IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION Plaintiff,

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Star Pipe Products, Ltd., Defendant. CIVIL ACTION NO.

STIPULATION

It is stipulated by and between the undersigned parties, by their respective attorneys, that:

- (1) the parties consent that the Court may file and enter a Final Judgment in the form attached to the Stipulation, on the Court's own motion or on the motion of any party at any time, and without further notice to any party or other proceedings, if Plaintiff has not withdrawn its consent, which it may do at any time before the entry of the Final Judgment by serving notice of its withdrawal on Defendant Star Pipe Products, Ltd. (Star Pipe), and filing that notice with the Court;
- (2) the parties have entered into the Stipulation to settle in full all claims related to Star Pipe' alleged failure to comply with Plaintiff's Decision and Order ("Plaintiff's Order") issued on May 8, 2012, against Star Pipe in *In the Matter of McWane, Inc., and Star Pipe Products, Ltd.*, FTC Docket No. 9351, __FTC_ (2012).
- (3) This Stipulation is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by Star Pipe that Plaintiff's Order has been violated as alleged in the Complaint, or that any of the facts alleged, other than jurisdictional facts, are true.

- (4) Defendant Star Pipe waives any objection to venue or jurisdiction for purposes of the Final Judgment and authorizes Bernard A. Nigro, Jr., Esq., of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP, and Gregory Huffman, Esq., of Thompson & Knight, LLP to accept service of all process in this matter on its behalf;
- (5) Defendant Star Pipe shall abide by and comply with the provisions of the proposed Final Judgment upon entry of the Final Judgment by the Court;
- (6) This Stipulation shall apply with equal force and effect to any amended proposedFinal Judgment agreed upon in writing by the parties and submitted to the Court;
- (7) In the event Plaintiff withdraws its consent or, if the proposed Final Judgment is not entered pursuant to this Stipulation, this Stipulation shall be of no effect whatever and the making of this Stipulation shall be without prejudice to any party in this or any other proceeding; and
- (8) Plaintiff considers entry of the Final Judgment to be in the Public Interest.

Dated: 1-7, 2016

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