Enclosure CLEAN AIR ACT MOBILE SOURCE EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

DOCKET NO. R9-CAA-18-1014

EPA Region 9

Respondent:

Weistec Engineering, Inc. 1266 N. La Loma Circle

Anaheim, CA 92806

- 1. The parties enter into this Clean Air Act Mobile Source Expedited Settlement Agreement (the "Agreement") in order to settle the civil violations discovered as a result of the investigation summarized in Table 1, attached, incorporated into this Agreement by reference. The civil violations that are the subject of this Agreement are described in Table 2, attached, incorporated into the Agreement by reference, regarding the products specified therein.
- 2. Respondent admits to being subject to the Clean Air Act ("CAA") and its associated regulations, and that the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the Respondent's conduct described in Table 2. Respondent does not contest the findings detailed therein, and waives any objections Respondent may have to the EPA's jurisdiction.
- 3. Respondent consents to the payment of a penalty in the amount of \$8,500, further described in Table 3, attached, incorporated into this Agreement by reference. Respondent agrees to follow the instructions in "CAA Mobile Source Expedited Settlement Agreement Instructions," attached, incorporated into this Agreement by reference. Respondent certifies that the required remediation, detailed in Table 3, has been carried out.
- 4. By its first signature below, the EPA approves the findings resulting from the investigation and the alleged violations set forth in Tables 1 and 2. Upon signing and returning this Agreement to the EPA, Respondent consents to the terms of this Agreement without further notice. Respondent acknowledges this Agreement is binding on the parties signing below, and becomes effective on the date of the EPA Region 9 Enforcement Division Assistant Director's ratifying signature.

APPROVED BY EPA:		
(Jul Jan	Date: _	10-19-18
Joel Jones, Assistant Director, Enforcement Division EPA Region 9		
APPROVED BY RESPONDENT:		
Name (print): Michael Weiss		4-1
Title (print): CEO		1-1
Signature: / W//W/	Date: _	11/30/18
RATIFIED BY EPA:		
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Table 1 - Investigation Information				
Investigation Dates:	Docket Number:			
June 30, 2016 (site inspection); January 18, 2017 (information request)	R 9 - C A A - 1 8 - 1 0 1 4			
Inspection Location:	Entry/Inspection Number(s)			
1266 N. La Loma Circle	2 0 1 6 0 6 3 0 1 1 4 8 0 1			
	Inspector(s) Name(s):			
Anaheim	Andrew Chew Andrew Zellinger			
Ananemi	Kingsley Adeduro			
State: Zip Code:	EPA Approving Official:			
CA 92806	Joel Jones			
Respondent:	EPA Enforcement Contact(s):			
Weistec Engineering, Inc.	Ryan Bickmore, Attorney-Adviser, (415) 972-3058 Andrew Chew, Enforcement Officer (415) 947-4197			

Table 2 - Description of Violations and Vehicles/Engines

The EPA has obtained evidence, through an inspection on June 30, 2016 and request for information sent on January 18, 2017, that Weistec manufactured and sold products which render inoperative emission control systems on EPA-certified motor vehicles. It is a violation of Section 203(a)(3)(B) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7522(a)(3)(B), to manufacture or sell such products. Between January 1, 2015 and January 18, 2017, the EPA has determined that Weistec manufactured and sold 110 exhaust systems for gasoline-powered motor vehicles that removed the catalytic converters from those vehicles (commonly referred to as "straight pipes"), and developed and sold 13 software tunes which allowed for removal of catalytic converters by disabling certain emission-related trouble codes, thereby interfering with the vehicles' Onboard Diagnostic (OBD) systems.

Table 3 - Penalty and Required Remediation		
Penalty	\$8,500	
Required Remediation	In addition to paying the monetary penalty, Weistec must cease and refrain from manufacturing or selling any device that defeats, bypasses, or otherwise renders inoperative an emission component of any vehicle regulated by the EPA.	