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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Protection de la nature et des Parcs

**AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE APPROVAL**

NUMBER 6997-BHWQDM

Issue Date: November 26, 2019

Ground Effects Ltd.  
2875 St Etienne Blvd  
Windsor, Ontario  
N8W 5B1

**Site Location:** 4505 Rhodes Drive  
Windsor, Ontario  
N8W 5R8

*You have applied under section 20.2 of Part II.1 of the Environmental Protection Act , R.S.O. 1990, c. E. 19 (Environmental Protection Act) for approval of:*

two (2) dust collectors (DC-2 and DC-3), to control emissions from three (3) laser cutters, four (4) robotic welding stations operating at a total maximum carbon steel weld wire feed rate of 0.0452 kilograms per hour and three (3) manual welding stations operating at a total maximum carbon steel weld wire feed rate of 30 kilograms per hour and a total maximum aluminum weld wire feed rate of 30 kilograms per hour, complete with filter cartridges with a rated filter efficiency of 99.99% on 0.5 micron and larger particles by weight, discharging into the building environment;

one (1) dust collector (DC-5), to control emissions from maintenance plasma cutting and maintenance grinding activities, complete with filter cartridges with a rated filter efficiency of 99.99% on 0.5 micron and larger particles by weight, discharging into the building environment;

twelve (12) general exhaust fans discharging clean air to the atmosphere;

one (1) natural gas fired process heater (aging oven);

all in accordance with an application for Environmental Compliance Approval (Air) submitted by Ground Effects Ltd., dated August 9, 2019 and signed by Brooks Pattison, Environmental Systems Manager; and the supporting information, including the Emission Summary and Dispersion Modelling Report, submitted by Pinchin Ltd., dated August 9, 2019 and signed by Kris Mask, and the email from Dylan Smith, Pinchin Ltd. dated November 13, 2019.

*For the purpose of this environmental compliance approval, the following definitions*

*apply:*

1. "*Approval*" means this Environmental Compliance Approval, including the application and supporting documentation listed above;
2. "*Company*" means Ground Effects Ltd., that is responsible for the construction or operation of the *Facility* and includes any successors and assigns;
3. "*District Manager*" means the District Manager of the appropriate local district office of the *Ministry*, where the *Facility* is geographically located;
4. "*EPA*" means the Environmental Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.19, as amended ;
5. "*Equipment*" means the equipment or processes described in the *Company's* application, this *Approval* and in the supporting documentation submitted with the application, to the extent approved by this *Approval*;
6. "*Facility*" means the entire operation located on the property where the *Equipment* is located;
7. "*Manual*" means a document or a set of documents that provide written instructions to staff of the *Company*;
8. "*Ministry*" means the ministry of the government of Ontario responsible for the *EPA* and includes all officials, employees or other persons acting on its behalf;
9. "*Publication NPC-300*" means the *Ministry* Publication NPC-300, "Environmental Noise Guideline, Stationary and Transportation Sources – Approval and Planning, Publication NPC-300", August 2013, as amended.

*You are hereby notified that this environmental compliance approval is issued to you subject to the terms and conditions outlined below:*

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### 1. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

1. The *Company* shall ensure that the *Equipment* is properly operated and maintained at all times. The *Company* shall:
  - a. prepare, not later than three (3) months after the date of this *Approval*, and update, as necessary, a *Manual* outlining the operating procedures and a maintenance program for the *Equipment*, including:
    - i. routine operating and maintenance procedures in accordance with

good engineering practices and as recommended by the *Equipment* suppliers;

- ii. emergency procedures, including spill clean-up procedures;
- iii. procedures for any record keeping activities relating to operation and maintenance of the *Equipment*;
- iv. all appropriate measures to minimize noise and odorous emissions from all potential sources; and
- v. the frequency of inspection and replacement of the filter material in the *Equipment*;

b. implement the recommendations of the *Manual*.

## **2. RECORD RETENTION**

1. The *Company* shall retain, for a minimum of two (2) years from the date of their creation, all records and information related to or resulting from the recording activities required by this *Approval*, and make these records available for review by staff of the *Ministry* upon request. The *Company* shall retain:
  - a. all records on the maintenance, repair and inspection of the *Equipment*; and
  - b. all records of any environmental complaints, including:
    - i. a description, time and date of each incident to which the complaint relates;
    - ii. wind direction at the time of the incident to which the complaint relates; and
    - iii. a description of the measures taken to address the cause of the incident to which the complaint relates and to prevent a similar occurrence in the future.

