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July 12, 2016

Buffalo Brass Company, Inc.
Brenda Payne, President
70 Sayre Street, Buffalo
New York 14207-2225

Re: Notice of Potential Liability and Invitation to Perform or Finance Proposed Cleanup Activities for the Ansonia Copper & Brass Site in Waterbury, CT

Dear Ms. Payne:

This letter serves to notify you of potential liability regarding the Ansonia Copper & Brass Site, ("Site"), as defined by Section 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), commonly known as the federal "Superfund" law. This letter also notifies you of planned removal activities at the Site which you are invited to perform or finance and which you may be ordered to perform at a later date.

Under CERCLA, EPA is responsible for responding to the release or threat of release of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants into the environment, i.e., for stopping further contamination from occurring and for cleaning up or otherwise addressing any contamination that has already occurred. EPA has documented that such a release has occurred at the Site located at 725 Bank Street, Waterbury, Connecticut. The property is further defined by the City of Waterbury Town Clerk's office in a Warranty Deed recorded in Book 7342, Page 4 and by the City Assessor's Office as Parcel ID # 036802820003.

Hazardous substances involved in the release or threat of release of hazardous substances at the Site include, but are not limited to asbestos, PCBs and lead. EPA has spent public funds and is considering spending additional public funds to investigate and address the releases and/or threatened release(s) at the Site. Based on information presently available to EPA, EPA has determined that Buffalo Brass Company, Inc. is potentially liable under CERCLA for the cleanup of the Site, which you are invited to perform or finance and which you may be ordered to perform at a later date. Unless a potentially responsible party ("PRP") or parties commit to properly performing or financing such actions, EPA will perform these actions pursuant to Section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9604.

EXPLANATION OF POTENTIAL LIABILITY

Under CERCLA, specifically Sections 106(a) and 107(a), 42 U.S.C. §§9606(a) and 9607(a), Section 7003 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. § 6973, and other laws, potentially responsible parties ("PRPs") may be required to implement cleanup actions deemed necessary by EPA to protect public health, welfare, or the environment. PRPs may also be responsible for all costs incurred by the Government in responding to any release or threatened release at the Site, unless the PRP can show divisibility or any of the other statutory defenses. Such actions and costs may include, but are not limited to: expenditures for investigations, planning, response, disposal, and oversight and enforcement activities.

PRPs include current and former owners and operators of a Site, as well as persons who arranged for treatment and/or disposal of any hazardous substances found at the Site, and persons who accepted hazardous substances for transport and selected the Site to which the hazardous substances were delivered.

Based on information gathered during investigations of the Site, EPA believes that Buffalo Brass Company, Inc. is a PRP under Section 107(a) of CERCLA with respect to the Site. Specifically, EPA has reason to believe that as the previous owner and/or operator of the Site and as an arranger, who by contract or agreement, arranged for the disposal, treatment or transportation of hazardous substances at the Site, have potential liability for the Site. You are urged to voluntarily perform or finance those response activities that EPA determines are necessary at the Site.

OUTLINE OF SITE RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

To date, under the authority of the Superfund Program, EPA has taken response actions, including a Preliminary Assessment ("PA") and Site Investigation ("SI"), in order to gain a basic understanding of any risks posed to human health and/or the environment by releases or threatened releases from the Site.

Due to the presence of hazardous substances at the Site, and in light of other factors, EPA has determined that there is an imminent and substantial endangerment to public health, welfare, or the environment. In response, EPA plans to conduct the following immediate removal activities at the Site:

- Delineate work zones and decontamination area;
- Perform air monitoring as needed;
- Conduct hazardous categorization of drum/container/pits/trough contents;
- Consolidate/over-pack and stage containers of hazardous substances and friable asbestos located inside and around the building;
- Excavate contaminated soil areas and stage for transportation;
- Dispose of collected wastes at licensed off-site disposal facilities;
- Repair any response-related damage; and,
- Taking other response actions or evaluating the need to take other response actions.

