

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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In the matter of administrative proceedings )  
against **NATIONAL STANDARD** )  
**COMPANY**, a corporation organized under )  
the laws of the State of Michigan and doing )  
business at 1631 Lake Street, in the City of )  
Niles, County of Berrien, State of Michigan )  
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AQD No. 1-2009

SRN: B5417

STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF FINAL ORDER  
BY CONSENT

This proceeding resulted from allegations by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality ("MDEQ") Air Quality Division ("AQD") against National Standard Company, ("Company"), a Michigan corporation located at 1631 Lake Street in the City of Niles, County of Berrien, State of Michigan, with State Registration Number ("SRN") B5417. The MDEQ alleges that the Company has violated Part 55, Air Pollution Control, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, Michigan Administrative Code ("MAC"), 2003 AACS, R 336.1201 ("Rule 201"), MAC 1997 AACS R336.1290 ("Rule 290") and Consent Order No. 13-2007. Specifically, the MDEQ alleges that the Company has failed to keep records in accordance with the requirements specified in Rule 290 on the Cleaninghouse-North, Hydrochloric Acid Storage Tanks, #1 Line and Galvanizing Line and in doing so failed to exempt the process equipment from the requirement to obtain an air use permit and has failed to comply with their malfunction abatement plan for their air pollution control equipment, as cited herein and in the Letter of Violation ("LOV") dated December 17, 2007. The Company and MDEQ stipulate to the termination of this proceeding by entry of a Stipulation for Entry of a Final Order by Consent ("Consent Order").

The Company and MDEQ stipulate as follows:

1. The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, ("Act 451"), MCL 324.101 et seq. is an act that controls pollution to protect the environment and natural resources in the State.
2. Article II, Pollution Control, Part 55 of Act 451 ("Part 55"), MCL 324.5501 et seq. provides for air pollution control regulations in this State.

3. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources ("MDNR") is authorized pursuant to Section 5503 of Part 55 to administer and enforce all provisions of Part 55. Section 301 of Part 3 provides the authority to the Director of the MDNR to delegate powers and duties.

4. The MDEQ was created as a principal department within the Executive Branch of the State of Michigan pursuant to Executive Order 1995-18. All statutory authority, powers, duties, functions and responsibilities of the MDNR AQD were transferred to the Director of the MDEQ ("Director").

5. The Director has delegated authority to the Chief of the AQD ("AQD Chief") to enter into this Consent Order.

6. The termination of this matter by a Consent Order pursuant to Section 5528 of Part 55 is proper and acceptable.

7. The Company and the MDEQ agree that the signing of this Consent Order is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by the Company that the law has been violated. The Company denies the allegations made by the MDEQ in the LOV dated December 17, 2007 and this Consent Order.

8. This Consent Order becomes effective on the date of execution ("effective date of this Consent Order") by the AQD Chief.

9. The Company shall achieve compliance with the aforementioned regulations in accordance with the requirements contained in this Consent Order.

#### COMPLIANCE PROGRAM AND IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

##### 10 A. Permit

1. By January 30, 2009, the Company shall submit to the AQD, pursuant to the administrative rules of Part 55, acceptable plans and specifications and a complete application to obtain a facility wide permit to install for the following process equipment: Line #74, Line #4, Boilers, Cleaning House, Paint Spray Booths, Cone Machines, Spray Metallizing Equipment, Hydrochloric Acid Storage Tanks, #1 Line, Galvanizing Line and Cleaninghouse-North

2. Within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of final draft permit conditions for the facility wide permit to install pursuant to Paragraph 10.A.1, the Company shall submit in writing an acceptance of all terms and conditions of the draft permit to install to the AQD Permit Section Supervisor.

B. Operating Conditions

On and after the effective date of this Consent Order, the Company shall fully comply with the Malfunction Abatement Plan ("MAP"), which is attached as Exhibit A of this Consent Order or with any modifications to the MAP during the term of this Consent Order, incorporated by reference and made an enforceable part of this Consent Order

RECORDKEEPING, REPORTING, AND MONITORING

11. On and after the effective date of this Consent Order and until issuance of the facility wide permit to install, the Company shall comply with the recordkeeping, reporting and monitoring requirements specified in Permit to Install No. 174-97B which is attached as Exhibit B of this Consent Order

12. On and after the effective date of this Consent Order and until issuance of the facility wide permit to install, the Company shall keep records on all process equipment currently exempt from the requirement to obtain an air use permit in accordance with the requirements specified in MAC Rule 290.

