

1 PUBLIC HEARING
2 REGARDING DRAFT AIR QUALITY CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

3 State of South Carolina (SC)
4 Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)
5 Bureau of Air Quality (BAQ)
6 2600 Bull Street
7 Columbia, South Carolina 29201

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11 Applicant: Klausner Holding USA, Inc.
12 3347 Rowesville Road
13 Rowesville, South Carolina
14 (Orangeburg County/Region 5 Aiken EQC Office)
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16 Air Permit No. 1860-0128-CA
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20 The within hearing, taken before Gretchen H. Wise, a
21 notary public in and for the State of South Carolina,
22 commencing at the hour of 7:44 p.m., Thursday, December 13,
23 2012, at the Roquemore Auditorium, Building R, Orangeburg-
24 Calhoun Technical College, 3250 St. Matthews Road,
25 Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Reported by
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 HEARING OFFICER BOYCE: Good Evening. It is now 7:44
3 p.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2012, and this
4 public hearing regarding the Draft Air Quality
5 Construction Permit for Klausner Holding USA, Inc.
6 is now called to order. For the record, this
7 facility will be located on Highway 21 in
8 Rowesville, South Carolina, here in Orangeburg
9 County.

10 My name is Lawra Boyce. I am a Public
11 Participation Coordinator for DHEC's Bureau of Air
12 Quality. Tonight I will serve as the hearing
13 officer for this hearing. On behalf of DHEC, we
14 welcome you to this public hearing and thank you
15 for taking the time out to come out tonight.

16 Before I go any further, there are a few items
17 I need to address. First, I ask you to please turn
18 off your cell phones or switch them to vibrate so
19 they don't disturb any others.

20 Next, if you haven't already done so, I
21 encourage you to sign the attendance sheet located
22 at the sign-in table. By signing in, this will
23 ensure that DHEC has a complete record of all
24 attendees at this hearing. We have asked for your
25 mailing or e-mail addresses on the sign-in sheet so

1 we can notify you of any future information
2 regarding Klausner Holding.

3 Third, when you signed in you should have
4 received a folder with information pertaining to
5 this hearing. If you did not receive one of these
6 folders, please raise your hand and one of our
7 staff will come bring you one. In this folder
8 there are various pieces of information you might
9 find useful, including an agenda for the hearing, a
10 list of DHEC staff with their contact information,
11 and a pre-addressed comment form, should you need
12 it.

13 I would also like to point out our court
14 reporter, who is sitted -- seated right at my left.
15 She will be responsible for preparing a written
16 report of this hearing. This written transcript
17 will serve as the official record of this public
18 hearing. If at some later time you are interested
19 in reviewing the record of tonight's hearing, you
20 may request to see it through our Freedom of
21 Information Act office.

22 The purpose of this hearing is to provide a
23 formal opportunity for you to give us your verbal
24 and written comments related to the draft air
25 quality construction permit for Klausner Holding.

1 This is also an opportunity for DHEC staff to
2 present information to you about the draft permit.

3 Please understand this is not a question and
4 answer session. This is considered a formal
5 hearing, where comments made will be recorded. To
6 be sure that everyone has an opportunity to be
7 heard, questions will not be answered by DHEC Staff
8 during this formal hearing.

9 It's important that you know that the
10 requested air permit has not been approved and is
11 still in draft form. The decision to grant or deny
12 this permit has not been made at the time of this
13 hearing. All comments received will be reviewed by
14 DHEC staff prior to making a permit decision, so
15 your input is very important. A decision as to
16 whether or not the air permit will be approved,
17 modified, or denied will not be made tonight, at
18 this hearing.

19 Please note that the draft permit has been
20 written to ensure that Klausner Holding can
21 construct and operate the proposed facility in
22 compliance with state and federal air quality
23 regulations. These regulations are in place to
24 protect human health and welfare and to ensure that
25 air quality standards are maintained.

1 We recognize you may have concerns regarding
2 this draft permit, and we welcome your comments
3 this evening. The comments you share may provide
4 DHEC staff with additional ideas or thoughts about
5 this draft permit. To ensure we hear from everyone
6 who would like to speak, I will first call on those
7 who have indicated on the sign-in sheet that they
8 plan to make public comments. If you did not
9 indicate that you would like to comment, but decide
10 during the course of the hearing that you would
11 like to provide a comment for the record, you will
12 then be given the opportunity to come forward.
13 Written comments are also welcome and may be given
14 to me tonight, or you may email or mail written
15 comments directly to DHEC.

