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June 14, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL:

Jason Brooks, CEO & Registered Agent ChromaSource, Inc. 2433 S. County Road 600 E. Columbia City, IN 46725 jbrooks@chromasource.com

Re: Commissioner of the Department of

Environmental Management

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ChromaSource, Inc. Plant ID No. 183-00033

Columbia City, Whitley County

Case No. 2021-27636-A

Qualified offer of settlement: inadmissible pursuant to Rule 408 of the Ind. Rules of Evidence. IDEM asserts that any offer to compromise a claim or any acceptance of such offer does not bind or obligate the parties of this enforcement action in the absence of a final order of the agency.

Dear Mr. Brooks:

Enclosed please find the proposed Agreed Order that provides for the actions required to correct the violations outlined in IDEM's Notice of Violation issued to you in the above referenced case dated June 1, 2022. The civil penalty noted in the proposed Agreed Order is for settlement purposes only. Entering into and timely compliance with the enclosed Agreed Order will constitute resolution of this case.

If you are willing to resolve this matter as provided for in the enclosed Agreed Order, sign and return it to me at the address specified in the Agreed Order within fifteen (15) days of your receipt of the Agreed Order. The individual signing the enclosed Agreed Order should be the President of the company or other authorized signatory. If you would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the Agreed Order in more detail, please contact me as soon as possible at (317) 233-2711 or AKTaylor@idem.IN.gov.

If this matter cannot be resolved through the enclosed Agreed Order or a mutually acceptable amended Agreed Order, a Commissioner's Order may be issued. It should be understood that the civil penalty for purposes of a Commissioner's Order



will be assessed pursuant to IDEM's Civil Penalty Policy adopted as a Nonrule Policy Document on April 5, 1999.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Andrew Taylor
Case Manager
Enforcement Section
Office of Air Quality

Enclosure

cc: Andrew Taylor, Compliance and Enforcement, OAQ

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STATE OF INDIANA) SS:	BEFORE THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF
COUNTY OF MARION)	ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
COMMISSIONER OF THE DE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAG		IT))
	Complain	ant,)
٧.) Case No. 2021-27636-A
CHROMASOURCE, INC.,)
	Respond	ent.)

AGREED ORDER

Complainant and Respondent desire to settle and compromise this action without hearing or adjudication of any issue of fact or law, and consent to the entry of the following Findings of Fact and Order. Pursuant to Indiana Code ("IC") 13-30-3-3, entry into the terms of this Agreed Order does not constitute an admission of any violation contained herein. Respondent's entry into this Agreed Order shall not constitute a waiver of any defense, legal or equitable, which Respondent may have in any future administrative or judicial proceeding, except a proceeding to enforce this order.

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Complainant is the Commissioner ("Complainant") of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management ("IDEM"), a department of the State of Indiana created by IC 13-13-1-1.
- 2. Respondent is ChromaSource, Inc. ("Respondent"), which owns and operate the stationary coated and laminated paper color sample manufacturing facility with Plant ID No. 183-00033, located at 2433 S. County Road 600 E., in Columbia City, Whitley County, Indiana ("Site").
- 3. IDEM has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this action.
- 4. Pursuant to IC 13-30-3-3, IDEM issued a Notice of Violation ("NOV") via Electronic Mail to:



ChromaSource, Inc.
Attn: Jason Brooks, CEO & Registered Agent 2433 S. County Road 600 E.
Columbia City, IN 46725
jbrooks@chromasource.com

5. During an investigation conducted by a representative of IDEM, the following violation was found:

Pursuant to Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit ("FESOP") 183-36351-00033, Condition D.1.2, the minimum overall control efficiency achieved for CSI - Coaters #1-#4, wash systems CC-2 and CC-3, CSI-Container Cleaner #1, and the matching room, when controlled by either of the catalytic thermal oxidizers (Oxidizer #1 or Oxidizer #2) shall be 95%.

During stack testing conducted on March 10, 2020, the overall control efficiency achieved for CSI – Coater #1, CSI – Coater #2, and CSI – Container Cleaner #1 when controlled by Oxidizer #2 was 92.3%, in violation of FESOP 183-36351-00033, Condition D.1.2.

- 6. On June 17, 2020, Oxidizer #2 tested in compliance with an overall control efficiency of 98.5%.
- 7. Orders of the Commissioner are subject to administrative review by the Office of Environmental Adjudication under IC 4-21.5; however, in recognition of the settlement reached, Respondent acknowledge notice of this right and waives any right to administrative and judicial review of this Agreed Order.

