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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
CHRIS WELLS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

March 24, 2025

CERTIFIED MAIL # 7019 1120 0000 4785 6612

Mr. Trace Carlock
CPJ, LLC
5385 I-55 North
Jackson, Mississippi 39206

**Re: Carlock Auto Group, Porsche Ridgeland
Agreed Order No. 7468 25**

Dear Mr. Carlock:

Enclosed you will find a copy of Agreed Order No. 7468 25, which has been executed by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Chris Wells, on behalf of the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality.

The enclosed Order assesses a civil penalty. The penalty payment, when due, should be made by check payable to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and returned in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope to the MDEQ Accounts Receivable at P.O. Box 2339, Jackson, MS 39225.

If you have any questions regarding your obligations under the enclosed order, please contact Geoffrey Martin at (601) 961-5024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Clark".

Michelle Clark, P.E., BCEE, Chief
Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Division

Enclosure
cc: Geoffrey Martin

Agency Interest No. 83389
ENF20240002

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION
ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

COMPLAINANT

VS.

ORDER NO. 7468 25

CPJ, LLC
5385 I-55 NORTH
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39206

RESPONDENT

AGREED ORDER

COME NOW the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality (Commission), acting through the staff and Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Complainant, and CPJ, LLC, Respondent, in the above captioned cause and agree as follows:

1.

Respondent owns property at the corner of Sunnybrook Road and Steed Road, Ridgeland, Mississippi in Madison County where it has proposed to construct a car dealership, Porsche Ridgeland.

On or about February 23, 2023, Respondent submitted to MDEQ a Large Construction Notice of Intent (LCNOI) for Coverage Under the Large Construction Storm Water General NPDES Permit at the Porsche Ridgeland construction site. Respondent stated on the LCNOI its intent to disturb approximately 8.6 acres of land for construction activities.

By emails dated March 31, 2023, October 30, 2023, and November 7, 2023, Respondent was notified by MDEQ that additional documentation was needed before MDEQ could issue permit coverage.

On September 10, 2024, MDEQ conducted a Compliance Evaluation Inspection (the Inspection) at the proposed Porsche Ridgeland construction site to determine compliance with applicable state law and regulations. The Inspection revealed that Respondent disturbed approximately 8 acres of land at the proposed Porsche Ridgeland construction site; therefore, the construction project was required to be covered under the Large Construction Storm Water General Permit for Land Disturbing Activities of Five (5) or More Acres.

By letter dated September 23, 2024, Respondent was contacted by Complainant and notified of the following violations at its facility located at the corner of Sunnybrook Road and Steed Road, Ridgeland, Mississippi in Madison County:

- A. Respondent discharged waste (i.e., sediment) from the construction project in violation of Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-29(2)(a) which states, “(a) Except as in compliance with paragraph (b) of this subsection, it is unlawful for any person to cause pollution of any waters of the state or to place or cause to be placed any wastes in a location where they are likely to cause pollution of any waters of the state. It is also unlawful to discharge any wastes into any waters of the state which reduce the quality of those waters below the water quality standards established by the commission; or to violate any applicable pretreatment standards or limitations, technology-based effluent limitations, toxic standards or any other limitations established by the commission. Any such action is declared to be a public nuisance.”
- B. Respondent conducted land disturbing activities without coverage under Mississippi’s Large Construction Storm Water General Permit for Land Disturbing Activities of Five (5) or More Acres in violation of Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-29 (2)(b) which states, “It is unlawful for any person to carry on any of the following activities, unless that person holds a current permit for that activity from the Permit Board as may be required for the disposal of all wastes which are or may be discharged into the waters of the state, or unless that person is exempted from holding a permit by a regulation promulgated by the commission: [. . .] (iii) the construction, installation or operation of any industrial, commercial or other establishment, including irrigation projects or any extension or modification thereof

or addition thereto, the operation of which would cause an increase in the discharge of wastes into the waters of the state or would otherwise alter the physical, chemical or biological properties of any waters of the state in any manner not already lawfully authorized [. . .]”

By letter dated October 1, 2024, Respondent submitted documentation and color photographs which asserted the damaged silt fence and straw wattles at the site had been replaced.

On November 13, 2024, following the receipt of the required documentation from Respondent, the Permit Board issued Certificate No. MSR108902 to Respondent for coverage under the Permit at the Porsche Ridgeland construction site.

2.

In lieu of a formal enforcement hearing concerning the violations listed above, Complainant and Respondent agree to settle this matter as follows:

- A. Respondent agrees to pay and Complainant agrees to accept a civil penalty in the amount of \$8,400.00. Respondent shall pay this penalty to MDEQ within forty-five (45) days after this Agreed Order has been executed by the MDEQ Executive Director or his designee. The settlement payment shall be submitted to:

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
Attn: Accounts Receivable
P.O. Box 2339
Jackson, MS 39225

3.

Nothing in this Agreed Order shall limit the rights of MDEQ or the Commission in the event Respondent fails to comply with this Agreed Order. The Agreed Order shall be strictly construed to apply to those matters expressly resolved herein.

4.

Nothing contained in this Agreed Order shall limit the rights of MDEQ or the Commission to

take enforcement or other actions against Respondent for violations not addressed herein and for future violations of environmental laws, rules, and regulations.

5.

Respondent understands and acknowledges that it is entitled to an evidentiary hearing before the Commission pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-31, and that it has made an informed waiver of that right.

ORDERED, this the 24 day of March, 2025.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

BY: *Chris Wells*

CHRIS WELLS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED, this the 10 day of March, 2025.

CPJ, LLC

BY: *Trace Carlock*
TRACE CARLOCK
PARTNER

STATE OF TN

COUNTY OF Williamson

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named TRACE CARLOCK, who first being duly sworn, did state upon his oath and acknowledge to me that he is a PARTNER of CPJ, LLC and is authorized to sign and enter this Agreement.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the 10 day of March, 2025.

Kellie D Mitchell
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires:

