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R SQUARED CIRCUITS INC. AGREES TO PAY \$75,000 TO SETTLE HAZARDOUS WASTE VIOLATIONS

SACRAMENTO, CA – R Squared Circuits, Inc., a company that formerly manufactured printed circuit boards in Folsom, CA., will pay \$75,000 to settle violations of hazardous waste laws, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announced today.

“Hazardous waste generators must meet safety standards, including training their employees, documenting their operations, and obtaining required permits before treating hazardous waste,” said Paul Kewin, Division Chief for DTSC’s Enforcement and Emergency Response Program. “This settlement demonstrates the department’s continuing efforts to uphold compliance with existing environmental law, especially when a violator shows signs of leaving the jurisdiction and escaping accountability.”

R Squared Circuits discontinued operations in California and closed its facility on December 16, 2011, declaring that it did not have the financial resources to pay the full penalty determined by DTSC.

The Stipulation for Entry of [Final Judgment](#) on Consent (Stipulation) filed by the California Attorney General’s Office on behalf of DTSC, secures injunctive relief and requires that R Squared Circuits pay an initial payment of \$75,000 to DTSC. An additional amount of \$25,000 has to be paid to the DTSC if R Squared Circuits violates injunctive provisions set forth in the stipulation.

A Complaint filed in Sacramento County Superior Court lists 11 causes of action, including:

- Treating of hazardous waste without permit or authorization.
- Failure to maintain operating records for hazardous waste treatment systems.
- Failure to develop a training plan.
- Failure to maintain employee training records.
- Absence of integrity assessments for treatment tanks.
- Absence of daily tank inspection records.
- Absence of hazardous waste labels on treatment tanks.
- Absence of waste analysis plan.
- Absence of phase I Environmental Assessment.
- Absence of Permit by Rule (PBR) authorization from the Sacramento County Environmental Management Department for the waste water treatment unit and illegal storage of hazardous waste.
- Failure to maintain and test fire protection equipment, spill control equipment and decontamination equipment to assure their proper operation in time of emergency.



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FOR GENERAL INQUIRIES: Contact the Department of Toxic Substances Control by phone at (800) 728-6942 or visit www.dtsc.ca.gov. To report illegal handling, discharge, or disposal of hazardous waste, call the Waste Alert Hotline at (800) 698-6942.

The Mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated properties, identifying and promoting safer ingredients in consumer products, and ensuring stewardship through enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.