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STATE OF ILLINOIS

Lisa Madigan

September 27, 2007

John T. Therriault, Assistant Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board James R. Thompson Center, Ste. 11-500 100 West Randolph Chicago, Illinois 60601

Re: People v. Gary Cates, et al.

Dear Clerk Gunn:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and ten copies of a Notice of Filing, Entry of Appearance and Complaint in regard to the above-captioned matter. Please file the originals and return file-stamped copies to me in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

Very truly yours,

Stephen J. Jánasie Environmental Bureau 500 South Second Street Springfield, Illinois 62706

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## BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

Complainant,

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GARY CATES, d/b/a CHERRY STREET AUTOMOTIVE, CALVIN BOOTH, d/b/a AUTO SALVAGE ILLINOIS, and S. I. PROMOTION FLORA, INC.,

Respondents.

STATE OF ILLINOIS Pollution Control Board

PCB No. 0 (Enforcement)

### **NOTICE OF FILING**

To: Gary Cates, d/b/a Cherry Street Automotive c/o John Stanley
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 399
Carmi, IL 62821

Calvin Booth, d/b/a Auto Salvage Illinois S. I. Promotion Flora, Inc. c/o Jennifer Martin Crain, Miller & Wernsman, Ltd. 623 E. Broadway, P.O. Box 867 Centralia, IL 62801

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on this date I mailed for filing with the Clerk of the Pollution Control Board of the State of Illinois, a COMPLAINT, a copy of which is attached hereto and herewith served upon you. Failure to file an answer to this Complaint within 60 days may have severe consequences. Failure to answer will mean that all allegations in this Complaint will be taken as if admitted for purposes of this proceeding. If you have any questions about this procedure, you should contact the hearing officer assigned to this proceeding, the Clerk's Office or an attorney.

FURTHER, please take notice that financing may be available, through the Illinois Environmental Facilities Financing Act, 20 ILCS 3515/1 (2004), to correct the pollution alleged in the Complaint filed in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

LISA MADIGAN, Attorney General of the State of Illinois

MATTHEW J. DUNN, Chief Environmental Enforcement/Asbestos Litigation Division

BY:

STEPHEN J. JANASIE Assistant Attorney General Environmental Bureau

500 South Second Street Springfield, Illinois 62706 217/782-9031

Dated: September 27, 2007



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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

I hereby certify that I did on September 27, 2007, send by certified mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, by depositing in a United States Post Office Box a true and correct copy of the following instruments entitled NOTICE OF FILING, ENTRY OF APPEARANCE and COMPLAINT:

To: Gary Cates, d/b/a Cherry Street Automotive c/o John Stanley
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 399
Carmi, IL 62821

Calvin Booth, d/b/a Auto Salvage Illinois S. I. Promotion Flora, Inc. c/o Jennifer Martin Crain, Miller & Wernsman, Ltd. 623 E. Broadway, P.O. Box 867 Centralia, IL 62801

and the original and ten copies by First Class Mail with postage thereon fully prepaid of the same foregoing instrument(s):

To: John T. Therriault, Assistant Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board James R. Thompson Center Suite 11-500 100 West Randolph Chicago, Illinois 60601

Stephen J. Janasie

Assistant Attorney General

This filing is submitted on recycled paper.

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# BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROLLERS OFFICE

	OCT 0 1 2007
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,	) STATE OF ILLINOIS
Complainant,	Pollution Control Board
<b>v.</b>	) ) PCB No. D ) (Enforcement)
GARY CATES, d/b/a CHERRY STREET	)
AUTOMOTIVE, CALVIN BOOTH, d/b/a	,
AUTO SALVAGE ILLINOIS, and S. I.	j ,
PROMOTION FLORA, INC.,	)
	)
Respondents.	)

### **ENTRY OF APPEARANCE**

On behalf of the Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, STEPHEN J. JANASIE, Assistant Attorney General of the State of Illinois, hereby enters his appearance as attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, LISA MADIGAN Attorney General of the State of Illinois

MATTHEW J. DUNN, Chief Environmental Enforcement/Asbestos Litigation Division

BY:

STEPHEN J. JANASIE Environmental Bureau Assistant Attorney General

500 South Second Street Springfield, Illinois 62706 217/782-9031 Dated: September 27, 2007

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION GONTROL BOARD WHITE COUNTY, ILLINOIS RECEIVED CLERK'S OFFICE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, OCT 0 1 2007 ex rel. LISA MADIGAN, Attorney STATE OF ILLINOIS General of the State of Illinois, **Pollution Control Board** Complainant, VS. (Enforcement) GARY CATES, d/b/a CHERRY STREET AUTOMOTIVE, CALVIN BOOTH, d/b/a AUTO SALVAGE ILLINOIS, and S. I. PROMOTION FLORA, INC., Defendants.

