August 12, 2002

VIA FACSIMILE AND
OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20549-0609

Re: Securities and Exchange Commission File No. 4-460:
Order Requiring the Filing of Sworn Statements Pursuant to
Section 21(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Dear Mr. Katz:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission in accordance with the Order referenced above
are executed originals of the statements under oath of Christopher M. Connor, Chief Executive
Officer, and Sean P. Hennessy, Chief Financial Officer, of The Sherwin-Williams Company
regarding facts and circumstances relating to Exchange Act filings, each in the form of Exhibit A
to the Order.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and the statements by stamping and returning the
enclosed copy of this letter in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (216) 566-2478.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Richard A. Legenza
Associate General Counsel

RAL:lm
Enclosures
cc: C. Connor
    S. Hennessy
STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND
PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES
RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS

I, Sean P. Hennessy, state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of The
    Sherwin-Williams Company, and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent
    covered report:

    • no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of
      the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or
      definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and

    • no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in
      the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not
      misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a
      report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was
      filed).

(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company’s audit committee.

(3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this
    statement, is a “covered report”:

    • Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001 of The
      Sherwin-Williams Company;

    • all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials
      of The Sherwin-Williams Company filed with the Commission subsequent to the
      filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and

    • any amendments to any of the foregoing.

Sean P. Hennessy
August 12, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 12th day of
August, 2002.

Richard A. Legenza
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:
RICHARD A. LEGENZA, ATTORNEY
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Has No Expiration Date
Section 147.03 R.C

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