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

Plaintiffs,

VS.

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

Defendants,

MAXUS ENERGY CORPORATION and TIERRA SOLUTIONS, INC.,

Third-Party Plaintiffs,

VS.

3M COMPANY,
A.C.C., INC.,
ACH FOOD COMPANIES, INC.,
ACTIVE OIL SERVICE,
ADCO CHEMICAL COMPANY,
AGC CHEMICALS AMERICAS, INC.,
ALDEN-LEEDS, INC.,
ALLIANCE CHEMICAL, INC.,
ALUMAX MILL PRODUCTS, INC.,
AMCOL REALTY CO.,
AMERICAN INKS AND COATINGS CORPORATION,

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: ESSEX COUNTY

DOCKET NO. L-9868-05 (PASR)

CIVIL ACTION

3M COMPANY'S ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES TO THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT "B"

APEXICAL, INC.,

APOLAN INTERNATIONAL, INC.,

ARKEMA, INC.,

ASHLAND INC.,

ASHLAND INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, INC.,

ASSOCIATED AUTO BODY & TRUCKS, INC.,

ATLAS REFINERY, INC.,

AUTOMATIC ELECTRO-PLATING CORP.,

AKZO NOBEL COATINGS, INC.,

BASF CATALYSTS LLC,

BASF CONSTRUCTION CHEMICALS INC.,

BASF CORPORATION,

BAYER CORPORATION,

BEAZER EAST, INC.,

BELLEVILLE INDUSTRIAL CENTER,

BENJAMIN MOORE & COMPANY,

BEROL CORPORATION,

B-LINE TRUCKING, INC.,

BORDEN & REMINGTON CORP.,

C.S. OSBORNE & CO.,

CAMPBELL FOUNDRY COMPANY,

CASCHEM, INC.,

CBS CORPORATION,

CELANESE LTD.,

CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS INC.,

CHEMTURA CORPORATION,

CLEAN EARTH OF NORTH JERSEY, INC.,

COSMOPOLITAN GRAPHICS CORPORATION,

CIBA CORPORATION.

COLTEC INDUSTRIES INC.,

COLUMBIA TERMINALS, INC.,

COMO TEXTILE PRINTS, INC.,

CONAGRA PANAMA, INC.;

CONOPCO, INC.,

CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION,

COOK & DUNN PAINT CORPORATION,

COSAN CHEMICAL CORPORATION.

COVANTA ESSEX COMPANY,

CRODA, INC.,

CRUCIBLE MATERIALS CORPORATION,

CURTISS-WRIGHT CORPORATION,

CWC INDUSTRIES, INC.,

DARLING INTERNATIONAL, INC.,

DAVANNE REALTY CO.,

DELEET MERCHANDISING CORPORATION, DELVAL INK AND COLOR, INCORPORATED, DILORENZO PROPERTIES COMPANY, L.P., E.I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS AND COMPANY, EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY, EDEN WOOD CORPORATION, ELAN CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC., EM SERGEANT PULP & CHEMICAL CO., EMERALD HILTON DAVIS, LLC, ESSEX CHEMICAL CORPORATION, **EXXON MOBIL** F.E.R. PLATING, INC., FINE ORGANICS CORPORATION, FISKE BROTHERS REFINING COMPANY, FLEXON INDUSTRIES CORPORATION, 3M GROUP INCORPORATED, FORT JAMES CORPORATION, FOUNDRY STREET CORPORATION, FRANKLIN-BURLINGTON PLASTICS, INC., GARFIELD MOLDING COMPANY, INC., GENERAL CABLE INDUSTRIES, INC.; GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION, GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, GENTEK HOLDING LLC, GIVAUDAN FRAGRANCES CORPORATION, G. J. CHEMICAL CO., GOODY PRODUCTS, INC., GORDON TERMINAL SERVICE CO. OF N.J., INC., HARRISON SUPPLY COMPANY, HARTZ MOUNTAIN CORPORATION, HAVENICK ASSOCIATES L.P., HEXCEL CORPORATION, HEXION SPECIALTY CHEMICALS, INC., HOFFMANN-LA ROCHE INC., HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL INC., HOUGHTON INTERNATIONAL INC., HUDSON TOOL & DIE COMPANY, INC. HY-GRADE ELECTROPLATING CO., ICI AMERICAS INC., INNOSPEC ACTIVE CHEMICALS LLC. INX INTERNATIONAL INK CO., ISP CHEMICALS INC., ITT CORPORATION,

