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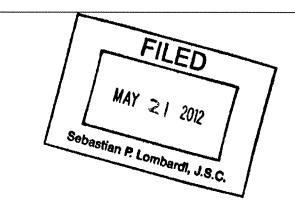
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Plaintiffs,

V.

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, INC.,

Defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION - ESSEX COUNTY

DOCKET NO.: L-009868-05 (PASR)

Civil Action

ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT
OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL
CORPORATION'S MOTION FOR
PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON
CROSS-CLAIM AGAINST MAXUS
ENERGY CORPORATION FOR
CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE NEW
JERSEY SPILL ACT

THIS MATTER having come before the Court on the Cross-Motion of Defendant and Cross-Claimant Occidental Chemical Corporation, by and through its attorneys Archer & Greiner, P.C. and Gable Gotwals, for partial summary judgment against Defendant Maxus Energy Corporation; and the Court having considered the parties' submissions and arguments, and it appearing that no genuine issue of material fact exists and that Occidental Chemical Corporation is entitled to judgment as a matter of law; and for good cause having been shown;

IT IS on this 21 day of _______ 2012 ORDERED that:

- 1. Defendant and Cross-Claimant Occidental Chemical Corporation's Motion For Partial Summary Judgment On Cross-Claim Against Defendant Maxus Energy Corporation For Contribution Under The New Jersey Spill Act is **GRANTED**; and
- 2. A declaratory judgment is hereby entered against Defendant Maxus Energy Corporation declaring that should Occidental Chemical Corporation's contribution claim against Maxus Energy Corporation under the Spill Compensation and Control Act ("Spill Act") ever arise, the element of the contribution claim that requires Maxus Energy Corporation to be a Spill Act liable party has been established.

A copy of this Order is to be served on all counsel of record within seven (7) days of receipt.

Opposed
Unopposed

SEBASTIAN P. LOMBARTH INC

FOR REASONS STATED ON THE RECORD ON May 17, 2012. Exhibit J

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

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MAXUS ENERGY CORPORATION and TIERRA SOLUTIONS, INC.,

Third-Party Plaintiffs,

VS.

3M COMPANY, et al.,

Third-Party Defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: ESSEX COUNTY DOCKET NO.: L-9868-05 (PASR) CIVIL ACTION

CONSENT ORDER ON MEDIATION AMONG PLAINTIFFS AND DIRECT DEFENDANTS



THIS MATTER, having been opened to the Court on the joint application of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, The Commissioner of The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and The Administrator of The New Jersey Spill Compensation Fund (collectively, "Plaintiffs"); and Occidental Chemical Corporation, Maxus Energy Corporation, Maxus International Energy Company, Tierra Solutions, Inc., Repsol YPF, S.A., YPF, S.A., YPF Holdings, Inc. and CLH Holdings, Inc. (collectively, "Direct Defendants")

for entry of a Consent Order agreeing to a non-court administered dispute resolution process among the Plaintiffs and Direct Defendants, and for good cause appearing,

IT IS on this 28 day of August, 2012 ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, Assignment Judge Patricia K. Costello has designated Judge Sebastian P. Lombardi as her designee for purposes of Rule 1:40-11.

- 1. Pursuant to Rule 1:40-11, the Court hereby refers the disputes in this litigation among the Plaintiffs and Direct Defendants to a non-court administered dispute resolution process.
- (a.) As agreed upon by the Plaintiffs and Direct Defendants, Eric D. Green, a principal of Resolutions, LLC, shall act as the mediator in that process.
- (b.) The mediation shall address only the disputes among Plaintiffs and the Direct Defendants and will not address the disputes among the Third-Party Plaintiffs and the Third-Party Defendants or the Fourth-Party Plaintiffs and the Fourth-Party Defendants.
- 2. All elements of the mediation will be confidential, and the mediation process will be subject to the privilege and confidentiality provisions of Rule 1:40-4(c) and (d) and the Uniform Mediation Act, N.J.S.A. 2A:23C-1 to 13.
- 3. This Court finds that referring the disputes among the Plaintiffs and the Direct Defendants to a dispute resolution process in which Eric Green serves as mediator will not prejudice the interests of any of the parties, Plaintiffs, Direct Defendants, Third-Party Defendants or Fourth-Party Defendants, to this lawsuit.
 - 4. This Court shall retain jurisdiction over this lawsuit.

5. A copy of this Consent Order shall be posted on the electronic platform.

SEBASTIAN P. LOMBARDI, J.S.