16 All written comments must be received by DHEC
17 no later than close of business, which is 5:00, on
18 December 20, 2012. Again, that date is December
19 20, 2012. If you have questions related to
20 submitting written comments, please see a DHEC
21 staff member before you leave.

22 In order for tonight's hearing to move forward
23 in a timely and orderly fashion, I would like to
24 cover some guidelines that have been established:

25 There will be no cross-examination or

1 questions and answers while a presentation or
2 comment is being made. I, however, reserve the
3 right to ask a speaker to clarify a point.

4 All comments tonight will be made either from
5 the microphone in the center of the room or this
6 microphone at the front.

7 So that everyone has an opportunity to speak,
8 their comments should not exceed more than five
9 minutes per individual. Please remember that the
10 quality of what each person is saying is what's
11 important tonight, not how many people say the same
12 thing.

13 Should any statements begin to digress from
14 the intent of this hearing I will interrupt the
15 speaker and ask him or her to limit their comments
16 to the technical issues regarding the draft permit.

17 I ask that each speaker be allowed to present
18 his or her views without interruption. I will not
19 allow disruptions to alter the intent of this
20 hearing. Each person who has requested to
21 participate here tonight must be given a fair
22 opportunity to provide his or her comment.

23 For this hearing, we will proceed in the
24 following order:

25 First, Jo Anna Cunningham with DHEC's Bureau

1 of Air Quality will explain the Department's draft
2 air permit.

3 I will then call on individuals who have
4 indicated on the sign-in sheet that they would like
5 to make a comment. Speakers will be heard in
6 random order.

7 Finally, anyone who has decided during the
8 course of the evening that they would like to make
9 a comment but did not indicate so on their sign-in
10 sheet will be called upon at random by raising your
11 hand. Please remember that this time will only be
12 for those who have not yet spoken.

13 Before making your comment, I would ask that
14 you clearly state your name and group you are
15 representing, if any, for the court reporter. If
16 you have a written copy of your comments and don't
17 mind leaving it with us, please give it to me when
18 you have finished speaking.

19 I will now call on Jo Anna Cunningham of the
20 Bureau of Air Quality, who will be giving a brief
21 overview of the draft air quality permit DHEC has
22 written for the proposed facility.

23 PRESENTATION

24 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Good evening, my name is Jo Anna
25 Cunningham and I am a permit writer in the Bureau

1 of Air Quality within the South Carolina Department
2 of Health and Environmental Control. I am here
3 tonight to present information regarding the draft
4 air permit for Klausner Holding USA, proposed
5 lumber mill which will be located in Rowesville,
6 South Carolina.

7 Klausner Holding USA is proposing to construct
8 a new lumber production facility in Rowesville,
9 South Carolina. The final product will be multi-
10 dimensional dried lumber. The lumber mill will
11 produce 700 million board feet per year at full
12 scale operation.

13 The proposed processes at the facility
14 include: log storage and processing, saw mill
15 operations, sorter line operations, two wood-fired
16 boilers, four natural gas fired boilers, 60 lumber
17 drying kilns, planer mill operations, and lumber
18 loadout. There will also be support equipment such
19 as emergency engines and diesel -- diesel storage
20 tanks.

21 A Prevention of Significant Deterioration
22 permit is issued when a proposed construction
23 project has the potential to result in major air
24 emissions increases. The Prevention of Significant
25 Deterioration permit provides a means of protecting

1 the air quality within the area of the major
2 emissions increase by requiring that Best Available
3 Control Technology is applied to each air emission
4 source that emits a regulated pollutant above --
5 above the significant emission level and that an
6 air impact analysis is performed.

7 On March 2, 2012, the Bureau of Air Quality
8 received an application for an air permit from
9 Klausner Holding USA. On September 21, 2012, the
10 draft air permit was placed on public notice and
11 open to receive comments.

12 Technical review of the proposed project was
13 performed to determine whether it can meet state
14 and federal Air Quality Regulations.

15 The control devices that have been proposed
16 are multiclones, electrostatic precipitators,
17 baghouses, and selective non-catalytic reduction.
18 These control devices reduce the amount of
19 pollution from the equipment. The draft permit
20 requires that these controls will be tested
21 initially and periodically to ensure proper
22 operation. Additionally, the draft permit requires
23 the control devices to be monitored for proper
24 operation at least once a day.