KEARNY SMELTING & REFINING CORP.,

KAO BRANDS COMPANY,

KOEHLER-BRIGITT STAR, INC.,

LINDE, INC.,

LUCENT TECINOLOGIES, INC.,

MACE ADHESIVES & COATINGS COMPANY, INC.,

MALLINCKRODT INC.,

MERCK & CO., INC.,

METAL MANAGEMENT NORTHEAST, INC.,

MI HOLDINGS, INC.,

MILLER ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, INC.,

MORTON INTERNATIONAL, INC.,

N L INDUSTRIES, INC.,

NAPPWOOD LAND CORPORATION,

NATIONAL FUEL OIL, INC.,

NATIONAL-STANDARD, LLC,

NELL-JOY INDUSTRIES, INC.,

NESTLE U.S.A., INC.,

NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION,

NEWS AMERICA, INC.,

NEWS PUBLISHING AUSTRALIA LIMITED,

NORPAK CORPORATION.

NOVELIS CORPORATION,

ORANGE AND ROCKLAND UTILITIES, INC.,

OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY,

PRC-DESOTO INTERNATIONAL, INC.,

PASSAIC PIONEERS PROPERTIES COMPANY,

PFIZER INC.,

PHARMACIA CORPORATION,

PHELPS DODGE INDUSTRIES, INC.,

PHILBRO, INC.,

PITT-CONSOL CHEMICAL COMPANY,

PIVOTAL UTILITY HOLDINGS, INC.,

PPG INDUSTRIES, INC.,

PRC-DESOTO INTERNATIONAL, INC.,

PRAXAIR, INC.,

PRECISION MANUFACTURING GROUP, LLC,

PRENTISS INCORPORATED,

PROCTER & GAMBLE MANUFACTURING COMPANY,

PRYSMIAN COMMUNICATIONS CABLES AND

SYSTEMS USA LLC.

PSEG FOSSIL LLC,

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY,

PURDUE PHARMA TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,

QUALA SYSTEMS, INC.,

QUALITY CARRIERS, INC.,

RECKITT BENCKISER, INC.,

REICHHOLD, INC.,

REVERE SMELTING & REFINING CORPORATION,

REXAM BEVERAGE CAN COMPANY,

ROMAN ASPHALT CORPORATION,

ROYCE ASSOCIATES, A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP,

R.T. VANDERBILT COMPANY, INC.,

RUTHERFORD CHEMICALS LLC,

S&A REALTY ASSOCIATES, INC.,

SCHERING CORPORATION,

SEQUA CORPORATION,

SETON COMPANY.

SIEMENS WATER TECHNOLOGIES CORP.

SINGER SEWING COMPANY

SPECTRASERV, INC.,

STWB, INC.,

SUN CHEMICAL CORPORATION,

SVP WORLDWIDE, LLC,

TATE & LYLE INGREDIENTS AMERICAS, INC.,

TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS USA, INC.,

TEVAL CORP.,

TEXTRON INC.,

THE DIAL CORPORATION,

THE DUNDEE WATER POWER AND LAND COMPANY.

THE NEWARK GROUP, INC.,

THE OKONITE COMPANY, INC.,

THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY,

THE STANLEY WORKS,

THE VALSPAR CORPRATION,

THIRTY-THREE QUEEN REALTY INC.,

THREE COUNTY VOLKSWAGEN CORPORATION,

TIDEWATER BALING CORP.,

TIFFANY & CO.,

TIMCO, INC.,

TRIMAX BUILDING PRODUCTS, INC.,

TROY CHEMICAL CORPORATION, INC.,

UNIVERSAL OIL PRODUCTS COMPANY.

V. OTTILIO & SONS, INC.,

VELSICOL CHEMICAL CORPORATION.

VEOLIA ES TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS, L.L.C.,

VERTELLUS SPECIALTIES INC.,

VITUSA CORP.,

VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY, W.A.S. TERMINALS CORPORATION, W.A.S. TERMINALS, INC., W.C. INDUSTRIES, WHITTAKER CORPORATION, WIGGINS PLASTICS, INC., ZENECA INC.,

Third-Party Defendants.

