



# State of Mississippi

**TATE REEVES**  
Governor

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

CHRIS WELLS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

December 6, 2023

**CERTIFIED MAIL #7019 1120 0000 4787 3916**

Mr. Daniel Keown  
Steel Dynamics Columbus, LLC  
1945 Airport Road  
Columbus, Mississippi 39701

**Re: Steel Dynamics Columbus LLC  
Agreed Order No. 7293 23**

Dear Mr. Keown:

Enclosed you will find a copy of Agreed Order No. 7293 23, which has been executed by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Chris Wells, on behalf of the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality.

The enclosed Order assesses a civil penalty. The penalty payment, when due, should be made by check payable to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and returned in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope to the MDEQ Accounts Receivable at P.O. Box 2339, Jackson, MS 39225.

If you have any questions regarding your obligations under the enclosed order, please contact Geoffrey Martin at (601) 961-5024.

Sincerely,

Michelle Clark, P.E., BCEE, Chief  
Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Division

Enclosure  
cc: Geoffrey Martin

Agency Interest No. 20296  
ENF20230002

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION  
ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

COMPLAINANT

**7293 23**

VS.

ORDER NO. 7293 23

STEEL DYNAMICS COLUMBUS, LLC  
1945 AIRPORT ROAD  
COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI 39701

RESPONDENT

AGREED ORDER

COME NOW the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality (Commission), acting through the staff and Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Complainant, and Steel Dynamics Columbus, LLC, Respondent, in the above captioned cause and agree as follows:

1.

On or about February 21, 2022, Respondent conducted a stack test of Emission Point AA-015b at its facility located at 1945 Airport Road, Columbus, Mississippi in Lowndes County. At the time of the stack test, Respondent held Title V Operating Permit No. 1680-00064 (the Permit), which was issued by the Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board on April 18, 2017, and modified on February 25, 2020. During the stack test, Respondent exceeded the Carbon Monoxide emissions limitations found in Condition No. 3.B.26 of the Permit.

On or about May 16, 2022, Respondent conducted a stack test of Emission Point AA-015b. During the stack test, Respondent demonstrated compliance with the Carbon Monoxide emissions limitations found in Condition No. 3.B.26 of the Permit.

2.

In lieu of a formal enforcement hearing concerning the violation listed above, Complainant and Respondent agree to settle this matter as follows:

- A. Respondent agrees to pay and Complainant agrees to accept a civil penalty in the amount of \$24,300.00. Respondent shall pay this penalty to MDEQ within forty-five (45) days after this Agreed Order has been executed by the MDEQ Executive Director or his designee. The settlement payment shall be submitted to:

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality  
Attn: Accounts Receivable  
P.O. Box 2339  
Jackson, MS 39225

3.

Nothing in this Agreed Order shall limit the rights of MDEQ or the Commission in the event Respondent fails to comply with this Agreed Order. The Agreed Order shall be strictly construed to apply to those matters expressly resolved herein.

4.

Nothing contained in this Agreed Order shall limit the rights of MDEQ or the Commission to take enforcement or other actions against Respondent for violations not addressed herein and for future violations of environmental laws, rules, and regulations.

5.

Respondent understands and acknowledges that it is entitled to an evidentiary hearing before the Commission pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-31, and that it has made an informed waiver of that right.

ORDERED, this the 6th day of December, 2023.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

BY: 

CHRIS WELLS  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

STEEL DYNAMICS COLUMBUS, LLC

BY: 

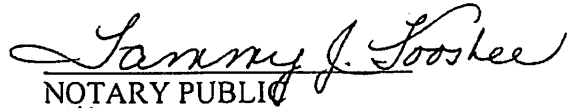
DANIEL KEOWN  
GENERAL MANAGER

STATE OF Mississippi

COUNTY OF Monroe

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named DANIEL KEOWN, who first being duly sworn, did state upon his/her oath and acknowledge to me that he is the GENERAL MANAGER of Steel Dynamics Columbus, LLC and is authorized to sign and enter this Agreement.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the 4 day of Dec., 2023.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires: June 13, 2024

