IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT WESTERN, DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE:	•	Case No. 92-25379/JLC
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SHENANGO GROUP, Inc.,	:	•
	:	Case No. 92-25377/JLC
Debtor,	:	Chapter 11
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SHENANGO INCORPORATED,	:	Case No. 92-25378/JLC
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Debtor, and	:	•
	:	Consolidated for
		Administration Purposes at
THE HOCKENSMITH CORPORATION,	:	Case No. 92-25379/JLC
Debtor.	:	
	:	Judge Joseph L. Cosetti

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEBTORS AND CREDITORS, THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF OHIO

WHEREAS, on December 14, 1992, Shenango Incorporated ("Shenango"), Shenango Group, Inc. ("SGI") and The Hockensmith Corporation ("Hockensmith" and, together with Shenango and SGI, the "Debtors"), each filed a separate petition for reorganization under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §101, *et seq.*, as amended (the "Bankruptcy Code");

WHEREAS, on or about July 6, 1993, the United States, on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency ("U.S. EPA"), filed Proof of Claim No. 360 against the bankruptcy estate of SGI, Proof of Claim No. 233 against the bankruptcy estate of Hockensmith and Proof of Claim No. 564 against the bankruptcy estate of Shenango; WHEREAS, Proof of Claim No. 564 asserts a claim, pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9601 *et seq.*, for unreimbursed environmental response costs incurred by the United States at the Buckeye Reclamation Landfill Site located in Belmont County, Ohio ("Buckeye Site"), and for response costs which may be incurred in the future by the United States at the Buckeye Site;

WHEREAS, Proof of Claim No. 564 also asserts Claims for civil penalties plus interest against Debtor Shenango relating to a Consent Decree entered by the District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania in <u>United States v. Shenango Inc.</u>, C.A. No. 85-933 (W.D. Pa.), on April 27, 1992, pursuant to Sections 301(a) and 402 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1311(a) and 1342, ("Water Decree") and a Consent Decree lodged with the District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania on April 12, 1993 in <u>United States and County of Allegheny v. Shenango Inc.</u>, C.A. No. 80-1172 (W.D. Pa.), pursuant to the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7613 ("Air Decree");

WHEREAS, on or about July 2, 1993, the State of Ohio, on behalf of the Ohio EPA ("OEPA"), filed Proof of Claim No. 364 against the bankruptcy estate of SGI, Proof of Claim No. 236 against the bankruptcy estate of Hockensmith and Proof of Claim No. 568 against the bankruptcy estate of Shenango;

WHEREAS, Proof of Claim No. 568 asserts a claim, pursuant to CERCLA and Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") Chapter 3734., for unreimbursed response costs not inconsistent with the National Contingency Plan ("NCP") incurred by the State of Ohio at the Buckeye Site, and for response costs to be incurred in the future by the State of Ohio at the Buckeye Site, including all operation and maintenance costs for 30 years;

WHEREAS, the parties hereto, without admission of liability by any party, desire to settle, compromise and resolve all of the foregoing Claims against the Debtors as provided herein;

WHEREAS, the U.S. EPA and the OEPA specifically reserve all of their rights against all other potentially responsible parties at the Buckeye Site for joint and several liability, subject only to a credit in the amount <u>actually received</u> respectively by U.S. EPA and OEPA under this Settlement_Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein;

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED and agreed to by and between the parties hereto, subject to approval by the Bankruptcy Court, as follows:

1. Proofs of Claim numbered 360 and 233 filed on behalf of U.S. EPA against the bankruptcy estates of SGI and Hockensmith, respectively, and Proofs of Claim numbered 364 and 236 filed on behalf of the OEPA against the bankruptcy estates of SGI and Hockensmith, respectively, are all hereby withdrawn and each of the U.S. EPA and OEPA expressly consent to the disallowance of such proofs of claim by the bankruptcy court.

