



("Administrator"), and John Lyons, Esq. of the law office of John Lyons, and Mary Rose Alexander, Esq. and Matthew D. Thurlow, Esq. of Latham & Watkins LLP on behalf of defendant ConocoPhillips Company ("ConocoPhillips"), and these Parties having amicably resolved their dispute before trial:

## I. BACKGROUND

A. The Plaintiffs initiated this action on or around June 28, 2007 by filing a complaint against ConocoPhillips and other defendants in the Superior Court of the State of New Jersey, Mercer County, Docket MER-L-1622-07, pursuant to the Spill Compensation and Control Act, N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11 to -23.24 ("the Spill Act"), the Water Pollution Control Act, N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 to -20, and the common law. The matter was removed to the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, and later assigned to the multi-district litigation in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, MDL No. 1358 (SAS) ("Multi-District Litigation"). There was a remand of nineteen trial sites to the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, Civil Action No. 15-6468 (FLW)(LHG) (the "Remanded Litigation"); the remainder of the case continues in the Southern District of New York.

B. The Plaintiffs filed amended complaints; the latest was the Fourth Amended Complaint, filed June 19, 2012 (the "Complaint").

C. Plaintiffs, in their Complaint, seek past and future damages they have incurred and will incur as a result of alleged widespread contamination of the waters of New Jersey by MTBE.

D. Plaintiffs, in their Complaint, seek past and future costs they have incurred and will incur as a result of alleged widespread contamination of the waters of New Jersey by MTBE.

E. Plaintiffs, in their Complaint, seek injunctive relief concerning the remediation of MTBE discharges.

F. Plaintiffs seek these damages, costs, and injunctive relief based upon theories of products liability, among others, under both the common law and statutory law.

G. ConocoPhillips is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 600 North Dairy Ashford, Houston, Texas. ConocoPhillips was formed as a result of a merger in 2002 of Conoco, Inc. and Phillips Petroleum Company, and is the successor to Conoco, Inc. and Phillips Petroleum Company. Defendant ConocoPhillips is also the successor to Tosco Corporation, including its subsidiary Tosco Refining, LP, which was acquired by Phillips Petroleum Company in 2001. Following its acquisition in April 1993 from Exxon, Tosco Corporation owned and operated the Bayway oil refinery in

Linden, New Jersey. The Bayway oil refinery supplied gasoline containing oxygenates, including MTBE, to the New Jersey market through sales to jobbers and supply agreements with third parties. ConocoPhillips has represented in discovery responses and during negotiations that, unlike Tosco Corporation, Phillips Petroleum Company and Conoco, Inc. did not operate oil refineries in New Jersey or control any of the market share for gasoline containing oxygenates, including MTBE, in New Jersey during the time period that MTBE was used in the New Jersey gasoline market (the "Relevant Time Period"), and Plaintiffs enter into this Judicial Consent Order ("JCO") based upon these facts as represented.

H. ConocoPhillips, the Department and Administrator entered into a valid and binding "Natural Resource Damages Settlement Agreement," which was effective as of November 21, 2005 (the "2005 NRDSA" attached hereto as Exhibit "A"). The 2005 NRDSA remains in force as written and nothing in this JCO shall be construed to limit or narrow any of the matters released in the 2005 NRDSA which apply to all sites which "have been owned, leased, affiliated with and/or operated by the Settling Party, including, but not limited to, any such sites that may have been transferred at anytime to any person or entity not a party to [the 2005 NRDSA]."

I. ConocoPhillips filed responsive pleadings in which it denied liability and asserted various defenses to the allegations contained in the Complaint. ConocoPhillips represents that it does not, as of the effective date of this JCO, utilize or knowingly distribute MTBE as an additive to gasoline in New Jersey.

J. The Parties to this JCO recognize, and this Court by entering this JCO finds, that the Parties to this JCO have negotiated this JCO in good faith; that the implementation of this JCO will allow the Parties to this JCO to avoid continued, prolonged, and complicated litigation; and that this JCO is fair, reasonable, and in the public interest. The Parties have negotiated this agreement in an arm's length transaction in which they independently assessed the strengths and weaknesses of their claims and defenses. With respect to the payment to be made by ConocoPhillips pursuant to Section V below, the Parties have not apportioned or attributed such payment to any particular alleged acts or omissions as between or among any particular Settling Defendants or any specific time periods.

