

**BEFORE THE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**

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THE ENSIGN BICKFORD COMPANY,)
Petitioner,)
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v.)
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ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)
PROTECTION AGENCY,)
Respondent.)

STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

PCB 02- 159
(Variance)

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that we filed on Friday, May 23, 2003 with the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board **Petitioner's Motion of the Ensign Bickford Company and Dyno Nobel Inc. To Reopen Docket and Substitute Dyno Nobel Inc. As The Named Party On The Order**, a copy of which is hereby served upon you.

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**MOTION OF THE ENSIGN BICKFORD COMPANY AND DYNOL NOBEL INC. TO
REOPEN DOCKET AND SUBSTITUTE DYNOL NOBEL INC. AS THE NAMED PARTY
ON THE ORDER**

The Ensign-Bickford Company ("EBCo") and Dynol Nobel Inc. (collectively "Movants") by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby move the Illinois Pollution Control Board to reopen the docket for the purposes of substituting Dynol Nobel Inc. for EBCo on the Order issued to EBCo on June 20, 2002.

Movants set forth the following in support of this motion:

1. EBCo submitted a Petition for Variance to the Board on March 22, 2002. This petition requested a variance to lawfully open burn certain explosive waste, and potentially explosive-contaminated waste, and to flash equipment containing residues of potentially explosive-contaminated materials at EBCo's Wolf Lake facility in Union County. This Petition was submitted during the period when EBCo's Petition for an Adjusted Standard was pending.
2. The Board granted the variance in an Order dated June 20, 2002. In that Order, the Board found that EBCo had presented adequate proof that immediate compliance with the Board regulations for which relief was requested would impose a hardship. The variance expires on June 20, 2003.

3. Dyno Nobel Inc. has acquired certain assets of EBCo, and it became the new operator of the facility located at Wolf Lake, Illinois on May 2, 2003. The transaction was a purchase of certain assets by Dyno Nobel Inc.

4. Dyno Nobel Inc. has agreed to assume and be responsible for the obligations and liabilities arising from the operation of the Wolf Lake facility from and after May 2, 2003. Dyno Nobel Inc. is in the process of completing the transfer of the EBCo environmental permits and licenses that are required to be transferred by applicable law and regulation.

5. Dyno Nobel Inc. is part of a global family of entities manufacturing and distributing commercial explosives (“the Dyno Nobel Entities”) used for applications such as quarrying, mining, construction and seismology. Dyno Nobel Inc. is a subsidiary of Dyno Nobel Holding AS, headquartered in Oslo, Norway. The Dyno Nobel Entities have operations in 33 countries worldwide with over 5000 employees.

6. Dyno Nobel Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its headquarters located in Salt Lake City, Utah. Dyno Nobel Inc. currently operates fourteen manufacturing facilities and thirty distribution facilities in the United States and Canada. Each of these manufacturing facilities deals with environmental management issues such as air quality and hazardous waste management.

7. Consistent with world-wide company policy, Dyno Nobel Inc. has implemented environmental, health, and safety programs in an effort to be recognized as a global explosives-company leader. These programs make use of an industry-specific Det Norske Veritas Rating System, cultural surveys, technical audits, and physical condition inspections that taken as a whole, require a rigorous Environmental, Health and Safety management system. Over the years, Dyno Nobel Inc. has substantially decreased the amount of waste generated at its facilities.

8. The Wolf Lake operational assets that were purchased from EBCo will become part of Dyno Nobel Inc.'s Initiation Systems Business Unit. For the period immediately after Closing, Dyno Nobel Inc. intends to operate the Wolf Lake facility in substantially the same manner as it has been operated by EBCo. Because the acquisition has just been completed, no plans have been developed or discussed for changing or increasing the manufacturing operations at the Wolf Lake facility (federal antitrust laws prevented the discussion or review of a number of critical factors until after Closing). If such plans are developed in the future, Dyno Nobel Inc. will ensure that all proper environmental permitting is in place. Furthermore, Dyno Nobel Inc. has no plans to increase the amount of waste treated by the open burning unit at issue in this matter, nor does Dyno Nobel Inc. have any intention to bring waste to the Wolf Lake facility from any other Dyno Nobel Inc. facilities either in Illinois or in other states. In fact, just as Dyno Nobel Inc. has done at its other North American facilities, it will be actively looking for methods to reduce the amount of explosive waste generated at the Wolf Lake facility.

