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March 2, 2012

Illinois Pollution Control Board

Attn: Clerk

100 W. Randolph St.

James R. Thompson Center

Ste. 11-500

Chicago, IL 60601-3218

RE:

State of Illinois v. U.S. Chrome Corporation of Illinois, Inc.

Case No. PCB 11-24

Dear Clerk:

Enclosed please find ten copies of the Joint Stipulation on Respondent's Affirmative Defenses and Order, along with the attached Certificate of Service.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

DEWITT ROSS & STEVENS s.c.

Henry J. Handzel, Jr.

HJH:mso

Enclosure

George D. Theophilos, Esq., Illinois Asst. Attorney General cc:

Bradley P. Halloran, Esq., Hearing Officer,

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

Complainant,

v.

Case No. PCB 11-24

U.S. CHROME CORPORATION OF ILLINOIS, a Connecticut corporation,

Respondent.

JOINT STIPULATION ON RESPONDENT'S AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

The parties, by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby submit this Joint Stipulation On Respondent's Aflirmative Defenses. As part of this stipulation, the parties agree as follows:

- All of Respondent's affirmative defenses identified in its July 26, 2011
 Answer are hereby withdrawn.
- 2. Respondent continues to have the right to assert the arguments previously raised in its affirmative defenses as part of its defense to liability and/or in its request to limit civil penalties. Complainant's Motion To Strike Respondent's Affirmative Defenses is hereby withdrawn. Complainant is not waiving any right it has to object to the arguments previously raised in Respondent's affirmative defenses that Respondent may subsequently raise as part of its defense to liability and/or in its request to limit civil penalties.

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Dated this 2 day of March, 2012.

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ORDER

Upon the above Joint Stipulation of the parties, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. All of Respondent's affirmative defenses identified in its Answer are withdrawn.
- 2. Respondent continues to have the right to assert the arguments previously identified in its affirmative defenses as part of its defense to liability and/or in its request to limit civil penalties. Complainant is not waiving any right it has to object to the arguments previously raised in Respondent's affirmative defenses that Respondent may subsequently raise as part of its defense to liability and/or in its request to limit civil penalties.
- 3. Complainant's Motion To Strike Respondent's Affirmative Defenses is withdrawn.

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

Bradley P. Halloran Hearing Officer James R. Thompson Center, Ste. 11-500 100 W. Randolph Street Chicago, IL 60601 312-814-8917

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, on oath or affirmation, state that on March 2, 2012, I served the attached Joint Stipulation on Respondent's Affirmative Defenses and Order by:
X U.S. First Class Mail
certified mail (attach copy of receipt if available, otherwise you must file receipt later with Clerk)
registered mail (attach copy of receipt if available, otherwise you must file receipt later with Clerk)
messenger service (attach copy of receipt if available, otherwise you must file receipt later with Clerk)
personal service (attach affidavit if available, otherwise you must file affidavit later with Clerk)
on the following parties at the addresses below:
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Subscribed to and sworn to before me this day of March, 2012.
Notary Public My commission expires: 7/19/2015