INVITATION TO PERFORM SITE RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

Before EPA spends public funds to undertake the removal action at the Site, EPA urges you to participate in removal activities or finance all the removal activities outlined above. Any such work performed by you in your capacity as a PRP may be conducted pursuant to an administrative order and an EPA-approved workplan as authorized by Section 106(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9606(a). Prior to final issuance of such an order, a draft order would be sent to you or your representative for review and comment. Enclosed is a copy of a summary of a generic Scope of Work. This document should provide an understanding of the types of plans and activities typically required by such an Order.

Be advised that even if you do not indicate a willingness to perform or finance necessary response actions, EPA explicitly reserves any rights it may have to order you to undertake such actions under Section 106 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9606. Failure to comply with a Section 106(a) administrative order may result in a fine of up to $32,500 per day under Section 106(b) or imposition of treble damages under Section 107(c) (3) of CERCLA. Further, you may be held liable under Section 107(a) for the cost of the response activities EPA performs at the Site and for any damages to natural resources. In addition, by virtue of Section 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9613, other PRPs who agree to perform the necessary response action may seek contribution protection.

FINANCIAL CONCERNS/ABILITY TO PAY SETTLEMENTS

EPA is aware that the financial ability of some PRPs to contribute toward the payment of response costs at a Site may be substantially limited. If you believe, and can document, that you fall within that category, please contact Stacy Greendlinger listed below for information on "Ability to Pay Settlements." In response, you will receive a package of information about the potential for such settlements. You will be asked to fill out form(s) about your finances and to submit financial records including business and personal federal and state income tax returns. If EPA concludes that Buffalo Brass Company, Inc. has a legitimate inability to pay the full amount of EPA's costs, EPA may offer a schedule for payment over time or a reduction in the total amount demanded from you.

Also, please note that, because EPA has a potential claim against you, you must include EPA as a creditor if you file for bankruptcy.

PRP RESPONSE AND EPA CONTACT

You should contact EPA within **seven (7) days** after receipt of this letter to indicate your willingness to perform or finance the response activities outlined above. If EPA does not receive a response within that time, EPA will assume that you do not wish to negotiate a resolution of your liabilities in connection with the response and that you have declined any involvement in performing response activities. Be advised, however, that liability under CERCLA is joint and

several; therefore, each PRP is potentially liable for undertaking all response actions or reimbursing the Government for the entire amount of its response costs.

Please provide the name, address, and telephone number of a designated contact for future communications. Your written response, including any technical comments or questions concerning the proposed response activities, should be directed to the Enforcement Coordinator ("EC") or the EPA On-Scene Coordinator ("OSC") for the Site:

Stacy Greendlinger, EC
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Emergency Response & Removal Section II
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 (02-2)
Boston, Massachusetts 02109-3912
(617) 918-1403

Athanasios Hatzopoulos, OSC
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Emergency Response & Removal Section II
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 (02-2)
Boston, Massachusetts 02109-3912
(617) 918-1284

Legal questions and all communications from counsel should be directed to:

Cynthia Lewis, Senior Enforcement Counsel
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Environmental Stewardship (SES)
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100
Boston, Massachusetts 02109-3912
(617) 918-1889

DECISION NOT TO USE SPECIAL NOTICE

Under Section 122(e) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9622(e), EPA has the discretionary authority to invoke special notice procedures to formally negotiate the terms of an agreement between EPA and the PRPs to conduct or finance response activities. The use of special notice procedures triggers a moratorium on certain EPA activities at the Site while formal negotiations between EPA and the PRPs are conducted. Due to the exigencies posed by conditions present at the Site, removal activities must be conducted as expeditiously as possible. EPA has therefore decided not to invoke the Section 122(e) special notice procedures with respect to CERCLA removal actions at this Site. Nonetheless, EPA is willing to discuss settlement opportunities without invoking a moratorium, but will continue the response action as planned unless such discussions lead expeditiously to a settlement.