## **3. NOTIFICATION OF COMPLAINTS**

1. The *Company* shall notify the *District Manager*, in writing, of each environmental complaint within two (2) business days of the complaint. The notification shall include:
  - a. a description of the nature of the complaint; and
  - b. the time and date of the incident to which the complaint relates.

## **4. NOISE**

1. The *Company* shall, at all times, ensure that the noise emissions from the

*Facility comply with the limits set out in Ministry Publication NPC-300.*

*The reasons for the imposition of these terms and conditions are as follows:*

1. Condition No. 1 is included to emphasize that the *Equipment* must be maintained and operated according to a procedure that will result in compliance with the *EPA*, the *Regulations* and this *Approval*.
2. Condition No. 2 is included to require the *Company* to keep records and to provide information to staff of the *Ministry* so that compliance with the *EPA*, the *Regulations* and this *Approval* can be verified.
3. Condition No. 3 is included to require the *Company* to notify staff of the *Ministry* so as to assist the *Ministry* with the review of the site's compliance.
4. Condition No. 4 is included to provide the minimum performance requirements considered necessary to prevent an adverse effect resulting from the operation of the *Facility*.

**Upon issuance of the environmental compliance approval, I hereby revoke Approval No(s). 5654-5RGHF2 issued on September 19, 2003**

*In accordance with Section 139 of the Environmental Protection Act, you may by written Notice served upon me, the Environmental Review Tribunal and in accordance with Section 47 of the Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, within 15 days after receipt of this Notice, require a hearing by the Tribunal. The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks will place notice of your appeal on the Environmental Registry. Section 142 of the Environmental Protection Act provides that the Notice requiring the hearing shall state:*

- a. The portions of the environmental compliance approval or each term or condition in the environmental compliance approval in respect of which the hearing is required, and;
- b. The grounds on which you intend to rely at the hearing in relation to each portion appealed.

*Pursuant to subsection 139(3) of the Environmental Protection Act, a hearing may not be required with respect to any terms and conditions in this environmental compliance approval, if the terms and conditions are substantially the same as those contained in an approval that is amended or revoked by this environmental compliance approval.*

*The Notice should also include:*

1. The name of the appellant;
2. The address of the appellant;
3. The environmental compliance approval number;
4. The date of the environmental compliance approval;
5. The name of the Director, and;
6. The municipality or municipalities within which the project is to be engaged in.

*And the Notice should be signed and dated by the appellant.*

*This Notice must be served upon:*

The Secretary*		The Minister of the Environment,		The Director appointed for the purposes of
Environmental Review Tribunal		Conservation and Parks		Part II.1 of the Environmental Protection Act
655 Bay Street, Suite 1500	AND	777 Bay Street, 5th Floor	AND	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation
Toronto, Ontario		Toronto, Ontario		and Parks
M5G 1E5		M7A 2J3		135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor
				Toronto, Ontario
				M4V 1P5

**\* Further information on the Environmental Review Tribunal's requirements for an appeal can be obtained directly from the Tribunal at: Tel: (416) 212-6349, Fax: (416) 326-5370 or [www.ert.gov.on.ca](http://www.ert.gov.on.ca)**

*This instrument is subject to Section 38 of the Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993, that allows residents of Ontario to seek leave to appeal the decision on this instrument. Residents of Ontario may seek leave to appeal within 15 days from the date this decision is placed on the Environmental Registry. By accessing the Environmental Registry at <https://ero.ontario.ca/>, you can determine when the leave to appeal period ends.*

*The above noted activity is approved under s.20.3 of Part II.1 of the Environmental Protection Act.*

DATED AT TORONTO this 26th day of November,  
2019

Jeffrey McKerrall, P.Eng.  
Director  
appointed for the purposes of Part  
II.1 of the *Environmental  
Protection Act*

MS/  
c: Area Manager, MECP Windsor  
c: District Manager, MECP Sarnia  
Kris Mask, Pinchin Ltd.