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### **NOTICE OF FILING**

TO: See attached service list (VIA ELECTRONIC FILING)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have today filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board by electronic filing the following Complaint, Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement and Motion for Relief from Hearing Requirements, copies which are attached and hereby served upon you. You may be required to answer the charges of the Complaint at a hearing before the Board, at a date set by the Board.

Failure to file an answer to this complaint within 60 days may have severe consequences. Failure to answer will mean that all allegations in the 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.

<u>NOTIFICATION</u> - YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that financing may be available through the Illinois Environmental Facilities Financing Act [20 ILCS 3515/1, et seq.] to correct the alleged violations.

Respectfully submitted,

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, KWAME RAOUL, Attorney General of the State of Illinois

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Date: November 17, 2023

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## **COMPLAINT**

Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, by KWAME RAOUL, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, on his own motion and at the request of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, complains of Respondent, TECHO-BLOC MIDWEST CORP., a Delaware corporation, as follows:

# COUNT I FAILURE TO TIMELY SUBMIT ANNUAL EMISSIONS REPORT

- 1. This Count is brought by the Attorney General on his own motion and at the request of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA"), pursuant to the terms and provisions of Section 31 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), 415 ILCS 5/31 (2022).
- 2. Illinois EPA is an agency of the State of Illinois created by the Illinois General Assembly in Section 4 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/4 (2022), and charged, *inter alia*, with the duty of enforcing the Act.
- 3. The Illinois Pollution Control Board ("Board") is an independent board created by the Illinois General Assembly in Section 5 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/5 (2022), and charged, *inter alia*, with the duty of promulgating standards and regulations under the Act.

- 4. At all times relevant to this Complaint, the Respondent, TECHO-BLOC MIDWEST CORP., ("Techo-Bloc" or the "Respondent") has been and is a Delaware corporation authorized to do business in Illinois.
- 5. At all times relevant to this Complaint, the Respondent was and is the owner and operator of a concrete block plant at 8201 W. 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois (the "Facility").
- 6. At all times relevant to this Complaint, the Facility's operations included and include the following emission sources: a concrete block plant, and a cement storage silo (collectively, "emission sources").
- 7. At all times relevant to this Complaint, the emission sources at the Facility have been and are capable of emitting particulate matter ("PM").
- 8. On June 7, 2016, Respondent was issued an operating permit by the Illinois EPA for the emission sources at the Facility.
  - 9. Section 9(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9(a) (2022), provides as follows:

    No person shall:
    - (a) Cause or threaten or allow the discharge or emission of any contaminant into the environment in any State so as to cause or tend to cause air pollution in Illinois, either alone or in combination with contaminants from other sources, or so as to violate regulations or standards adopted by the Board under this Act.
- 10. Section 3.315 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.315 (2022), provides the following definition:
  - "Person" is any individual, partnership, co-partnership, firm, company, limited liability company, corporation, association, joint stock company, trust, estate, political subdivision, state agency, or assigns.
- 11. The Respondent is a corporation and therefore a "person" as that term is defined in Section 3.315 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.315 (2022).

- 12. Section 3.165 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.165 (2022), provides the following definition:
  - "Contaminant" is any solid, liquid, or gaseous matter, any odor, or any form of energy, from whatever source.
- 13. PM is a "contaminant" as that term is defined under Section 3.165 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.165 (2022).
- 14. Section 201.302(a) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.302(a), provides in pertinent part:
  - (a) The owner or operator of any emission unit or air pollution control equipment meeting the applicability criteria contained in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 254.102 shall submit to the Agency as a minimum, annual reports detailing the nature, specific emission units and total annual quantities of all specified air contaminant emissions; provided, however, that the Agency may require more frequent reports when necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Act and this Chapter.
- 15. Section 254.102(b) of the Illinois EPA Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 254.102(b), provides as follows:
  - (b) Subpart C of this Part applies to the owner or operator of any source of regulated air pollutants required to have an operating permit in accordance with 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201 that is not subject to subsection (a) of this Section.
- 16. PM is a regulated air pollutant as that term is defined in Section 211.5500 of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 211.5500.
- 17. The Facility is a source required to have an operating permit in accordance with 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201 and is not subject to subsection (a) of Section 254.102 of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 254.102. The Facility therefore meets the applicability criteria contained in Section 254.102(b) of the Illinois EPA's Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 254.102(b).