25 An air quality impact analysis is required to

1 demonstrate that the emissions emitted from the
2 proposed project will not cause or contribute to a
3 violation of any national ambient air quality
4 standard or prevention of significant deterioration
5 air quality increment.

6 The facility is also subject to South Carolina
7 Regulation 61-62.5 Standard 1 (Emissions from Fuel
8 Burning Operations), Standard 4 (Emissions from
9 Process Industries), South Carolina Regulation 61-
10 62.60 (New Source Performance Standards), 40 CFR 60
11 Standards of Performance for New Stationary
12 Sources, Subpart Db, Subpart Dc, and Subpart 4I,
13 South Carolina Regulation 61-62.63 (National
14 Emission Standards For Hazardous Air Pollutants for
15 Source Categories), 40 CFR 63 National Emission
16 Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source
17 Categories, Subpart A, Subpart 5D, Subpart 4D, and
18 Subpart 4Z. The permit contains compliance
19 requirements for these regulations.

20 The public comment period will end on December
21 20, 2012. The Bureau of Air Quality will review
22 all comments. After review, a permit decision will
23 be made. We will notify those on the mailing list
24 of the decision.

25 HEARING OFFICER BOYCE: Thank you, Jo Anna.

1 That concludes the presentation by DHEC.

2 And we will now -- now like to hear from
3 individuals who indicated on the sign-in sheet that
4 you would like to make an oral comment. You will
5 be called upon in random order. Please remember to
6 clearly state your name and any group you represent
7 for the court reporter. I'd like to remind you
8 that if you do have a written copy of your
9 statements and don't mind leaving it with us, to
10 please hand it to me when you're finished.

11 The first person I have is Mr. Philip Rand.

12 INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS

13 MR. RAND: My name is Philip Rand. I'm the president of
14 the Orangeburg-Calhoun Forest Landowners
15 Association. We have a hundred plus members and we
16 own or control tens of thousands of acres of forest
17 land in Orangeburg and Calhoun County. We support
18 Klausner's move to Orangeburg County, and we want
19 to welcome them. And hopefully soon construction
20 begins. Thank you.

21 HEARING OFFICER BOYCE: Thank you.

22 Next we will hear from Mr. Willie Gamble.

23 MR. GAMBLE: I'm Willie Gamble 3. I'm representing St.
24 John AME Church as a member and as a potential
25 neighbor of Klausner. We welcome them also, but

1 our concern is that they are a good neighbor to us
2 and to our children and to our neighborhood. And
3 our concerns are just on emission and that the
4 neighbors that they are to be are good neighbors.

5 HEARING OFFICER BOYCE: Thank you.

6 Next we'll hear from Ms. Deborah Bonnett. Is
7 Ms. Bonnett here?

8 (No response.)

9 HEARING OFFICER BOYCE: How about Mr. Robert Drummond?

10 (No Response.)

11 HEARING OFFICER BOYCE: No. Okay.

12 Mr. Harry Wimberly.

13 MR. WIMBERLY: My name is Harry Wimberly. I am a
14 farmer, a landowner, commercial trucking business,
15 and also a member of Orangeburg County Council.
16 I'm going to address two things:

17 One was the air quality control that we talked
18 about here tonight. And from what I have seen, I'm
19 very certain that they will meet all air quality
20 control requirements that are necessary to bring
21 this plant into Orangeburg County. With an
22 unemployment at 12 percent and -- and being number
23 nine in the state, Orangeburg County needs this
24 type of industry; our neighboring county, Bamberg
25 County, a 13 percent unemployment rate. So it's

1 very important that we increase the quality of life
2 by creating jobs here in Orangeburg County.

3 The second issue was someone was talking about
4 the truck traffic and the air control of the
5 trucks. Certainly this operation would increase
6 truck traffic in and around Rowesville and
7 Orangeburg, and probably would increase the number
8 of trucks on the road. But I see this as very
9 positive because a lot of new trucks will be being
10 purchased, and the new trucks these days are
11 meeting with the air and emission -- quality
12 controls emission standards, and they are, with the
13 new tariff on engines, are very environmental
14 friendly. So therefore I don't see that being a
15 problem. In fact, it will probably take some of
16 the older trucks off the road and -- and -- and
17 have a greater air quality control in that nature.

18 And last, I think that -- that anytime that we
19 create traffic, we create business. And the more
20 traffic we've got, the more business we're going to
21 create in our county.