2. In complete and total satisfaction of Proof of Claim No. 564 filed against the bankruptcy estate of Shenango the U.S. EPA shall have an allowed general unsecured claim in the amount of \$1,252,846 ("Allowed U.S. EPA Claim"), which allowed claim shall be allocated for purposes of this Settlement Agreement as follows:

The U.S. EPA Claim relating to the Buckeye Site shall be allowed as an Unsecured Claim in the amount of \$800,000. The U.S. EPA Claim relating to the Water Decree shall be allowed as an Unsecured Claim in

the amount of \$137,846. The U.S. EPA Claim relating to the Air Decree shall be allowed as an Unsecured Claim in the amount of \$315,000. The Allowed U.S. EPA Claim shall be paid as a general unsecured claim without discrimination. The United States will be deemed to have withdrawn Proof of Claim No. 564 to the extent that it sought any additional amounts.

3. In complete and total satisfaction of Proof of Claim No. 568 filed against the bankruptcy estate of Shenango the OEPA shall have an allowed general unsecured claim in the amount of \$200,000 ("Allowed OEPA Claim"), which shall be paid as a general unsecured claim without discrimination. The State of Ohio will be deemed to have withdrawn Claim No. 568 to the extent that it sought any additional amount.

4. Payment on the Allowed U.S. EPA Claim relating to the Buckeye site shall be made by certified check, payable to the EPA Hazardous Substances Superfund, and mailed to :

> EPA-Region 5 Attention; Superfund Acounting P.O. Box 70753 Chicago, IL 60673

with copies sent to:

Michael Berman Office of Regional Counsel EPA-Region 5 77 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604

and to:

Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section Department of Justice P.O. Box 7611 Ben Franklin Station Washington, D.C. 20044 (Ref. No. 90-5-2-3-1099D)

Payment on the other Allowed U.S. EPA Claims shall be made by certified check, payable to "Treasurer, the United States of America," and delivered to:

Office of United States Attorney Western District of Pennsylvania 633 U.S. Post Office & Courthouse Pittsburgh, PA 15219

with copies as required by the Water Decree and Air Decree, and to:

Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section Department of Justice P.O. Box 7611 Ben Franklin Station Washington, D.C. 20044 Ref. No. 90-5-2-3-1099D.

5. Payment on the Allowed OEPA Claim shall be made by certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio" and mailed to Matt Sanders, or his successor, at 30 East Broad Street, 25th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43266-0410, and shall reference OAG Case Number E1930268. Copies of check(s) paid pursuant to this paragraph, and any accompanying transmittal letter(s), shall be sent to Edith Long, or her successor, Fiscal Officer for Ohio EPA, Division of Emergency and Remedial Response, 1800 WaterMark Drive, P.O. BOX 1949, Columbus, Ohio 43266.

6. Only the amount of actual cash received by U.S. EPA from the Debtor Shenango under this Settlement Agreement for the Allowed U.S. EPA Claim for the Buckeye Site, and not the total amount of the allowed claim, shall be credited by U.S. EPA to its Buckeye Site account. Only the amount of actual cash received by OEPA from the Debtors under this Settlement Agreement for the Allowed OEPA Claim for the Buckeye Site, and not the total amount of the allowed claim, shall be credited by the OEPA to its Buckeye Site account.

7. In consideration of the payments or distributions that will be made by Debtor Shenango under the terms of this Settlement Agreement, and except as provided in paragraph 8, the United States and the State of Ohio covenant not to bring a civil action or take administrative action against the Debtors (i) pursuant to Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, Section 7003 of RCRA or ORC Chapter 3734. relating to the Buckeye Site or (ii) which relates to penalties for pre-petition violations or occurrences under the Water Decree or the Air Decree. This covenant not to sue is conditioned upon the complete and satisfactory performance by the Debtors of their obligations under this Settlement Agreement. This covenant not to sue extends only to the Debtors and does not extend to any other person.