- 18. Section 254.132(a) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 254.132(a), provides in pertinent part:
  - (a) Failure to file a complete Annual Emissions Report by the applicable deadlines prescribed in Section 254.137(a) of this Subpart shall be a violation of this Part and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.302(a).
- 19. Section 254.137(a) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 254.137(a), provides as follows:
  - (a) All Annual Emissions Reports are due by May 1 of the year following the calendar year in which the emissions took place.
- 20. Section 211.1950 of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 211.1950, provides the following definition:
  - "Emission unit" means any part or activity at a stationary source that emits or has the potential to emit any air pollutant.
- 21. Section 211.6370 of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 211.6370, provides the following definition:
  - "Stationary source" means any building, structure, facility or installation that emits or may emit any air pollutant.
- 22. The Facility is a "stationary source" as that term is defined in Section 211.6370 of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 211.6370.
- 23. The Respondent's concrete block plant, and cement storage silo are "emission units" as that term is defined in Section 211.1950 of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 211.1950.
- 24. Section 211.4370 of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 211.4370, provides the following definition:

- "Owner or operator" means any person who owns, operates, leases, controls, or supervises a source, an emission unit or air pollution control equipment.
- 25. The Respondent is the "owner or operator" of the emission units as that term is defined in Section 211.4370 of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 211.4370.
- 26. Beginning at least as early as June 7, 2016, and continuing to the date of the filing of this Complaint, as the owner or operator of emission units, the Respondent was required to submit an annual emission report ("AER") to Illinois EPA by May 1 of the following calendar year in which the emissions took place.
- 27. By May 1, 2021, the Respondent was required to submit an AER for calendar year 2020 to the Illinois EPA.
- 28. The Respondent submitted to the Illinois EPA an AER for the year 2020 on December 14, 2021. This AER, which Illinois EPA received on December 20, 2021, was approximately 233 days late.
- 29. By failing to timely submit a complete and accurate AER for calendar year 2020, Respondent violated Section 201.302(a) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.302(a), and Section 254.132(a) of the Illinois EPA Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 254.132(a). The Respondent thereby violated Section 9(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9(a) (2022).

## PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, respectfully requests that this Board enter an Order against the Respondent, TECHO-BLOC MIDWEST CORP., on this Count I, as follows:

A. Authorizing a hearing in this matter at which time the Respondent will be required to answer the allegations herein;

B. Finding that the Respondent has violated Section 9(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9(a)

(2022), Section 201.302(a) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.302(a),

and Section 254.132(a) of the Illinois EPA Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 254.132(a);

C. Ordering the Respondent to immediately undertake all necessary corrective action

that will result in a final and permanent abatement of violations of Section 9(a) of the Act, 415

ILCS 5/9(a) (2022), Section 201.302(a) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code

201.302(a), and Section 254.132(a) of the Illinois EPA Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 254.132(a);

D. Assessing against the Respondent a civil penalty of Fifty Thousand Dollars

(\$50,000.00) for each violation of the Act, Board Air Pollution Regulations, and Illinois EPA

Regulations, and an additional penalty of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for each day of

violation, pursuant to Section 42(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/42(a) (2022);

E. Ordering the Respondent to pay all costs expended by the State in its pursuit of this

action, including attorney, expert witness, and consultant fees, pursuant to Section 42(f) of the Act,

415 ILCS 5/42(f) (2022); and

F. Granting such other relief as this Board deems equitable and just.

Respectfully Submitted,

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

by KWAME RAOUL,

Attorney General of the

State of Illinois

MATTHEW J. DUNN, Chief

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## STIPULATION AND PROPOSAL FOR SETTLEMENT

Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, by KWAME RAOUL, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA"), and TECHO-BLOC MIDWEST CORP. ("Respondent"), (collectively "Parties to the Stipulation"), have agreed to the making of this Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement ("Stipulation") and submit it to the Illinois Pollution Control Board ("Board") for approval. This stipulation of facts is made and agreed upon for purposes of settlement only and as a factual basis for the Board's approval of this Stipulation and issuance of relief. None of the facts stipulated herein shall be introduced into evidence in any other proceeding regarding the violations of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), 415 ILCS 5/1, et seq. (2022), and the Board's regulations, alleged in the Complaint except as otherwise provided herein. It is the intent of the Parties to the Stipulation that it be a final adjudication of this matter.

