BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)	
Complainant,)	
v.)) PCB No. 23-103	
Aurora Metals Division L.L.C.,) (Enforcement - A	ır)
Respondent.)	

NOTICE OF FILING

To: Persons on Attached Service List

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have today caused to be filed with the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board by electronic filing the following Complainant's Motion to Voluntarily Dismiss Count II without Prejudice, a true and correct copy of which are attached hereto and hereby served upon you.

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

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Cara V. Sawyer, an Assistant Attorney General, certify that on the 8th day of December, 2023, I caused to be served the foregoing Notice of Filing, and Motion to Voluntarily Dismiss Count II without Prejudice on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois, on the parties named on the attached Service List, by the methods listed therein.

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an Indiana limited liability company,	
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MOTION TO VOLUNTARILY DISMISS COUNT II WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS by KWAME RAOUL, Attorney General of the State of Illinois ("Complainant") and on behalf of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA"), moves the Pollution Control Board ("Board") to dismiss Count II of the Complaint in this matter, without prejudice and without costs pursuant to Section 101.500(a) of the Board's General Rules ("General Rules"), 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.500(a) and Sections 2-1009 and 5-117 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure ("Code"), 735 ILCS 5/2-1009 and 5/5-117 (2022). In support thereof, Complainant states as follows:

1. On March 23, 2023, Complainant filed the initial two-count complaint in this matter, alleging violations of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and Board regulations for the failure to submit Annual Emissions Reports ("AERs") for calendar years 2020 and 2021

¹ The General Rules do not specifically provide for a motion for voluntary dismissal; however, Section 101.100(b) of the General Rules, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.100(b) (2022) states: "the Board may look to the Code of Civil Procedure and the Supreme Court Rules for guidance where the Board's procedural rules are silent."

against Aurora Metals Division L.L.C. ("Respondent"). Respondent is the owner and operator of a nonferrous metal foundry and machine shop, located at 1995 Greenfield Avenue, Montgomery, Kane County, Illinois.

- 2. On June 6, 2023, the Illinois EPA received from Respondent documentation showing that its 2021 AER had been timely submitted.
- 3. Respondent has agreed to settlement for the remaining Count I concerning the 2020 AER, and simultaneous with the filing of this Motion, Complainant is filing a Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement.
- 4. Section 101.500(a) of the Board's Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.500, provides the following:

The Board may entertain any motion the parties wish to file that is permissible under . . . the Code of Civil Procedure.

- 5. Section 2-1009(a) of the Code, 735 ILCS 5/2-1009(a) (2022), provides as follows:
 - The plaintiff may, at any time before trial or hearing begins, upon notice to each party who has appeared or each such party's attorney, and upon payment of costs, dismiss his or her action or any part thereof as to any defendant, without prejudice, by order filed in the cause.
- 6. As this matter has not yet reached trial, Complainant is authorized by Section 2-1009(a) to dismiss Count II of the Complaint regarding the 2021 AER without prejudice.
- 7. Section 5-117 of the Code, 735 ILCS 5/5-117 (2022), provides, in relevant part, as follows:

In all actions commenced or to be commenced for and on behalf of the people of this state . . . if the action is voluntarily dismissed by the plaintiff . . . the defendant shall not recover any costs whatever.

8. As provided by the plain language of Sections 2-1009(a) and 5-117 of the Code, 735 ILCS 5/2-1009(a) and 5/5-117 (2022), Complainant requests that Count II of the Complaint be dismissed without prejudice with both parties to each bear their own costs.

WHEREFORE, Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, hereby requests that the Board grant its Motion and enter an order dismissing Count II against Respondent in this matter, without prejudice, with both parties to each bear their own costs.

Respectfully submitted,

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