INFORMATION TO ASSIST YOU

EPA would like to encourage communication between you, other PRPs, and EPA concerning the Site. A Notice of Potential Liability has also been sent to 725 Bank Street Development Inc. and Ansonia Copper & Brass, Inc. You or your attorney may wish to discuss the matters set forth in this letter with such parties or their attorneys. To assist you in your efforts to communicate, please find the following attached information:

- 725 Bank Street Development Inc., John J. Ziggas III, 6580 Shiloh Road, Goshen, OH 45122-9541;
- Ansonia Copper & Brass, Inc., Raymond L. McGee, 7 Pine Ledge Road, Brant Lake, New York 12815-1744;
- Ansonia Specialty Metals, LLC, William E. Wolf, 905 Sunset Road, Winnetka, IL 60093-3621;
- American Brass Company, L.P., The Corporation Trust Co., Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, Willimgton, DE 19801;
- Atlantic Richfield Company, Andrew T. Fiedler, 4 Centerpointe Drive, La Palma, CA 90623-1074.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

Pursuant to Section 113(k) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9613(k), EPA will establish an administrative record containing documents that serve as the basis of EPA's decision on the selection of a cleanup action for the Site. The Administrative Record files may be inspected and comments may be submitted by contacting the OSC for the Site, Athanasios Hatzopoulos, at the above address.

The Administrative Record Files with corresponding index should be available for inspection at a repository near the Site within sixty (60) days of initiation of on-site removal activities, as well as at the Superfund Records Center, U.S. EPA, 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100, Boston, Massachusetts 02109-3912, (617) 918-1440.

SITE ACTIVITY OUTSIDE EPA ACTIONS

If you are already involved in discussions with state or other local authorities or involved in a lawsuit regarding this Site, you should continue such activities as you see fit. This letter is not intended to advise or direct you to restrict or discontinue any such activities. However, you are advised to report the status of any such discussions or actions in your response to this letter and to provide a copy of your response to any other parties involved in those discussions or actions.

RESOURCES AND INFORMATION FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

As you may be aware, on January 11, 2002, the Superfund Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was enacted. This Act contains several exemptions and defenses to CERCLA liability, which we suggest that all parties evaluate. You may download a copy of

the law at http://www.epa.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-107publ118/pdf/PLAW-107publ118.pdf and review EPA guidance regarding these exemptions at http://cfpub.epa.gov/compliance/resources/policies/cleanup/superfund.

EPA has created a number of helpful resources for small businesses. EPA has established the National Compliance Assistance Clearinghouse as well as Compliance Assistance Centers which offer various forms of resources to small businesses. You may inquire about these resources at www.epa.gov. In addition, the EPA Small Business Ombudsman may be contacted at www.epa.gov/sbo. Finally, EPA developed a fact sheet about the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act ("SBREFA"), which is enclosed with this letter.

PURPOSE AND USE OF THIS NOTICE

The factual and legal discussions contained in this letter are intended solely to provide notice and information. Such discussions are not intended to be, and cannot be, relied upon as EPA's final position on any matter set forth herein.

Please give these matters your immediate attention and consider consulting with an attorney. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Stacy Greendlinger at 617-918-1403.

By copy of this letter, EPA is notifying the State of Connecticut and the Natural Resources Trustees of EPA's intent to perform, or to enter into negotiations for the performance or financing of, response actions at the Site.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Carol Tucker, Chief
Emergency Planning and Response Branch

Enclosures

cc: Matthew Williamson, CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
Andrew Raddant, Regional Environmental Officer - U.S. DOI
Ken Finkelstein, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration - NOAA
Athanasios Hatzopoulos, EPA On-Scene Coordinator
Stacy Greendlinger, EPA Enforcement Coordinator
Cynthia Lewis, EPA Senior Enforcement Counsel
Superfund Records Center

SUMMARY OF GENERIC SCOPE OF WORK

This summary of the Generic Scope of Work is provided for informational purposes only. More detailed provisions will be set forth in the site-specific Scope of Work. Provisions may vary from site to site.

When EPA determines that a Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) has the ability to promptly and properly prevent, mitigate, or eliminate the threats posed by hazardous substances at the Site, EPA may issue an Administrative Order (Order) to such party (the Respondent) with an attached Scope of Work (SOW). The Order and SOW, among other things, compel the Respondent to develop a plan to clean up the Site. The components of the plan (also called a "deliverable") must be submitted to EPA for approval before implementation. Detailed instructions for generating each component shall be provided in the SOW. The plan shall consist of the components listed below.