22 Therefore I'm very positive about this
23 project. It happens to be in my county council
24 district. We work very hard to improve the quality
25 of life of the citizens in Orangeburg County and

1 this will be a great step in that way. Thank you.

2 HEARING OFFICER BOYCE: Thank you.

3 Next we'll hear from Mr. Furman Brodie.

4 MR. BRODIE: I'll just submit a written comment.

5 HEARING OFFICER BOYCE: I'm sorry.

6 MR. BRODIE: I'll just submit a written comment.

7 HEARING OFFICER BOYCE: Oh, okay. A written comment.

8 Thank you.

9 Next we'll hear from Tres Hyman.

10 MR. HYMAN: My name is Tres Hyman and I'm representing
11 tonight the South Carolina Chapter of the National
12 Association of Consulting Foresters. We are an
13 association of about 56 members in South Carolina
14 of professionally trained foresters who manage
15 thousands of acres of private timberland in the
16 state. And we are heartily in favor of granting
17 this air permit. We think that it's essential in
18 order to maintain healthy working forests in South
19 Carolina that we have good prices and good -- make
20 -- make these forests worth owning. And so we
21 strongly endorse granting this permit and the
22 construction of the mill and will be submitting
23 formal comments also prior to the deadline. Thank
24 you.

25 HEARING OFFICER BOYCE: Thank you.

1 I think next we have Mr. Mac Lupold.

2 MR. LUPOLD: I have a copy, but I probably will vary a
3 little bit. My name is Mac Lupold; I'm a forest
4 products consultant out of Camden. I spent my
5 first 15 years in the woods and then roughly 34 in
6 manufacturing and in product sales, marketing, and
7 so forth. And one of my -- well, probably my
8 primary service is matching resource to mill. And
9 over my career in Holly Hill and then a lot of
10 other places, federal and IP, I've -- I've always
11 been involved in matching up mills. I've probably
12 used the data for eight -- at least eight mill --
13 new mills in South Carolina. And I've done capital
14 expenditures for mills in South Carolina probably
15 somewhere around 16. If you add that volume up, it
16 represents 50 percent of the wood that moves into
17 our mills across the state. So I -- I think I know
18 the subject, and I am concerned about this
19 resource.

20 And -- and I will say up front that certainly
21 Gene Kodama was here, was a state forester, and we
22 are in the process of trying to develop a
23 projection of the resource. My concern is -- and
24 I've been knowing about this for four or five, six
25 years. The data's been out there. It's just been

1 hard to get people to understand it. So what
2 basically is happening is that in our pine
3 pulpwood, we have gone through the Conservation
4 Reserve plantation years and we've thinned them;
5 we've thinned them twice, three times. There's
6 nothing else to thin. And we're not doing any
7 final harvesting, so we're not doing any tree
8 planting. Right now, today, we're planting trees
9 back to 1950. Is that going to be acceptable for
10 the future? And this mill would depend on that
11 kind of volume.

12 So I've done on my own with Bob Abt at N.C.
13 State the early part of this year, because I'm
14 trying to get the national industry, the Forest
15 Resource Association, Wood Supply Institute on
16 board. I'm not against industry. What did I just
17 say? I'm probably involved with 50 percent of the
18 volume in this state. This site that you're
19 looking at, just a few miles down the road was the
20 first site that I wanted for the OSB plant with
21 Grant. No, they wanted two plants, so we had to go
22 somewhere else. So I'm not against industrial
23 development, but it has to be within the confines
24 of the resource that we have now and the resource
25 that we're going to have in the future. What's

1 going to happen in -- in pine pulpwood, it appears
2 that 30 years from now the pine pulpwood stand will
3 be roughly 50 percent of what it is today.

4 Now, the pulp and paper industry, OSB and
5 pellets probably provide close to 65 percent of the
6 economic value from forestry. Their alternative,
7 hopefully we'll get some pine chips if this lumber
8 market will ever pick up and housing will ever
9 become defined where we do have a demand for
10 lumber, which we -- you know, we're down 40
11 percent. And you as landowners are down whatever,
12 40 percent, too, because you're not getting that
13 value. Paper would love more than anything else
14 that tomorrow you started cutting all that -- that
15 saw timber so that we can put it back in trees and
16 we can have pulpwood in the future. But what's
17 happening is in the pine pulpwood, you know, we're
18 -- we're going to be faced with a forest that's
19 going to be half the size that it is today. And I
20 think that's what the results will end up on some
21 of the studies the 2015 group is going to be
22 involved with.

