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GORDON TERMINAL SERVICE CO. OF N.J., INC.

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, *ET*
AL.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL
CORPORATION, *ET AL.*,

Defendants,

MAXUS ENERGY CORPORATION and
TIERRA SOLUTIONS, INC.,

Third-Party Plaintiffs,

v.

3M COMPANY, *ET AL.*,

Third-Party Defendants.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
ESSEX COUNTY
LAW DIVISION
DOCKET NO. L-009868-05

Civil Action

ANSWER,
AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES,
DESIGNATION OF TRIAL COUNSEL,
AND R. 4:5-1 CERTIFICATION
ON BEHALF OF
GORDON TERMINAL SERVICE CO.
OF N.J., INC.

Third-Party Defendant, Gordon Terminal Service Co. of N.J., Inc. ("Gordon" or "Third-Party Defendant"), 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:

The paragraph numbers used herein respond to the paragraph numbers used in the Third-Party Complaint B.

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

(Paragraphs 1 through 15)

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

THE PARTIES

Third-Party Plaintiffs

(Paragraphs 16 through 18)

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

Third-Party Defendants

(Paragraphs 19 through 210)

To the extent that the allegations in Paragraphs 19 through 210 relate to other parties, no response is required pursuant to CMO V.

102. Gordon admits the allegations set forth in Paragraph 102 of the Third-Party Complaint B.

210. The allegations in paragraph 210 of the Third-Party Complaint B express a legal opinion the accuracy of which Gordon is not required to admit or deny herein. To the extent a response by Gordon is necessary, Gordon denies the allegations contained in paragraph 210 of the Third-Party Complaint B.

DEFINITIONS

(Paragraphs 211 through 236)

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

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

(Paragraphs 237 through 3445)

To the extent that the allegations in Paragraphs 237 through 3445 relate to other parties, no response is required pursuant to CMO V.

Gordon Terminal Service Company Site

1421. Gordon admits that the Gordon Terminal Service Co. of N.J., Inc. site (the "Gordon Terminal Service Site") consists of property at 2 Hook Road, also known as Foot Hook Road, Bayonne, Hudson County, N.J. Gordon is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remainder of the allegations in Paragraph 1421 of the Third-Party Complaint B regarding the alleged Block and Lot and, accordingly, denies those allegations leaving Third-Party Plaintiffs to their proofs.

1422. Gordon admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 1422 of the Third-Party Complaint B.

1423. Gordon denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 1423 of Third-Party Complaint B and clarifies those allegations as follows. Gordon admits that it provides contract terminalling, blending, packaging, and transporting services for oil producers. Gordon further admits that most of the operations conducted at the Gordon Terminal Service Site include the blending of ingredients into finished products such as marine fuels and lubricating oils. The lubricating oils and other finished products are either packaged on-site and shipped to customers via barge, rail car and/or truck, or are shipped in bulk via tank truck or rail car. Base stocks of oil are received by rail car,

truck, and ship and are stored in various above-ground storage tanks at the Gordon Terminal Service Site. These base stocks are mixed with various additives according to customer specifications and packaged in retail sale sized containers or sold in bulk. The Gordon Terminal Service Site also handles prepackaged hydraulic oils, soluble oils, cutting oils, and other industrial lubricants on a smaller scale. The Gordon Terminal Service Site features a storage capacity of over 1 million barrels.

1424. Gordon admits that various materials were utilized, handled, mixed, processed, and/or stored at the Gordon Terminal Service Site. Gordon is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remainder of the allegations in Paragraph 1424 of the Third-Party Complaint B and, accordingly, denies those allegations leaving Third-Party Plaintiffs to their proofs.

1425. Gordon denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 1425 of Third-Party Complaint B and clarifies those allegations as follows. Gordon admits that the Gordon Terminal Service Site has one (1) discharge outfall. Gordon further admits that this discharge outfall is connected to a network of below grade drains, pipes and at least two (2) oil water separators that treat only storm water. Storm water passes through this network

and is discharged to the Kill Van Kull. Gordon is without knowledge or information as to the average gallons per day of storm water that is treated and discharged by the Gordon Terminal Service Site as the gallons per day vary depending on rain. No process waste water is generated as a result of Gordon's on-site operations. Boiler runoff is a permitted discharge to surface water; and all sewage is handled through on-site septic tanks. Waste water generated in addressing the November 1987 fire at the Gordon Terminal Service Site went into an on-site holding tank and was subsequently shipped off-site for disposal.