9. Dyno Nobel has retained Todd Buchanan as the Environmental, Health and Safety Manager for the Wolf Lake facility. Mr. Buchanan previously held this position with EBCo.

10. The relevant factors required to justify the variance have not changed. The relevant factors did not involve the identity of the party open burning, but rather the nature of the facility operations and the resulting waste.

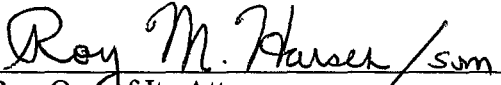
11. As noted in the Board's Order denying EBCo's Motion to Transfer Variance, the Board has granted the relief requested by EBCo and Dyno Nobel Inc. in similar circumstances. *See, e.g., In re Petition of Commonwealth Edison Company for an Adjusted Standard from 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.211(d) and (e), AS 96-10 (Mar. 16, 2000).*

12. EBCo has notified the Illinois EPA of the proposed transfer of the variance, and Illinois EPA concurs that the June 20, 2002 Order should be amended to identify Dyno Nobel

Inc., the new operator of the Wolf Lake facility, as the named party on the Order in lieu of EBCo.

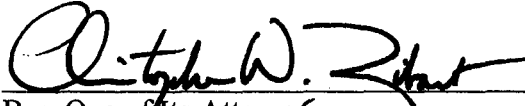
WHEREFORE, EBCo and Dyno Nobel Inc. move to reopen docket and substitute Dyno Nobel Inc. as the named party on the Order.

Respectfully submitted,
THE ENSIGN-BICKFORD COMPANY


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AFFIDAVIT OF NEAL OLSEN

STATE OF UTAH)
) ss.
COUNTY OF SALT LAKE)

Neal Olsen, being first duly sworn according to law, states as follows:

1. I am an adult resident of the state of Utah and reside at 2758 West South Pointe Road in South Jordan, Utah.

2. I am employed by Dyno Nobel Inc. as the Manager of Environmental Affairs, and have been in this position for eight (8) years. In this position, my duties include managing, planning and directing all aspects of the company's activities in North America concerning environmental compliance, management systems and engineering. Dyno Nobel Inc.'s North American operations include multiple sites throughout the United States and Canada which are used for manufacturing, distribution and storage.

3. I make this Affidavit based on personal knowledge and in support of the Motion of The Ensign-Bickford Company and Dyno Nobel Inc. to Reopen Docket and Substitute Dyno Nobel Inc. as the Named Party on the Order, submitted before the Pollution Control Board of the State of Illinois (PCB 02-159, Variance).

4. On May 2, 2003, Dyno Nobel Inc. acquired certain assets of The Ensign-Bickford Company ("EBCo"). On May 2, 2003, Dyno Nobel Inc. became the new operator of the former EBCo facility located at Wolf Lake, Illinois on May 2, 2003.

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11. Further, the Affiant sayeth not.


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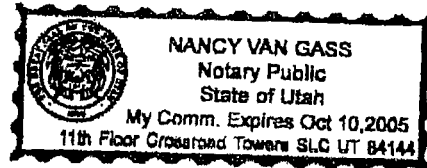
Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 23 day of May, 2003.

Notary Public Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City

My Commission Expires: Oct 10, 2005





CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true copies of the foregoing **Notice of Filing and the Motion of The Ensign Bickford Company and Dyno Nobel Inc. to Reopen Docket and Substitute Dyno Nobel Inc. As The Named Party On The Order**, were served upon the parties on May 23, 2003.

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It is hereby certified that a true copy of the foregoing order was hand delivered to the following on May 23, 2003:

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