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STATEMENT OF BASIS
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I. INTRODUCTION

A. Facility Name

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has prepared this Statement of Basis (SB) for the Bassett Mirror Company located at 1290 Philpott Drive, Bassett, VA 24055 (hereinafter referred to as the Facility).

The Facility is subject to the Corrective Action Program under the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) of 1976, and the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) of 1984, 42 U.S.C. Sections 6901 to 6992k. The Corrective Action Program is designed to ensure that certain facilities subject to RCRA have investigated and cleaned up any releases of hazardous waste and hazardous constituents that have occurred at their property.

Information on the Corrective Action program can be found by navigating <http://www.epa.gov/reg3wcmd/correctiveaction.htm>.

B. Proposed Decision

This SB explains EPA’s proposed decision that Corrective Action is complete and no land use controls are required for the Facility. EPA’s proposed decision is based on a review of EPA and Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) files regarding the environmental history of the Facility as presented in the Final RCRA Site Visit Report submitted on February 15, 2008. Based on this review, EPA has concluded that there are no current or unaddressed releases of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents from the Facility.

C. Importance of Public Input

Before EPA makes a final decision on its proposal for the Facility, the public may participate in the remedy selection process by reviewing this SB and documents contained in the

Administrative Record (AR) for the Facility. The AR contains the complete set of reports that document Facility conditions, including a map of the Facility, in support of EPA's proposed decision. EPA encourages anyone interested to review the AR. A copy of the AR is available for public review from the EPA Region 3 office, the address of which is provided in Section V, below.

EPA will address all significant comments received during the public comment period. If EPA determines that new information or public comments warrant a modification to the proposed decision, EPA will modify the proposed decision or select other alternatives based on such new information and/or public comments. EPA will approve its final decision in a document entitled the Final Decision and Response to Comments (FDRTC).

II. FACILITY BACKGROUND

Bassett Mirror is located at 1290 Philpott Drive in Henry County, Bassett, Virginia approximately 45 miles south of Roanoke, Virginia. The Facility was built in 1973 and is located on a 19.6 acre site.

The Philpott Plant houses an administrative office, manufacturing processes, and storage facilities. The Facility manufactures and/or assembles furniture, mirrors, and artwork. Approximately 90% of home décor items processed at the Facility are imported and undergo packing or warehousing/shipping operations. Manufacturing operations comprise 10% of the Facility's output.

The Facility operates a permitted non-transient, non-community public water supply well, and wastewater treatment system. A Virginia Pollution Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) Permit VA 0086665 is maintained for the Facility with 3 outfalls.

III. SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY

One underground diesel storage tank was located at the Facility. This 20,000 gallon steel unit was located on the exterior eastern side of the Facility. Diesel fuel was used at the Facility in the early 1970s as a backup fuel for the coal boiler. Subsequent to large diesel fuel price increases in the 1970s, the fuel was no longer used for heating, but the tank was maintained for fueling fleet vehicles. The unit was used for fueling vehicles until the late 1980s. In November 1993, the unit was removed, and confirmatory sampling indicated no releases to the environment.

Hazardous waste management units at the Facility included a hazardous waste incinerator, a waste pile where the ash from the incinerator/boiler was stored or disposed of on-site, and a unit where waste was stored in containers (drums) prior to being sent or manifested offsite to a permitted treatment and/or disposal Facility.

In 1994, the VDEQ noted violations of the Virginia Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (VHWMR) (RCRA Regulations) in a Facility hazardous waste compliance evaluation inspection. In response to the violations of the VHWMR, the VDEQ issued a Consent Order

(CO) to the Bassett Mirror Facility, effective June 2, 1997 for the management of hazardous wastes without a Hazardous Waste Management Permit (i.e., hazardous waste treatment in a boiler, land disposal in a waste pile, and improper storage of hazardous waste).

The VDEQ granted approval of the clean closure certification for the Thermal Treatment Unit, Former Waste Pile, and Temporary Drum Storage Area on September 13, 1999.

The Facility, as of 1997, operated as a large quantity generator with wastes being shipped off-site to a permitted facility. However documentation was submitted in March 2006 to reclassify the Facility as a small quantity generator under the VHWMR and RCRA Regulations.

A May 18, 2007 Air Inspection Report found the Facility to be in compliance.

IV. EVALUATION OF EPA'S PROPOSED DECISION

EPA has determined that its proposed decision for the Facility is protective of human health and the environment and that no further corrective action or controls are necessary at this time.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Interested persons are invited to comment on EPA's proposed decision. The public comment period will last thirty (30) calendar days from the date that notice is published in a local newspaper. Comments may be submitted by mail, fax, email, or phone to Mr. Denis Zielinski at the address listed below.

A public meeting will be held upon request. Requests for a public meeting should be made to Mr. Denis Zielinski at the address listed below. A meeting will not be scheduled unless one is requested.

The Administrative Record contains all the information considered by EPA for the proposed decision at this Facility. To receive a copy of the Administrative Record, contact Mr. Denis Zielinski at the address below:

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