1426. Gordon denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 1426 of Third-Party Complaint B and clarifies those allegations as follows. Gordon admits that lubricating oils and fuel oils are transferred to and from ships in the Kill Van Kull.

1427. Gordon denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 1427 of Third-Party Complaint B and clarifies those allegations as follows. Gordon admits that on May 25, 1984, approximately 4,000 gallons of 1,1,1-trichlorethane was discharged into a site containment area at the Gordon Terminal Service Site during the unloading of a ship. The material was recovered and subsequently sold.

1428. Gordon admits that there was a fire at the Gordon Terminal Service Site in November 1987, and that local, state and federal agency officials were at the Gordon Terminal Service Site during and following the fire to assist and evaluate various conditions at the Gordon Terminal Service Site including, but not limited to, environmental conditions caused by the fire. Gordon further admits that it addressed the environmental conditions at the Gordon Terminal Service Site resulting from the fire under the direction and oversight of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") and other agency officials. Gordon neither admits nor denies the factual recount of the fire and its impact on the Gordon Terminal Service Site as set forth in Paragraph 1428 of the Third-Party Complaint B as the incident was well documented by local, state and federal agency officials and the agencies' respective file documents, including the referenced March 9, 1988 Notice of Violation, speak for themselves.

1429. Gordon neither admits nor denies the allegations as set forth in Paragraph 1429 of the Third-Party Complaint B as Gordon's NJPDES permit and the referenced 1989 Administrative Order speak for themselves.

1430. Gordon admits that on or about September 3, 1987, 90 gallons of styrene monomer spilled at the Gordon Terminal

Service Site. Gordon further admits that the styrene monomer spill occurred on soil at the Gordon Terminal Service Site and that Gordon received a Notice of Violation on November 23, 1988. Gordon is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations in Paragraph 1430 of the Third-Party Complaint B and, accordingly, denies those allegations leaving Third-Party Plaintiffs to their proofs.

1431. Gordon neither admits nor denies the allegations as set forth in Paragraph 1431 of the Third-Party Complaint B as Gordon's discharge monitoring reports, NJPDES permit and the other referenced documents speak for themselves.

1432. Gordon admits that the allegations contained in Paragraph 1432 of the Third-Party Complaint B come from the alleged nexus documents that Third-Party Plaintiffs posted on February 5, 2010. Gordon is unable to verify the information contained in the alleged nexus documents and is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 1432 of the Third-Party Complaint B and, accordingly, denies those allegations leaving Third-Party Plaintiffs to their proofs.

1433. Gordon admits that the Gordon Terminal Service Site was environmentally impacted by certain materials as a result of historic operations at the site. Gordon further admits that it conducted investigations of the Gordon Terminal Service Site and remediated the Gordon Terminal Service Site under the direction and oversight of NJDEP. Gordon neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations as set forth in Paragraph 1433 of the Third-Party Complaint B with respect to the environmental condition at the Gordon Terminal Service Site as the environmental condition of the Gordon Terminal Service Site is well documented by local, state and federal agency officials and the agencies' respective file documents speak for themselves.

1434. Gordon admits that the Gordon Terminal Service Site was environmentally impacted by certain materials as a result of historic operations at the site. Gordon further admits that it conducted investigations of the Gordon Terminal Service Site and remediated the Gordon Terminal Service Site under the direction and oversight of NJDEP. Gordon neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations as set forth in Paragraph 1434 of the Third-Party Complaint B with respect to the environmental condition at the Gordon Terminal Service Site as the environmental condition of the Gordon Terminal Service Site is well documented by local,

state and federal agency officials and the agencies' respective file documents speak for themselves.

1435. Gordon admits that the Gordon Terminal Service Site was environmentally impacted by certain materials as a result of historic operations at the site. Gordon further admits that it conducted investigations of the Gordon Terminal Service Site and remediated the Gordon Terminal Service Site under the direction and oversight of NJDEP. Gordon neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations as set forth in Paragraph 1435 of the Third-Party Complaint B with respect to the environmental condition at the Gordon Terminal Service Site as the environmental condition of the Gordon Terminal Service Site is well documented by local, state and federal agency officials and the agencies' respective file documents speak for themselves.

1436. Gordon denies the allegations in Paragraph 1436 of the Third-Party Complaint B.

FIRST COUNT

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

3446. Gordon repeats and makes a part hereof its responses to the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth at length herein.

3447. The allegations in paragraph 3447 of the Third-Party Complaint B express a legal opinion the accuracy of which Gordon is not required to admit or deny herein. To the extent a response is required Gordon denies the allegations that pertain to it in paragraph 3447 of the Third-Party Complaint B. Gordon is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 3447 pertaining to the other Third-Party Defendants.