K. The releases and covenants not to sue and reservations contained in this JCO apply to certain liabilities including those for discharges of MTBE Products that occurred at sites while they were owned, leased, branded and/or operated by Settling Defendants. Such releases and covenants not to sue and

reservations contained herein are intended to also apply to subsequent purchasers of sites that were previously owned, leased, branded and/or operated by Settling Defendants, but only with respect to liability for discharges occurring during the period they were owned, leased, branded and/or operated by Settling Defendants. For discharges that occurred during other time periods or subsequent to the sale of such sites, this JCO does not affect the liability of the subsequent purchasers.

**THEREFORE**, with the consent of the Parties to this JCO, it is hereby **ORDERED and ADJUDGED**:

## II. JURISDICTION

1. This case was removed to the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d) and the Energy Policy Act of 2005, 42 U.S.C. § 7545, et seq., which expressly authorized the removal of legal actions related to allegations involving MTBE contamination, and then assigned to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York as part of the Multi-District Litigation. Part of the litigation was remanded to the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

2. For purposes of approving and implementing this JCO, the Parties to this JCO waive all objections and defenses they

may have to the jurisdiction of this Court and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey over the Parties and this JCO. The Parties shall not challenge the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York or the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey to enforce this JCO against the parties to this JCO.

### III. PARTIES BOUND

3. This JCO applies to, and is binding upon, the Plaintiffs and the named Settling Defendants, as defined below (each, a "Party" and collectively, the "Parties").

### IV. DEFINITIONS

4. Unless otherwise expressly provided, terms used in this JCO that are defined in the Spill Act or in the regulations promulgated under the Spill Act, shall have their statutory or regulatory meaning. Whenever the terms listed below are used in this JCO, the following definitions shall apply:

"Damages" shall mean all damages caused by discharges of an MTBE Product prior to the effective date of this JCO, whether or not known or suspected to exist by Plaintiffs, that at any time threaten, through any media, or affect waters of New Jersey, including but not limited to natural resource damages, sought in the Complaint. "Damages" do not include Settling Defendants' obligation to perform Remediation, except

for those matters expressly released in Paragraph 6(a) below or for which a covenant not to sue was granted in Paragraph 6(a) below. Damages also do not include Past Cleanup and Removal Costs or Future Cleanup and Removal Costs, except for those matters expressly released in Paragraph 6(a) below or for which a covenant not to sue was granted in Paragraph 6(a) below.

"Day" shall mean a calendar day unless expressly stated to be a Working Day. "Working Day" shall mean a day other than a Saturday, Sunday, or State holiday. In computing time under this JCO, where the last day would fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or State holiday, time shall run until the close of business of the next Working Day.

"Future Cleanup and Removal Costs" shall mean all direct and indirect costs of any kind for any purpose the Plaintiffs incur on or after the effective date of this JCO, including oversight costs, with respect to MTBE Products that at any time threatens, through any media, or affects the waters of New Jersey for which Settling Defendants are responsible under any applicable federal or state statute, regulation or order.

"MTBE" shall mean methyl tertiary butyl ether, neat or as a part of gasoline or as a contaminant of other fuel, and the degradation byproducts of commercial grade MTBE, including tertiary butyl alcohol ("TBA"). In addition, MTBE shall include TBA when TBA is or was present in MTBE gasoline.



"MTBE Product" shall mean neat MTBE, MTBE gasoline, or other petroleum product containing MTBE, including any and all components of MTBE gasoline or other petroleum product containing MTBE.

"Paragraph" shall mean a portion of this JCO identified by an Arabic numeral or an upper case letter.

"Past Cleanup and Removal Costs" shall mean all direct and indirect costs of any kind for any purpose the Plaintiffs incurred before the effective date of this JCO, including oversight costs, with respect to MTBE that threatens or affects the waters of New Jersey.

"Plaintiffs" shall mean plaintiffs DEP, the Commissioner, and the Administrator, including in their capacities as described in paragraphs 14 to 18 of the Complaint, and any successor department, agency or official.

"Remediation" shall mean compliance with the Administrative Requirements for the Remediation of Contaminated Sites, N.J.A.C. 7:26C, or any successor regulation, and all of the then-applicable remediation standards pursuant to N.J.S.A. 58:10B-12 and N.J.A.C. 7:26D, or any successor regulation. Remediation does not include restoration to pre-discharge conditions (primary restoration) beyond what is necessary to comply with the applicable remediation standards pursuant to N.J.S.A. 58:10B-12 and N.J.A.C. 7:26D. Remediation does not

include any remediation liability based solely upon Upstream Activities.