13. Upon issuance of the facility wide permit to install for Line #74, Line #4, Boilers, Cleaning House, Paint Spray Booths, Cone Machines, Spray Metallizing Equipment, Hydrochloric Acid Storage Tanks, #1 Line, Galvanizing Line and Cleaninghouse-North, it shall be attached as Exhibit C and the Company shall comply with its recordkeeping, reporting and monitoring requirements.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

14. On and after the effective date of this Consent Order, except as otherwise provided by the administrative rules of Part 55, the Company shall not install, construct, reconstruct, relocate, alter, or modify any process or process equipment including control equipment pertaining thereto, which may emit an air contaminant, unless a permit to install which authorizes such action is issued by the MDEQ pursuant to Rule 201, the Company is issued a waiver pursuant to Rule 202, or the change is exempt from the requirements of Rule 201.

15. This Consent Order in no way affects the Company's responsibility to comply with any other applicable state and federal, or local laws or regulations, including without limitation, any amendments to the federal Clean Air Act, 42 USC 7401 et seq., Act 451, Part 55 or their rules and regulations, or to the State Implementation Plan.

16. This Consent Order constitutes a civil settlement and satisfaction as to the resolution of the violations specifically addressed herein; however, it does not resolve any criminal action that may result from these same violations

17. Within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Consent Order, the Company shall pay to the General Fund of the State of Michigan, in the form of a check made payable to the "State of Michigan" and delivered to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Financial and Business Services Division, Revenue Control, P.O. Box 30657, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8157, a settlement amount of \$30,096.00, which includes AQD costs for investigation and enforcement. This total settlement amount shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Consent Order. To ensure proper credit, all payments made pursuant to this Consent Order shall include the Agreement Identification No. AQD 1171 on the face of the check. This settlement amount is in addition to any fees, taxes, or other fines that may be imposed on the Company by law.

18. On and after the effective date of this Consent Order, if the Company fails to comply with paragraph 14 of this Consent Order, the Company is subject to a stipulated fine of up to \$10,000.00 per violation. On and after the effective date of this Consent Order, if the Company fails to comply with paragraphs 10 B, 11, 12 or 13 of this Consent Order, the Company is subject to stipulated fines of up to \$1,500.00 per violation per day. On and after the effective date of this Consent Order, if the Company fails to comply with paragraphs 10.A.1 or 10.A.2 of this Consent Order, the Company is subject to stipulated fines of up to \$1,000.00 per violation per day. On and after the effective date of this Consent Order, if the Company fails to comply with any other provision of this Consent Order, the Company is subject to a stipulated fine of up to \$500.00 per violation. The amount of the stipulated fines imposed pursuant to this paragraph shall be within the discretion of the MDEQ. Stipulated fines submitted under this Consent Order shall be by check, payable to the State of Michigan within thirty (30) days of written demand and shall be delivered to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Financial and Business Services Division, Revenue Control, P.O. Box 30657, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8157. To ensure proper credit, all payments shall include the Agreement Identification No. AQD 1171S on the face of the check. Payment of stipulated fines shall not alter or modify in any way the Company's obligation to comply with the terms and conditions of this Consent Order.

19. The AQD, at its discretion, may seek stipulated fines or statutory fines for any violation of this Consent Order which is also a violation of any provision of applicable federal and state law, rule,

regulation, permit, or MDEQ administrative order. However, the AQD is precluded from seeking both a stipulated fine under this Consent Order and a statutory fine for the same violation

20. To insure timely payment of the settlement amount in paragraph 17 and any stipulated fines assessed pursuant to paragraph 18 of this Consent Order, the Company shall pay an interest payment to the State of Michigan each time it fails to make a complete or timely payment under this Consent Order. The interest payment shall be determined at a rate of interest that is equal to one percent (1%) plus the average interest rate paid at auctions of 5-year United States treasury notes during the six months immediately preceding July 1 and January 1, as certified by the state treasurer, compounded annually, and using the full increment of amount due as principal, calculated from the due date specified in this Consent Order until the date that delinquent payment is finally paid in full. Payment of an interest payment by the Company shall be made to the State of Michigan in accordance with paragraph 18 of this Consent Order. Interest payments shall be applied first towards the most overdue amount or outstanding interest payment owed by the Company before any remaining balance is applied to subsequent payment amount or interest payment.

