ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
November 18, 2004

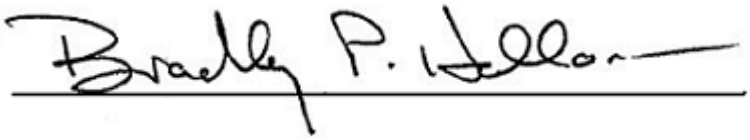
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	PCB 02-186
	)	(Enforcement - Air)
VAN MELLE U.S.A., INC., an Illinois corporation,	)	
	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

HEARING OFFICER ORDER

On November 18, 2004, all parties participated in a telephonic status conference with the hearing officer. The complainant represented that a draft stipulation and proposal for settlement (stipulation) is being reviewed internally and will be forwarded to the respondent for review when completed. Both parties are somewhat optimistic that a settlement will be reached. By agreement, respondent is given to February 21, 2005, to replead its affirmative defense to *laches*, if needed, and the complainant is given to February 21, 2005, to answer respondent's affirmative defense number 2 not addressed in the Board order of March 4, 2004, if needed.

The parties are directed to participate in a telephonic status conference with the hearing officer on January 19, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. The status conference must be initiated by the complainant, but each party is nonetheless responsible for their own appearance. At the status conference, the parties must be prepared to discuss the status of the above-captioned matter and their readiness for hearing. If, however, a stipulation is filed prior to the next status conference, the conference will be cancelled without further order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



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