### COMPLAINT

The PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, *ex rel.* LISA MADIGAN, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, on her own motion and at the request of the ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, complains of the Respondents, GARY CATES, d/b/a Cherry Street Automotive, CALVIN BOOTH, d/b/a Auto Salvage Illinois, and S. I. PROMOTION FLORA, INC., as follows:

#### **OPEN DUMPING VIOLATIONS**

- 1. This Complaint is brought on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois, *ex rel*. LISA MADIGAN, the Attorney General of the State of Illinois, on her own motion and at the request of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA" or "Agency"), pursuant to Section 42(d) and (e) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), 415 ILCS 5/42(d) and (e) (2006).
- 2. The Illinois EPA is an agency of the State of Illinois created by the Illinois General Assembly under Section 4 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/4 (2006), and charged, *inter alia*, with the duty of enforcing the Act.
  - 3. At all times relevant to the violations alleged in this Complaint, title to the property

located at 810 Elm Street, Carmi, Illinois, was held by M. G. T., Inc. Respondent Gary Cates was the Registered Agent for M. G. J., Inc. M. G. J., Inc., was an Illinois corporation which was dissolved in 1996. Respondent Gary Cates also owns and operates a business known as Cherry Street Automotive which conducted and continues to conduct a portion of its business at the property located at 810 Elm Street, Carmi, Illinois.

- 4. Respondent Calvin Booth conducts an auto salvage operation under the name of Auto Salvage Illinois, which is an assumed name for S. I. Promotions Flora, Inc., an Illinois for-profit corporation.
- 5. Commencing on some date prior to August 31, 2004, known to the Defendants and continuing thereafter, Respondent S. I. Promotions Flora, Inc., and/or Respondent Calvin Booth, d/b/a Auto Salvage Illinois, pursuant to a contract with Respondent, Gary Cates, d/b/a Cherry Street Automotive, salvaged numerous automobiles located on the property at 810 Elm Street, Carmi, Illinois.
  - 6. Section 21(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(a) (2006), provides:

    No person shall:
    - (a) Cause or allow the open dumping of any waste.

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- 7. Section 55(a)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/55(a)(1) (2006), provides:
  - (a) No person shall:
    - (1) Cause or allow the open dumping of any used or waste tires.
- 8. On or about September 1, 2004, and other dates known to the Respondent, Respondent S. J. Promotions Flora, Inc., and/or Calvin Booth, pursuant to the contract to salvage automobiles with Respondent Gary Cates, d/b/a Cherry Street Automotive, in the process of removing gas tanks and batteries, caused or allowed the spillage or discharge of gasoline and

other automotive fluids onto the soil at the property located at 810 Cherry Street in Carmi, Illinois, in violation of Section 21(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(a) (2006).

9. On or about September 1, 2004, and other dates known to the Respondents, Respondents caused or allowed the dumping of used or waste tires on the property located at 810 Cherry Street in Carmi, Illinois, in violation of Section 55(a)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/55(a)(1) (2006).

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Complaint, People of the State of Illinois, respectfully requests that this Board enter an order against Respondents for the following:

- A. Authorizing a hearing in this matter at which time the Respondents will be required to answer the allegations herein;
- B. Finding that the Respondents Gary Cates, d/b/a Cherry Street Automotive, Calvin Booth, d/b/a Auto Salvage Illinois, and S. I. Promotions Flora, Inc., have violated Section 21(a), and 55(a)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(a) and 55(a)(1) (2006).
- C. Ordering the Respondents to cease and desist from further violations of the Act and its regulations;
- D. Assessing against the Respondents a monetary penalty of up to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for each violation and up to an additional Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for each day that the violation has continued;
- E. Pursuant to Section 42(f) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/42(f) (2006), award the Complainant its costs and reasonable attorney's fees; and

F. Grant such other and further relief as this Board deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, ex rel. LISA MADIGAN, Attorney General of the State of Illinois

MATTHEW J. DUNN, Chief Environmental Enforcement/Asbestos Litigation Division

BY:

THOMAS DAVIS, Chief Environmental Bureau Assistant Attorney General

Of Counsel:

STEPHEN J. JANASIE Assistant Attorney General 500 South Second Street Springfield, Illinois 62706 217/782-9031

Dated: 9/27/07