21. The Company agrees not to contest the legal basis for the settlement amount assessed pursuant to paragraph 17. The Company also agrees not to contest the legal basis for any stipulated fines assessed pursuant to paragraph 18 of this Consent Order, but reserves the right to dispute in a court of competent jurisdiction the factual basis upon which a demand by MDEQ of stipulated fines is made. In addition, the Company agrees that said fines have not been assessed by the MDEQ pursuant to Section 5529 of Part 55 and therefore are not reviewable under Section 5529 of Part 55

22. This compliance program is not a variance subject to the 12 month limitation specified in Section 5538 of Part 55

23. This Consent Order shall remain in full force and effect for a period of at least five (5) years. Thereafter, the Consent Order shall terminate only upon written notice of termination issued by the AQD Chief. Prior to issuance of a written notice of termination, the Company shall submit a request, to the AQD Chief at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760, consisting of a written certification that the Company has fully complied with all the requirements of this Consent Order and has made all payments including all stipulated fines required by this Consent Order. Specifically, this certification shall include: (i) the date of compliance with each provision of the compliance program and the date any payments or stipulated fines were paid; (ii) a statement that all required information has been reported to the AQD Kalamazoo

District Supervisor; (iii) confirmation that all records required to be maintained pursuant to this Consent Order are being maintained at the facility; and, (iv) such information as may be requested by the AQD Chief.

24. In the event National Standard Company sells or transfers the facility, with SRN: B5417, it shall advise any purchaser or transferee of the existence of this Consent Order in connection with such sale or transfer. Within thirty (30) calendar days, the Company shall also notify the AQD Kalamazoo District Supervisor, in writing, of such sale or transfer, the identity and address of any purchaser or transferee, and confirm the fact that notice of this Consent Order has been given to the purchaser and/or transferee. As a condition of the sale, the National Standard Company must obtain the consent of the purchaser and/or transferee, in writing, to assume all of the obligations of this Consent Order. A copy of that agreement shall be forwarded to the AQD Kalamazoo District Supervisor within thirty (30) days of assuming the obligations of this Consent Order.

25. Prior to the effective date of this Consent Order and pursuant to the requirements of Sections 5511 and 5528(3) of Part 55, the public was notified of a 30-day public comment period and was provided the opportunity for a public hearing.

26. Section 5530 of Part 55 may serve as a source of authority but not a limitation under which the Consent Order may be enforced. Further, Part 17 of Act 451 and all other applicable laws and any other legal basis or applicable statute may be used to enforce this Consent Order.

27. Upon entry of this Consent Order, the Stipulation for Entry of Final Order by Consent, AQD No.13-2007, shall be null and void, and of no further force or effect.

28. The Company hereby stipulates that entry of this Consent Order is a result of an action by MDEQ to resolve alleged violations of its facility located at 1631 Lake Street, in Niles, Michigan. The Company further stipulates that it will take all lawful actions necessary to fully comply with this Consent Order, even if the Company files for bankruptcy in the future. The Company will not seek discharge of the settlement amount and any stipulated fines imposed hereunder in any future bankruptcy proceedings, and the Company will take necessary steps to ensure that the settlement amount and any future stipulated

finer are not discharged The Company, during and after any future bankruptcy proceedings, will ensure that the settlement amount and any future stipulated fines remain an obligation to be paid in full by the Company to the extent allowed by applicable bankruptcy law.

The undersigned certifies that he/she is fully authorized by the Company to enter into this Consent Order and to execute and legally bind the Company to it.

**NATIONAL STANDARD COMPANY**

Tim Francis, President  
Print Name and Title

Tim Francis Date: 1-23-09  
Signature

The above signatory subscribed and sworn to before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2009.

LORENE M LUNDY, Notary Public  
Cass County, Michigan  
Acting in Berrien County, Michigan  
My Commission Expires March 30, 2011

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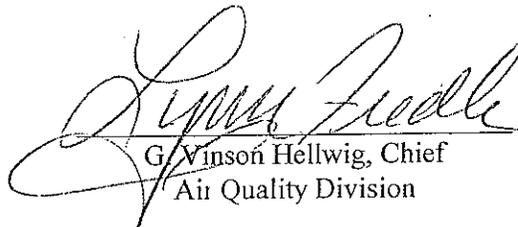
Dated: February 10, 2009

FINAL ORDER

The Chief of the Air Quality Division having had opportunity to review the Consent Order and having been delegated authority to enter into Consent Orders by the Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality pursuant to the provisions of Part 55 of Act 451 and otherwise being fully advised on the premises,

HAS HEREBY ORDERED that the Consent Order is approved and shall be entered in the record of the MDEQ as a Final Order.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



G. Vinson Hellwig, Chief  
Air Quality Division

Dated: 2/12/09