II. ORDER

- 1. This Agreed Order shall be effective ("Effective Date") when it is approved by Complainant or Complainant's delegate, and has been received by Respondent. This Agreed Order shall have no force or effect until the Effective Date.
- 2. Respondent shall comply with the Permit 183-36351-00033 unless superseded by renewal or revision.
- 3. All submittals required by this Agreed Order, unless IDEM notifies the Respondent otherwise in writing, shall be sent to:

Andrew Taylor, Enforcement Case Manager
Office of Air Quality
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2251
AKTaylor@idem.IN.gov

- 4. Pursuant to IC 13-30-4-1, Respondent is assessed and agrees to pay a civil penalty of Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$6,250.00). Said penalty amount shall be due and payable to the Environmental Management Special Fund within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date; the thirtieth day being the "Due Date."
- 5. Civil penalties are payable by check to the "Environmental Management Special Fund." Checks shall include the Case Number of this action and shall be mailed to:

Indiana Department of Environmental Management Accounts Receivable IGCN, Room 1340 100 North Senate Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46204

- 6. In the event that the monies due to IDEM pursuant to this Agreed Order are not paid on or before their Due Date, Respondent shall pay interest on the unpaid balance at the rate established by IC 24-4.6-1. The interest shall be computed as having accrued from the Due Date until the date that Respondent pays any unpaid balance. Such interest shall be payable to the Environmental Management Special Fund, and shall be payable to IDEM in the manner specified in Paragraph 5, above.
- 7. Signatories to this Agreed Order certify that they are fully authorized to execute this Agreed Order and legally bind the party they represent.
- 8. This Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent and all successors and assigns. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order, if in force, to any subsequent owners, successors, or assigns before ownership rights are transferred.
- 9. No change in ownership, corporate, or partnership status of Respondent shall in any way alter the Respondent's status or responsibilities under this Agreed Order.
- 10. Respondent shall ensure that all contractors, firms, and other persons performing work under this Agreed Order comply with the terms of this Agreed Order.
- 11. In the event that any terms of this Agreed Order are found to be invalid, the remaining terms shall remain in full force and effect and shall be construed and enforced as if this Agreed Order did not contain the invalid terms.
- 12. This Agreed Order is not and shall not be interpreted to be a permit or a modification of an existing permit. This Agreed Order, and IDEM's review or approval of any submittal made by Respondent pursuant to this Agreed Order, shall not in any way relieve Respondent of the obligation to comply with the

- requirements of any applicable permits or any applicable Federal or State laws or regulations.
- 13. Complainant does not, by its approval of this Agreed Order, warrant or aver in any manner that Respondent's compliance with any aspect of this Agreed Order will result in compliance with the provisions of any permit, order, or any applicable Federal or State law or regulation. Additionally, IDEM or anyone acting on its behalf shall not be held liable for any costs or penalties Respondent may incur as a result of Respondent's efforts to comply with this Agreed Order.
- 14. Nothing in this Agreed Order shall prevent or limit IDEM's rights to obtain penalties or injunctive relief under any applicable Federal or State law or regulation, except that IDEM may not, and hereby waives its right to, seek additional civil penalties for the violation specified in the NOV.
- 15. Nothing in this Agreed Order shall prevent IDEM or anyone acting on its behalf from communicating with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("U.S. EPA") or any other agency or entity about any matters relating to this enforcement action. IDEM or anyone acting on its behalf shall not be held liable for any costs or penalties Respondent may incur as a result of such communications with the U.S. EPA or any other agency or entity.
- 16. This Agreed Order shall remain in effect until Respondent has complied with all terms and conditions of this Agreed Order and IDEM has issued a Resolution of Case letter to Respondent.

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TECHNICAL RECOMMENDATION:	RESPONDENT:
Department of Environmental	ChromaSource, Inc.
Management	
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David P. McIver	
Section Chief	Printed:
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Office of Air Quality	Title:
Date: June 6, 2022	Date:
	COUNSEL FOR RESPONDENT:
	Ву:
	Date:
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	For the Commissioner:
	Matthew Stuckey
	Assistant Commissioner
	Office of Air Quality
	Indiana Department of Environmental
	Management

From: <u>Jason Brooks</u>
To: <u>ROBERTS, GOLDIE</u>

Cc: Taylor, Andrew K; McIver, David

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] ChromaSource, Inc. (#27636-A) Revised Proposed Agreed Order

Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 2:36:55 PM

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Good afternoon – revised proposal received. I will follow-up shortly with signed Order.

Thank you,

Jason

From: ROBERTS, GOLDIE < GROBERTS@idem.IN.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 10:01 AM

To: Jason Brooks <jbrooks@chromasource.com>

Cc: Taylor, Andrew K <AKTaylor@idem.IN.gov>; McIver, David <DMcIver@idem.IN.gov> **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] ChromaSource, Inc. (#27636-A) Revised Proposed Agreed Order

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Please find attached a PDF copy of the Revised Proposed Agreed Order issued for ChromaSource, Inc., Whitley County, IN – Air Enforcement Case #2021-27636-A. Please contact Andrew Taylor at (317) 233-2711 or <u>AKTaylor@idem.in.gov</u> with any questions.

Please confirm your receipt of this electronic document.

Thank you

Goldie Roberts

Administrative Assistant
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