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opposed as ky certain Third-Party Defendants. PRO1/1286375.3



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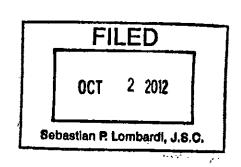
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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION - ESSEX COUNTY DOCKET NO. ESX-L9868-05 (PASR)

Civil Action

ORDER STAYING

THIRD PARTY PROCEEDINGS

CDR DEPARTMENT 01:42:50 p.m. 10-02-2012

THIS MATTER, having come before the Court on an application by Plaintiffs and more than 200 Third Party Defendants for a stay of all third party proceedings in the above referenced matter for ninety (90) days while the Plaintiffs and Participating Third-Party Defendants, as defined below, negotiate a final settlement mechanism for all third- and fourth-parties for the Court's review and approval;

WHEREAS the Plaintiffs and those Third Party Defendants whose attorney or Liaison Counsel for such party has executed a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") to engage in confidential settlement negotiations ("Participating Third-Party Defendants") to resolve third-party claims, and the Court having considered the matter, reviewed the submissions of the parties, having heard argument, and for good cause shown, the Court hereby enters the following Order. Unless otherwise indicated, the forty-five (45) and ninety (90) day limits run from the ruling from the bench on Friday, September 21, 2012, to wit: November 5, 2012 and December 20, 2012;

IT IS on this 2 day of September, 2012,

ORDERED that the September 24, 2012 deadline for Defendants, Third-Party Plaintiffs and Participating Third-Party Defendants to file any claims they may have against current Third-Party Defendants and future Third or Fourth-Party Defendants, pursuant to the Order of this Court dated September 10, 2012, is hereby extended for ninety (90) days to allow Plaintiffs and the Participating Third-Party Defendants to reach final terms of a Settlement Agreement; and it is further

ORDERED that the September 24, 2012 deadline for all non-Participating Third-Party Defendants to file Third- and Fourth-Party Complaints, pursuant to the Order of this Court dated September 10, 2012, is hereby extended to October 16, 2012; and, it is further

ORDERED that all proceedings and requirements in this action, including all discovery and all non-party subpoenas, involving the Participating Third-Party Defendants whose attorney or Liaison Counsel for such party has executed with Plaintiffs the MOU referred to hereinabove, including any and all proceedings and requirements under all Case Management Orders and supplemental orders, setting forth and modifying said proceedings and requirements, are hereby stayed for a period of nincty (90) days; and it is further

ORDERED that for non-Participating Third-Party Defendants, all proceedings and requirements in this action, including all discovery and all non-party subpoenas, shall be stayed until October 16, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.; and it is further;

ORDERED that for all parties, including the Plaintiffs and direct Defendants, all Track VIII proceedings and requirements in this action, including all discovery, are hereby stayed for a period of ninety (90) days; and it is further

ORDERED that the Track IV proceedings are not affected by this stay, and shall proceed pursuant to the time frames set forth in the governing Case Management Orders and Trial Plans and supplemental orders; and it is further

ORDERED that any non-Participating Third-Party Defendant whose attorney or Liaison Counsel for such party executes an MOU with Plaintiffs before 4 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16, 2012, is deemed to be a Participating Third-Party Defendant entitled to the relief provided pursuant to this stay Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the parties engaged in the settlement process are directed to coordinate with the Special Master on the preparation of a written status report to be provided to the Court within forty-five (45) days; and it is further

ORDERED that the continued effectiveness of the stay entered herein beyond the initial forty-five (45) day period is conditioned upon the status report indicating sufficient progress to justify a continuation of the stay; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order shall be posted forthwith on CT Summation and served electronically on all of the Original Parties and Liaison Counsel.

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Honorable Sebastian P. Lombardi, J.S.C.

Opposed

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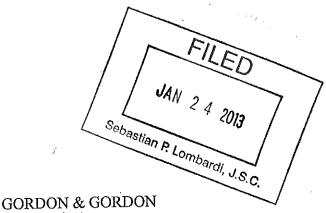
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Civil Action

CONSENT ORDER
ON THE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR THE
PROPOSED CONSENT JUDGMENT

THIS MATTER, having come before the Court at a scheduling conference in the above referenced matter on January 22, 2013;

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs and the liaison counsel for Third-Party Defendants who have executed a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") to engage in confidential settlement negotiations ("Participating Third-Party Defendants") have informed the Court that they have reached preliminary agreement on a proposed Consent Judgment, which will be forwarded to Participating Third-Party Defendants for approval; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the settling Third-Party Defendants may move this Court for a complete dismissal from the above referenced matter; and

WHEREAS, the Court having considered the matter, reviewed the submissions of the parties, having heard argument, and for good cause shown, the Court hereby enters the following Order;

IT IS on this 27 day of January, 2013,

ORDERED that, by March 23, 2013, liaison counsel shall advise the Special Master and the Court whether the requisite number of Third Party Defendants have approved the Consent Judgment, and if so, the identity of the Participating Third Party Defendants; and it is further

