STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SANTA ANA REGION

In the matter of:	)	Order No. R8-2005-0040
	)	for
Venus Laboratories, Inc.	)	Mandatory Minimum Penalties
12601 Monarch Street	)	
Garden Grove, CA 92841	)	
Attention: Mr. E. Van Vlahakis	)	

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (hereinafter Board), held a hearing on February 3, 2005 to receive testimony and take evidence on the allegations contained in Mandatory Penalties Complaint (MPC) No. R8-2004-0075 dated October 4, 2004, and revised on December 7, 2004, and on the recommendation for the imposition of mandatory penalties pursuant to Water Code Section 13385 in the amount of $24,000. The Board finds as follows:

1. On April 18, 1997, the Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 97-13 (NPDES No. CAS 618003) for Venus Laboratories, Inc. (Venus) to regulate storm water runoff from its facility in Huntington Beach. In April 2004, Venus moved its operations from its facility at 15571 Commerce Lane in the City of Huntington Beach to 12601 Monarch Street in the City of Garden Grove. The Permit contains effluent limits for a number of constituents. Self monitoring reports submitted by Venus indicate that there were eight (8) serious effluent limit violations from January 2000 to April 2002. Section 13385(h)(1) of the Water Code requires that a mandatory penalty of $3,000 be assessed for each serious violation. The total mandatory penalties for these effluent limit violations are $24,000.

2. On October 4, 2004, the Executive Officer issued MPC No. R8-2004-0075 to Venus Laboratories, Inc. Subsequently, Venus met with Board staff and provided additional information. On December 7, 2004, the Executive Officer revised the MPC based on additional information provided by Venus. The MPC proposed that the Board impose mandatory penalties in the amount of $24,000 on Venus Laboratories, Inc., for the violations cited above.

3. Issuance of this Order is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21100 et seq.) in accordance with Section 15321, Chapter 3, Title 14, California Code of Regulations.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to California Water Code Section 13385, mandatory penalties shall be imposed on Venus Laboratories, Inc., in the amount of

$24,000 as proposed in Complaint No. R8-2004-0075 for the violations cited, payable as set forth below.

1. Venus Laboratories, Inc., shall pay a total of $24,000 to the State Water Resources Control Board.

The Executive Officer is authorized to refer this matter to the Attorney General for enforcement.

Pursuant to Water Code Section 13320, you may petition the State Water Resources Control Board for review of this Order. If you choose to do so, you must submit the petition to the State Board within 30 days of the Regional Board's action on this Order.

I, Gerard J. Thibeault, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, on February 3, 2005.

Gerard J. Thibeault
Executive Officer