"Section" shall mean a portion of this JCO identified by a roman numeral.

"Settling Defendants" shall mean ConocoPhillips, Phillips 66 Company, and their related entities Conoco, Inc., Phillips Petroleum Company, Tosco Corporation, and Tosco Refining Company during the Relevant Time Period, which include their parent companies, officers, directors, employees, predecessors, predecessors in interest, parents, successors, successors in interest and subsidiaries, except that no other party named as a defendant in the Fourth Amended Complaint shall be considered a related entity of ConocoPhillips.

"Upstream Activities" means the manufacture, sale, supply, distribution, exchange, transfer, purchase, trading, marketing, and/or branding of MTBE Products prior to the Effective Date of this JCO. Upstream Activities do not include a discharge of an MTBE Product at or from a facility, as defined by N.J.A.C. 7:1E-1.6, in New Jersey that occurs at a time that the facility is owned or operated by a Settling Defendant while the Settling Defendant is engaged in the manufacture, sale, supply, distribution, exchange, transfer, purchase, trading, marketing, and/or branding of MTBE or gasoline with MTBE.

V. SETTLING DEFENDANTS' COMMITMENTS

5. (a) Within two (2) Working Days after the effective date of this JCO, ConocoPhillips shall pay the Plaintiffs thirty-nine million dollars (\$39,000,000) in full and complete satisfaction of Plaintiffs' claims that are released or for which a covenant not to sue is provided in Section VI of the JCO.

(b) ConocoPhillips shall pay the amount specified in Paragraph 5(a) above by certified check made payable to "Treasurer, State of New Jersey," or by wire transfer pursuant to instructions provided by Plaintiffs. ConocoPhillips shall mail or otherwise deliver the payment and any payment invoice if previously received from Plaintiffs to:

Chief,

Office of Natural Resource Restoration

Natural and Historic Resources Program

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Mail Code 501-01

P.O. Box 420

Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420;

with a photocopy thereof to:

Section Chief,

Environmental Enforcement Section,

Division of Law,

Department of Law and Public Safety,

Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex,  
25 Market Street,  
P.O. Box 093,  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0093.

VI. PLAINTIFFS' COVENANTS AND RELEASES

6. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this JCO, in consideration of, and upon receipt of, the payment required in Section V above, the Plaintiffs fully and forever release, covenant not to sue, and agree not to otherwise take judicial, administrative, or other action against the Settling Defendants for all causes of action and relief based upon Settling Defendants' liability to Plaintiffs under the common law or theories of products liability with respect to a discharge of an MTBE Product that at any time threaten, through any media, or affect the waters of New Jersey, or based upon Settling Defendants' liability (to the extent such liability exists) under any applicable federal or state statute, regulation or order, premised upon Settling Defendants' Upstream Activities.

(b) In consideration of, and upon receipt of, the payment required in Section V above, and except as otherwise provided in Section VII below, the Plaintiffs fully and forever release, covenant not to sue, and agree not to otherwise take judicial,

administrative, or other action against the Settling Defendants pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), the Spill Act, or any other statute or regulation for recovery of Damages, Past Cleanup and Removal Costs, injunctive relief sought in the Complaint, or attorneys' fees, consultants' and experts' fees, and other litigation costs sought in the Complaint. The foregoing release and covenant not to sue does not preclude Plaintiffs from seeking injunctive relief sought in the Complaint related to Remediation, or attorneys' fees, consultants' and experts' fees, and other litigation costs sought in the Complaint related to Remediation. However, any such fees or costs must relate directly to the particular Remediation sought, and shall not be fees or costs generated in connection with the Complaint or the Multi-District Litigation.

7. The covenants and releases contained in this Section VI shall take effect upon the Plaintiffs receiving the payment that Settling Defendants are required to make pursuant to Section V above, in full, and in compliance with the terms of this JCO.

8. The covenants and releases contained in this Section VI extend only to Settling Defendants and not to any other defendant, party, person, or entity unless the liability for which the covenant or release is granted has been assigned or transferred by any Settling Defendant to another defendant,

party, person, or entity as part of a sale, transfer or other disposition of sites and such liability is based solely upon discharges of MTBE that occurred at such sites while the sites were owned, leased, branded and/or operated by any Settling Defendant.