## I. STATEMENT OF FACTS

## A. Parties

1. Contemporaneously with the filing of this Stipulation, a Complaint was filed on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois by Kwame Raoul, Attorney General of the State of

Illinois, on his own motion and upon the request of the Illinois EPA, pursuant to Section 31 of the

Act, 415 ILCS 5/31 (2022), against the Respondent.

2. The Illinois EPA is an administrative agency of the State of Illinois, created

pursuant to Section 4 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/4 (2022).

3. At all times relevant to the Complaint, Respondent was and is a Delaware

corporation that is authorized to do business in the State of Illinois.

4. At all times relevant to the Complaint, Respondent owned and operated a concrete

block plant at 8201 W. 31st Street, Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois (the "Facility").

5. At all times relevant to the Complaint, the Facility's operations included and

include the following emission sources: a concrete block plant, a cement storage silo, and a

baghouse (collectively, "emission sources").

6. At all times relevant to the Complaint, the emission sources at the Facility have

been and are capable of emitting particulate matter ("PM").

7. On June 7, 2016, Illinois EPA issued an operating permit to Respondent for the

emission sources at the Facility.

8. Respondent submitted to the Illinois EPA an Annual Emissions Report ("AER")

for the year 2020, on December 14, 2021. This AER, due May 1, 2021, and received by Illinois

EPA on December 20, 2021, was approximately 233 days late.

B. Allegations of Non-Compliance

Complainant contends that the Respondent has violated the following provisions of the Act

and Board regulations:

Count I:

Failure to Timely Submit Annual Emissions Report

Section 9(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9(a) (2022);

Sections 201.302(a) and 254.132(a) of the Board Air Pollution

Regulations, 35 III. Adm Code 201.302(a) and 254.132(a)

### C. Admission of Violations

The Respondent admits to the violations alleged in the Complaint filed in this matter and referenced within Section I.B herein.

## D. Compliance Activities to Date

The Respondent submitted its AER for calendar year 2020 on December 14, 2021. Illinois EPA received that AER on December 20, 2021.

## II. APPLICABILITY

This Stipulation shall apply to and be binding upon the Parties to the Stipulation. The Respondent shall not raise as a defense to any enforcement action taken pursuant to this Stipulation the failure of any of its officers, directors, agents, employees or successors or assigns to take such action as shall be required to comply with the provisions of this Stipulation. This Stipulation may be used against the Respondent in any subsequent enforcement action or permit proceeding as proof of a past adjudication of violation of the Act and the Board Regulations for all violations alleged in the Complaint in this matter, for purposes of Sections 39 and 42 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/39 and 42 (2022).

## III. IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC RESULTING FROM ALLEGED NON-COMPLIANCE

Section 33(c) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/33(c) (2022), provides as follows:

In making its orders and determinations, the Board shall take into consideration all the facts and circumstances bearing upon the reasonableness of the emissions, discharges, or deposits involved including, but not limited to:

- 1. the character and degree of injury to, or interference with the protection of the health, general welfare and physical property of the people;
- 2. the social and economic value of the pollution source;
- 3. the suitability or unsuitability of the pollution source to the area in which it is located, including the question of priority of location in the area involved;

- the technical practicability and economic reasonableness of reducing or eliminating the emissions, discharges or deposits resulting from such pollution source; and
- 5. any subsequent compliance.

