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ITW Automotive Safety Division, and d/b/a)
ITW Global Safety, a division of Illinois Tool)
Works,)
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Respondent.)

NOTICE OF FILING

Please take notice that on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, Complainant filed the Complaint, Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement and Motion for Relief from Hearing Requirement against Respondent Illinois Tool Works, Inc. d/b/a ITW Deltar Seat Components, copies of which are attached hereto and served upon you.

Respectfully submitted,

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, *ex rel*. KWAME RAOUL, Attorney General of the State of Illinois

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, CHRISTOPHER GRANT, an attorney, do certify that I caused the Complaint, Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement, and Motion for Relief from Hearing Requirement to be served upon the persons listed below by electronic mail on October 23, 2024.

/s/ Christopher Grant

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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 the Respondent, ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS, INC. a Delaware corporation, as follows:

COUNT I FAILURE TO TIMELY SUBMIT COMPLETE AND ACCURATE ANNUAL EMISSIONS REPORTS

1. This Complaint is brought 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 at the request of the 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. 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), and charged, *inter alia*, with the duty of enforcing the Act.
- 3. Respondent, Illinois Tool Works, Inc. ("ITW") is a Delaware corporation, duly authorized to transact business in the State of Illinois.
- 4. Respondent was, and is, the operator of an automotive parts manufacturing facility located at 935 Oaklawn Avenue, Elmhurst, DuPage County, Illinois ("Facility" or "Site"). Respondent ITW operates and does business at the Site under various trade names, including ITW Deltar Seat Components, ITW Automotive Safety Division, and ITW Global Safety.
- 5. At the Site, Respondent operates four coating and mixing lines which use solvents, inks, and other chemicals, and which emit, or are capable of emitting, volatile organic material ("VOM") to the environment.
- 6. When combined with oxides of nitrogen in the atmosphere, VOM forms ground level ozone, which causes respiratory distress in sensitive individuals.
- 7. On April 20, 2011, Illinois EPA issued revised Lifetime Operating Permit No. 98020053 ("Permit") to Respondent under the name ITW Deltar Seat Components. The Permit allowed operation of the four coating and mixing lines at the Site, subject to enumerated and general conditions.
- 8. Respondent failed to submit an annual emission report ("AER") covering VOM emissions from its four coating and mixing lines to Illinois EPA for the year 2022 until September 5, 2023.
 - 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 any other legal entity, or their legal representative, agent or assigns.

- 11. Respondent, a corporation, is a "person" as that term is defined in Section 3.315 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. VOM is a "contaminant" as that term is defined by Section 3.165 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.165 (2022).
- 14. Section 201.302(a) of the Illinois Pollution Control Board ("Board") Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.302(a), provides, as follows:

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 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.
- 16. Respondent is an "owner or operator" as that term is defined by Section 211.4370 of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 211.4370.
- 17. 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.
- 18. 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.
- 19. Section 211.370 of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code211.370, provides the following definition:
 - "Air pollutant" means an air pollution agent or combination of such agents, including any physical, chemical, biological, radioactive (including source material, special nuclear material, and byproduct material) substance or matter which is emitted into or otherwise enters the atmosphere. Such term includes any precursors to the formation of any air pollutant, to the extent that the relevant statute or rule has identified such precursor or precursors for particular purpose for which the term "air pollutant" is used.
- 20. VOM combines with oxides of nitrogen to form ground level ozone. VOM is an "air pollutant" as that term is defined in Section 211.370 of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 211.370.

21. The four coating and mixing lines at the Facility are each an "emission unit" as that term is defined in Section 211.1950 of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm.

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211.1950.

- 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. Part 254 of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 254, provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

Section 254.101 Purpose

This Part establishes uniform procedures for the reporting of air pollution emissions data from sources of regulated air pollutants ...

Section 254.102 Applicability

* * *

- 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.
- 24. Section 201.143 of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.143, provides as follows:

No person shall cause or allow the operation of any new emission source or new air pollution control equipment of a type for which a construction permit is required by Section 201.142 without first obtaining an operating permit from the Agency....

- 25. Section 211.5500 of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code211.5500, provides, in pertinent part, the following definition;
 - a) "Regulated air pollutant" means the following:

1) Nitrogen oxides (NO_x) or any volatile organic compound.

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- 26. The VOM emitted at the Facility is a "regulated air pollutant as that term is used in Section 201.143 of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.143,
- 27. The Facility is an emission source required to have an operating permit in accordance with Section 201.143 of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.143. Accordingly, the requirements of Sections 201.302(a) and 254.142(b) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code Sections 201.302(a) and 254.142(b), are applicable to the Facility.
- 28. Section 254.132(a) of the Illinois EPA Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 254.132(a), provides as follows:

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).

29. Section 254.137(a) of the Illinois EPA Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 254.137(a), provides as follows:

All Annual Emissions Reports are due by May 1 of the year following the calendar year in which the emissions took place.

