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Robert Ortiz  
Press Forge Company  
7770 Jackson Street  
Paramount, CA 90723

Dear Mr. Ortiz:

**RE: RELEASES OF HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM FROM PRESS FORGE COMPANY, 7770 JACKSON STREET, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723**

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is issuing the following Public Health Directive to Press Forge.

In July 2017, the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) air monitoring station at Press Forge documented elevated emissions of hexavalent chromium. As such, Press Forge is operating in violation of the California Health and Safety Code, and causing a public nuisance that endangers the health of the surrounding community. Hexavalent chromium is a known human carcinogen, and facility operations at Press Forge are contributing to significant long-term health risks for the people living and working in the City of Paramount.

Pursuant to section 11.02.190 of the Los Angeles County Code, Press Forge is hereby directed to:

1. Take all necessary actions in cooperation with the SCAQMD to eliminate the current nuisance endangering the health of the public, which may include partial or full suspension of operations.
2. Notify the Department of Public Health within 24 hours of your intent to comply with this Directive, and submit a list of both actions taken and proposed actions. Send written notification to Mr. Angelo Bellomo, Deputy Director for Health Protection, at 3530 Wilshire Blvd., 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Suite 1110, Los Angeles, CA 90010 or [abellomo@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:abellomo@ph.lacounty.gov).

The Department is working closely with SCAQMD to ensure the elimination of this endangerment without delay. Please copy SCAQMD on all submittals to the Department. If you should have any questions, please contact Dr. Cyrus Rangan at (213) 738-3220 or via email at [crangan@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:crangan@ph.lacounty.gov).

Sincerely,

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