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

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW **JERSEY** 

LAW DIVISION: ESSEX

COUNTY

DOCKET NO. L-9868-05 (PASR)

Plaintiffs,

v.

OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL CORPORATION, TIERRA SOLUTIONS, INC., MAXUS ENERGY CORPORATION, REPSOL YPF, S.A., YPF, S.A., YPF HOLDINGS, INC. and CLH HOLDINGS, INC.,

Defendants.

MAXUS ENERGY CORPORATION and TIERRA SOLUTIONS, INC.,

Third-Party Plaintiffs,

vs.

AMERICAN CYANAMID, et al.,

Third-Party Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION

SUPPLEMENTAL THIRD-PARTY DISCLOSURE OF LINDE LLC

Third-Party Defendant Linde LLC, formerly known as Linde, Inc. ("Respondent")

hereby provides its Supplement to Initial Disclosure pursuant to Case Management Order ("CMO") XII and prior CMO's incorporated therein by reference and in accordance with terms of the January 31, 2011 Consent Order ("Consent Order") together with any written agreement as to terms for timing, scope and manner of production reached under the Consent Order, collectively the "Amended Production Requirements."

## **Reservations and Comments**

- 1. Respondent reserves the right to object to the production of any documents or other information on any ground, including relevance and undue burden, and to assert any applicable privilege, including the attorney-client privilege, the work product doctrine, the common interest doctrine, confidentiality, trade secret, State and Federal Homeland Security confidentiality and any other applicable protection. These disclosures are not intended to prejudice or waive any privileges or objections Respondent may have with respect to any outstanding or subsequent requests for discovery.
- 2. Respondent reserves the right to challenge the competency, relevancy, materiality and admissibility of, or to object on any grounds to the use of, any of the documents produced during disclosure at the trial or any other action or proceeding.
- 3. Respondent's investigation in this matter is continuing. Accordingly, it reserves the right to supplement, clarify, and revise these disclosures any time prior to trial to the extent additional information becomes available or is obtained through discovery. Further, Respondent reserves the right to amend these disclosures to the extent the claims brought by or alleged against Respondents in this litigation are amended.
  - 4. Respondent reserves its right to rely on any facts, documents or other evidence

that may develop or come to Respondent's attention during the course of this matter.

Respondent's responses are set forth herein without prejudice to its right to assert additional objections or supplement its responses should Respondent discover additional grounds for doing so during the course of this matter.

- 5. "Documents", excluding electronic e-mail and Electronically Stored Information, shall have the meaning set forth in this Court's August 11, 2009 Order for Preservation of Documents and Data.
- 6. "Alleged Discharges" shall have the meaning set forth in the Court's CMO VIII.
- 7. "Sites", per CMO VIII, shall be defined as those site(s) or properties with which a Third-Party Defendant is associated in a Third-Party Complaint. The Site with which Respondent is associated in Third-Party Complaint B is known as the Belleville Industrial Center Site.
- 8. Document Production requirements set forth in CMO XII, paragraph 21 (as amended by the Consent Order ("Amended Production Requirements") are read in concert with CMO VIII, paragraph 3 and CMO V, paragraph 8 ("Additional Discharger") incorporated by reference in CMO XII, paragraph (1). The Amended Production Requirements are also answered with reference to the Alleged Discharges as defined in CMO VIII. With respect to Amended Production Requirements as to CMO XII, paragraph 21(b), Respondents rely on information previously furnished by the JDG in connection with CMO V, paragraph 8.

- 9. Documents subject to claims of privilege, work product, confidentiality or trade secret will be detailed in a log to be furnished in accordance with the August 11, 2009 "Agreed Order Regarding Documents Withheld from Production" as appended to CMO VIII, as soon as practicable as provided under the Amended Production Requirements.
- 10. Respondent ceased operations at the Belleville Industrial Center Site in 1968 and has retained no documents concerning manufacturing or production processes or the use of Hazardous Materials at the Property.

## Production as to Paragraph 21(b) Requests

Copies of all non-privileged Documents other than electronic email discovery, that relate to

- (i.) the alleged discharge of any hazardous wastes, hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants ("Hazardous Materials") to the Newark Bay Complex;
- **Response** Respondent has no responsive documents. <u>See</u>, Paragraphs 5- 9, above. <u>See</u>, Response to Paragraph 21c 1, i., below.
- (ii.) the potential pathways and methods by which the Hazardous Materials have been released to the Newark Bay Complex, as well as the quantity, nature and toxicity of such Hazardous Materials;
- **Response -** Respondent has no responsive documents. <u>See</u>, Paragraphs 5 9, above. See, Response to Paragraphs 21(c), 1, i. iv., below.
- (iii.) other actions relating to properties or operations that may have adversely impacted the environmental condition of the Newark Bay Complex
- Response Respondent has no responsive documents. See, Paragraphs 5 9, above.
- (iv.) the costs and damages costs and damages sought in connection with any alleged discharge of Hazardous Materials.
- **Response** Respondent has no responsive documents. <u>See</u>, Paragraphs 5 9, above. Third-Party Defendants further note that all cross-claims and counterclaims and Fourth-

Party claims are stayed in the present action and, as such, they have made no such claim against parties in this action at this time.

## Production as to Paragraph 21(c) Requests

- 1. A copy of all Documents relating to the following information for the site(s), properties and/or operations with which the Third-Party Defendant is associated in the Third-Party Complaints:
- i. the release or discharge of Hazardous Materials from or at that Third Party Defendant's properties or operations.

Response – Respondent has no responsive documents. See Paragraph 10 above.

ii. the operations, manufacturing and/or production processes, any Hazardous Materials stored or utilized on the property, and any sampling that took place on the property and any sampling or testing of the materials, by products or waste products used in connection therewith;

**Response** – Respondent has no responsive documents. See Paragraph 10 above.

iii. sampling results from environmental, chemical, or biological testing conducted at that Third Party Defendant's properties; and

**Response** – Respondent has no responsive documents.

iv. any communications involving that Third-Party Defendant and any branch, department, agency or instrumentality of municipal, State or federal government relating to any discharges or releases of Hazardous Materials or this litigation.

**Response** – Respondent has no responsive documents. <u>See</u> Paragraph 10 above.

2. Any Documents relating to any industrial waste containing Hazardous Materials that was transported to, processed or treated at, or discharged from any of the sites and/or properties with which a Third Party Defendant is associated in the Third Party Complaints.

**Response** – Respondent has no responsive documents. See Paragraph 10 above.

3. Any insurance or indemnity agreement under which another person or entity may be liable to satisfy all or part of a possible judgment in this action or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy said judgment.

**Response** – An Asset Purchase Agreement with an indemnity provision is attached.

Dated: March 1, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

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