ORDERED that the October 2, 2012 and December 18, 2012 stays of all proceedings and requirements in this action, including all discovery, involving the Participating Third-Party Defendants, involving Track VIII, and/or involving the deadline to file any claims that Participating Third-Party Defendants may have against future Fourth-Party Defendants, are hereby continued until further order of the Court; and it is further

ORDERED that the October 2, 2012 and December 18, 2012 stays of all proceedings and requirements in this action, including all discovery involving the Participating Third-Party Defendants that approve of the Consent Judgment by March 23, 2013 ("Settling Third-Party Defendants"), involving Track VIII, and/or involving the deadline to file any claims that Settling Third-Party Defendants may have against future Fourth-Party Defendants, are hereby continued until further order of this Court; and it is further

ORDERED that, as soon as directed after March 23, 2013, all non-settling Third-Party Defendants are to appear before the Special Master who will direct the resumption of CMO XVII proceedings as to those parties; and it is further

ORDERED that the October 2, 2012 and December 18, 2012 stays of the deadline to file any claims that Defendants or Third-Party Plaintiffs may have against current or future Third-Party Defendants are hereby continued until further order of the Court; and it is further

ORDERED that if approval is reached by March 23, 2013, Plaintiffs shall notify the Court by letter and all parties by posting to CT Summation that the threshold has been reached, and the administrative process shall begin; and it is further

ORDERED that by April 12, 2013 the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") shall strive to prepare and transmit the statutory notice of the proposed Consent Judgment to the Office of Administrative Law for May 6, 2013 publication in the New Jersey Register; and as soon as practicable after April 12, 2013 post the Consent Judgment (but not the record) on the DEP website; and it is further

ORDERED that by May 6, 2013, the DEP shall strive to publish the proposed Consent Judgment in the New Jersey Register, with a 60-day public comment period, and also make available to the public the administrative record, in a form to be determined by DEP; and it is further

ORDERED that no later than April 26, 2013, following posting of the Consent Judgment on the DEP website, Plaintiffs, Settling Third-Party Defendants, and non-settling parties shall meet with the Special Master to discuss the recommended judicial procedures and process for approval of the Consent Judgment, including the briefing schedule; and it is further

ORDERED that after the public comment period closes on or about July 5, 2013, DEP shall then consider all comments received, prepare a response, and reach a final agency action; and it is further

ORDERED that any party to this action that submits comments during the public comment period shall contemporaneously post such comments to CT Summation; and it is further

ORDERED that, if Plaintiffs determine that they have received no comments that warrant rejection of the Consent Judgment, Plaintiffs and Settling Third-Party Defendants shall file motions to dispose of certain claims and to enter the Consent Judgment and accompanying orders pursuant to a schedule recommended by the Special Master and approved by the Court; and it is further

ORDERED that any party to this action opposing the motions filed by Plaintiffs and Settling Third-Party Defendants shall file its papers pursuant to a schedule recommended by the Special Master and approved by the Court; and it is further

ORDERED that if any opposition papers are filed, Plaintiffs and Settling Third-Party Defendants shall file their replies pursuant to a schedule recommended by the Special Master and approved by the Court; and it is further

ORDERED that the Court will schedule a hearing on the motions to dispose of certain claims and to enter the Consent Judgment and accompanying orders; and it is further

ORDERED that the Trial Court has and will continue to exercise jurisdiction to review and approve or reject the Consent Judgment, and rule upon the related motions; further, if the Trial Court does not approve the Consent Judgment, it shall be without force or effect; and it is further

ORDERED that any appeals from the Trial Court's decision to approve or reject the Consent Judgment, and from the Trial Court's rulings on the related motions, shall be taken to the Appellate Division; and it is further

ORDERED that if any Non-Settling Third Party Defendants or any non-party to this action shall take an appeal to the Appellate Division from final agency action prior to a final judgment of this Court approving the Consent Judgment, the parties hereto agree to oppose any such appeal and will seek to have the Appellate Division defer hearing such appeal pending the Trial Court's final judgment and any appeal from such judgment; and it is further

ORDERED that in the event the Trial Court shall enter the Consent Judgment and grant other relief requested, those orders of the Court shall be in a form certified as a final judgment under R. 4:42-2 for purposes of appeal. In the event that any party shall move for leave to appeal to the Appellate Division from said orders, the parties agree not to oppose such a motion for leave to appeal; for purposes of clarity, the parties hereto do not intend to obstruct and prefer to cooperate on the expeditious review of any orders of this Court approving the Consent Judgment by the Appellate Division and thereafter by the Supreme Court of New Jersey; to that end, whether such orders are determined by any court to be final or non-final, the parties hereto shall not oppose any party's attempt to seek appellate review whether by means of appeal, interlocutory appeal or certification; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the signatory attorneys in separate counterparts. Each counterpart when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order shall be posted forthwith on CT Summation.

Honorable Sebastian P. Lombardi, J.S.C.

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