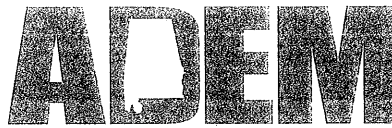


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July 21, 2009

MR JOHN BARTHOLOMEW
201 E CANDLEWOOD AVE
OPP AL 35467-9787

Dear Mr. Bartholomew:

**RE: Consent Order No. 09-083-CAP
J & M Bartholomew Inc**

Please find enclosed ADEM Consent Order No. 09-083-CAP which requires J & M Bartholomew to take certain actions in regard to alleged violations of the Alabama Air Pollution Control Act. This Order has been issued with the consent of J & M Bartholomew and the Department. Please note that the assessed civil penalty is due within 45 days of the effective date of the Order.

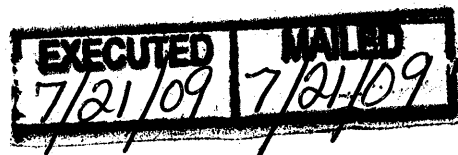
If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Lud Hoffmann at (334) 271-7879 in Montgomery.

Sincerely,

Ronald W. Gore, Chief
Air Division

Enclosure

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**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

IN THE MATTER OF:)

John Bartholomew, d/b/a)
J & M Bartholomew, Inc., and)
Bartholomew Properties, LLC)
Opp, Covington County, Alabama)

CONSENT ORDER NO.: 09-083-CAP

Demolition – Mill and Hotel)
Opp, Covington County, Alabama)

PREAMBLE

This Special Order by Consent is made and entered into by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (hereinafter, “the Department”) and John Bartholomew, d/b/a J & M Bartholomew, Inc. and Bartholomew Properties, Inc., (hereinafter, “Bartholomew”) pursuant to the provisions of the Alabama Environmental Management Act, Ala. Code §§ 22-22A-1 to 22-22A-16 (2006 Rplc. Vol.), the Alabama Air Pollution Control Act, Ala. Code §§ 22-28-1 to 22-28-23 (2006 Rplc. Vol.), and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

STIPULATIONS

1. Bartholomew was the site owner at demolition activities at the Old Opp Mill (hereinafter “the Mill”) located on Douglas Avenue, and the Covington Manor Hotel (hereinafter “the Hotel”) located on West Covington Avenue, both located in Opp, Covington County, Alabama.

2. The Department is a duly constituted department of the State of Alabama pursuant to Ala. Code §§ 22-22A-1 to 22-22A-16 (2006 Rplc. Vol.).

3. Pursuant to Ala. Code § 22-22A-4(n) (2006 Rplc. Vol.), the Department is the state air pollution control agency for the purposes of the federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401 to 7671q, as amended. In addition, the Department is authorized to

administer and enforce the provisions of the Alabama Air Pollution Control Act, Ala. Code §§ 22-28-1 to 22-28-23 (2006 Rplc. Vol.).

4. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Emission Standard for Asbestos, found at 40 C.F.R. § 61, Subpart M, is incorporated by reference in ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-11-.02(12).

5. 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(a) requires that a subject facility be thoroughly inspected for the presence of asbestos prior to the commencement of the demolition or renovation. There was no asbestos inspection of the Hotel prior to the commencement of the demolition activities, a violation of 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(a).

6. 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(b)(3)(i) requires the owner or operator of a demolition or renovation activity to provide written Notice of Intention to Demolish or Renovate (hereinafter, "Notice of Intention") at least ten weekdays before demolition, asbestos stripping or removal work or any other activity which disturbs the asbestos begins.

7. On January 16, 2009, demolition activities were documented by Department personnel conducting a complaint investigation of Bartholomew's ongoing demolition of the Mill, and the completed demolition at the site of the Hotel. The Department did not receive Notices of Intention from Bartholomew within at least ten working days before demolition activities at the Mill and the Hotel began, a violation of 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(b)(3)(i).