3M COMPANY'S ANSWER TO THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT "B"

Third-Party Defendant 3M Company ("3M"), by and through its undersigned counsel, and in accordance with this Court's Case Management Order V, Section 9, entered April 16, 2009 ("CMO V"), hereby answers the Third-Party Complaint "B" by Defendants/Third-Party Plaintiffs Maxus Energy Corporation and Tierra Solutions, Inc. ("Third-Party Plaintiffs"), as follows:

GENERALLY

1. 3M denies each and every allegation contained in Third Party Complaint "B" that is not otherwise addressed herein, including, without limitation, any allegations concerning the relief sought in the First Count and the Second Count and all headings and titles used in Third-Party Complaint "B".

AS TO PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

(Paragraphs 1 through 15)

2. 3M responds that the referenced pleadings speak for themselves. No response is required pursuant to CMO V.

AS TO THE THIRD PARTY PLAINTIFFS

(Paragraphs 16 through 18)

3. No response is required pursuant to CMO V.

AS TO THE THIRD PARTY DEFENDANTS

(Paragraphs 19 through 209)

- 4. As to the allegations of Paragraph 19, 3M admits only that it is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Sate of Delaware with a principal place of business located at 3M Center, St. Paul, Minnesota. Except as expressly admitted herein, the remaining allegations of Paragraph 19 are denied.
- 5. To the extent that the allegations in Paragraphs 20 through 209 relate to other parties, no response is required pursuant to CMO V.
- 6. The allegations in Paragraph 210 state a legal conclusion as to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the allegations in Paragraph 210 are denied.

AS TO DEFINITIONS

7. Paragraphs 211 through 236 contain definitions. No response is required pursuant to CMO V.

AS TO FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

(Paragraphs 237 through 3445)

8. In answering the allegations of Paragraphs 237 through 3086, the referenced pleadings speak for themselves. No response is required pursuant to CMO V, except to the extent noted below. Moreover, to the extent that the allegations in Paragraphs 237 to 3086 relate to other parties, no response is required pursuant to CMO V.

The Bayonne Barrel & Drum Site

(Paragraphs 3087 through 3110)

9. The referenced pleadings speak for themselves. No response is required pursuant to CMO V, except to the extent noted below. If a response is required, 3M is without knowledge

or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the matters alleged in Paragraphs 3087 through 3110 and therefore denies the same.

The Bayonne Barrel & Drum Site PRPs

- 10. In answering the allegations contained in Paragraph 3111, 3M is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the matters alleged in Paragraph 3111 and therefore denies the same.
- 11. In answering the allegations of Paragraph 3112, 3M admits only that the EPA entered an Administrative Order on Consent for Removal Action, Index No. II CERLCA-96-0106, which document speaks for itself. Except as expressly admitted herein, the remaining allegations of Paragraph 3112 are denied.
- 12. In answering the allegations of Paragraph 3113, 3M is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the matters alleged in Paragraph 3113 and therefore denies the same.
- 13. In answering the allegations of Paragraph 3114, 3M is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the matters alleged in Paragraph 3114 and therefore denies the same.
- 14. In answering the allegations of Paragraph 3115, 3M admits only that it was one of the signatories to a Site Participation Agreement entered into with EPA on or about July 1, 2003, which document speaks for itself. Except as expressly admitted herein, the remaining allegations of Paragraph 3115 are denied.
- 15. In answering the allegations of Paragraph 3116, 3M admits only that it was one of the signatories to an Administrative Order on Consent with the EPA dated on or about December

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- 22, 2003, which document speaks for itself. Except as expressly admitted herein, the remaining allegations of Paragraph 3116 are denied.
- 16. In answering the allegations of Paragraph 3117, 3M admits only that it is one of the signatories to an Agreement for Recovery of Past Response Costs with the EPA entered into on or about August 24, 2004, which document speaks for itself. Except as expressly admitted herein, the remaining allegations of Paragraph 3117 are denied.
- 17. In answering the allegations of Paragraph 3119, 3M that there have been "discharges" of "Hazardous Substances" from the Bayonne Barrel and Drum site to the Newark Bay Complex and/or that 3M has any liability, responsibility and/or obligation with respect to any alleged "discharges" or "Hazardous Substances", including, but not limited to, conducting remedial activity as alleged in Paragraph 3118. As to the remaining allegations of Paragraph 3118, 3M is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the matters alleged and therefore denies the same.
- 18. In answering the allegations of Paragraph 3119, 3M admits only that it was formerly known as Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company. Except as expressly admitted herein, the remaining allegations of Paragraph 3119 are denied.
- 19. In answering the allegations of Paragraph 3120, 3M admits only that it sent a letter to EPA dated November 14, 1995, which document speaks for itself. Except as expressly admitted herein, the remaining allegations of Paragraph 3120 are denied.
- 20. In answering the allegations of Paragraph 3121, 3M admits only that it was a signatory to the August 24, 2004 Agreement for Recovery of Past Response Costs, which document speaks for itself. Except as expressly admitted herein, the remaining allegations of Paragraph 3121 are denied.

