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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to CERCLA

Notice is hereby given that on November 4, 2002, the United States lodged a proposed Consent Decree between the United States, the State of Arkansas and Oakley-Keese Ford, Inc. ("Oakley-Keese") with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas in *United States et al. v. Oakley-Keese Ford*, Nos. 3:98CV00362, 3:98CV00363, consolidated with *Signature Comb, Inc. et al. v. Oakley-Keese Ford*, No. 3:02CV00125 (SMR).

The proposed Consent Decree resolves the claims of the United States and the State of Arkansas against Oakley-Keese under sections 106(b) and 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9606, 9607, regarding the Gurley Pit and South 8th Street Superfund Sites located in Crittenden County, Arkansas. Under the proposed decree, Oakley-Keese has agreed to pay the plaintiffs \$310,000 within 30 days of the effective date of the Consent Decree as follows: (1) \$200,000 will be paid to the Superfund in partial reimbursement of the United States' past and future response costs at the Sites; (2) \$100,000 will be paid to the Superfund in penalties for the defendant's failure to comply with the Unilateral Administrative Order to perform the remedial action at the South 8th Street Site; and (3) \$10,000 will be paid to the State in partial reimbursement of State's past and future response costs at the Sites.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General,

Environment and Natural Resources Division, United States Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States et al. v. Oakley-Keese Ford*, DJ No. 90-11-2-196/2.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, 425 West Capital, Suite 500, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201; and at the Region VI Office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202. A copy of the proposed Consent Decree may be obtained by mail from the Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check for reproduction costs (at 25 cents per page) in the amount of \$7.50, payable to the U.S. Treasury.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that on October 28, 2002, two proposed consent decrees in *United States v. Ponderosa Fibres of America, Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 99-CV-1305 (FJS/RWS), were lodged with the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York.

The United States' Amended Complaint in this action alleges that Ponderosa Fibres of America, Inc. ("PFC"), Martin Bernstein and Jerome Goodman are jointly and severally liable for past and future response costs, currently totaling over \$1.3 million, incurred by the United States in connection with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's removal of hazardous substances from the St. Lawrence Pulp and Paper Superfund Site in Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, New York ("Site"), pursuant to section 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9607(a). The Complaint also alleges that certain transfers of funds from PFA to six current and former PFA officers and shareholders, Martin Bernstein, Jeffrey Feil, the Estate of Louis Feil, Nathan

Bernstein, Robert L. Pitman and Roland O.A. Fjallstrom, violated the fraudulent transfer provisions of the Federal Debt Collection Procedures Act ("FDCPA"), 28 U.S.C. 3304, 3306, and the Federal Priority Statute ("FPS"), 31 U.S.C. 3713(b). After the United States initiated its recovery action against PFA, the company brought a third-party contribution action against six entities, including The Bank of New York ("BNY") and Sonoco Products Company ("Sonoco"), pursuant to section 113(f) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9613(f). In April 2002, the Court entered a Consent Decree under which BNY paid \$71,250 in partial reimbursement of the United States' response costs.

The first of the two proposed Consent Decrees lodged on October 28 resolves cost recovery and contribution claims against Third-Party Defendant Sonoco Products Company for \$110,000. The second proposed Decree resolves FDCPA, FPS and potential cost recovery and contribution claims against Defendants Jeffrey Feil and Estate of Louis Feil for \$75,000.

For a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, the Department of Justice will accept comments relating to the proposed Sonoco and Feils Consent Decrees. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, c/o David L. Weigert, Esq., Environmental Enforcement Section, P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States v. Ponderosa Fibres of America, Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 99-CV-1305 (FJS/RWS), DJ # 90-11-2-1223/1.

The proposed Consent Decrees may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, Northern District of New York, 231 Foley U.S. Courthouse, 445 Broadway, Albany, New York and at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region II, 290 Broadway, New York, New York. Copies of the proposed Consent Decrees may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, PO Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, or by faxing a request to Tonia Fleetwood at (202) 514-0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514-1547. If requesting copies of one or both the proposed Consent Decrees, please specify the requested Decree(s) and enclose a check in the amount of \$4.75