9. The covenants and releases contained in this Section VI do not pertain to any matters other than those expressly stated.

#### VII. PLAINTIFFS' RESERVATIONS

10. Except as set forth in Section VI, nothing in this JCO precludes Plaintiffs from taking judicial, administrative, or other action against the Settling Defendants to require Settling Defendants to perform Remediation.

11. The Plaintiffs reserve, and this JCO is without prejudice to, all rights against the Settling Defendants except those expressly released or for which there is a covenant not to sue in Section VI. This reservation of rights includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- a. claims based on a Settling Defendant's failure to satisfy any term or provision of this JCO;
- b. liability arising from the Settling Defendants being in any way responsible for any hazardous substance other than an MTBE Product that is at any time discharged into the waters of New Jersey, or at any time threatens, through any media, the waters of New

Jersey. To the extent MTBE is also present along with another hazardous substance(s) in the same location (e.g., exact same water and/or soil) and during the same time period, Settling Defendants shall receive the releases and covenants not to sue set forth in Section VI above for the other hazardous substance(s) coextensive in place and time with the MTBE, subject to the obligations and reservations in this Section VII and Section XI below, and subject to the potential obligation (if any) to perform restoration for substance(s) other than MTBE to pre-discharge conditions (primary restoration) but only if the restoration of MTBE would not have also restored such other hazardous substance(s). Settling Defendants shall not be entitled to any release, covenant not to sue, or offset or reduction in liability or damages for any hazardous substance other than MTBE pursuant to this JCO where any hazardous substance(s) other than MTBE are not in the same location (e.g., exact same water and/or soil) during the same time period as the MTBE, except as provided by Paragraph 6(a), unless the restoration of MTBE also restores such other hazardous substance(s);

- c. liability for Future Cleanup and Removal Costs, except as released in Paragraph 6(a);
- d. liability, except as released by Paragraph 6(a), for all claims paid in the future by the Spill Fund resulting from a discharge of an MTBE Product at a site owned or operated by a Settling Defendant at the time of the discharge that at any time threatens, through any media, and/or affects the waters of New Jersey, and for which a Settling Defendant is responsible under the statutes of New Jersey.
- e. criminal liability; and
- f. liability for any violation by a Settling Defendant of federal or state law that occurs after the effective date of this JCO.

#### VIII. SETTLING DEFENDANTS' COVENANT

12. The Settling Defendants covenant not to sue or assert any claim or cause of action against the Department, Administrator, or Commissioner, concerning the matters addressed in the Complaint and this JCO, with the exception of the enforcement of the terms of this JCO, unless a Settling Defendant is the subject of third party claims or causes of action for which the Department, Administrator, or Commissioner may be liable.



13. The Settling Defendants' covenant in Paragraph 12 above does not apply where the Plaintiffs sue or take judicial, administrative, criminal or other action against the Settling Defendants pursuant to Section VII above.

IX. NO FINDINGS OR ADMISSIONS OF LIABILITY

14. Nothing contained in this JCO shall be considered an admission by the Settling Defendants, or a finding by the Plaintiffs or this Court, of any wrongdoing or liability on the Settling Defendants' part. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as an understanding or agreement between the Settling Defendants and Plaintiffs concerning the allocation, distribution or relative liabilities among the Settling Defendants.

X. EFFECT OF SETTLEMENT AND CONTRIBUTION PROTECTION

15. Settling Defendants expressly reserve all of ConocoPhillips' rights relating to the 2005 NRDSA. Nothing in this JCO shall be construed as reducing the scope of the releases, covenants not to sue, or protections contained in the 2005 NRDSA.

16. Nothing in this JCO shall be construed to create any rights in, or grant any cause of action to, any person not a Party to this JCO. The preceding sentence shall not be construed to waive or nullify any rights that any person not a signatory to this JCO may have under applicable law.

17. Settling Defendants expressly reserve all rights, including, but not limited to, any right to indemnification and contribution, defenses, claims, demands, and causes of action that the Settling Defendants may have concerning any matter, transaction, or occurrence, whether or not arising out of the subject matter of the Complaint, against any person not a Party to this JCO.

