

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

This SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE (hereinafter "Agreement") is entered into between the STATE OF CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD (hereinafter "ARB") 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814, and Glazier Iron Works, Inc., at 650 Sandoval Way, Hayward, Ca 94544.

I. RECITALS

- (1) California Health and Safety Code (*H&SC*) Section 44011.6 established the Heavy Duty Vehicle Inspection Program (HDVIP). It authorizes ARB to inspect on-road heavy-duty vehicles for excessive smoke emissions and engine tampering and to issue citations, accordingly. The program also requires the vehicle owner to repair its engines that exceed the prescribed ARB smoke opacity standards, perform a post-repair opacity test, and submit proof of repairs and any assessed penalties under the Regulations of the Heavy-Duty Smoke Inspection Program, Chapter 3.5, Sections 2180-2188, Title 13, California Code of Regulations (CCR).
- (2) *H&SC* Section 43701 provides that ARB shall adopt regulations that require owners or operators of heavy-duty diesel motor vehicles to perform regular inspections of their vehicles for excess smoke emissions.
- (3) Title 13, CCR sections 2190 et seq. was adopted under the authority of *H&SC* section 43701 and, with limited exceptions, which are not applicable here, apply to all heavy-duty diesel powered vehicles with gross vehicle weight ratings greater than 6,000 pounds that operate on the streets or highways within the State of California.
- (4) Title 13, CCR sections 2190 et seq. authorize the Periodic Smoke Inspection Program (PSIP) which requires the owners and operators of California based vehicle fleets of two or more heavy duty diesel motor vehicles with gross vehicle weight ratings greater than 6,000 pounds that operate on the streets or highways within the State of California to conduct annual smoke opacity inspections of their vehicles that are four years older than the model year of the vehicle's engine.
- (5) Title 13, CCR section 2192 (a) requires inter alia that the owner of the vehicle "[t]est the vehicle for excessive smoke emissions periodically according to the inspection intervals specified in section 2193 (a), (b), and (c)", "[m]easure the smoke emissions for each test...", "[r]ecord the smoke test opacity levels and other required test information as specified in section 2194..." and "[k]eep the records specified in section 2194 for two years after the date of inspection."

- (6) H&SC Section 43016 states, "Any person who violates any provision of this part, or any order, rule, or regulation of the state board adopted pursuant to this part, and for which violation there is not provided in this part any other specific civil penalty or fine, shall be subject to a civil penalty of not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per vehicle."
- (7) The ARB considers testing, measuring, recording, and recordkeeping to be critical components in reducing excessive smoke emissions from these heavy-duty vehicles.
- (8) ARB contends Glazier Iron Works, Inc., failed to test, measure, record, and maintain records of smoke emissions from its fleet of heavy-duty diesel vehicles for 2009 in violation of Title 13, CCR Sections 2190 et seq.
- (9) Health and Safety Code, Sections 39674 (a) and (b) authorize civil penalties for the violation of the programs for the regulation of toxic air contaminants not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) respectively, for each day in which the violation occurs.
- (10) Glazier Iron Works, Inc., is willing to enter into this Agreement solely for the purpose of settlement and resolution of this matter with ARB. ARB accepts this Agreement in termination of this matter. Accordingly, the parties agree to resolve this matter completely by means of this Agreement, without the need for formal litigation, and therefore agree as follows:

II. TERMS & RELEASE

In consideration of ARB not filing a legal action against Glazier Iron Works, Inc., for the Violations alleged above, ARB and Glazier Iron Works, Inc., agree as follows.:

- (1) Upon execution of this Agreement, Glazier Iron Works, Inc., shall pay a civil penalty of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500). Payment shall be made in check form as described below.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE ARB AND GLAZIER IRON WORKS, INC.:

- \$1,125.00 to the **California Air Pollution Control Fund.**
- \$ 375.00 to the **Peralta Community College District.**

All payments and documents shall be sent to the attention of:

David C. Gray, Investigator

Air Resources Board, Enforcement Division
P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812