3448. The allegations in paragraph 3448 of the Third-Party Complaint B express a legal opinion the accuracy of which Gordon is not required to admit or deny herein. To the extent a response is required, Gordon submits that the New Jersey Spill Compensation and Control Act (the "Spill Act"), N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11.f.a.(2)(a) speaks for itself.

3449. Gordon denies that Maxus and Tierra are entitled to contribution from Gordon to recover a proportionate share of any cleanup and removal costs or damages, if any, for which Maxus or Tierra may be found liable under the Spill Act in this lawsuit. Gordon is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 3449 pertaining to the other Third-Party Defendants.

3450. The allegations in paragraph 3450 of the Third-Party Complaint B express a legal opinion the accuracy of which Gordon is not required to admit or deny herein. To the extent a response is required, Gordon is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 3450 and, accordingly, denies those allegations.

3451. Gordon denies that Maxus and Tierra are entitled to contribution from Gordon to recover a proportionate share of any cleanup and removal costs that Maxus or Tierra have incurred and will incur in the future. Gordon is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 3451 pertaining to the other Third-Party Defendants.

WHEREFORE, Gordon demands dismissal of the Third-Party Complaint "B" with prejudice, costs of litigation, attorney's fees, and for such other costs as the Court deems just.

SECOND COUNT
(Statutory Contribution)

3452. Gordon repeats and makes a part hereof its responses to the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth at length herein.

3453. Gordon denies that Maxus and Tierra are entitled to contribution from Gordon, pursuant to the New Jersey statutory provisions for contribution (including N.J.S.A. 2A:53A-1 et seq.), for all or a proportionate share of response costs, cleanup and removal costs, damages, or other loss or harm, if any, for which Maxus or Tierra may be held liable, or which they have incurred or will incur in the future, relating to the Newark Bay Complex. Gordon is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 3453 pertaining to the other Third-Party Defendants.

WHEREFORE, Gordon demands dismissal of the Third-Party Complaint "B" with prejudice, costs of litigation, attorney's fees, and for such other costs as the Court deems just.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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

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

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 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

Third-Party Plaintiffs have no right of contribution against Third-Party Defendant 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

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

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 Third-Party Defendant. 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

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 AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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

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

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, 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

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 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 Third-Party Defendant.

TWENTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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

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 Third-Party Defendant, were it claimed directly by Plaintiffs, would amount to unlawful taxation.

TWENTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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

THIRTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Third-Party Defendant 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 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

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 publicly 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 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

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

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 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

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

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

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 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

Third-Party Defendant'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 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

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

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

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

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:

Any release or covenant not to sue granted by Plaintiffs to Third-Party Defendant;

Any settlement or other compromise between Plaintiffs and Third-Party Defendant;

Any expiration of the statute of limitations or statute of repose governing Plaintiffs' right to maintain a claim against Third-Party Defendant;

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

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

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.

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 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

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-FORTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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

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


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

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

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By:



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DATED: April 5, 2010

DESIGNATION OF TRIAL COUNSEL

William S. Hatfield, Esq. and Camille V. Otero, Esq. are hereby designated by Gordon Terminal Service Co. of N.J., Inc. as trial counsel.

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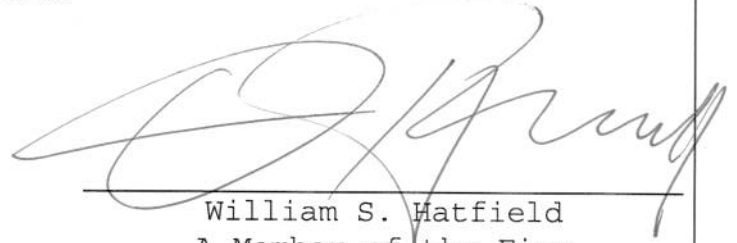
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CERTIFICATION

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) Because 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 7, 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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William S. Hatfield
A Member of the Firm

DATED: April 5, 2010

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this date a copy of the within Answer, Affirmative Defenses, R. 4:5-1 Certification and Designation of Trial Counsel of Gordon Terminal Service Co. of N.J., Inc., was served upon all counsel of record as set forth on the attached service list by timely posting the above-referenced pleadings on the Electronic Case Management Platform NJDEP, *et al.* v. OCC, *et al.*; Docket No. ESX-L-9868-05 (PASR) website, or by U.S. mail to those counsel of record who have not consented to electronic service.



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DATED: April 5, 2010

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