8. Bartholomew neither agrees nor disagrees with the Findings presented in this Consent Order, but in an effort to cooperate with the Department and to comply with the provisions of the Alabama Pollution Control Act, Bartholomew consents to the terms of this Consent Order and to pay the civil penalty assessed herein.

9. The Department has agreed to the terms of this Consent Order in an effort to resolve the violations cited herein without the unwarranted expenditure of State resources in further prosecuting the above violations. The Department has determined that the terms contemplated in this Consent Order are in the best interests of the citizens of Alabama.

CONTENTIONS

Pursuant to Ala. Code § 22-22A-5(18)c. (2006 Rplc. Vol.), in determining the amount of any penalty, the Department must give consideration to the seriousness of the violation, including any irreparable harm to the environment and any threat to the health or safety of the public; the standard of care manifested by such person; the economic benefit which delayed compliance may confer upon such person; the nature, extent and degree of success of such person's efforts to minimize or mitigate the effects of such violation upon the environment; such person's history of previous violations; and the ability of such person to pay such penalty. Any civil penalty assessed pursuant to this authority shall not be less than \$100.00 or exceed \$250,000.00. Each day such violation continues shall constitute a separate violation. In arriving at this civil penalty, the Department has considered the following:

A. SERIOUSNESS OF THE VIOLATION: The actions of Bartholomew, by not properly inspecting the Hotel for asbestos-containing materials, could have exposed workers and others nearby to elevated levels of asbestos fibers.

B. THE STANDARD OF CARE: There appeared to be insufficient care taken by Bartholomew and contractors to comply with the applicable requirements of the ADEM Admin. Code R.

C. ECONOMIC BENEFIT WHICH DELAYED COMPLIANCE MAY HAVE CONFERRED: Bartholomew likely derived economic benefit by not engaging a proper pre-inspection.

D. EFFORTS TO MINIMIZE OR MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF THE VIOLATION UPON THE ENVIRONMENT: There were no efforts by Bartholomew to mitigate possible effects of these violations upon the environment.

E. HISTORY OF PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS: Bartholomew has no known prior violations of asbestos regulations with the Department.

F. THE ABILITY TO PAY: Bartholomew has not alleged an inability to pay the civil penalty.

G. OTHER FACTORS: It should be noted that this Special Order by Consent is a negotiated settlement and, therefore, the Department has compromised the amount of the penalty it believes is warranted in this matter in the spirit of cooperation and the desire to resolve this matter amicably, without incurring the unwarranted expense of litigation.

ORDER

THEREFORE, Bartholomew, along with the Department, desires to resolve and settle the compliance issues cited above. The Department has carefully considered the facts available to it and has considered the six penalty factors enumerated in Ala. Code § 22-22A-5(18)c. (2006 Rplc. Vol.), as well as the need for timely and effective enforcement, and the Department believes that the following conditions are appropriate to address the violations alleged herein. Therefore, the Department and Bartholomew agree to enter into this ORDER with the following terms and conditions:

A. Bartholomew agrees to pay to the Department a civil penalty in the amount of \$4,000.00 in settlement of the alleged violations within forty-five days from the effective date of this Consent Order. Failure to pay the civil penalty within forty-five days from the effective date may result in the Department's filing a civil action in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County to recover the civil penalty.

B. Bartholomew agrees that all penalties due pursuant to this Consent Order shall be made payable to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management by certified or cashier's check and shall be remitted to:

Office of General Counsel
Alabama Department of Environmental Management
P.O. Box 301463
Montgomery, AL 36130-1463

C. That immediately upon receipt of this Order and continuing thereafter, Bartholomew shall ensure immediate and future compliance with 40 C.F.R. § 61, Subpart M as adopted in the ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-11-.02(12), particularly as it applies to renovation and demolition operations.

D. The parties agree that this Consent Order shall apply to and be binding upon both parties, their directors, officers, and all persons or entities acting under or for them. Each signatory to this Consent Order certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party he or she represents to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Order, to execute the Consent Order on behalf of the party represented, and to legally bind such party.

