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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

**GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY'S
ANSWER 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,
GE 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,
FLINT 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 TECHNOLOGIES, 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.,

**GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY'S
ANSWER TO THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT "B"**

Third-Party Defendant General Electric Company ("GE"), 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. GE denies each and every allegation contained in Third Party Complaint "B" that is not otherwise herein addressed, 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. GE 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. To the extent that the allegations in Paragraphs 19 through 209 relate to other parties, no response is required pursuant to CMO V.

5. With respect to Paragraph 97 of Third-Party Complaint B, GE admits that it is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York with its principal place of business at 3135 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield, Connecticut.

6. The allegations in Paragraph 210, state a legal conclusion as to which no response is required. To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 210 are deemed to be factual allegations, they 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. The referenced pleadings speak for themselves. No response is required pursuant to CMO V, except to the extent noted below.

RCA SITE

9. GE admits that a 1972 Waste Effluent Survey describes a facility owned by the RCA Corporation, with a mailing address of 415 South 5th Street, Harrison, New Jersey. GE

denies the remainder of the allegations contained in paragraph 2477 of Third-Party Complaint B.

10. GE admits that the Edison Lamp Company moved its operations to Harrison in approximately 1882 and as of approximately 1907, a facility located at 415 South 5th Street in Harrison was owned by GE. GE admits that Edison General Electric Company was formed in approximately 1889. GE is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remainder of the allegations contained in paragraph 2478 of Third-Party Complaint B and accordingly, denies those allegations.

11. GE admits the allegations in paragraph 2479 of Third-Party Complaint B.

12. GE admits the allegations in paragraph 2480 of Third-Party Complaint B. GE alleges that it did own the Harrison, NJ facility from approximately 1930 through its sale in 1976.

13. With respect to paragraph 2481, upon information and belief RCA purchased property located in Harrison, New Jersey in approximately 1930 and subsequently produced radio and vacuum tubes in Harrison.

14. GE admits that raw materials used in the production of radio and vacuum tubes generally may include trichloroethylene, methanol, barium carbonate, nickel, copper, mica and glass. GE is without information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 2482 of Third-Party Complaint B, and on that basis they are denied.

15. GE denies the allegations in Paragraph 2483 of Third-Party Complaint B.

16. GE admits that part of the RCA Harrison facility was located within the Bergen CSO district. GE admits that the Bergen CSO is described in documents from 1976 by PVSC as being at the center of Bergen Street at its westerly end before the Passaic River. That

document speaks for itself and GE refers to it for its complete terms. GE denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 2484 of Third-Party Complaint B.

17. GE denies the allegations in Paragraph 2485 of Third-Party Complaint B.

18. GE admits the allegations in Paragraph 2486 of Third-Party Complaint B.

19. GE is without information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 2487 of Third-Party Complaint B, and on that basis they are denied.

20. GE admits that GE received a letter from the EPA dated September 11, 2006.

That document speaks for itself and GE refers to it for its complete terms. GE denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 2488 of Third-Party Complaint B.

21. The allegations in Paragraph 2489 of Third-Party Complaint B are conclusions of law and, therefore, no response is required. To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 2489 are deemed to be factual allegations, they are denied.

AS TO FIRST COUNT

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

22. GE incorporates by reference as if fully set forth herein its responses and denials as asserted in Paragraphs 1 through 24 herein.

23. GE is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the matters stated in Paragraphs 3447 through 3448, and therefore denies the same.

24. GE denies that it is liable to Third-Party Plaintiffs for contribution. GE is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the matters alleged in Paragraphs 3449 through 3451, and therefore denies the same.

AS TO SECOND COUNT

Statutory Contribution

25. GE incorporates by reference as if fully set forth herein its responses and denials as asserted in Paragraphs 1 through 24 herein.

26. GE denies that it is liable to Third-Party Plaintiffs for contribution. GE is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the matters in Paragraphs 3452 through 3453, and therefore denies the same.

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

GE 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

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

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

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Third-Party Complaint is barred, in whole or in part, because Third-Party Plaintiffs have failed to meet the procedural and/or substantive requirements entitling them to sue GE under New Jersey's Environmental Rights Act, *N.J.S.A. 2A:35A-1 et seq.*

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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

NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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

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 *R. 4:26-1* of the New Jersey Court Rules.

ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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

TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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

THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

GE cannot be held liable for or be required to pay Third-Party Plaintiffs' damages or other claims based on actions or inactions by GE 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

At common law, GE 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. GE 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 GE directly. As a result, the claims set forth in the Third-Party Complaint are barred, in whole or in part.

FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The State of New Jersey is legally barred from asserting direct claims against GE 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 GE as well, including the claims set forth in the Third-Party Complaint.

SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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

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

At all relevant times, GE 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

The claims asserted against GE in the Third-Party Complaint are barred because at all relevant times GE 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 GE had no control, whether by, in whole or part, contract

or otherwise, or any duty to control, including without limitation the State of New Jersey and its agencies and officials, and the United States and its agencies and officials.

TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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

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

TWENTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Third-Party Plaintiffs' claims against GE 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

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

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

TWENTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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

TWENTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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

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

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

TWENTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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

THIRTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

GE did not own or operate a "Major Facility" as defined by the Spill Act or the WPCA.

THIRTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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

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

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

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

GE 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 GE exercised no control and for whose conduct GE was not responsible including, without limitation, unpermitted and storm event discharges from publically owned treatment works.

THIRTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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 GE, 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

Although GE denies that it is liable for the contamination described in Third-Party Plaintiffs' Complaint, in the event it is found liable, GE 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

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

Third-Party Plaintiffs' claims are barred to the extent that the conduct of GE 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

The disposal of waste, if any, which allegedly originated from GE, 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 GE cannot be found retroactively liable.

FORTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Any discharge that allegedly originated from GE, 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 GE cannot be found retroactively liable.

FORTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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

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

Third-Party Plaintiffs' claims are barred due to its own conduct in unilaterally, and without notice to GE, 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

GE's 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

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

FORTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Third-Party Plaintiffs cannot seek contribution under the Joint Tortfeasors Contribution Law because GE(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

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

FORTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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

FIFTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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 GE are barred to the extent of any legal extinguishments of actual or potential claims by the Plaintiffs against GE 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 GE. Examples of legal extinguishments that are or may be applicable to GE include, with respect to each such site:

- A. Any release or covenant not to sue granted by Plaintiffs to GE;

- B. Any settlement or other compromise between Plaintiffs and GE;
- C. Any expiration of the statute of limitations or statute of repose governing Plaintiffs' right to maintain a claim against GE;
- 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 GE, 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 GE, directly or indirectly, of any "No Further Action" (a/k/a "NFA") determination, "Negative Declaration," or similar determination.

FIFTY FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Third-Party Plaintiffs' claims are barred because the relief sought against GE, were it claimed directly by Plaintiffs, would amount to a "taking" of GE'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.*

FIFTY SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Third-Party Plaintiffs' claims are barred to the extent the relief sought by Third-Party Plaintiffs in the Complaint is at odds with GE'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 GE, thereby exposing GE to inconsistent responsibilities, penalties and liabilities, and the possibility of paying twice for the same actions (*i.e.*, double recovery).

FIFTY THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

To the extent GE 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 GE, 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

Without admitting liability, GE 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

GE 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 GE.

FIFTY SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

GE 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

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 David J. McLean is assigned to try this case.

WHEREFORE, Third-Party Defendant General Electric 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.

Dated: July 26, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Rebecca K. Brown, hereby certify under penalty of perjury that:

1. I am an attorney-at-law in the State of New Jersey and am associated with the law firm of Latham & Watkins LLP, attorneys for Defendant General Electric Company.
2. I am a member in good standing of the bar of this Court.
3. On this date, an original and two correct copies of the Answer to Third-Party Complaint "B" of Maxus Energy Corporation and Tierra Solutions, Inc. and Case Information Statement were hand delivered by messenger for filing with the Clerk of Superior Court of New Jersey, 50 West Market Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102
4. On this date, a courtesy copy of the Answer to Third-Party Complaint "B" of Maxus Energy Corporation and Tierra Solutions, Inc. and Case Information Statement were hand delivered by messenger to the Honorable Sebastian P. Lombardi, J.S.C., 470 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Newark, New Jersey 07102.
5. On this date, a copy of the Answer to Third-Party Complaint "B" of Maxus Energy Corporation and Tierra Solutions, Inc. and Case Information Statement were served electronically on all parties who have consented to service by electronic posting on the following website, <http://njdepvocc.sfile.com>
6. On this date, a copy of the Answer to Third-Party Complaint "B" of Maxus Energy Corporation and Tierra Solutions, Inc. and Case Information Statement were served by regular mail, on counsel for all parties who have not consented to service by electronic posting.

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