23 Now, why is paper so involved on that? Well,
24 right now today where we're at 100 percent stocking
25 and we're going to 50, right here at 100 percent,

1 45 percent of all the wood delivered -- and this is
2 a forest service report; it's not mine -- is saw
3 timber delivered to paper mills. I just told you
4 that there's not going to be a lot of pulpwood as
5 we go along, so there's going to be more and more
6 saw timber that's going to go to the paper
7 industry. I mean, we have the strongest paper
8 industry in the South in this state. And other
9 states are suffering some, but we've been blessed
10 with some great mills.

11 So, what's going to happen to the pine saw
12 timber? Well, the projections that I've done show
13 that by roughly halfway, 15 years from '09 -- we
14 start this projection in '09. Fifteen years, the
15 saw timber's going to go up like this, but then all
16 of a sudden we're going to over cut the annual
17 growth. The annual growth will not sustain it, and
18 it's going come back in this manner, so that 30
19 years from now the forests in South Carolina -- we
20 -- we're cutting -- or we're growing somewhere --
21 our standing inventory is somewhere around 300
22 million tons in pines. That's going to drop to 240
23 million. Now, if we do a lot of tree planting, we
24 can get that up to maybe 280 to 290. The problem
25 is where we're starting at today on 300, that

1 doesn't include two and a half million tons from GP
2 OSB plants. It doesn't include a couple million,
3 probably, before it's over with, from pellet
4 plants.

5 HEARING OFFICER BOYCE: Mr. Lupold, I'm sorry. We're
6 running out of time. Do you have any air quality
7 related comments?

8 (Clapping by audience member.)

9 MR. LUPOLD: No. Just that what we -- you know, the
10 resource -- you know, I -- I just think that we've
11 -- I know -- it's a technical issue. It's a very
12 technical issue on this resource. But my concern
13 is that we -- we -- you know, the forest industry -
14 - the forest industry needs to take this on and do
15 something about it. That's what they need to do.

16 HEARING OFFICER BOYCE: Thank you. If you'd like to
17 submit your comments, that'd be great.

18 Next we can hear from Ms. Suzanne Hammond.

19 MS. HAMMOND: I don't have any. I wasn't sure if I
20 wanted to say anything.

21 HEARING OFFICER BOYCE: Okay. Thank you.

22 MS. HAMMOND: So that's why.

23 HEARING OFFICER BOYCE: Okay. Next we'll hear from Ms.
24 Beth Richardson.

25 MS. RICHARDSON: Beth Richardson with Clemson Extension

1 Service. I hope to see Klausner in this county.
2 We've had, just a quick count, in 25 years, 17
3 mills that drew wood out of this county, including
4 one that had 90 million board feet per year, close
5 that was in this county. They're gone. So we've
6 lost a lot of markets. And for any debate, the
7 same debate was made about Norbord and then they
8 showed 10 years, 15 years later, they're growing
9 more trees. Give us a market; we'll grow the
10 trees. Thank you.

11 HEARING OFFICER BOYCE: Thank you.

12 Next we'll hear from Mr. Robert Hammond.

13 MR. HAMMOND: I'll do a written comment.

14 HEARING OFFICER BOYCE: Okay. Thank you.

15 Next we'll hear from Crad Jaynes.

16 MR. JAYNES: I am Crad Jaynes, President of the South
17 Carolina Timber Producers Association. I've had
18 the opportunity to meet with Thomas and the
19 Klausner folks and they've presented the technology
20 in regards to the proposed mill. I feel confident
21 that the mill will meet certain air standards that
22 are necessary.

23 But the other thing is that I represent the
24 professional loggers and the wood suppliers of
25 South Carolina, so we're looking at it from an

1 economic development standpoint to provide another
2 market for those who harvest the timber and deliver
3 to markets, so we certainly would support the
4 opportunity for this mill to be in Orangeburg
5 County. Thank you.

6 HEARING OFFICER BOYCE: Thank you.

7 Next we'll hear from Mr. Charlie Reece.

8 MR. REECE: I asked my question earlier. Thank you.

9 HEARING OFFICER BOYCE: Okay.

10 I think it's Ms. Elizabeth Colter.

11 MS. COLTER: My question has been answered.

12 HEARING OFFICER BOYCE: Okay. Thank you.

13 Next we'll hear from Mr. Mitchell Scott.

14 MR. SCOTT: I'm Mickey Scott. Tonight I'm representing
15 the South Carolina Wildlife Federation. They
16 couldn't have anybody here. I'm a member, so I'll
17 read -- I'll be reading a letter from them.