1) **Site Security** - The Respondent shall provide on-site security service. Site security shall be maintained until EPA determines the threats posed by conditions at the Site are eliminated or substantially mitigated.

2) **Notification of Contractor Selection** - The Respondent shall notify EPA of the proposed cleanup contractor selected to perform work required under the Order.

3) **Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan (HASP) -** The Respondent shall develop and implement a HASP for all activities to be conducted at the Site. The HASP shall be developed to protect all on-site personnel and must comply with all applicable health and safety regulations.

4) **Quality Assurance Plan (QAP) -** The Respondent shall develop a QAP to be utilized in conducting all field and laboratory analysis. The QAP shall ensure that analytical results generated are of known quality.

5) **Site Assessment Plan (SAP)** - The Respondent shall develop a SAP specifying the overall strategy of the field investigative work necessary to characterize site contamination.

6) **Site Assessment** - A Site Assessment shall be conducted following EPA approval of the SAP.

7) **Site Assessment Report and Cleanup Plan (SAR/CP)** - Following completion of the Site Assessment, the Respondent shall develop a SAR/CP that summarizes the Site Assessment and proposes cleanup methods necessary to substantially mitigate and/or eliminate the threats posed by hazardous substances present at the Site.

8) **Site Cleanup** - The Site Cleanup shall be conducted according to the EPA approved Cleanup Plan.

9) **Completion of Work Report (CWR)** - Upon completion of the Site Cleanup, the Respondent shall submit a CWR summarizing the work performed under the Order and SOW and outlining any remaining contamination.

At any time prior to or after the completion of the work specified in this SOW, EPA may determine that additional tasks are necessary in order to achieve the objectives of the Order, the SOW and CERCLA.

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U.S. EPA Small Business Resources Information Sheet

The United States Environmental Protection Agency provides an array of resources to help small businesses understand and comply with federal and state environmental laws. In addition to helping small businesses understand their environmental obligations and improve compliance, these resources will also help such businesses find cost-effective ways to comply through pollution prevention techniques and innovative technologies.

Small Business Programs
www.epa.gov/smallbusiness
EPA's Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP) advocates and fosters opportunities for direct and indirect partnerships, contracts, and sub-agreements for small businesses and socio-economically disadvantaged businesses.

EPA's Asbestos Small Business Ombudsman
www.epa.gov/sbo or 1-800-368-5888
The EPA Asbestos and Small Business Ombudsman (ASBO) serves as a conduit for small businesses to access EPA and facilitates communications between the small business community and the Agency.

EPA's Compliance Assistance Homepage
www2.epa.gov/compliance
This page is a gateway industry and statute-specific environmental resources, from extensive web-based information to hotlines and compliance assistance specialists.

EPA's Compliance Assistance Centers
www.assistancecenters.net
EPA's Compliance Assistance Centers provide information targeted to industries with many small businesses. They were developed in partnership with industry, universities and other federal and state agencies.

Agriculture
www.epa.gov/agriculture/

Automotive Recycling
www.ecarcenter.org

Automotive Service and Repair
ccar-greenlink.org/ or 1-888-GRN-LINK

Chemical Manufacturing
www.chemalliance.org

Construction
www.cicacenter.org or 1-734-995-4911

Education
www.campuserc.org

Food Processing
www.fpeac.org

Healthcare
www.hercenter.org

Local Government
www.lgean.org

Metal Finishing
www.nmfrc.org

Paints and Coatings
www.paintcenter.org

Printing
www.pneac.org

Ports
www.portcompliance.org

Transportation
www.tercenter.org

U.S. Border Compliance and Import/Export Issues
www.bordercenter.org

EPA Hotlines, Helplines and Clearinghouses
www2.epa.gov/home/epa-hotlines
EPA sponsors many free hotlines and clearinghouses that provide convenient assistance regarding environmental requirements. Some examples are:

Clean Air Technology Center (CATC) Info-line
www.epa.gov/ttn/catc or 1-919-541-0800

Superfund, TRI, EPCRA, RMP and Oil Information Center
www.epa.gov/superfund/contacts/infocenter/index.htm or 1-800-424-9346

