## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION (AKRON)

In Re: CEP HOLDINGS, LLC, et al.,	)	CASE NO. 06-51848-mss (Jointly Administered)
Debtors.	)	CHAPTER 11
	) ) )	Judge Marilyn Shea-Stonum

## CARLISLE COMPANIES INCORPORATED'S RESPONSE TO MOTION FOR ORDER (A) GRANTING AUTHORITY TO SELL CERTAIN EQUIPMENT LOCATED IN CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 363(b) AND 541, AND (B) AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS AS MAJORITY SHAREHOLDER TO DIRECT NONDEBTOR SUBSIDIARY TO DISPOSE OF ITS ASSETS IN CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO

Carlisle Companies Incorporated ("Carlisle"), the guarantor of the lease of certain real property where the Debtors' facility in Chihuahua, Mexico is located, submits its Response to the Motion for Order (A) Granting Authority to Sell Certain Equipment Located in Chihuahua, Mexico, Pursuant to §§ 363(b) and 541, and (B) Authorizing the Debtors as Majority Shareholder to Direct Nondebtor Subsidiary to Dispose of its Assets in Chihuahua, Mexico (the "Motion"). For its Response, Carlisle submits the following:

1. Carlisle Mexico, S.A. de C.V. ("CEP Mexico") was the original lessee of the real property where the Debtors' Chihuahua, Mexico facility is located pursuant to a certain Lease Contract between CEP Mexico and Grupo 7, S.A. de C.V. (the "Lease"). Carlisle guaranteed CEP Mexico's obligations under the Lease pursuant to an Amendment Agreement to the Lease

Agreement thereafter signed by Grupo 7 as lessor, CEP Mexico as lessee, and Carlisle as guarantor.

- 2. In conjunction with the August, 2005 sale transaction between Carlisle Engineered Products, Inc. ("CEPI") and the Debtors, the Lease was effectively transferred to the Debtors as a result of their acquisition of the shares of CEP Mexico.
- 3. Carlisle's guarantee may have continued in effect following the transfer of the Lease to the Debtors, subject to any limitations contained therein.
- 4. Carlisle supports the Motion and, accordingly, does not object to the sale of equipment and machinery related to the Chihuahua facility and the assignment of the Lease to Century New Mexico, LLC ("Century"), *per se*.
- 5. However, the Motion and the Asset Purchase Agreement ("APA"), attached to the Motion as Exhibit A, appear to contain conflicting terms. The Motion states that the Lease will be assigned to Century. The APA provides that Century will enter into a new lease with the landlord for the Facility. This apparent contradiction must be clarified.
- 6. To the extent an assignment of the Lease to Century is contemplated, Carlisle believes its guarantor liability, if any, should be extinguished. However, if necessary to effectuate the relief sought in the Motion, Carlisle does not object to such assignment *provided that* the Lease is not modified, extended or renewed and Carlisle's guaranty liability, if any, is not expanded or otherwise affected.
- 7. To the extent a new Lease between Grupo 7, S.A. de C.V., the landlord, and Century is envisioned, Carlisle submits that its guaranty obligations do not extend to such new lease and will abate.

WHEREFORE, Carlisle respectfully submits its Response to the Motion and requests that the Motion be granted subject to the conditions enumerated above.

Respectfully submitted,

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