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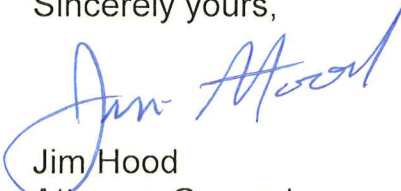
Dear Mr. Israel:

Pursuant to Paragraph 13 of the enclosed Framework for Early Restoration Addressing Injuries Resulting from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill ("the Framework"), I write to provide the following concurrence. After consultation with me or my designee, Project Stipulations (as defined in the Framework) signed by Trudy Fisher, Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, acting within her capacity as the Natural Resource Trustee for the State of Mississippi under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, are effective and binding on the State of Mississippi, to the extent not limited by the constitutional authority of the Attorney General of the State of Mississippi.

The Attorney General for the State of Mississippi is the chief legal officer and advisor for the State, and is vested by the Mississippi Constitution with the authority to control and manage all litigation on behalf of the State. Therefore, any provision in the Framework or in any Project Stipulation contrary to this constitutional authority is not binding on the State of Mississippi absent my express agreement.

Specifically, the language in the Framework indicating that associated documents will be filed "for informational purposes only" with the Deepwater Horizon Multi-District Litigation Court ("the MDL") does not constitute a binding agreement by the State of Mississippi to jurisdiction of the MDL over any issue or claim. The plain language of the Framework makes clear that the referenced filings are solely for "informational purposes." Moreover, any purported waiver or acceptance of the MDL's jurisdiction would fall within the Attorney General's exclusive authority.

Sincerely yours,



Jim Hood
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