EPA Imported Vehicles and Engines Public Helpline
www.epa.gov/otaq/imports or 734-214-4100

National Pesticide Information Center
www.npic.orst.edu/ or 1-800-858-7378

National Response Center Hotline to report oil and hazardous substance spills - www.nrc.uscg.mil or 1-800-424-8802

Pollution Prevention Information Clearinghouse (PPIC) - www.epa.gov/opptintr/ppic or 1-202-566-0799

Safe Drinking Water Hotline - www.epa.gov/drink/hotline/index.cfm or 1-800-426-4791

Stratospheric Ozone Protection Hotline
www.epa.gov/ozone/comments.htm or 1-800-296-1996

Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Hotline
tsca-hotline@epa.gov or 1-202-554-1404

Small Entity Compliance Guides
http://www.epa.gov/sbrefa/compliance-guides.html
EPA publishes a Small Entity Compliance Guide (SECG) for every rule for which the Agency has prepared a final regulatory flexibility analysis, in accordance with Section 604 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA).

Regional Small Business Liaisons
http://www.epa.gov/sbo/rsbl.htm
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regional Small Business Liaison (RSBL) is the primary regional contact and often the expert on small business assistance, advocacy, and outreach. The RSBL is the regional voice for the EPA Asbestos and Small Business Ombudsman (ASBO).

State Resource Locators
www.envcap.org/statetools
The Locators provide state-specific contacts, regulations and resources covering the major environmental laws.

State Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs (SBEAPs)
www.epa.gov/sbo/507program.htm
State SBEAPs help small businesses and assistance providers understand environmental requirements and sustainable business practices through workshops, trainings and site visits.

EPA's Tribal Portal
www.epa.gov/tribalportal/
The Portal provides access to information on environmental issues, laws, and resources related to federally recognized tribes.

EPA Compliance Incentives
EPA provides incentives for environmental compliance. By participating in compliance assistance programs or voluntarily disclosing and promptly correcting violations before an enforcement action has been initiated, businesses may be eligible for penalty waivers or reductions. EPA has two such policies that may apply to small businesses:

EPA's Small Business Compliance Policy
www2.epa.gov/enforcement/small-businesses-and-enforcement
This Policy offers small businesses special incentives to come into compliance voluntarily.

EPA's Audit Policy
www2.epa.gov/compliance/epas-audit-policy
The Policy provides incentives to all businesses that voluntarily discover, promptly disclose and expeditiously correct their noncompliance.

Commenting on Federal Enforcement Actions and Compliance Activities
The Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA) established a SBREFA Ombudsman and 10 Regional Fairness Boards to receive comments from small businesses about federal agency enforcement actions. If you believe that you fall within the Small Business Administration's definition of a small business (based on your North American Industry Classification System designation, number of employees or annual receipts, as defined at 13 C.F.R. 121.201; in most cases, this means a business with 500 or fewer employees), and wish to comment on federal enforcement and compliance activities, call the SBREFA Ombudsman's toll-free number at 1-888-REG-FAIR (1-888-734-3247).

Every small business that is the subject of an enforcement or compliance action is entitled to comment on the Agency's actions without fear of retaliation. EPA employees are prohibited from using enforcement or any other means of retaliation against any member of the regulated community in response to comments made under SBREFA.

Your Duty to Comply
If you receive compliance assistance or submit a comment to the SBREFA Ombudsman or Regional Fairness Boards, you still have the duty to comply with the law, including providing timely responses to EPA information requests, administrative or civil complaints, other enforcement actions or communications. The assistance information and comment processes do not give you any new rights or defenses in any enforcement action. These processes also do not affect EPA's obligation to protect public health or the environment under any of the environmental statutes it enforces, including the right to take emergency remedial or emergency response actions when appropriate. Those decisions will be based on the facts in each situation. The SBREFA Ombudsman and Fairness Boards do not participate in resolving EPA's enforcement actions. Also, remember that to preserve your rights, you need to comply with all rules governing the enforcement process.

EPA is disseminating this information to you without making a determination that your business or organization is a small business as defined by Section 222 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act or related provisions.