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Re: Notice of Intent to Conduct Restoration Planning for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Invitation to Participate in Natural Resource Damage Assessment.

Dear Counsel:

I am writing on behalf of state and federal agencies charged with public trust responsibilities for natural resources injured and threatened by the above-referenced oil spill.

On or about April 20, 2010, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon experienced an explosion and subsequently sank, resulting in discharges of oil and other substances into the Gulf

of Mexico. These discharges, along with associated cleanup activities, are adversely affecting and/or threatening natural resources subject to the jurisdictions of the United States and the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, and Texas. Accordingly, the designated state and federal trustees (collectively the "Trustees") for these affected and potentially affected resources have begun to undertake a natural resource damage assessment ("NRDA") pursuant to section 1006 of the Oil Pollution Act ("OPA"), 33 U.S.C. §§ 2701, et seq., and applicable state law. Under the OPA, the Trustees are authorized to undertake a NRDA to (1) assess natural resource injuries resulting from a discharge of oil or the substantial threat of a discharge and response activities and (2) develop and implement a plan for restoration of such injured resources.

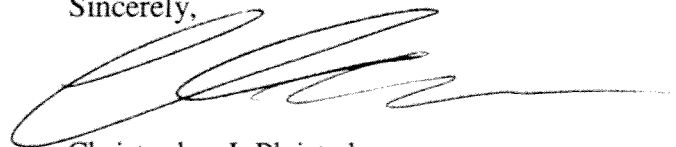
Based on information collected during Preassessment in accordance with state regulations and the OPA NRDA regulations at 15 C.F.R. Part 990, Subpart D, the Trustees have determined to conduct Restoration Planning in accordance with 15 C.F.R. Part 990, Subpart E, and corresponding state regulations. The details of this determination and the Trustees' associated findings are contained in the enclosed Notice of Intent to Conduct Restoration Planning.

The OPA NRDA regulations at 15 C.F.R. 990.14(c) direct the Trustees to invite Responsible Parties to participate in this process. As your clients' organizations have been identified as RPs, the Trustees hereby invite your participation in the NRDA process. This invitation to identified RPs is made without prejudice to the Trustees' ability to include or proceed against any additional parties who may have responsibility and/or liability associated with the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and associated response activities under any state or federal laws.

Please be advised that, pursuant to 15 C.F.R. 990.14(c)(4), the nature and extent of RP participation in the NRDA is at the sole discretion of the Trustees. Furthermore, should the Trustees determine that the participation of any RP is interfering with the Trustees' ability to fulfill their responsibilities to the public under OPA, the Trustees may end that RP's participation.

Please respond to this invitation in writing on your clients' behalf to the undersigned within 30 days of the date of this letter. If you fail to do so, the Trustees will assume that your client's organization has declined this invitation and does not intend to participate in the NRDA.

Sincerely,



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