18 Dear Ms. Lee:

19 Thank you for holding a public hearing on
20 the application by Klausner Holdings USA Inc.
21 for a Prevention of Significant Air
22 Deterioration permit and for allowing me to
23 express my concerns about the proposed
24 operation.

25 The South Carolina Wildlife Federation

1 was founded in 1931 and our mission is to
2 advocate for wildlife habitat and the
3 environment, educate the citizens in the
4 conservation ethic and support of outdoor
5 traditions. I am writing on behalf of more
6 than 10,000 supporters throughout South
7 Carolina.

8 It is my understanding that this lumber
9 operation facility near Rowesville will not
10 only be the largest such lumber operation in
11 the southeastern United States but in all of
12 North America. We have serious concerns about
13 the impacts to air quality of such a massive
14 lumber operation, and whether such a large
15 facility will -- is sustainable given the
16 forest resources of our state. In addition
17 the State of South Carolina should consider
18 the impacts such a large operation would have
19 on the adjacent Edisto River and its
20 associated wetlands, and the quality of life
21 issues for surrounding residents.

22 South Carolina has a thriving forest
23 industry and it would be a mistake to allow
24 one massive operation to put that in jeopardy.
25 What impact is this facility going to have on

1 the viability of those existing operations and
2 the communities that depend on them?

3 Another obvious concern is whether our
4 already stressed roads and bridges around the
5 state can sustain the heavier truck traffic
6 that would accompany a project of this
7 magnitude.

8 In fact a lumber operation of this
9 magnitude raises a number of questions and
10 concerns of statewide significance, and it is
11 important that the impacts not be overlooked
12 piecemeal. A serious study of the cumulative
13 impacts is necessary if we are to protect the
14 resources of our state. A full environmental
15 assessment of these cumulative impacts should
16 be performed and citizens around the state
17 should be given a chance to review the
18 assessment and comment before the current
19 application is processed by DHEC.

20 From a personal standpoint, like I said, my totally
21 -- I mean, we're in the business at Collum's lumber
22 mill. I have no problem with them at the smaller
23 size as was originally talked about. My concern is
24 the resource, and at the larger size it's
25 something, and I do not think the timber from this

1 state can sustain that size of an operation. Thank
2 you.

3 HEARING OFFICER BOYCE: Thank you.

4 Next we'll hear from Mr. Dick Elliott.

5 MR. ELLIOTT: Hello. I'm Dick Elliott, and I am one of
6 the owners of Elliott Sawmilling in Estill, South
7 Carolina. What I want to talk to you about is just
8 how large is large. I've heard numerous times that
9 this is a real large sawmill and the largest in --
10 it's going to be the largest in North America. It
11 is larger by nine times, I've already heard spoken
12 tonight, than the average South Carolina mill. We
13 have a raw material issue, and I -- just so you'll
14 understand how much wood is being used on a daily
15 basis, on an average five-day week, this mill will
16 use 500 loads of logs per day. It will use 148 --
17 or produce 148 loads of chips in a five-day week,
18 26 loads of bark, 23 loads of shavings, 90 loads of
19 lumber. You're talking about 850 loads of wood in
20 and out of a facility that does not have a road
21 structure to handle it.

22 There is going to be a huge traffic and
23 logistical problem for Orangeburg. There's going
24 to be safety issues with the roads and this much
25 traffic. Equipment that will be a part of this

1 thing, it -- our estimations are it'll take 100
2 forklifts to run it. They -- by Klausner's number,
3 it was 60 dry kilns. There will be assorted log
4 moving machines. We're -- I would say that there's
5 going to be 500 diesel engines operating constantly
6 on this property.

7 There's some unexplained things that Klausner
8 said. One of the things they said is that
9 Americans don't know how to make anything but two-
10 by-fours but they can punch a button. We can punch
11 buttons too. It's just an economic matter of
12 whether a two-by-four or a metric size piece of
13 lumber is financially feasible and makes any sense.

