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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
841 Chestnut Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

AUG 28 1995

Dan Williamson
821 Rogers Street
Salisbury, MD 21801

Re: Peninsula Plating, Inc. Site; Route 5 11-C (Blades) Seaford, Delaware

Dear Mr. Williamson:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is currently investigating the source, extent, and nature of the release or threatened release of hazardous substances into the environment at and from the Peninsula Plating Site located on Route 5 11-C in Seaford, Sussex County, Delaware ("Site") (see enclosure for the Site Location Map). This investigation involves an inquiry into, among other things, the past and present ownership of the Site and its operators. EPA is also interested in information concerning the generation, storage, treatment, transportation, and disposal of such substances that have been or threaten to be released from the Site. EPA believes that you may possess information which may assist the Agency in its investigation of the Site.

Pursuant to EPA's statutory authorities, EPA requires that you respond in writing fully and completely to the following items:

1. Describe the nature and extent of your relationship with Peninsula Plating, Inc. from the time the company commenced operations at the Site through the present. Such description should include, but should not necessarily be limited to, the identification of each position (formal and informal) that you have held with the company, the duties and responsibilities of each position, the tasks you performed (both routinely and occasionally), and the dates you held each position.

2. Identify the owner(s) of the property from the commencement of operations at the Site through the present. If the property was leased or rented, identify the terms of such lease or rental arrangement.

3. Identify all owners of Peninsula Plating, Inc. from the time operations commenced at the Site through the present. Please identify each owners' share in the corporation.

4. State whether operations continue at the Site. If not, identify:

   (a) the date operations ceased;

   (b) the reason(s) such operations ceased;

   (c) the person(s) who decided that operations would cease;

   (d) all activities conducted to secure the property prior to and after cessation of operations and the person(s) who performed them;

   (e) the identity of all persons responsible for maintaining the facility after operations ceased; and

   (f) each owner of Peninsula Plating, Inc. at the time operations ceased.

5. Describe the products and substances produced, and services provided by, Peninsula Plating from the commencement of operations at the Site through the present. Such description should include, but should not necessarily be limited to, the following:

   (a) the identity of raw materials, including chemicals, used at the facility;

   (b) the processes used to produce each product, substance, or service;

   (c) the nature and amount of by-products and wastes produced; and

   (d) the location of any on-Site disposal of such by-products or wastes.

6. Describe all instances in which Peninsula Plating accepted waste or any off-spec materials from any company or person for treatment, storage, disposal, or use by Peninsula Plating at the Site. Your description should include, but should not necessarily be limited to:

   (a) each date on which such wastes and off-spec materials were accepted;

   (b) the quantity of each material accepted;

   (c) the physical state (i.e., liquid, solid, or gaseous) of the materials accepted;

   (d) the disposition of such materials (i.e., drummed, placed in lagoons, land filled, placed in piles, stored in the

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back of the building, used in processes, etc.).

7. Describe any permits or applications and any correspondence between Peninsula Plating and any regulatory agency regarding the materials accepted, transported, stored, treated, generated, or disposed of at the Site. Provide copies of such permits, applications, and correspondence.

8. Provide copies of any correspondence between Peninsula Plating and any third party regarding the materials accepted, transported to, stored, treated, generated, or disposed of at the Site.

9. Provide the identity of any other person or company who transported, generated, treated, stored, or disposed of hazardous substances at the Site, or who arranged for the treatment, storage, disposal, or transportation of such substances at the Site. Provide copies of any documents relating to such activities.

10. Describe the relationship and business dealings, if any, between Peninsula Plating and A-1 Plating Company, Inc., located in Baltimore, Maryland. Your response should include, but should not necessarily be limited to, a description of any shipments of raw materials, chemicals, products, or other materials brought from A-1 Plating to the Site and should identify:

    (a) the date of each such shipment;

    (b) the materials shipped to the Site;

    (c) the identity of the person(s) who arranged and/or authorized each such shipment;

    (d) the person(s) who transported the materials shipped to the Site (i.e., shipping companies, truck drivers, etc.); and

    (e) the financial terms of each such shipment (i.e., amounts paid for each shipment).

Information relating to EPA's authorities to require submission of this information, penalties for non-compliance with this letter, definitions, and business confidentiality claims may be found in the enclosure to this letter.

We appreciate and look forward to your prompt response to this letter. EPA is convinced that the appropriate investigation and clean-up of hazardous sites can only be accomplished through full participation of interested citizens, and we note your contribution to this effort through your response to this letter.