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- 21. 3M denies the allegations of Paragraph 3122.
- 22. To the extent that the allegations in Paragraphs 3123 to 3287 relate to other parties, no response is required pursuant to CMO V.

Central Steel Drum Site

(Paragraphs 3288 through 3334)

23. The referenced pleadings speak for themselves. No response is required pursuant to CMO V, except to the extent noted below. If a response is required, 3M is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the matters alleged in Paragraphs 3288 through 3334 and therefore denies the same.

Central Steel Drum Site PRPs

- 24. In answering the allegations contained in Paragraph 3335 through 3342, 3M is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the matters alleged in said Paragraphs and therefore denies the same.
- 25. To the extent that the allegations in Paragraphs 3343 to 3388 relate to other parties, no response is required pursuant to CMO V.
- 26. In answering the allegations of Paragraph 3389, 3M admits only that it operated a facility in Bristol, Pennsylvania that manufactured tape, adhesives, coatings and sealants and a facility in Newark, New Jersey that until 1984 manufactured phenolic-based resins and cap lining products. Except as expressly admitted herein, the remaining allegations of Paragraph 3389 are denied.
- 27. In answering the allegations of Paragraph 3390, 3M admits only that on January 29, 1998 it submitted a response to the Information Request of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, which document speaks for itself. Except as expressly admitted herein, the

remaining allegations of Paragraph 3389 are denied, including the allegation that "the containers sent by 3M to Central Steel Drum Site contained Hazardous Substances and other compounds."

- 28. 3M denies the allegations of Paragraph 3391.
- 29. To the extent that the allegations in Paragraphs 3392 to 3445 relate to other parties, no response is required pursuant to CMO V.

AS TO FIRST COUNT

New Jersey Spill Compensation and Control Act, N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11.f.a.2(a)

- 30. As to Paragraph 3446, 3M incorporates by reference as if fully set forth herein its responses and denials as asserted in Paragraphs 1 through 29 herein.
- 31. The allegations contained in Paragraph 3447-3449 of the Third-Party Complaint constitute a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the allegations in Paragraph 3447-3449 are denied.
- 32. In answering the allegations contained in Paragraph 3450, 3M is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the matters alleged in Paragraph 3450 and therefore denies the same.
- 33. To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 3451 are directed at 3M, the same are denied. Otherwise, 3M is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the matters alleged in Paragraph 3451 and therefore denies the same.

AS TO SECOND COUNT

Statutory Contribution

34. As to Paragraph 3452, 3M incorporates by reference as if fully set forth herein its responses and denials as asserted in Paragraphs 1 through 33 herein.

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35. The allegations contained in Paragraph 3453 constitute a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the allegations of Paragraph 3453, including that 3M is liable to Third-Party Plaintiffs for contribution, are denied.

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

36. The Third-Party Complaint is barred in whole or in part as it fails to state a cause of action against Third-Party Defendant upon which relief can be granted.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

37. Third-Party Defendant is not a discharger or a person in any way responsible for a discharge under N.J.S.A. 58:10-23 et seq. ("Spill Act").

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

38. The claims of Third-Party Plaintiffs are barred in whole or in part by the statutory defenses to liability provided by the Spill Act and the Water Pollution Control Act, N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq. ("WPCA").

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

39. Third-Party Plaintiffs have no Spill Act claim against Third-Party Defendant because they have not cleaned up and/or removed a discharge of hazardous substances within the meaning of the Spill Act.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

40. Third-Party Plaintiffs have no right of contribution against Third-Party Defendant under the WPCA.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

41. Third-Party Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the entire controversy doctrine.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

42. To the extent the Third-Party Complaint purports to seek any relief under New Jersey's Environmental Rights Act, N.J.S.A. 2A:35A-1 et seq., in whole or in part, the pleading is barred because Third-Party Plaintiffs have failed to meet the procedural and/or substantive requirements entitling them to sue Third-Party Defendant under that statute.

