### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

In the Matter of

## TK ACCESS SOLUTIONS CORP. f/k/a THYSSENKRUPP ACCESS CORP.

CPSC DOCKET NO.: 21-1

Respondent.

## <u>COMPLAINT COUNSEL'S MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY</u> <u>AND MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT</u>

Pursuant to 16 C.F.R. §§ 1025.23, 1025.31(c), (i), 1025.32, 1025.33, 1025.34 and 1025.36 and this Court's November 30, 2021 and February 18, 2022 Orders, Complaint Counsel respectfully moves this Court to compel discovery and attaches its Memorandum in Support of its Motion to Compel Discovery.<sup>1</sup> For the reasons detailed in the attached Memorandum, Respondent TK Access Solutions Corp. f/k/a thyssenkrupp Access Corp. ("Respondent") has failed to adequately respond to Complaint Counsel's discovery requests concerning the corporate and financial relationships between Respondent and other affiliated entities, which either own or exercise control over Respondent. Among other things, Respondent must produce all the underlying financial documentation regarding the funding Respondent claims it possesses to satisfy any expenses to remediate its defective residential elevators, as well as any corporate governance, shareholder and other inter-corporate documents relating to the organizational charts produced by Respondent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Complaint Counsel is also filing a Motion for Extension of Time to Submit Additional Briefing on the Motion to Amend Complaint concurrently with this Motion to Compel Discovery. This is to permit Complaint Counsel time to review any discovery that would be produced if the Court issues an Order granting the Motion to Compel Discovery prior to the submission of the supplemental briefing directed by the Court's February 18, 2022 Order.

As detailed in the attached Memorandum, Complaint Counsel is entitled to obtain discovery on these subjects in support of its pending Motion to Amend Complaint to ensure all appropriate relief can be ordered if a Substantial Product Hazard is found and to ensure any corrective action ordered in this matter is funded and effectual. The discovery requested is relevant and within the scope of discovery outlined in 16 C.F.R. § 1025.31(c). Complaint Counsel attempted to resolve this motion without judicial intervention through correspondence and several meet and confers; however, the parties were unable to come to an agreement.

Accordingly, Complaint Counsel respectfully requests that the Presiding Officer issue an Order compelling Respondent to, within ten (10) days of the date of such Order, make a full and complete production of all documents and information, including, but not limited to all of the underlying financial documentation regarding the funding Respondent claims it possesses to satisfy any expenses to remediate its defective residential elevators, as well as any corporate governance, shareholder and other inter-corporate documents relating to the organizational charts produced by Respondent, as well as all other documents and information responsive to:

- Dkt. No. 14, Complaint Counsel's First Set of Interrogatories to Respondent, Nos. 25–26 and 28;
- Dkt. No. 15, Complaint Counsel's First Set of Requests for Production to Respondent, Nos. 7–9;
- Dkt. No. 69, Complaint Counsel's First Set of Requests for Admission to Respondent, Nos. 56–60; and,
- Dkt. No. 70, Complaint Counsel's Second Set of Interrogatories to Respondent, Nos. 47–51, 56–57.

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A proposed Order compelling Respondent to produce the requested discovery and a

Memorandum in Support of Complaint Counsel's Motion to Compel Discovery is attached

hereto.

Dated this 5th day of April, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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## [PROPOSED] ORDER ON COMPLAINT COUNSEL'S MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY

This matter, having come before the Presiding Officer on Complaint Counsel's Motion to

Compel Discovery dated April 5, 2022, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED.

It shall be further ORDERED:

Within ten (10) days of this Order, Respondent shall produce a full and complete

production of all documents and information including:

- 1. All of the underlying financial documentation regarding the funding Respondent claims it possesses to satisfy any expenses to remediate its residential elevators;
- 2. All corporate governance, shareholder and other inter-corporate documents relating to the organizational charts produced by Respondent;
- Complete and accurate responses to Dkt. No. 14, Complaint Counsel's First Set of Interrogatories to Respondent, Nos. 25–26 and 28;
- All relevant documents and things concerning Dkt. No. 15, Complaint Counsel's First Set of Requests for Production to Respondent, Nos. 7–9;

- 5. Complete and accurate responses to Dkt. No. 69, Complaint Counsel's First Set of Requests for Admission to Respondent, Nos. 56–60; and,
- Complete and accurate responses to Dkt. No. 70, Complaint Counsel's Second Set of Interrogatories to Respondent, Nos. 47–51, 56–57.

Done and dated April \_\_\_\_ 2022

Arlington, VA

Mary F. Withum Administrative Law Judge

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on April 5, 2022, I served Complaint Counsel's Motion to Compel Discovery and Memorandum in Support of Complaint Counsel's Motion to Compel Discovery as follows:

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