

STATE OF LOUISIANA

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

IN THE MATTER OF:

**SOURCE PRODUCTION AND EQUIPMENT
COMPANY, INC.**

AI # 38844

**PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LOUISIANA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
LA. R.S. 30:2001, ET SEQ.**

* **Settlement Tracking No.**

* **SA-RE-24-0056**

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* **Enforcement Tracking Nos.**

* **RE-CN-20-00358**

* **RE-CN-21-00796**

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The following Settlement Agreement is hereby agreed to between Source Production and Equipment Company, Inc. (“Respondent”) and the Department of Environmental Quality (“DEQ” or “the Department”), under authority granted by the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, La. R.S. 30:2001, et seq. (“the Act”).

I

Respondent is a corporation that owns and/or operates an industrial radiography source and device manufacturing and distribution center located in St. Rose, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana (“the Facility”).

II

On October 27, 2020, the Department issued to Respondent a Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement Tracking No. RE-CN-20-00358 (Exhibit 1).

On June 28, 2022, the Department issued to Respondent a Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement Tracking No. RE-CN-21-00796 (Exhibit 2).

III

Respondent denies it committed any violations or that it is liable for any fines, forfeitures and/or penalties.

IV

Nonetheless, Respondent, without making any admission of liability under state or federal statute or regulation, agrees to pay, and the Department agrees to accept, a payment in the amount of FORTY-ONE THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$41,000.00), of which Seven Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Six and 38/100 Dollars (\$7,296.38) represents the Department's enforcement costs, in settlement of the claims set forth in this Settlement Agreement. The total amount of money expended by Respondent on cash payments to the Department as described above, shall be considered a civil penalty for tax purposes, as required by La. R.S. 30:2050.7(E)(1).

V

Respondent further agrees that the Department may consider the inspection report(s), the Consolidated Compliance Orders & Notices of Potential Penalty and this Settlement Agreement for the purpose of determining compliance history in connection with any future enforcement or permitting action by the Department against Respondent, and in any such action Respondent shall be estopped from objecting to the above-referenced documents being considered as proving the violations alleged herein for the sole purpose of determining Respondent's compliance history.

VI

This Settlement Agreement shall be considered a final order of the Secretary for all purposes, including, but not limited to, enforcement under La. R.S. 30:2025(G)(2), and Respondent hereby waives any right to administrative or judicial review of the terms of this agreement, except such review as may be required for interpretation of this Settlement Agreement in any action by the

Department to enforce this Settlement Agreement.

VII

This Settlement Agreement is being made in the interest of settling the state's claims and avoiding for both parties the expense and effort involved in litigation or an adjudicatory hearing. In agreeing to the compromise and Settlement Agreement, the Department considered the factors for issuing civil penalties set forth in La. R.S. 30:2025(E) of the Act.

VIII

As required by law, the Department has submitted this Settlement Agreement to the Louisiana Attorney General for approval or rejection. The Attorney General's concurrence is appended to this Settlement Agreement.

IX

The Respondent has caused a public notice advertisement to be placed in the official journal of the parish governing authority in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana. The advertisement, in form and wording approved by the Department, announced the availability of this Settlement Agreement for public view and comment and the opportunity for a public hearing. Respondent has submitted an original proof-of-publication affidavit and an original public notice to the Department and, as of the date this Settlement Agreement is executed on behalf of the Department, more than forty-five (45) days have elapsed since publication of the notice.

X

An initial payment of \$10,250.00 is to be made within thirty (30) days from notice of the Secretary's signature, followed by a payment of \$1,380.00 on the 15th of the next month, and then twenty-two (22) consecutive monthly payments of \$1,335.00 on the 15th of each month. If payment is not received within that time, this Settlement Agreement is voidable at the option of the Department.

The Respondent shall provide its tax identification number when submitting payment. Payments are to be made by check, payable to the Department of Environmental Quality, and mailed or delivered to the attention of Accountant Administrator, Financial Services Division, Department of Environmental Quality, Post Office Box 4303, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70821-4303. Each payment shall be accompanied by a completed Settlement Payment Form attached hereto.

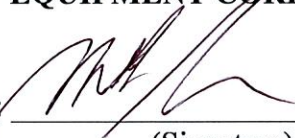
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In consideration of the above, any claims for penalties are hereby compromised and settled in accordance with the terms of this Settlement Agreement.

XII

Each undersigned representative of the parties certifies that he or she is fully authorized to execute this Settlement Agreement on behalf of his or her respective party, and to legally bind such party to its terms and conditions.

**SOURCE PRODUCTION AND
EQUIPMENT CORPORATION, INC.**

BY: 
(Signature)

Michael Sanchez
(Printed)

TITLE: President

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in duplicate original before me this 4 day of
December, 20 24, at Kenner, Louisiana.


NOTARY PUBLIC (ID # 135714)



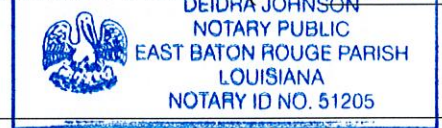
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**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**
Aurelia S. Giacometto, Secretary


BY: 
Jerrie "Jerry" Lang, Assistant Secretary
Office of Environmental Compliance

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in duplicate original before me this 19th day of
February, 20 25, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.


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(stamped or printed)

Approved: 
Jerrie "Jerry" Lang, Assistant Secretary