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

43. Some or all of Third-Party Plaintiffs do not have standing to sue.

NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

44. Upon information and belief, Third-Party Plaintiffs are mere corporate shells who are periodically infused with cash or equivalent contributions by other corporate entities which money Third-Party Plaintiffs purport to use to address the environmental contamination at issue in this litigation. Consequently, the claims by Third-Party Plaintiffs are barred under the collateral source doctrine or its equitable equivalent.

TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

45. Third-Party Plaintiffs are not the real parties in interest for pursuit of the claims set forth in the Third-Party Complaint, nor are Third-Party Plaintiffs acting in the capacity of an executor, administrator, guardian of a person or property, trustee of an express trust, or a party with whom or in whose name a contract has been made for the benefit of another. Consequently, all claims are barred under <u>R.</u> 4:26-1 of the New Jersey Court Rules.

ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

46. Third-Party Plaintiffs are mere volunteers for remediation of the environmental contamination for which they claim contribution and/or other relief from Third-Party Defendant. Consequently, the claims in the Third-Party Complaint are barred, in whole or in part.

TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

47. The claims brought by Third-Party Plaintiffs reflect damages that are wholly speculative, conjectural, unreasonable, excessive and/or arbitrary and capricious.

THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

48. Third-Party Defendant cannot be held liable for or be required to pay Third-Party Plaintiffs' damages or other claims based on actions or inactions by Third-Party Defendant that arise out of conduct lawfully undertaken in compliance with permits or other approvals issued by relevant government agencies, including the State of New Jersey and/or the United States and/or in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, rules, orders, ordinances, directives and common law, and other requirements of all foreign, federal, state and local government entities ("applicable Environmental Laws").

FOURTEENTH THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

49. At common law, Third-Party Defendant held, and still holds, a usufructuary interest allowing it, along with all other citizens, the reasonable use of assets held for the benefit of the public by the State of New Jersey under the Public Trust Doctrine. Third-Party Defendant has at all relevant times acted in accordance with its rights of reasonable use of publicly held assets. As a matter of law, Third-Party Plaintiffs' claims are derivative of, and cannot be any greater than, the claims that the State of New Jersey has or would have against Third-Party Defendant directly. As a result, the claims set forth in the Third-Party Complaint are barred, in whole or in part.

FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

50. The State of New Jersey is legally barred from asserting direct claims against Third-Party Defendant for the damages sought in its Amended Complaint. Consequently, all

claims that are or may be derivative of the State of New Jersey's claims are barred as to the Third-Party Defendant as well, including the claims set forth in the Third-Party Complaint.

SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

51. The Third-Party Complaint is barred and/or is constitutionally impermissible to the extent that it seeks to impose retroactive liability for acts that were previously authorized or condoned by law including applicable Environmental Laws.

SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

52. Third-Party Plaintiffs' Complaint is barred to the extent that it seeks relief for damages incurred prior to the effective date of the Spill Act.

EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

53. At all relevant times, Third-Party Defendant complied with all applicable Environmental Laws, regulations, industry standards and ordinances, and otherwise conducted itself reasonably, prudently, in good faith, and with due care for the rights, safety and property of others.

NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

54. The claims asserted against Third-Party Defendant in the Third-Party Complaint are barred because at all relevant times Third-Party Defendant exercised due care with respect to hazardous substances, if any, that may have been handled at the subject property or properties, took precautions against foreseeable acts or omissions of others and the consequences that could reasonably result from such acts or omissions, and because any release or threat of release of any hazardous substances, if any, and any costs or damages resulting therefrom, were caused solely by the negligence, acts or omissions of third parties over whom Third-Party Defendant had no control, whether by, in whole or part, contract or otherwise, or any duty to control, including

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without limitation the State of New Jersey and its agencies and officials, and the United States and its agencies and officials.

TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

55. The claims set forth in the Third-Party Complaint are barred in whole or in part by the doctrine of preemption.

TWENTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

56. Third-Party Plaintiffs suffered no losses or injuries that were proximately caused by Third-Party Defendant.

TWENTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

57. Third-Party Plaintiffs' claims against Third-Party Defendant are barred, in whole or in part, by the applicable Statute of Limitations, Statute of Repose, and/or the equitable doctrines of laches and estoppel.

TWENTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

58. Third-Party Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part by the doctrines of accord and satisfaction, waiver, consent, estoppel, release and/or assumption of risk.

TWENTY-FOURTH THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

59. Third-Party Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrine of "coming to the nuisance."

TWENTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

60. Third-Party Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the "unclean hands" doctrine.

TWENTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

61. The claims for equitable contribution under the Spill Act in the Third-Party Complaint are barred because: (1) equity will not compel action that is impossible of

performance; (2) equity will not exceed the rights of parties existing at law; (3) equity will not consciously become an instrument of injustice; and/or (4) equity will not permit double satisfaction.

TWENTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

62. Third-Party Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrines of collateral estoppel, *res judicata*, and/or judicial estoppel including in connection with prior findings as to Third-Party Plaintiffs' intentional misconduct.

TWENTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

63. Third-Party Plaintiffs' claims are barred because the relief sought against Third-Party Defendant, were it claimed directly by Plaintiffs, would amount to unlawful taxation.

TWENTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

64. Third-Party Plaintiffs' claims against Third-Party Defendant are subject to setoff and recoupment and therefore must be reduced accordingly.

THIRTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

65. Third-Party Defendant did not own or operate a "Major Facility" as defined by the Spill Act or the WPCA.

THIRTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

66. Third-Party Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, by Third-Party Plaintiffs' failure to comply with the prerequisites to liability under the Spill Act including, without limitation to, Third-Party Plaintiffs' have not incurred costs authorized by the Spill Act and Third-Party Plaintiffs' have failed to direct cleanup and removal activities in accordance with the National Contingency Plan to the greatest extent possible.

THIRTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

67. Third-Party Plaintiffs' claims are barred because neither they nor Plaintiffs have incurred "costs of restoration and replacement ... of any natural resources damaged or destroyed by a discharge" under the Spill Act.

THIRTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

68. Third-Party Plaintiffs have failed to join necessary and indispensable parties needed for a just adjudication of the claims asserted in this action, in whose absence complete relief can not be afforded the existing parties pursuant to R. 4:28-1 of the New Jersey Court Rules. These necessary and indispensable parties include, without limitation, State of New Jersey agencies and instrumentalities, including without limitation the State trustees for tidelands, certain United States agencies and instrumentalities with liability under the Spill Act, and certain state and local governmental agencies located outside the boundaries of New Jersey, including the State of New York and its agencies and instrumentalities, all of whom are or may be separately liable for contamination allegedly located in the "Newark Bay Complex," as defined in Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint.

THIRTY-FOURTH THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

69. Third-Party Plaintiffs' claims are not ripe for adjudication, inter alia, because Third-Party Plaintiffs have a joint liability to the Plaintiffs and have not paid and will not pay more than their fair or equitable share of the liability.

THIRTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

70. Third-Party Defendant denies that Third-Party Plaintiffs have suffered any harm whatsoever, but in the event that they did suffer any form of injury or damage cognizable under applicable Environmental Law, such injury was caused by the intervening acts, omissions, or superseding acts of persons or entities over whom Third-Party Defendant exercised no control

and for whose conduct Third-Party Defendant was not responsible including, without limitation, unpermitted and storm event discharges from publically owned treatment works.

THIRTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

71. If Third-Party Plaintiffs sustained any injury or are entitled to any damages, such injury and damages were wholly, or in part, caused by Third-Party Plaintiffs' own acts or omissions, negligence, lack of due care and fault and/or that of Third-Party Plaintiffs' agents or employees. In the event that Third-Party Plaintiffs are found to have sustained any injury and are entitled to damages, Third-Party Plaintiffs' recovery against Third-Party Defendant, if any, must be reduced by the proportionate damages caused by the acts and conduct of Third-Party Plaintiffs and/or its agents or employees.

THIRTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

72. Although Third-Party Defendant denies that it is liable for the contamination described in Third-Party Plaintiffs' Complaint, in the event it is found liable, Third-Party Defendant is entitled to an offset against any such liability on its part for the equitable share of the liability of any person or entity not joined as a defendant in this action that would be liable to Third-Party Plaintiffs.

THIRTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

73. Under N.J.S.A. 2A:15-97, the amount of damages, if any, should be reduced by any amounts recovered from any other source.

THIRTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

74. Third-Party Plaintiffs' claims are barred to the extent that the conduct of Third-Party Defendants alleged to give rise to liability in the Third-Party Complaint is the subject of a release, covenant not to sue, or has otherwise been excused by Plaintiffs, including, without limitation, through issuance of a no further action letter, consent order, settlement agreement or

other applicable document, with or without inclusion of contribution protection, or through the Plaintiffs' allowance of any applicable Statute of Limitations or Statute of Repose to lapse.

FORTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

75. The disposal of waste, if any, which allegedly originated from Third-Party Defendant, was undertaken in accordance with the then state of the art, the then accepted industrial practice and technology, and the then prevailing legal requirements for which Third-Party Defendant cannot be found retroactively liable.

FORTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

76. Any discharge that allegedly originated from Third-Party Defendant, was investigated and remediated by a licensed professional and under the direct oversight of state and/or federal agencies with the then state of the art, the then accepted industrial practice and technology, and the then prevailing requirements for which Third-Party Defendant cannot be found retroactively liable.

FORTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

77. Third-Party Plaintiffs are not entitled to recover costs incurred for cleanup actions not undertaken in coordination or conjunction with federal agencies.

FORTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

78. The damages or other relief that Third-Party Plaintiffs seek, if awarded, would result in unjust enrichment to the Third-Party Plaintiffs.

FORTY-FOURTH THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

79. Third-Party Plaintiffs' claims are barred due to its own conduct in unilaterally, and without notice to Third-Party Defendant, implementing clean-up plan(s) or taking other actions that resulted in the commingling of formerly divisible areas of environmental harm.

FORTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

80. Third-Party Defendants' liability to Third-Party Plaintiffs, if any, is limited to Spill Act and contribution claims and excludes any such claims which may properly be apportioned to parties pursuant to *Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Co., et al. v. United States, et al.*, 556 U.S. ____; 129 S.Ct. 1870 (2009), and other comparable decisional law.

FORTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

81. Third-Party Plaintiffs cannot assert contribution claims against Third-Party Defendants because the discharges for which the Plaintiffs are seeking relief are different from Third-Party Defendants' alleged discharges.

FORTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

82. Third-Party Plaintiffs cannot seek contribution under the Joint Tortfeasors Contribution Law because Third-Party Defendant(s) are not liable for "the same injury" caused by Third-Party Plaintiffs' discharges and do not share a common liability to the State of New Jersey.

FORTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

83. Third-Party Plaintiffs' claims are barred to the extent they seek to hold Third-Party Defendant liable, in contribution, for any claims for which it would be a violation of public policy to hold Third-Party Defendant liable, including but not limited to punitive damages and penalties.

FORTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

84. Third-Party Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, because no actions or inactions by Third-Party Defendant have resulted in any permanent impairment or damage to a natural resource.

FIFTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

- 85. Third-Party Plaintiffs' claims for contribution, whether under the Spill Act or the New Jersey statutory provisions for contribution, are derivative of, and are therefore no greater than, Plaintiffs' claims against Third-Party Plaintiffs. Consequently, Third-Party Plaintiffs' claims against Third-Party Defendant are barred to the extent of any legal extinguishments of actual or potential claims by the Plaintiffs against Third-Party Defendant pertaining to the alleged environmental contamination (including natural resource damage) of any site(s) alleged by Third-Party Plaintiffs to be the subject of their contribution claims against Third-Party Defendant. Examples of legal extinguishments that are or may be applicable to Third-Party Defendant include, with respect to each such site:
 - A. Any release or covenant not to sue granted by Plaintiffs to Third-Party Defendant;
 - B. Any settlement or other compromise between Plaintiffs and Third-Party Defendant;
 - C. Any expiration of the statute of limitations or statute of repose governing Plaintiffs' right to maintain a claim against Third-Party Defendant;
 - D. Any failure to join a claim relating to the "Newark Bay Complex" (as defined in the Third-Party Complaint) in a prior litigation between Plaintiffs and Third-Party Defendant, which would result in relinquishment of such a claim by virtue of New Jersey's Entire Controversy Doctrine; and/or
 - E. Any issuance by Plaintiffs to Third-Party Defendant, directly or indirectly, of any "No Further Action" (a/k/a "NFA") determination, "Negative Declaration," or similar determination.

FIFTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

86. 51. Third-Party Plaintiffs' claims are barred because the relief sought against Third-Party Defendant, were it claimed directly by Plaintiffs, would amount to a "taking" of Third-Party Defendant's property in violation of its constitutional rights to due process and/or in violation of its rights under the Eminent Domain Act of 1971, N.J.S.A. 20:3-1 et seq.