8. The covenant not to sue set forth in paragraph 7 does not pertain to any matters other than those expressly specified therein. The United States and the State of Ohio hereby reserve, and this Settlement Agreement is without prejudice to, all rights against the Debtors with respect to all other matters, and specifically with respect to: (i) liability for damages for injury to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources; (ii) liability for response costs that have been or may be incurred by federal and or state agencies which are trustees for natural resources; (iii) claims based on a failure by the Debtors to meet a requirement of this Settlement Agreement; (iv) claims under the Clean Air Act or the Clean Water Act (except for pre-petition penalty claims arising under the Water Decree or the Air Decree); and (v) claims for any site other than the Buckeye Site. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement limits, impairs or otherwise adversely affects the scope and extent of (a) the discharge Debtors received pursuant to Section 1141 of The Bankruptcy Code upon confirmation of Debtors' Second Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization, dated September 9, 1993, as Modified through February 10, 1994 ("Plan") or (b) the obligations reaffirmed by Shenango pursuant to paragraph 16 of the Order dated March 2, 1994 confirming the Plan.

9. With regard to claims for contribution against the Debtors for matters addressed in this Settlement Agreement, the Debtors are entitled to such protection from contribution actions or claims as is provided by CERCLA Section 113(f)(2), 42 U.S.C. §9613(f)(2).

10. The Debtors covenant not to sue and agree not to assert any claims or causes of action against the United States and/or the State of Ohio with respect to the Buckeye Site, including, but not limited to: (i) any direct or indirect claim for reimbursement from the Hazardous Substance Superfund, (ii) any claims for contributions against the United States and the State of Ohio, its departments, agencies or instrumentalities, and (iii) any claims arising out of response activities at the Buckeye Site. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall be construed to constitute preauthorization of a claim within the meaning of Section 111 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9611 or 40 C.F.R. §300.700(d).

11. The covenant not to sue set forth in paragraph No. 10 does not pertain to any matters other than those expressly specified therein and Debtors hereby reserve, and this Settlement Agreement is without prejudice to, all rights of Debtors with respect to the Buckeye site against the United States or the State of Ohio with respect to all other matters.

12. In addition to the Allowed U.S. EPA Claim, Debtor Shenango agrees to comply with all requirements of the Consent Decrees in <u>United States v. Shenango</u> <u>Inc.</u>, C.A. No. 85-933 (W.D. Pa.), and <u>United States and County of Allegheny v.</u> <u>Shenango Inc.</u>, C.A. No. 80-1172 (W.D. Pa.).

13. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall be construed to create any rights in, or grant any cause of action to, any person not a party to this Settlement Agreement.

14. This Settlement Agreement will be subject to Bankruptcy Court approval pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019. This Settlement Agreement will also be lodged with the Court and submitted for public comment following notice of the Settlement Agreement in the <u>Federal Register</u>. The United States reserves the right to withdraw or withhold its consent if the public comments regarding the Settlement Agreement disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the Settlement Agreement is inappropriate, improper or inadequate.

15. If the United States withdraws or withholds its consent to this Settlement Agreement pursuant to paragraph number 14 above, the State of Ohio reserves the right to withdraw or withhold its consent to this Settlement Agreement as well.

16. If this Settlement Agreement is not authorized and approved by the Bankruptcy Court, this Settlement Agreement shall be of no force and effect, whereupon nothing herein shall be deemed an admission of any fact or waiver of any right of any party with respect to the matters contained herein.

17. This Settlement Agreement, along with the above two referenced Consent Decrees, represents the complete agreement of the parties hereto on the matters referred to herein and supersedes all prior agreements, understandings, promises and representations made by the parties hereto concerning the subject matter hereof. This Settlement Agreement may not be amended, modified or supplemented, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the parties hereto and the approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Respondent.

SHENANGO GROUP, INC., SHENANGO INCORPORATED, and THE HOCKENSMITH CORPORATION

Movant/Objector

v.

Motion No. JFC-090

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA on behalf of the UNITED STATES) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY,

Respondent.)

ORDER

The court, having considered the Joint Motion of the United States For Approval and Entry of Settlement Agreement and any response thereto, HEREBY ORDERS that the Motion is GRANTED

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and the Settlement Agreement lodged in this Court on or about March 16, 1995 is hereby APPROVED and ENTERED.

Dated this _____ day of ___, 1995.

United States Bankruptcy Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, certify that I served or caused to be served on the $\frac{16}{6}$ day of May, 1995, a copy of the Joint Motion for Approval and Entry of Proposed Settlement Agreement on the persons identified on the attached list, by United States First Class Mail, postage prepaid.

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