18. When entered, this JCO shall constitute a judicially approved settlement within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11f.a.(2)(b) and 42 U.S.C. § 9613(f)(2) and will resolve the liability of the Settling Defendants to the Plaintiffs for the purpose of providing contribution protection to the Settling Defendants from contribution actions under CERCLA, the Spill Act, the Joint Tortfeasors Contribution Law, N.J.S.A. 2A:53A-1 et seq., the Comparative Negligence Act, N.J.S.A. 2A:15-5.1 to -5.8 or any other statute, regulation or common law principle related to the causes of action pleaded in the Complaint or matters addressed in this JCO. The Parties agree, and by entering this JCO this Court finds, the Settling Defendants are entitled, upon fully satisfying their payment obligation under this JCO, to protection from contribution actions pursuant to Sections 113(f)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9613(f)(2), the Spill Act, N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11f.a.(2)(b), and any other statute, regulation, or common law principle that provides contribution

rights against the Settling Defendants with regard to the subject matter of the Complaint or matters addressed in this JCO. Plaintiffs agree that they will not seek Damages from any other defendant, party, person, or entity if the liability for Damages has been assigned or transferred by the Settling Defendants to such defendant, party, person, or entity as part of a sale, transfer or other disposition of sites and such liability is based solely upon discharges of MTBE that occurred at sites while owned, leased, branded and/or operated by any Settling Defendant.

19. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11e2 the Plaintiffs published a copy of the draft JCO on Plaintiffs' website, published notice of this JCO in the New Jersey Register, and arranged for notice, as described in the following paragraph, to other parties in this case and to the other potentially responsible parties. Such notice included the following information:

- a. the caption of this case;
- b. the name of the Settling Defendants;
- c. a summary of the terms of this JCO; and
- d. that a copy of the draft JCO is available on the Plaintiffs' website.

20. In fulfillment of N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11e2 the Parties have provided written notice of this JCO to all other parties in the case and to other potentially responsible parties by:

a. The Settling Defendants sending a letter to liaison defense counsel and serving a copy of such letter on counsel of record in the above captioned litigation via LexisNexis File and Serve; and

b. The Settling Defendants publishing notice in the following newspapers:

- i. Asbury Park Press;
- ii. Atlantic City Press;
- iii. Bergen Record;
- iv. Burlington County Times;
- v. New Jersey Herald;
- vi. South Jersey Times; and
- vii. Star Ledger; and

c. The Plaintiffs distributing a copy of the New Jersey Register Notice via the Site Remediation Program's and the Office of Natural Resource Restoration's websites, which the public can access at <http://nj.gov/dep/srp/legal/> and <http://nj.gov/dep/nrr/settlements/index.html>, respectively.

This notice is deemed compliant with the notice requirement of N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11e2.

21. The Plaintiffs will submit this JCO to the Court for entry pursuant to Paragraph 36 below unless, as a result of the notice of this JCO pursuant to Paragraphs 19 and 20 above, the Plaintiffs receive information that discloses facts or considerations that indicate to Plaintiffs, in their sole discretion, that the JCO is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate.

22. In any subsequent administrative or judicial proceeding initiated by the Plaintiffs relating to gasoline contamination at sites covered by this JCO, the Settling Defendants shall not assert, and may not maintain, any defense or claim based upon the principles of the entire controversy doctrine and the argument that such matters should have been included in the above-captioned litigation; provided, however, that nothing in this Paragraph affects the enforceability of this JCO.

#### XI. GENERAL PROVISIONS

23. Nothing in this JCO shall be deemed to constitute preauthorization of a claim against the Spill Fund within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11k. or N.J.A.C. 7:1J.

24. To the extent required, all investigation and Remediation of hazardous substances performed by the Settling Defendants (if any) under State oversight (as opposed to federal oversight) will be performed pursuant to the Site Remediation and Reform

Act N.J.S.A. 58:10C-1 et seq., and the accompanying regulations (e.g., using a Licensed Site Remediation Professional) notwithstanding N.J.S.A. 58:10C-27(e).

25. The Plaintiffs enter into this JCO pursuant to the police powers of the State of New Jersey for the enforcement of the laws of the State and the protection of the public health and safety and the environment. All obligations imposed upon the Settling Defendants by this JCO are continuing regulatory obligations pursuant to the police powers of the State of New Jersey.

26. No payment owed or made pursuant to this JCO is intended to constitute a debt, damage claim, penalty, or other claim that may be limited or discharged in a bankruptcy proceeding.