- 30. Respondent, as the owner or operator of permitted emissions units, was required pursuant to Section 201.302(a) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.302(a), and Sections 254.132(a) and 254.137(a) of the Illinois EPA Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 254.132(a) and 254.137(a), to submit AERs to the Illinois EPA each year by May 1 for the preceding calendar year.
- 31. Respondent did not submit its AER for 2022 to Illinois EPA until September 5, 2023. Accordingly, Respondent's AER for 2022 was 128 days late.

- 32. By failing to timely submit a complete and accurate AER for calendar year 2022 by May 1, 2023, the 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 Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 254.132(a).
- 33. By discharging contaminants into the environment in violation of 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 Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 254.132(a), Respondent thereby also violated Section 9(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9(a) (2022).

WHEREFORE, Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, respectfully requests that the Board enter an order against the Respondent, ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS, INC., on Count I:

- 1. Authorizing a hearing in this matter at which time the Respondent will be required to answer the allegations herein;
- 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 Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 254.132(a);
- 3. Ordering the Respondent to cease and desist from any further 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 Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 254.132(a);
 - 4. Assessing against the Respondent a civil penalty of Fifty Thousand Dollars

(\$50,000.00) for each violation of the Act and pertinent regulations, and an additional penalty of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for each day of each violation;

- 5. Taxing all costs in this action, including, but not limited to, attorney, expert witness and consultant fees, against Respondent; and
 - 6. Granting such other relief as the Board deems appropriate and just.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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MOTION TO REQUEST RELIEF FROM HEARING REQUIREMENT

Now comes Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, by KWAME RAOUL, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, and requests relief from the requirement of a hearing in this matter. In support thereof, the Complainant states as follows:

- 1. Along with this Motion, Complainant is filing the initial Complaint in this matter, and a Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement executed between Complainant and Respondent Illinois Tool Works, Inc.
- 2. Section 31 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31 (2022), provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

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(c)(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection (c), whenever a complaint has been filed on behalf of the Agency or by the People of the State of Illinois, the parties may file with

the Board a stipulation and proposal for settlement accompanied by a request for relief from the requirement of a hearing pursuant to subdivision (1). Unless the Board, in its discretion, concludes that a hearing will be held, the Board shall cause notice of the stipulation, proposal and request for relief to be published and sent in the same manner as is required for hearing pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection. The notice shall include a statement that any person may file a written demand for hearing within 21 days after receiving the notice. If any person files a timely written demand for hearing, the Board shall deny the request for relief from a hearing and shall hold a hearing in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (1).

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- 3. No hearing is now scheduled in this matter.
- 4. The Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, hereby requests relief from the requirement of a hearing pursuant to 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2022).

Respectfully submitted,

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS by Kwame Raoul Attorney General of the State of Illinois

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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 ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., a Delaware corporation, ("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. Simultaneously with the filing of this Stipulation, Complainant is filing a Complaint 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 transact business in the State of Illinois.
- 4. At all times relevant to the Complaint, Respondent owned and operated an automotive products manufacturing facility, located at 935 Oaklawn Avenue, Elmhurst, Du Page Count, Illinois ("Facility").
- 5. Respondent did not submit its Annual Emissions Report for 2022 emissions to Illinois EPA by May 1, 2023.

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, Violation of Section 9(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9(a) (2022), and 35 Ill. Adm. Code Sections 201.302(a) and 254.132(a).

C. Non-Admission of Violations

The Respondent neither admits nor denies the violations alleged in the Complaint filed in

this matter and referenced herein.

D. Compliance Activities to Date

After Illinois EPA issued a violation notice to Respondent, Respondent submitted its Annual Emissions Report for 2022 to Illinois EPA on September 5, 2023.

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;
- 4. 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:

- 1. The Illinois EPA's information gathering responsibilities were hindered by the Respondent's violation.
 - 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.
- 4. The technical practicability and economic reasonableness of reducing or eliminating emissions from the pollution source is not at issue in this matter.
 - 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;
- 3. 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:

- 1. The Respondent failed to timely submit its complete and accurate Annual Emissions Report for calendar year 2022. The violation began on May 1, 2023 and was resolved on September 5, 2023.
- 2. Respondent was diligent in attempting to come back into compliance with the Act and Board regulations once the Illinois EPA notified it of its noncompliance.
- 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 Fifteen Thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) 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

1. The Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) within thirty (30) days from the date the Board adopts and accepts this Stipulation.

B. 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:

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C. 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.

D. Release from Liability

In consideration of the Respondent's payment of the \$15,000.00 penalty, its commitment to cease and desist as contained in Section V.C.3 above, 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 on October 23, 2024. 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.

E. 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.

F. Execution of Stipulation

The undersigned representatives for the Parties to the Stipulation certify that they are fully authorized by the party whom they represent 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

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Chief Legal Counsel

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