- (2) Glazier Iron Works, Inc., shall not violate *H&SC* Sections 43701 et seq. and 44011.6 et seq. and Title 13, CCR Sections 2180 et seq., 2190 et seq., and 2485 et seq.
- (3) Glazier Iron Works, Inc., shall comply with one or both of the following options to attend the California Council on Diesel Education and Technology (CCDET) class, as described on the ARB webpage at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/enf/hdvip/hdvip.htm>. This class is conducted by various California Community Colleges and instructs attendees on compliance with the PSIP and the HDVIP.
 - (a) Glazier Iron Works, Inc., shall have at least one staff member responsible for compliance with the PSIP and the HDVIP attend the CCDET class. Proof of CCDET completion shall be provided to ARB within one year of the date of this Agreement and shall be maintained in each applicable employee's file for the term of his or her employment, or as provided by Glazier Iron Works, Inc., rules, regulations, codes, or ordinances, whichever is longer.
 - (b) If Glazier Iron Works, Inc., uses a contractor to perform the annual smoke opacity testing required under the PSIP, Glazier Iron Works, Inc., shall obtain proof that the contractor's staff conducting the smoke opacity tests completed the CCDET course within the past four years. This proof of CCDET completion shall be provided to ARB with PSIP records as required by this Settlement Agreement and shall be maintained with the annual PSIP records.
- (4) Shall submit copies of all PSIP compliance records for years 2011 and 2012 to the ARB by January 31 of the following year. Copies shall be addressed to the attention of David C. Gray at the California Air Resources Board, Enforcement Division, P.O. Box 2815, Sacramento, CA 95812. The ARB reserves the right to visit any Glazier Iron Works, Inc., fleet location at any time to conduct compliance audits for the HDVIP and PSIP, or any other applicable ARB program.
- (5) Glazier Iron Works, Inc., shall complete Low NOx Software Upgrades (reflash) on all applicable heavy-duty diesel engines operating in California and report to the ARB within 45 days of this agreement.
- (6) Each 1974 or newer diesel powered heavy-duty vehicle in the Glazier Iron Works, Inc., fleet shall comply with the emission control label (ECL) requirements set forth in the CCR, Title 13, Section 2183 (c) within 45 days of this agreement.

Penalties must be set at levels sufficient to discourage violations. The penalties in this matter were determined in consideration of all relevant circumstances, including the eight factors specified in Health and Safety Code sections 42403 and 43024.

PSIP Violations

The per vehicle penalty for the PSIP violations involved in this case is a maximum of \$500 per vehicle per violation. The penalty obtained for the PSIP violations involved in this case is \$1,500.00 for four vehicles, or \$375.00 per vehicle per violation.

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 to the PSIP violations is Health and Safety Code section 43016 because Glazier Iron Works, Inc., failed to test, measure, record, and maintain records of smoke emissions from its fleet of heavy duty diesel vehicles for the year 2009 in violation of the PSIP regulation in Title 13, CCR Sections 2190 et seq, for 4 vehicles. Since the PSIP regulation was adopted pursuant to authority granted in Part 5 of Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code and since there is no specific penalty or fine provided for PSIP violations in Part 5, Health and Safety Code section 43016 is the applicable penalty provision.

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 excess emissions, if it is practicable to do so.

The provisions cited above do prohibit emissions above a specified opacity or level of g/hp-hr. However, since the hours of operation of the non-compliant units involved and their individual emission rate are not known, it is not practicable to quantify the excess emissions.

- (16) Glazier Iron Works, Inc., acknowledges that ARB has complied with SB 1402 in prosecuting and settling this case. Specifically, ARB has considered all relevant facts, including those listed at HSC section 43024, has explained the manner in which the penalty amount was calculated, has identified the provision of law under which the penalty is being assessed and has considered and determined that this penalty is being assessed under a provision of law that prohibits the emission of pollutants at a specified level.

- (17) 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 cases, and the potential costs and risk associated with litigating these particular violations.
- (18) The penalty was based on confidential settlement communications between ARB and Glazier Iron Works, Inc., that ARB does not retain in the ordinary course of business either. The penalty is the product of an arms length negotiation between ARB and Glazier Iron Works, Inc., and reflects ARB's assessment of the relative strength of its case against Glazier Iron Works, Inc., the desire to avoid the uncertainty, burden and expense of litigation, obtain swift compliance with the law and remove any unfair advantage that Glazier Iron Works, Inc., may have secured from its actions.

California Air Resources Board

By: _____

Name: James Ryden

Title: Chief Enforcement Division

Date: 3/29/11

Glazier Iron Works, Inc.

By: _____

Name: Tom Glazier

Title: CFO

Date: 3-22-11