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FIFTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

87. Third-Party Plaintiffs' claims are barred to the extent the relief sought by Third-Party Plaintiffs in the Complaint is at odds with Third-Party Defendant's responsibilities to conduct ongoing environmental cleanups under oversight of the Plaintiffs at any site(s) alleged by Third-Party Plaintiffs to be the subject of their contribution claims against Third-Party Defendant, thereby exposing Third-Party Defendant to inconsistent responsibilities, penalties and liabilities, and the possibility of paying twice for the same actions (i.e., double recovery).

FIFTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

88. To the extent Third-Party Defendant is acting or has acted to conduct environmental cleanup at any site(s) alleged by Third-Party Plaintiffs to be the subject of their contribution claims against Third-Party Defendant, the claims for equitable contribution under the Spill Act in the Third-Party Complaint are barred because equity will not compel action that is already being undertaken and/or is unnecessary.

FIFTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

89. Without admitting liability, Third-Party Defendant alleges that if it is found to have been engaged in any of the activities alleged in the Third-Party Complaint, such activities were *de minimis* and not the cause of any damages or other claims by Third-Party Plaintiffs.

FIFTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

90. Third-Party Defendant incorporates by reference any affirmative defense asserted by other parties in this action to the extent such affirmation defenses are defenses to Third-Party Plaintiffs' claims and do not impose liability on Third-Party Defendant.

FIFTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

91. Third-Party Defendant reserves the right to assert and hereby invoke each and every Environmental Law defenses that may be available during the course of this action.

COUNTER-CLAIMS, CROSS CLAIMS AND THIRD/FOURTH PARTY CLAIMS

92. No such claims are required to be asserted at this time and are expressly reserved pursuant to CMO V.

DESIGNATION OF TRIAL COUNSEL

In accordance with Rule 4:25-4 you are hereby notified that Donald J. Camerson, II, Esq. is assigned to try this case.

WHEREFORE, Third-Party Defendant 3M Company respectfully requests that the Court enter an Order dismissing the Third-Party Complaint "B" with prejudice, and awarding costs, attorney fees and any other relief the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorneys for Third-Party Defendant

-3M Company

Dated: November 20, 2009

Donald J. Camerson, II, Esq.

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO R. 4:5-1(b) (2)

Pursuant to R. 4:5-1(b)(2), the undersigned hereby certifies that:

(a) The matter in controversy is not the subject of any other action pending in

any court or of a pending arbitration proceeding and no action or

arbitration proceeding is contemplated by the undersigned; and

(b) Since it is the legal position of the undersigned that the potential liability,

if any, of a third party defendant for the claims set forth in the Third Party

Complaint is several, only, there are no non-parties which should be

joined in the action pursuant to R. 4:28; but that

(c) In the event the Court shall determine that the potential liability of a third

party defendant, if any, for the claims set forth in the Third Party

Complaint is in any respect joint and several (which is denied), then all or

some of the non-parties listed on the October 20, 2009 posting by

O'Melveny and Myers may constitute non-parties who should be joined in

the action pursuant to R. 4:28; and

(d) In either event, some or all of such non-parties are subject to joinder

pursuant to R.4:29-1(b) because of potential liability to any party on the

basis of the same transactional facts.

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Plaintiffs,

vs.

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

Defendants,

MAXUS ENERGY CORPORATION and TIERRA SOLUTIONS, INC.,

Third-Party Plaintiffs,

VS.

3M COMPANY,
A.C.C., INC.,
ACH FOOD COMPANIES, INC.,
ACTIVE OIL SERVICE,
ADCO CHEMICAL COMPANY,
AGC CHEMICALS AMERICAS, INC.,
ALDEN-LEEDS, INC.,
ALLIANCE CHEMICAL, INC.,
ALUMAX MILL PRODUCTS, INC.,
AMCOL REALTY CO.,
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Third-Party Defendants.

I, Kirstin K. O'Callaghan, Esq., hereby certify that 3M Company's Answer and Affirmative Defenses to Third-Party Complaint "B" and Civil Case Information Statement was served electronically on November 20, 2009 on all parties which have consented to service by posting on www.sfile.com/njdepvocc. The following counsel of record were served on November 20, 2009 by first class, regular mail:

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Dated: November 20, 2009