27. This JCO shall be governed and interpreted under the laws of the State of New Jersey.

28. If any provision of this JCO or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, to any extent, is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this JCO or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby and each provision of this JCO shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## XII. EFFECTIVE DATE

29. The effective date of this JCO shall be the date upon which this JCO is entered by the Court.

XIII. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

30. This Court retains jurisdiction over both the subject matter of this JCO and the Parties for the duration of the performance of the terms and provisions of this JCO for the purpose of enabling any of the Parties to apply to the Court at any time for such further order, direction, and relief as may be necessary or appropriate for the construction or modification of this JCO, or to effectuate or enforce compliance with its terms.

XIV. COOPERATION AND DOCUMENT RETENTION

31. The Settling Defendants agree to make current employees available to testify at or prior to trial for this case only without the need to serve subpoenas so long as such employees are only asked to appear where they would otherwise be subject to a proper subpoena and Plaintiffs pay the costs of such employees' travel for the purpose of providing testimony. With respect to former employees, Settling Defendants agree to facilitate the appearance of such witnesses to testify at or prior to trial, so long as such former employees are only asked to appear where they would otherwise be subject to a proper subpoena, Plaintiffs pay the costs of such former employees'

travel for the purpose of providing testimony, and the former employee consents to appear. The Settling Defendants will provide to Plaintiffs last known addresses of former employees that are not willing to voluntarily testify unless prohibited by law or contract from doing so.

32. The Settling Defendants shall comply with the provisions of the March 15, 2005 Order for Preservation of Documents entered in this matter for so long as required under the terms of that Order.

#### XV. MODIFICATION

33. This JCO may only be modified by written agreement between the Parties with approval by the Court and represents the entire integrated agreement between the Plaintiffs and the Settling Defendants, and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral, with the exception of the 2005 NRDSA, which remains valid and enforceable. ConocoPhillips shall retain the releases, covenants not to sue, and other protections provided by Plaintiffs under both.

34. Nothing in this JCO shall be deemed to alter the Court's power to enforce, supervise, or approve modifications to this JCO.



XVI. ENTRY OF THIS JCO

35. The Settling Defendants consent to the entry of this JCO without further notice after the comment period specified in Paragraphs 19 and 20 above.

36. Upon conclusion of the Plaintiffs' review of any public comment(s) received as a result of the notice described in Paragraphs 19 and 20 above, the Plaintiffs shall promptly submit this JCO to the Court for entry.

37. If for any reason the Court should decline to approve this JCO in the form presented, this agreement is voidable at the sole discretion of any Party and the terms of the agreement may not be used as evidence in any litigation among the Parties or third parties.

38. Within thirty days of the Plaintiffs' receipt of payment as set forth in Section V above, Plaintiffs shall request that the Court dismiss this Complaint as to ConocoPhillips with prejudice pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(2).

XVII. SIGNATORIES/SERVICE

39. Each undersigned representative of Plaintiffs and Settling Defendants to this JCO certifies that he or she is authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this JCO, and to execute and legally bind such Party to this JCO.

40. This JCO may be signed and dated in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, and such counterparts shall together be one and the same JCO.

41. Settling Defendants identify in this paragraph an agent who is authorized to accept service of process by mail on their behalf with respect to all matters arising under or relating to this JCO. Settling Defendants agree to accept service in this manner, and to waive the formal service requirements set forth in the New Jersey Rules of Court or Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, including service of a summons.

For Settling Defendants:

[CONOCOPHILLIPS TO INSERT AGENT INFORMATION]

42. The Parties to this JCO agree that it was negotiated fairly between them at arm's length and that the final terms of this JCO shall be deemed to have been jointly and equally drafted by them, and that the provisions of this JCO therefore should not be construed against a Party to it on the grounds that the Party drafted or was more responsible for drafting the provision(s).

**SO ORDERED** this            day of            ,            .

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U.S.D.J.

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CONSENTS TO  
THE FORM AND ENTRY OF THIS ORDER

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony J. Farro, Director  
Publicly Funded Site Remediation  
Site Remediation Program

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rich Boornazian, Assistant  
Commissioner  
Natural & Historic Resources

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

NEW JERSEY SPILL COMPENSATION FUND CONSENTS TO THE FORM AND  
ENTRY OF THIS ORDER

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony J. Farro, Administrator  
New Jersey Spill Compensation Fund

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Christopher S. Porrino,  
Attorney General of New Jersey  
Attorney for Plaintiffs

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gwen Farley  
Deputy Attorney General

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPANY CONSENTS TO THE FORM AND ENTRY OF THIS ORDER

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_