In response to these factors, the Parties to the Stipulation state the following:

- I. The Illinois EPA's information gathering responsibilities were hindered by the Respondent's violations, thereby threatening human health and the environment.
  - 2. There is social and economic benefit to the Facility.
- 3. Operation of the Facility was and is suitable for the area in which it is located, so long as it is operated in accordance with the Act and Board regulations.
- 4. Timely submission of AERs is both technically practicable and economically reasonable.
  - 5. Respondent has subsequently complied with the Act and the Board regulations.

## IV. CONSIDERATION OF SECTION 42(h) FACTORS

Section 42(h) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/42(h) (2022), provides as follows:

In determining the appropriate civil penalty to be imposed under . . . this Section, the Board is authorized to consider any matters of record in mitigation or aggravation of penalty, including but not limited to the following factors:

- 1. the duration and gravity of the violation;
- 2. the presence or absence of due diligence on the part of the respondent in attempting to comply with requirements of this Act and regulations thereunder or to secure relief therefrom as provided by this Act;
- any economic benefits accrued by the respondent because of delay in compliance with requirements, in which case the economic benefits shall be determined by the lowest cost alternative for achieving compliance;
- 4. the amount of monetary penalty which will serve to deter further violations by the respondent and to otherwise aid in enhancing voluntary compliance with this Act by the respondent and other persons similarly subject to the

Act;

- 5. the number, proximity in time, and gravity of previously adjudicated violations of this Act by the respondent;
- 6. whether the respondent voluntarily self-disclosed, in accordance with subsection i of this Section, the non-compliance to the Agency;
- 7. whether the respondent has agreed to undertake a "supplemental environmental project," which means an environmentally beneficial project that a respondent agrees to undertake in settlement of an enforcement action brought under this Act, but which the respondent is not otherwise legally required to perform; and
- 8. whether the respondent has successfully completed a Compliance Commitment Agreement under subsection (a) of Section 31 of this Act to remedy the violations that are the subject of the complaint.

In response to these factors, the Parties to the Stipulation state as follows:

- Respondent failed to timely submit an AER for the calendar year 2020, due by May 1, 2021. Illinois EPA subsequently received the AER on December 20, 2021, which is approximately 233 days late.
- Respondent did not respond to the Violation Notice nor to the Notice of Intent to
   Pursue Legal Action which Illinois EPA sent to Respondent.
- 3. The civil penalty takes into account any economic benefit realized by the Respondent as a result of avoided or delayed compliance.
- 4. Complainant has determined, based upon the specific facts of this matter, that a penalty of Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$6,650.00) will serve to deter further violations and aid in future voluntary compliance with the Act and Board regulations.
- 5. To Complainant's knowledge, Respondent has no previously adjudicated violations of the Act.
  - 6. Self-disclosure is not at issue in this matter.

- 7. The settlement of this matter does not include a supplemental environmental project.
  - 8. A Compliance Commitment Agreement was not at issue in this matter.

## V. TERMS OF SETTLEMENT

## A. Penalty Payment

The Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the sum of Six Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$6,650.00) within thirty (30) days from the date the Board adopts and accepts this Stipulation.

#### B. Interest and Default

- 1. If the Respondent fails to make any payment required by this Stipulation on or before the date upon which the payment is due, the Respondent shall be in default and the remaining unpaid balance of the penalty, plus any accrued interest, shall be due and owing immediately. In the event of default, the Complainant shall be entitled to reasonable costs of collection, including reasonable attorney's fees.
- 2. Pursuant to Section 42(g) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/42(g) (2022) interest shall accrue on any penalty amount owed by the Respondent not paid within the time prescribed herein. Interest on unpaid penalties shall begin to accrue from the date such are due and continue to accrue to the date full payment is received. Where partial payment is made on any penalty amount that is due, such partial payment shall be first applied to any interest on unpaid penalties then owing.

