

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION**

TENTATIVE ORDER NO. R2-2010-XXXX

**RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR
KOBЕ PRECISION, INC.**

WHEREAS the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (hereinafter “Regional Water Board”), finds that:

1. Kobe Precision, Inc., (Kobe) owns and operates a silicon wafer reclamation facility located at 1510 Zephyr Avenue, Hayward, Alameda County. Until recently, the facility reclaimed silicon wafers that high tech industries used in their research by stripping coatings, flattening, etching, polishing, and cleaning the wafers.
2. On September 21, 2005, the Regional Water Board reissued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0030112 for Kobe through Order No. R2-2005-0040. The order permitted reverse osmosis reject water to be discharged to an onsite storm drain that flows to a county storm sewer and then to the Alameda County Flood Control Channel and ultimately Lower San Francisco Bay.
3. Kobe ended its manufacturing operations in September 2009 but continued to discharge wastewater through June 2010, when according to a letter dated July 5, 2010, it ceased its discharge.
4. Because Kobe has ceased discharging wastewater, NPDES Permit No. CA0030112 (Order No. R2-2005-0040) can be rescinded.
5. Pursuant to Water Code § 13389, rescissions of waste discharge requirements are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
6. The Regional Water Board notified Kobe and other interested agencies and persons of its intent to rescind these waste discharge requirements, and provided an opportunity to submit written comments and participate in a public hearing.
7. The Regional Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the rescission of the waste discharge requirements.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to the Clean Water Act and Division 7 of the California Water Code, and the regulations, plans, and policies adopted thereunder, that NPDES Permit No. CA0030221 (Order No. R2-2005-0040) for Kobe Precision, Inc., is rescinded effective September 8, 2010, except for enforcement purposes.

I, Bruce H. Wolfe, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Region, on September 8, 2010.

Bruce H. Wolfe
Executive Officer