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May 2, 2008

Re: Tuscarawas County
Simonds Industries, Inc.
Compliance Evaluation Inspection
Correspondence (IWW)

Mr. Larry Wood
Simonds International
2344 Larson Road SE
Gnadenhutten, Ohio 44629-9618

Dear Mr. Wood:

On March 18, 2008, I conducted a compliance evaluation inspection at Simonds Industries, Inc. The purpose of the inspection was to determine compliance with the terms and conditions of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Number OIS00013*BD. The facility was found to be in compliance with the permit. Mr. Mark Jones, Mr. Steve Sawyer and you were present during the evaluation. Our inspection findings are summarized below.

Simonds was a manufacturer of various types and sizes of steel files and rasps. Process wastewater was generated from the rinse water in the metal working processes. The treatment process included pH adjustment, precipitation of metals and solids settling. In addition, non-contact cooling water was generated. The process wastewater outfall 601 combined with non-contact cooling water and storm water prior to discharging through outfall 001 to the Tuscarawas River.

In May 2007, the facility ceased operations at the Newcomerstown, Ohio facility. The wastewater discharges ended in June 2007. The process wastewater treatment system was cleaned and closed by EnviroServe of Cleveland, Ohio under the supervision of Lawhon & Associates, Inc during November and December 2007.

At the time of my inspection, there was no heat, electricity, water or sewer service to the building. In addition, the manufacturing equipment has been removed. I understand the building has been sold and purchased by a new owner (known as 641 Heller Drive LLC). I understand the new owner plans to sell and remove the process wastewater equipment from the property when the NPDES permit is revoked. Until the permit is revoked, it will be necessary to continue submitting monthly operating reports.

Simonds Industries, Inc.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (740) 380-5206.

Sincerely,



Jennifer M. Witte
Chemical Engineer - Environmental Specialist II
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Enclosure

c: D. Mark Jones, Lawhon & Associates, Inc.

NPDES
Compliance Inspection Report

A. NATIONAL DATA SYSTEM CODING

Permit No.	NPDES No.	Date	Inspection Type	Inspector	Facility Type
0IS00013*BD	OH0090956	March 18, 2008	C	S	2

B. FACILITY DATA

Name and Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
Simonds Industries, Inc. 641 Heller Drive Newcomerstown, Ohio 43832	9:30 a.m.	November 1, 2005
	Exit Time	Permit Expiration Date
	10:00 a.m.	October 31, 2010

Name(s) and Title(s) of On-Site Representative(s)	Phone Number(s)
Larry Wood, Contractor	(614) 818-5200 (614) 818-5200
Mark Jones, Contractor	
Steve Sawyer, Contractor	
Name, Address and Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number
Larry Wood, Contractor Simonds International 2344 Larson Road, SE Gnadenhutten, Ohio 44629-9618	

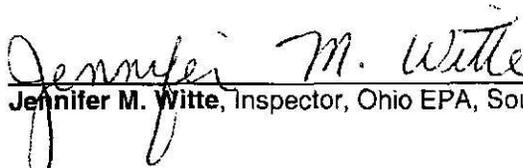
C. AREAS EVALUATED DURING INSPECTION

<u>S</u> Permit	<u>S</u> Flow Measurement	<u>--</u> Pretreatment
<u>S</u> Records/Reports	<u>--</u> Laboratory	<u>--</u> Compliance Schedules
<u>S</u> Operations & Maintenance	<u>S</u> Effluent/Receiving Waters	<u>M</u> Self-Monitoring Program
<u>S</u> Facility Site Review	<u>S</u> Sludge Storage/Disposal	<u>S</u> Other (Closure)
<u>--</u> Collection System		

(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated)

D. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS/COMMENTS (attach additional sheets if necessary)

See attached letter


Jennifer M. Witte, Inspector, Ohio EPA, Southeast District Office

5/8/08
Date


Timothy M. Campbell, Reviewer, Ohio EPA, Southeast District Office

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