E. The parties agree that this Consent Order, subject to the terms of these presents and subject to provisions otherwise provided by statute, is intended to operate as a full resolution of the alleged violations which are cited in this Consent Order.

F. Bartholomew agrees that he is not relieved from any liability if he fails to comply with any provision of this Consent Order.

G. For purposes of this Consent Order only, Bartholomew agrees that the Department may properly bring an action to compel compliance with the terms and conditions contained herein in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County. Bartholomew also agrees that in any action brought by the Department to compel compliance with the terms of this Agreement, Bartholomew shall be limited to the defenses of *Force Majeure*, compliance with this Agreement and physical impossibility. A *Force Majeure* is defined as any event arising from causes that are not foreseeable and are beyond the reasonable control of Bartholomew, including his contractors and consultants, which could not be overcome by due diligence (i.e., causes which could have been overcome or avoided by the exercise of due diligence will not be considered to have been beyond the reasonable control of Bartholomew) and which delays or prevents performance by a date required by the Consent Order. Events such as unanticipated or increased costs of performance, changed economic circumstances, normal precipitation events, or failure

to obtain federal, state, or local permits shall not constitute *Force Majeure*. Any request for a modification of deadline must be accompanied by the reasons (including documentation) for each extension and the proposed extension time. This information shall be submitted to the Department a minimum of ten working days prior to the original anticipated completion date. If the Department, after review of the extension request, finds the work was delayed because of conditions beyond the control and without the fault of Bartholomew, the Department may extend the time as justified by the circumstances. The Department may also grant any other additional time extension as justified by the circumstances, but it is not obligated to do so.

H. The Department and Bartholomew agree that the sole purpose of this Consent Order is to resolve and dispose of allegations and contentions stated herein concerning the factual circumstances referenced herein. Should additional facts and circumstances be discovered in the future concerning the facility which would constitute possible violations not addressed in this Consent Order, then such future violations may be addressed in Orders as may be issued by the Director, litigation initiated by the Department, or such other enforcement action as may be appropriate, and Bartholomew shall not object to such future orders, litigation or enforcement action based on the issuance of this Consent Order if future orders, litigation, or other enforcement action address new matters not raised in this Consent Order.

I. The Department and Bartholomew agree that this Consent Order shall be considered final and effective immediately upon signature of all parties. This Consent Order shall not be appealable, and Bartholomew does hereby waive any hearing on the terms and conditions of same.

J. The Department and Bartholomew agree that this Order shall not affect Bartholomew's obligation to comply with any Federal, State, or local laws or regulations.

K. The Department and Bartholomew agree that the final approval and entry into this Order are subject to the requirements that the Department give notice of

proposed Orders to the public, and that the public have at least thirty days within which to comment on the Order.

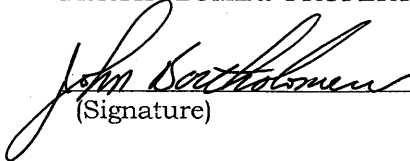
L. The Department and Bartholomew agree that, should any provision of this Order be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction or the Environmental Management Commission to be inconsistent with Federal or State law and therefore unenforceable, the remaining provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

M. The Department and Bartholomew agree that any modifications of this Order must be agreed in writing signed by both parties.

N. The Department and Bartholomew agree that, except as otherwise set forth herein, this Order is not and shall not be interpreted to be a permit or modification of an existing permit under Federal, State or local law, and shall not be construed to waive or relieve Bartholomew of his obligations to comply in the future with any permit.

Executed in duplicate, with each part being an original.

**JOHN BARTHOLOMEW, d/b/a
J & M BARTHOLOMEW, INC., and
BARTHOLOMEW PROPERTIES, LLC**


(Signature)

John Bartholomew

(Printed Name)

President - J & M Bartholomew, Inc.


mgw member - Bartholomew Properties LLC.

(Printed Title)

6/01/2009

Date Signed

**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**


Onis "Trey" Glenn, III
Director

July 21, 2009

Date Executed