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NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION and THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE NEW JERSEY SPILL COMPENSATION FUND.

Plaintiffs,

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OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL CORPORATION, TIERRA SOLUTIONS, INC., MAXUS ENERGY CORPORATION, MAXUS INTERNATIONAL ENERGY COMPANY, REPSOL YPF, S.A., YPF, S.A., YPF HOLDINGS, INC., YPF INTERNATIONAL S.A. (f/k/a YPF INTERNATIONAL LTD.) and CLH HOLDINGS.

Defendants.

MAXUS ENERGY CORPORATION AND TIERRA SOLUTIONS, INC.,

Third-Party Plaintiffs,

V.

3M COMPANY, et al.,

Third-Party Defendants.



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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION - ESSEX COUNTY DOCKET NO. ESX-L9868-05 (PASR)

Civil Action

ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT AGAINST MAXUS ENERGY CORPORATION AND DENYING MAXUS ENERGY CORPORATION'S TRACK III CROSS-MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT This matter having come before the Court on the motion of Marc-Philip Ferzan, Acting Attorney General; and Jackson Gilmour and Dobbs, P.C. and Gordon & Gordon, P.C., Special Counsel to the Acting Attorney General; attorneys for Plaintiffs, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and Administrator of the New Jersey Spill Compensation Fund ("Plaintiffs"); and on the cross-motion of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, attorneys for Maxus Energy Corporation; and the Court, having reviewed the papers submitted by the parties, and having heard oral argument thereon, and for other good cause shown, is of the opinion for the reasons expressed on the record that Plaintiffs' motion should be granted and that Maxus Energy Corporation's cross-motion should be denied; in particular, the Court makes the following findings:

Maxus Energy Corporation is, as a matter of law, a successor to Diamond Alkali Company and Diamond Shamrock Corporation a/k/a "Old Diamond," the owner and operator of the chemicals manufacturing facility at 80 Lister Avenue, commonly known as the "Lister Plant," from 1946 through 1969; Denied commonly known as the "Lister Plant," from 1946 through 1969; Denied of the puniture Daniels the matter is not december 1969. The puniture Daniels the matter is not december 1969.

Chemical Land Holdings, Inc., the current owner of the "Lister Site," located at 80 and 120 Lister Avenue in Newark, New Jersey, is the alter ego of Maxus Energy Corporation as a matter of law;

Plaintiffs are an intended third-party beneficiary of the September 4, 1986 Stock

Purchase Agreement, requiring inter alia, Maxus Energy Corporation to pay

directly all cleanup and removal costs imposed upon Occidental Chemical

Corporation associated with the Lister Site; and

Maxus Energy Corporation is in any way responsible under the Spill Compensation and Control Act for the hazardous substances discharged at and/or from the Lister Plant from 1946 until 1969.

IT IS therefore, on this 21 day of May, 2012,

ORDERED that Plaintiffs' motion for partial summary judgment on Count I of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint against Defendant Maxus Energy Corporation is hereby GRANTED; that Maxus Energy Corporation is strictly, jointly and severally liable under the Spill Compensation and Control Act for all past cleanup and removal costs incurred by Plaintiffs associated with the discharges of hazardous substances at and from the Lister Plant, commonly known to be located at 80 Lister Avenue in Newark, New Jersey, into the Passaic River, from 1946 through 1969; IT IS FURTHER,

ORDERED that a declaratory judgment is hereby entered against Defendant Maxus Energy Corporation, finding it strictly, jointly and severally liable under the Spill Compensation and Control Act for all future cleanup and removal costs incurred by Plaintiffs associated with the discharges of hazardous substances at and from the Lister Plant, commonly known to be located at 80 Lister Avenue in Newark, New Jersey, into the Passaic River from 1946 through 1969; IT IS FURTHER,

ORDERED that Defendant Maxus Energy Corporation's Track III cross-motion for partial summary judgment is hereby DENIED; and IT IS FURTHER,

ORDERED that counsel for Plaintiffs shall serve a copy of this Order on all counsel of record within seven (7) days of the date of entry of this Order by posting on the CT Summation electronic platform.

Opposed

Unopposed

HON. SEBASTIAN P. LOMBARDI, J.S.C.

SEBASTIAN P. LONGBOTH INC

FOR reasons stated on May 17, 2012