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Acting Designated Federal Official.

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Proposed Settlement Under Section 122(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act; In the Matter of Automatic Industrial Plating, Inc., Schaumburg, Illinois

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: Notice of Settlement for Recovery of Past Costs: In accordance with Section 122(l)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement concerning the removal action at the Automatic Industrial Plating Superfund Site, Schaumburg, Illinois. U.S. EPA Region 5 has submitted the proposed agreement to the U.S. Department of Justice for review, and has obtained written approval for this settlement by the Attorney General of the United States.

DATES: Comments must be provided on or before September 19, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Assistant Regional Counsel Barbara L. Wester, Mail Code CS-29A, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, 60604, and should refer to: In the Matter of Automatic Industrial Plating, Inc., Docket No. V-W-96-C-350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara L. Wester, Mail Code CS-29A, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following parties executed binding certifications of their consent to participate in the settlement: Wolfgang Damsch and Mary Damsch.

These parties together will make a lump-sum payment of \$3,000 for response costs related to the Automatic Industrial Plating, Inc. Site, subject to the contingency that U.S. EPA may elect not to complete the settlement based on

matters brought to its attention during the public comment period established by this Notice. One hundred percent of the settlement will reimburse U.S. EPA for its past costs at the Automatic Industrial Plating, Inc. Superfund Site.

U.S. EPA may enter into this settlement under the authority of Sections 107 and 122(h) of CERCLA. Section 122(h) authorizes settlements with potentially responsible parties for the recovery of past costs expended by the Agency where these claims have not been referred to the U.S. Department of Justice for further action. The proposed settlement reflects, and was agreed to based on, conditions as known to the parties as of June 24, 1996.

A copy of the proposed administrative order on consent and additional background information relating to the settlement are available for review and may be obtained in person or by mail from Barbara L. Wester, Mail Code CS-29A, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will receive written comments relating to this settlement for thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

Authority: The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Sections 9601 *et seq.*

Thomas W. Mateer,

Acting Director, Waste Management Division.

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Proposed Administrative Settlement Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act and the Solid Waste Disposal Act; in Re: Raymark Industries, Inc. Superfund Site, Stratford, CT

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed prospective purchaser agreement, request for public comment and notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to enter into a prospective purchaser agreement to address claims under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, and the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*

Notice is being published to inform the public of the proposed settlement and of the opportunity to comment. The settlement is intended to resolve the liability under CERCLA and RCRA of Leach Family Holdings, Inc. and certain successors in interest who may become parties to this agreement for injunctive relief or for costs incurred or to be incurred by EPA in conducting response actions at the Raymark Industries, Inc. Superfund Site in Stratford, CT. This notice also announces a public meeting regarding this agreement to be held at the Stratford Public Library in Stratford, CT on September 10, 1996, pursuant to the requirement of Section 7003(d) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. 6973(d).

DATES: Comments must be provided on or before September 19, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, JFK Federal Building, Mailcode RCH, Boston, Massachusetts 02203, and should refer to: In re: Leach Family Holdings, Inc., U.S. EPA Docket No. CERCLA-I-96-1035.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Hill, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, J.F.K. Federal Building, Mailcode HBT, Boston, Massachusetts 02203, (617) 573-9653.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given of a proposed prospective purchaser agreement concerning the Raymark Industries, Inc. Superfund Site in Stratford, CT. The settlement was approved by EPA Region I on July 29, 1996, subject to review by the public pursuant to this Notice. Leach Family Holdings, Inc. (Leach), the prospective purchaser of the Raymark property, has executed a signature page, through its president, James H. Leach, committing it to participate in the settlement. Under the proposed settlement, Leach is required to pay to the Raymark Industries, Inc. Superfund Site Special Account and the State of Connecticut a minimum of \$500,000 after EPA completes construction of the protective cap over the site, to reimburse EPA for the costs it incurs to accommodate Leach's planned development activities at the site, to abide by institutional controls and to provide access to the property. In exchange, Leach is granted a covenant not to sue under CERCLA and RCRA and protection from contribution actions or claims under CERCLA with respect to the existing contamination at the site. EPA believes the settlement is fair and in the public interest.

The U.S. Department of Justice has approved this settlement. EPA will receive written comments relating to