

**BEFORE THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20585**

In the Matter of:)	
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Hefei Rongshida Washing Equipment)	Case Number: 2014-SW-20001
Manufacturing Co., Ltd.,)	
Respondent)	

ORDER

By the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Energy:

1. In this Order, I adopt the attached Compromise Agreement entered into between the U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) and Hefei Rongshida Washing Equipment Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (“Respondent”), a subsidiary of Midea Group and now known as Hefei Midea Laundry Appliance Co., Ltd. The Compromise Agreement resolves the case initiated to pursue a civil penalty for the distribution in commerce in the U.S. of units of a basic model of covered product that failed to meet the energy and water conservation requirements as described at 10 C.F.R. § 430.32(g).
2. DOE and Respondent have negotiated the terms of the Compromise Agreement that resolve this matter. A copy of the Compromise Agreement is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.
3. After reviewing the terms of the Compromise Agreement and evaluating the facts before me, I find that the public interest would be served by adopting the Compromise Agreement, which completes the adjudication of the case.
4. Based on the information in the case file and Respondent’s admission of violation in the Compromise Agreement, I find that Respondent committed Prohibited Acts as described at 10 C.F.R. § 429.102(a)(6). *See* 42 U.S.C. §§ 6302.
5. Accordingly, pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 429.120 and 42 U.S.C. § 6303, **I HEREBY ASSESS** a civil penalty of \$64,780 **AND ORDER** that the Compromise Agreement attached to this Order is adopted.

/signed/

Steven P. Croley
General Counsel

12/15/14

Date