

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

In the Matter of:

Ruby Metals, Inc.
2805 S. Industrial Drive
Bloomington, CA 92316

ID No. CAL000263358

Respondent.

Docket HWCA 2012-4749

STIPULATION AND ORDER

Health and Safety Code
Section 25187

The State Department of Toxic Substances Control (Department) and Ruby Metals (Respondent) enter into this Stipulation and Order (Order) and agree as follows:

1. A dispute exists regarding the Enforcement Order issued by the Department on July 11, 2013. (Attached as Exhibit 1.)
2. The parties wish to avoid the expense of further litigation.
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.

SCHEDULE FOR COMPLIANCE

7. The alleged violations have been corrected.
- 7.1 This Order reflects the Department's acknowledgement of voluntary efforts on the part of Respondent to ensure that violations will not occur in the

future. Notably, Respondent has implemented a third party health, safety, and environmental compliance program coordinated by Compliance Administrators & Project Services, Inc. This program includes monthly meetings and monthly third party audits to ensure Respondent's compliance with the applicable laws and regulations.

PAYMENTS

8. Respondent shall pay the Department a total of \$40,000 of which \$29,106 is a penalty and \$10,894 is reimbursement of the Department's costs. Payment will occur in four payments over twelve months, as outlined in Exhibit 2, "Payment Voucher". The first payment of \$10,894 is due on January 15, 2014. Three additional payments of \$9,702 each are due on May 15, 2014, September 15, 2014, and January 15, 2015. Respondent's checks 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 shall be sent:

To:
Carmelita Lampino, Branch Chief
Enforcement and Emergency Response Division
Department of Toxic Substances Control
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, California 90630

and

To:
Lynn Goldman
Office of Legal Counsel

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

If Respondent fails to make the payments 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: 1/8/14


Original signed by Brian Chen

Brian Chen, Ruby Metals
Respondent

Dated: 1/21/14

Original signed by Carmelita Lampino

Carmelita Lampino, Branch Chief
Department of Toxic Substances Control

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ENFORCEMENT ORDER

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INTRODUCTION

1.1. Parties. The State Department of Toxic Substances Control (Department) issues this Enforcement Order (Order) to Ruby Metals, Inc., (Respondent).

1.2. Site. Respondent generates hazardous waste at the following site: 2805 S. Industrial Drive, Bloomington, CA 92316 (Site).

1.3. The Respondent generates the following hazardous waste: used oil.

1.4. Jurisdiction. Section 25187 of the Health and Safety Code authorizes the Department to order action necessary to correct violations and assess a penalty when the Department determines that any person has violated specified provisions of the Health and Safety Code or any permit, rule, regulation, standard, or requirement issued or adopted pursuant thereto.

1.5. Exhibits. All exhibits attached to this Order are incorporated herein by this reference.

DETERMINATION OF VIOLATIONS

2. The Department has determined that:

2.1. The Respondent violated Health and Safety Code, section 25201(a) and

25189.2(d) in that on or about March 6, 2012, Respondent accepted and stored hazardous waste without a hazardous waste permit or other grant of authorization from the Department. To wit, Respondent accepted 2,639 lbs. of fine copper powder particle size <100 micrometer, a hazardous waste, and stored the material at its facility for sixteen (16) days without a permit.

2.2. The Respondent violated California Code of Regulations, title 22, sections 66262.34(f)(2) and 66262.34(f)(3) in that on or about August 29, 2012, Respondent failed to label each container and tank used for onsite accumulation of hazardous waste with the words "Hazardous Waste" and also failed to label the hazardous waste containers with the start date of accumulation. To wit, Respondent failed to label two 55-gallon drums used to store used oil with the words hazardous waste and the date on which the applicable accumulation period began.

2.3. The Respondent violated California Code of regulations, title 22, sections 66262.34(a) and 66265.174 in that on or about August 29, 2012, Respondent failed to inspect hazardous waste container storage area, at least weekly. To wit, Respondent's inspection records indicated that the last inspection of the area was in July 28, 2011.

2.4. The Respondent violated California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 66262.53 in that on or about March 22, 2012, Respondent exported fine copper powder, a hazardous waste, without following the requirements for exports of hazardous waste.

2.5. The Respondent violated Health and Safety Code, section 25160(b)(1) in that on or about March 22, 2012, Respondent transported or submitted fine copper powder, a hazardous waste, for transportation for offsite handling without a hazardous

waste manifest.

2.6. The Respondent violated Health and Safety Code, section 25163(a)(1) in that on or about March 22, 2012, Respondent transferred custody of fine copper powder, a hazardous waste, to a transporter who does not hold a valid registration issued by the Department.

SCHEDULE FOR COMPLIANCE

3. The violations described in section 2 have been adequately corrected or addressed and no further action is required of the Respondent with respect to the violations.

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

Carmelita Lampino, Unit Chief
Enforcement and Emergency Response Division
Department of Toxic Substances Control
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, California 90630

and

Lynn Goldman
Office of Legal Counsel
Department of Toxic Substances Control
1001 I Street 23rd floor
P.O. Box 806
Sacramento, California 95812-0806

3.3. Communications. All approvals and decisions of the Department made regarding submittals and notifications will be communicated to Respondent in writing by the 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 the obligation to obtain such formal approvals as

may be required.

3.4. 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.

3.5. 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.

3.6. 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 of this Order 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 the Stop Work Order.

3.7. 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. 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.

3.8. 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 shall have the authority to 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.

3.9. 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.

3.10. 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 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 the Order.

3.11. 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.

3.12. Extension Request: 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.

3.13. 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.

OTHER PROVISIONS

4.1. Additional Enforcement Actions: By issuance of this Order, the Department

does not waive the right to take further enforcement actions.

4.2. Penalties for Noncompliance: Failure to comply with the terms of this Order may also subject Respondent to costs, 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.

4.3. Parties Bound: This Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent, and its officers, directors, agents, employees, contractors, consultants, receivers, trustees, successors, and assignees, including but not limited to individuals, partners, and subsidiary and parent corporations.

4.4. Time Periods. "Days" for purposes of this Order means calendar days.

4.5. 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.

PENALTY

5. Based on the foregoing DETERMINATION OF VIOLATIONS, the Department sets the amount of Respondent's penalty at \$50,393.00. Payment is due within 30 days from the effective date of the Order. Respondent's check shall be made payable to the Department of Toxic Substances Control, and shall identify the Respondent and Docket Number, as shown in the heading of this case. Respondent shall deliver the penalty payment to:

Department of Toxic Substances Control
Accounting Office
1001 I Street, 21st floor
P. O. Box 806

Sacramento, California 95812-0806

A photocopy of the check shall be sent to:

Carmelita Lampino, Unit Chief
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RIGHT TO A HEARING

6. Respondent may request a hearing to challenge the Order. Appeal procedures are described in the attached Statement to Respondent.

EFFECTIVE DATE

7. This Order is final and effective twenty days from the date of mailing, which is the date of the cover letter transmitting the Order to Respondent, unless Respondent requests a hearing within the twenty-day period.

Date of Issuance: July 11, 2013

Original signed by Paul Kewin

Paul Kewin
Division Chief
Enforcement & Emergency Response Division
Department of Toxic Substances Control