14 There are some other things, but one of the
15 things that really hits me is what will we do if
16 this mill fails. You know, we're talking about a
17 system that's going to be put here to make a lot
18 more lumber than anything we've ever seen. It's
19 going to be a huge drain on our economic resource
20 of logs and timber. What happens if this thing
21 doesn't work? Are we going to put people out of
22 business in the process? I don't think it makes
23 much sense.

24 And I think it's going to have a huge impact
25 on the environment. There have been a lot of

1 discussions about Klausner's said that we're going
2 -- growing a whole lot more timber than we're
3 cutting. That has never been the case. We may
4 have slowed down in the last five years when they
5 admittedly had financial problems, when everybody
6 was having financial problems, we slowed down on
7 the cutting. But historically it's been viewed
8 that we were growing very slightly, if any more
9 than we were making. And I think that the
10 traditional sawmills, our smaller crowd could
11 probably do this too. That's all I have to say.
12 Thank you.

13 HEARING OFFICER BOYCE: Thank you.

14 I'll ask again if Ms. Deborah Bonnett would
15 like to speak.

16 (No response.)

17 HEARING OFFICER BOYCE: Okay.

18 At this time I'll ask anyone that has decided
19 during the course of the evening that you would
20 like to comment to please raise your hand.

21 Okay. Please clearly state your name and any
22 group you're representing for the court reporter.
23 Thank you.

24 REVEREND GREEN: Good evening. My name is Reverend
25 Melissa Green. I'm the pastor of St. John AME

1 Church in Rowesville, South Carolina. If you pay
2 very close attention to maps in the lobby, you will
3 notice that St. John will be a neighbor of Klausner
4 Holding USA. My concern, of course, is for the
5 well-being and the safety of my parishioners. And
6 so I do pray that this facility will comply with
7 the state and federal air regulations.

8 HEARING OFFICER BOYCE: Thank you.

9 Anyone else?

10 (No response.)

11 HEARING OFFICER BOYCE: Okay. On behalf of DHEC, I
12 would like to thank everyone for your comments.
13 The comment portion of the public hearing is now
14 closed. Before we adjourn this hearing, I would
15 like to explain the process that DHEC will follow
16 in making a decision on the draft permit.

17 Following this public hearing and formal
18 comment period, DHEC will make a decision as to
19 whether the draft permit should be approved,
20 modified with conditions, disapproved, or denied.
21 This decision will be based upon: the review and
22 consideration of the applicable State and Federal
23 Air Quality Regulations, the review of comments
24 made at this hearing and in the form of the
25 transcript, the review of all other comments

1 received within the required time frame, and the
2 consideration of any other pertinent information.

3 As stated earlier tonight, written comments
4 may be submitted through close of business on
5 December 20, 2012. All written comments received
6 on or before this date will be considered as part
7 of the permitting process.

8 A copy of the Notice of Appeal Procedures is
9 included in your hearing folder. These are the
10 procedures that must be followed if you would like
11 to request a final review, otherwise known as an
12 appeal, after a permit decision has been made. Any
13 person has the right to request a final review, or
14 appeal, of any permit decision made by DHEC. This
15 request must be made in writing to DHEC's Clerk of
16 the Board within 15 days after notice of DHEC's
17 decision has been mailed along with a filing fee in
18 the amount of \$100. In consideration of this
19 requirement, if you indicated on the hearing sign-
20 in sheet that you wanted to receive any future
21 information for the permit for Klausner Holding, or
22 if you have submitted comments before, during, or
23 after this hearing, you will receive notification
24 of DHEC's decision by standard U.S. Mail or by E-
25 mail. However, if you wish to be notified of

1 DHEC's decision by certified mail, please see
2 Soraya Purvis near the sign-in table before you
3 leave. If you choose to make your certified mail
4 request in writing, you are asked to do so by the
5 close of the comment period on December 20, 2012.

6 Finally, I would like to point out that there
7 is a public participation feedback form in your --
8 in your folder. We are interested in knowing your
9 thoughts about tonight's hearing and suggestions of
10 how we can improve our public participation
11 efforts. Please take a moment to complete this
12 survey and place it in the box on the sign-in table
13 as you leave. Any comments and suggestions are
14 appreciated and will be kept anonymous.

15 On behalf of DHEC, I would again like to thank
16 you for coming tonight and for your comments that
17 you provided this evening. The time is now 8:22
18 p.m. and this hearing is official adjourned. No
19 further formal recording of this hearing will take
20 place. Thank you.

21 (Adjourned at 8:22 p.m.)

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