

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

In the Matter of:

Green Land Metals, Inc.
6400 Bandini Blvd.
City of Commerce, CA 90040

ID No. CAL000372153

Respondent.

Docket HWCA 2016-7370

CONSENT ORDER

Health and Safety Code
Section 25187

The State Department of Toxic Substances Control (Department) and Green Land Metals Inc. (Respondent) enter into this Consent Order and agree as follows:

1. Respondent is a scrap metal recycling facility located at 6400 Bandini Blvd., City of Commerce, California (Site).

2. The Department conducted a complaint investigation at this Site on November 21, 2016.

3. The Department alleges the following violations:

3.1. Respondent violated Health and Safety Code section 25201(a) in that on or about September 30, 2016, Respondent accepted and stored 5,640 pounds of zinc solder dross, a non-RCRA hazardous waste, without a permit or authorization from the Department. Pacific Trans Environmental Services, Inc., a registered hauler, imported and shipped the zinc solder dross to Respondent's facility under a Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest No. 014970212JJK on September 30, 2016.

3.2. Respondent violated California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 66273.32(c)(1), in that on or about November 21, 2016, Respondent failed to submit a notification to the Department at least 30 calendar days before collecting and storing any Universal Waste Electronic Devices and Cathode Ray Tubes.

4. The parties wish to avoid the expense of litigation and to ensure prompt compliance.

5. Jurisdiction exists pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25187.

6. Respondent waives any right to a hearing in this matter.

7. This Consent Order shall constitute full settlement of the violations alleged above, but does not limit the Department from taking appropriate enforcement action concerning other violations.

8. Respondent admits the violations described above.

SCHEDULE FOR COMPLIANCE

9. Respondent shall comply with the following:

9.1. The violations have been corrected.

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

Carlo Rodriguez, Unit Chief
San Diego Border Unit
Enforcement and Emergency Response Division
Department of Toxic Substances Control
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100
San Diego, California 92108

9.3. 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.

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

9.5. 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.

9.6. Endangerment during Implementation: In the event that the Department determines that any circumstances or activity (whether or not pursued in compliance with this Consent 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 Consent Order directly affected by a Stop Work Order under this section shall be extended for the term of such Stop Work Order.

9.7. Liability: Nothing in this Consent 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 Consent Order. Notwithstanding compliance with the terms of this Consent Order, Respondent may be required to take further actions as are necessary to protect public health or welfare or the environment.

9.8. 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 Consent 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 Consent 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 Consent Order.

9.9. 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 Consent Order. Respondent shall allow the Department and its authorized representatives to take duplicates of any samples collected by Respondent pursuant to this Consent Order. Respondent shall maintain a central depository of the data, reports, and other documents prepared pursuant to this Consent 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 Consent 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 Consent Order.

9.10. 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 12.3, in carrying out activities pursuant to this Consent 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 Consent Order.

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

9.12. Extension Requests: If Respondent is unable to perform any activity or submit any document within the time required under this Consent 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.

9.13. 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

10. Respondent shall pay a total penalty of \$15,000 dollars. Of the total penalty amount, \$5,000 shall be paid no later than 30 days from the effective date of this Consent Order toward the Supplemental Environmental Project (hereinafter "SEP") described in Paragraph 10.1 below. The remaining penalty amount of \$10,000 shall be paid to the Department as a penalty in two installments of \$5,000 each, no later than 60 and 90 days from the effective date of this Consent Order.

10.1. Supplemental Environmental Project Payment: The Department and Respondent have agreed that \$5,000.00 dollars of the total penalty amount identified in Paragraph 10 above shall be paid toward a SEP included in the Department's List of Accepted SEPs, attached as Exhibit A to this Consent Order, in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section X, Requirements A, B, and C of the Department's May 2016 SEP Policy (DTSC-OP-035), attached as Exhibit B to this Consent Order. The SEP that will be funded by Respondent under this Consent Order is Project No. 16: Household Lead Assessment and Remediation in Westside National City, in National City from the Department's List of Accepted SEPs (Exhibit A).

10.2. Respondent shall make the payment to the SEP described in Paragraph 10.1 no later than 30 days from the effective date of this Consent Order. If Respondent fails to make the SEP payment within 30 days from the effective date of the Consent Order, respondent shall remit any unspent portion of the SEP

payment to the Department no later than 10 days from the expiration of the 30-day period pursuant to the procedures described in Paragraph 10.1.

10.3. If Respondent fails to make payments pursuant to Paragraphs 10, 10.1 and 10.2, 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.

Respondent's checks shall be made payable to Department of Toxic Substances Control, have the Docket number (HWCA 2016-7370) and shall be delivered together with the attached Payment Voucher 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:

Carlo Rodriguez, Unit Chief
San Diego Border Unit
Enforcement and Emergency Response Division
Department of Toxic Substances Control
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100
San Diego, California 92108

OTHER PROVISIONS

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

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

11.3. Parties Bound: This Consent 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 Consent Order.

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

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

Original signed by Sergio Mejia

Dated: 2-17-18

Sergio Mejia, President
Green Land Metals, Inc.

Original signed by Carlo
Rodriguez

Dated: 2-16-2018

Carlo Rodriguez, Unit Chief
Enforcement and Emergency Response Division
Department of Toxic Substances Control