If, for a particular reason, you are hesitant to answer this letter because you are concerned about public disclosure of your name in connection with the information you are required to submit, please clearly advise EPA in your response that you request confidential treatment of your identity. EPA does not encourage such a request, but we recognize that it may be appropriate in certain instances. In the event that you do request confidential treatment of your identity, EPA will evaluate whether such confidential treatment is warranted in your case. Please do not request confidential treatment of your identity unless you believe it is necessary.

All documents and information should be sent **within 10 calendar days of your receipt of this letter** to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Dan McGoldrick, OSC
Removal Enforcement Section (3HW33)
841 Chestnut Building
Philadelphia, PA 19107

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mr. McGoldrick at (215) 597-7982.

Sincerely,

Dennis Carney, Chief
Superfund Removal Branch

Enclosures: Site Map
Information Requirement Enclosure

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Authority to Require Submission Information

EPA is authorized to require submission of information under section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e), and section 3007 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. § 6927.

Penalties

Provisions in section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604; and section 3008 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928; authorize EPA to pursue penalties for failure to comply or failure to respond to required submissions of information requests. In addition, providing false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations may subject you to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Note that the information you provide may be used by EPA in administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings.

This required submission of information is not subject to the approval requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. § 3501 et seq.

Definition(s)

As used in this letter, the term "documents" means: writings (handwritten, typed or otherwise produced or reproduced) and includes, but is not limited to, any invoices, checks, receipts, bills of lading, weight receipts, toll receipts, correspondence, offers, contracts, agreements, deeds, leases, manifests, licenses, permits, bids, proposals, policies of insurance, logs, books of original entry, minutes of meetings, memoranda, notes, calendar or daily entries, agendas, bulletins, notices, announcements, charts, maps, photographs, drawings, manuals, brochures, reports of scientific study or investigation, schedules, price lists, telegrams, teletypes, phono-records, magnetic voice or video records, tapes, summaries, magnetic tapes, punch cards, recordings, discs, computer printouts, or other data compilations from which information can be obtained or translated.

Business Confidentiality

You are entitled to assert a claim of business confidentiality covering any part of the submitted information, in the manner described in 40 C.F.R. § 2.203(b). Information subject to a claim of business confidentiality will be made available to the public only in accordance with the procedures set forth in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. If a claim of business confidentiality is not asserted at the time the required information is submitted to EPA, EPA may make this information available to the public without further notice to you.

September 23, 1995

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Dear Sirs:

Please find enclosed a response to your inquiry regarding Peninsula Plating, Inc. Site; Route 5 11-C, Seaford DE. My share of this company was sold to John Donoway on July 29, 1994. All documents were given to Mr. Donoway at the time of the sale. My responses to your inquiries, therefore, are given to the best of my recollection. Please feel free to contact me with any further inquiries.

Sincerely yours,

Dan Williamson

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1. From the time Peninsula Plating commenced operations through July 29, 1995, I was president of the company. As such I oversaw all aspects of the business operations. Specific tasks included ordering chemicals, running production, and orchestrating the wastewater system.

2. The owner of the property on which the business was located was Harold Wingate T/A Bo-Win Enterprises. I am unable to recall the terms of the rental arrangement.

3. From commencement of operations through July 29, 1994 I owned 51% of the business and Danny Mitchell owned 49%. I sold my 51% to John Donoway on July 29, 1994. After that time I have no knowledge of ownership of the business.

4. I have no knowledge of any activity of the business after the sale of my 51% share to John Donoway on July 29,1994.

5. (a) Products and substances used at the facility through July 29,1994 include chromic acid, copper sulfate, nickel chloride, nickel sulfate, copper cyanide, hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, and caustic cleaner.

   (b) Plating processes used electrically deposited copper, nickel, and chrome on a variety of substrates including zinc dyecast, steel and brass.

   (c) All waste was regenerated into the system. Any waste residual was discharged into the wastewater system according to limits approved by the Sussex County Dept. of Engineering. Testing was done on a random basis by Sussex County Dept. of Engineering and Peninsula Plating. Results are on file at the Sussex County Dept. of Engineering. Testing was done by Ashley Labs.

   (d) Waste was disposed of either in the test well or city sewer.

6. Prior to July 29, 1994 no waste of any type was accepted for disposal by Peninsula Plating, Inc.

7. Any such correspondence was sold with the business on July 29, 1994. I have no access to or memory of such documents.

8. Any such correspondence was sold with the business on July 29, 1994. I have no access to or memory of such correspondence.

9. Prior to July 29, 1994 no person or company transported, generated, treated, stored, or disposed of hazardous substances at the site.

10. Details of such transactions were sold with my share of the business to John Donoway on July 29, 1994. I have no access or memory of such transactions.