450.00 shall be submitted to DTSC on or before May 5, 2010 and the second and final payment installment, in the amount of \$31,450.00 shall be submitted to DTSC on or before June 30, 2010. If Respondent fails to submit a payment installment timely, the entire amount shall be

immediately due and owing to DTSC. Respondent's check(s) shall be made payable to Department of Toxic Substances Control, and shall be delivered together with the attached Payment Voucher to:

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Accounting Office  
1001 I Street  
P. O. Box 806  
Sacramento, California 95812-0806

A photocopy of the check(s) shall be sent:

To: Roberto Kou  
Acting Performance Manager  
Enforcement and Emergency Response Program  
Department of Toxic Substances Control  
9211 Oakdale Avenue  
Chatsworth, California 91311

To: Debra Schwartz  
Senior Staff Counsel  
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If Respondent fails to make payment as provided above, Respondent agrees to pay interest at the rate established pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25360.1 and to pay all costs incurred by the Department in pursuing collection including attorney's fees.

#### OTHER PROVISIONS

9.1. Additional Enforcement Actions: By agreeing to this Order, the Department does not waive the right to take further enforcement actions, except to the extent provided in this Order.

9.2. Penalties for Noncompliance: Failure to comply with the terms of this

Order may subject Respondent to civil penalties and/or punitive damages for any costs incurred by the Department or other government agencies as a result of such failure, as provided by Health and Safety Code section 25188 and other applicable provisions of law.

9.3 Parties Bound: This Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent and its officers, directors, agents, receivers, trustees, employees, contractors, consultants, successors, and assignees, including but not limited to individuals, partners, and subsidiary and parent corporations, and upon the Department and any successor agency that may have responsibility for and jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Order.

9.4. Effective Date: The effective date of this Order is the date it is signed by the Department.

9.5. Integration: This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and may not be amended, supplemented, or modified, except as provided in this agreement.

9.6. Compliance with Waste Discharge Requirements: Respondent shall comply with all applicable waste discharge requirements issued by the State Water Resources Control Board or a California regional water quality control board.

Dated: March 30, 2010 Original signed by Ed Mopas  
Respondent

Dated: April 26, 2010 Original signed by Roberto Kou  
Department of Toxic Substances Control