## SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement (Agreement) is entered into by and between the California Air Resources Board (ARB), with its principal office at 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California; and Kmart Corporation with its principal place of business at 3333 Beverly Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60179.

## RECITALS

1. ARB alleges that from January 1, 2009 and October 31, 2013, Kmart Corporation sold, supplied, and offered for sale in both Type "A" and non-Type "A" areas of California, quantities of various types of windshield washer fluid, subject to the volatile organic compound (VOC) limit for the "Automotive Windshield Washer Fluid" category Title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR), section 94509(a).

2. ARB alleges that those windshield washer fluid products referenced in recital paragraph 1 that were sold in non-Type "A" areas of California, contained concentrations of VOCs exceeding the 1 percent VOC limit for the "Automotive Windshield Washer Fluid – All other areas" category specified in Title 17, CCR, section 94509(a).

3. ARB alleges that those windshield washer fluid products referenced in recital paragraph 1 that were sold in Type "A" areas of California, contained concentrations of VOCs exceeding the 25 percent VOC limit for the "Automotive Windshield Washer Fluid – Type "A" areas" category specified in Title 17, CCR, section 94509(a).

4. ARB alleges that Kmart Corporation failed to report sales information within 90 days concerning the products listed in recital paragraph 1 after written request from the Executive Officer at ARB as specified in Title 17 CCR, Section 94513(a).

5. ARB alleges that if the allegations described in recital paragraphs 1 through 4 were proven, civil penalties could be imposed on Kmart Corporation as provided in Health and Safety Code (HSC) sections 42402, et seq. for each and every unit involved in the violations.

6. Kmart Corporation admits the allegations described in recital paragraphs 1 through 4, but denies any liability resulting from said allegations.

7. The parties agree to resolve this matter completely by means of this Agreement, without the need for formal litigation.

Therefore, the parties agree as follows:

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Kmart Corporation shall not sell, supply or offer for sale for use in California, any consumer products in violation of ARB Consumer Products Regulations set forth in Title 17, CCR, section 94500 et seq. However, the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement will remain valid and enforceable notwithstanding any future violations that may occur.

2. Kmart Corporation, in settlement of the above-described violations of Title17, CCR, section 94509(a), and 94513(a), agrees to pay a penalty to ARB in the amount of $34,000 payable to the California Air Pollution Control Fund.

3. This settlement shall apply to and be binding upon Kmart Corporation and its officers, directors, receivers, trustees, employees, successors and assignees, subsidiary and parent corporations and upon ARB and any successor agency that may have responsibility for and jurisdiction over the subject matter of this settlement.

4. The parties stipulate that this Agreement shall be the final resolution of ARB claims regarding the above-described violations and shall have the same res judicata effect as a judgment in terms of acting as bar to any civil action by ARB against Kmart Corporation, its officers, directors, receivers, trustees, employees, successors and assignees, subsidiary and parent corporations. This Agreement shall be deemed the recovery of civil penalties for purposes of precluding subsequent criminal action as provided in HSC section 42400.7(a).

5. This Agreement shall be interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California, without regard to California's choice of law rules.

6. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between ARB and Kmart Corporation concerning the claims and settlement in this Agreement, and this Agreement fully supersedes and replaces any and all prior negotiations and agreement of any kind or nature, whether written or oral, between ARB and Kmart Corporation concerning these claims.

7. No agreement to modify, amend, extend, supersede, terminate, or discharge this Agreement, or any portion thereof, shall be valid or enforceable unless it is in writing and signed by all parties to this Agreement.

8. Each of the undersigned represents and warrants that he or she has full power and authority to enter into this Agreement.

9. **SB 1402 Statement**. California HSC section 39619.7 (Senate Bill 1402 - Dutton, Chapter 413, statutes of 2010) requires ARB to provide information on the basis for the penalties it seeks. This Settlement Agreement includes this information, which is also summarized here.

**The provision of law the penalty is being assessed under and why that provision is most appropriate for that violation.**

The penalty provision being applied is this case is HSC section 42402, et seq. because Kmart Corporation sold, supplied, offered for sale, or manufactured for sale consumer products for commerce in California in violation of the Consumer Products Regulations (Title 17, CCR, section 94507, et seq.). The penalty provisions of HSC section 42402, et seq. apply to violations of the Consumer Products Regulations because the regulations were adopted under authority of HSC section 41712 which is in Part 4 of Division 26 of the HSC. The penalty provisions of HSC section 42402, et seq. apply to requirements adopted pursuant to Part 4.

**The manner in which the penalty amount was determined, including aggravating and mitigating factors and per unit or per vehicle basis for the penalty.**

Penalties must be set at levels sufficient to discourage violations. ARB considered all relevant circumstances in determining penalties, including the eight factors specified in HSC section 42403.

HSC section 42402, et seq. provides strict liability penalties of $1,000 per day for violations of the Consumer Product Regulations. In cases like this involving a second violation of the Consumer Products Regulations, ARB has either sought and obtained penalties of approximately 3 times the rate for first time violations (3 times $20,000 per ton) or $1,000 for each day that the products attributable to the violation were sold or offered for sale. In addition, the ARB has sought and obtained penalties of $10,000 per procedural violations for the failure to provide records.

In this case, the products attributable to the violation were sold or offered for sale for at least 53 days and resulted in 0.34 tons of excess emissions. The total penalty is $34,000, which includes a penalty of approximately $60,000 per ton of excess emissions, an additional penalty of $10,000 for failing to provide records, plus investigative costs. Penalties in future cases might be smaller or larger on a per day basis.

**Is the penalty being assessed under a provision of law that prohibits the emission of pollution at a specified level, and, if so a quantification of the excess emissions, if it is practicable to do so.**

The Consumer Product Regulations do not prohibit emissions above a specific level, but they do limit the concentration of VOCs and other compounds in regulated products. In this case a quantification of the excess emissions attributable to the violations was practicable because Kmart Corporation made the product formulation and sales data necessary to make this quantification available to ARB. Based upon this information (which

Kmart Corporation has designated as confidential), the violations were calculated to have caused 0.34 tons of excess emissions of VOCs to be emitted to the atmosphere in California.

10. Kmart Corporation acknowledges that ARB has complied with SB1402 in investigating and settling this case. Specifically, ARB has considered all relevant facts, including those listed at HSC section 42403, has explained the manner in which the penalty amount was calculated, has identified the provision of law under which the penalty amount is being assessed, and has considered and determined that this penalty is not being assessed under a provision of law that prohibits the emission of pollutants at a specified level.

11. Final penalties were determined based on the unique circumstances of this matter, considered together with the need to remove any economic benefit from noncompliance the goal of deterring future violations and obtaining swift compliance, the consideration of past penalties in similar negotiated cases, and the potential costs and risk associated with litigating these particular violations. The penalty reflects violations extending over a number of days resulting in quantifiable harm to the environment considered together with the complete circumstances of this case listed above. Penalties in future cases might be smaller or larger on a per ton basis.

12. The final penalty in this case was based in part on confidential business information provided by Kmart Corporation that is not retained by ARB in the ordinary course of business. The penalty in this case was also based on confidential settlement communications between ARB and Kmart Corporation that ARB does not retain in the ordinary course of business. The penalty reflects ARB's assessment of the relative strength of its case against Kmart Corporation, the desire to avoid the uncertainty, burden and expense of litigation, obtain swift compliance with the law and remove any unfair advantage Kmart Corporation may have secured from its actions.

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