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Mr. Tyler Salamasick
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Air Quality Division
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August, 15, 2017

Dear Mr. Salamasick,

On June 21, 2017, an inspection of our plant located at 120 East Pere Marquette Street, Big Rapids, Michigan was conducted. During this inspection, it was found that we were not compliant with the requirements of the federal clean Air Act; part 55, Air Pollution control, of the natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451); and the Air Pollution Control Rules, particularly Rule 201.

The violation notice, written July 11, 2017, stated that we were not compliant under the process descriptions of "*Hardening, tempering and quench oil of knives emitted to the outside air*" and "*Hardening and tempering of blades emitted to the outside air. The quench oil station does not directly vent outside.*" The violations are due to not submitting a permit to install for these operations. The two Process Descriptions listed above are ongoing processes that are vital to our manufacturing operation.

To become compliant, Simonds International has completed and submitted a Permit To Install (PTI) application for the quench oil and tempering process equipment on August 1, 2017. Three copies were sent to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Air Quality Division – Permit Section via USPS as requested on the application. The application is also attached to this memo. Simonds will apply for Permit to Install for any additional heat treat equipment purchases made in order to prevent violation reoccurrence of Rule 201.

Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in getting this notice and application to you.

Sincerely,

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