### C. Payment Procedures

1. All payments required by this Stipulation shall be made by certified check or money order payable to the Illinois EPA for deposit into the Environmental Protection Trust Fund ("EPTF"). Payments shall be sent by first class mail and delivered to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Fiscal Services 1021 North Grand Avenue East P.O. Box 19276 Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

- 2. The case name and case number shall appear on the face of the certified check or money order.
- 3. A copy of the certified check or money order and any transmittal letter shall be sent to:

Bridget I. Flynn
Assistant Attorney General
Environmental Bureau
Illinois Attorney General's Office
500 S. Second Street
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## D. Future Compliance

- 1. In addition to any other authorities, the Illinois EPA, its employees and representatives, and the Attorney General, his employees and representatives, shall have the right of entry into and upon the Respondent's facility which is the subject of this Stipulation, at all reasonable times for the purposes of conducting inspections and evaluating compliance status. In conducting such inspections, the Illinois EPA, its employees and representatives, and the Attorney General, his employees and representatives, may take photographs, samples, and collect information, as they deem necessary.
- 2. This Stipulation in no way affects the responsibilities of the Respondent to comply with any other federal, state or local laws or regulations, including but not limited to the Act and the Board Regulations.
- 3. The Respondent shall cease and desist from future violations of the Act and Board Regulations that were the subject matter of the Complaint.

## E. Release from Liability

In consideration of the Respondent's payment of the \$6,650.00 penalty, its commitment to cease and desist as contained in Section V.D.3 above, completion of all activities required hereunder, and upon the Board's approval of this Stipulation, the Complainant releases, waives and discharges the Respondent from any further liability or penalties for the violations of the Act and Board regulations that were the subject matter of the Complaint herein. The release set forth above does not extend to any matters other than those expressly specified in Complainant's Complaint filed contemporaneously with this Stipulation. The Complainant reserves, and this Stipulation is without prejudice to, all rights of the State of Illinois against the Respondent with respect to all other matters, including but not limited to, the following:

- a. criminal liability;
- b. liability for future violation of state, federal, local, and common laws and/or regulations;
- c. liability for natural resources damage arising out of the alleged violations; and
- d. liability or claims based on the Respondent's failure to satisfy the requirements of this Stipulation.

Nothing in this Stipulation is intended as a waiver, discharge, release, or covenant not to sue for any claim or cause of action, administrative or judicial, civil or criminal, past or future, in law or in equity, which the State of Illinois may have against any person, as defined by Section 3.315 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.315 (2022), or entity other than the Respondent.

### F. Enforcement of Stipulation

Upon the entry of the Board's Order approving and accepting this Stipulation, that Order is a binding and enforceable order of the Board and may be enforced as such through any and all available means.

## G. Execution of Stipulation

The undersigned representatives for the Parties to the Stipulation certify that the parties whom they represent have fully authorized them to enter into the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and to legally bind them to it.

WHEREFORE, the Parties to the Stipulation request that the Board adopt and accept the foregoing Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement as written.

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

KWAME RAOUL Attorney General State of Illinois

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## MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM HEARING REQUIREMENT

NOW COMES Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, by KWAME RAOUL, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, and pursuant to Section 31(c)(2) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2022), moves that the Illinois Pollution Control Board ("Board") grant the parties in the above-captioned matter relief from the hearing requirement imposed by Section 31(c)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(1) (2022). In support of this motion, Complainant states as follows:

- 1. The Complaint in this matter alleges violations of Section 9(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9(a) (2022), and Section 201.302(a) of the Board's regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.302(a), and Section 254.132(a) of the Illinois EPA Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 254.132(a).
  - 2. Complainant filed its Complaint contemporaneously with the Stipulation.
  - 3. The parties have reached agreement on all outstanding issues in this matter.
- 4. This agreement is presented to the Board in a Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement filed this same date.

5. All parties agree that a hearing on the Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement is not necessary, and respectfully request relief from such a hearing as allowed by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2022).

WHEREFORE, Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, hereby requests that the Board grant this Motion for Relief from Hearing Requirement set forth in Section 31(c)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(1) (2022).

Respectfully submitted,

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, by KWAME RAOUL, Attorney General of the State of Illinois

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Dated: November 17, 2023

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Bridget Flynn, an Assistant Attorney General, certify that on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023, I caused to be served the Notice of Filing, Complaint, Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement, and Motion for Relief from Hearing Requirements by certified mail to:

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