# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

In re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig \* MDL NO. 2179

"Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of \*

Mexico, on April 20, 2010 \* SECTION J

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This document relates to: \* HONORABLE CARL J. BARBIER

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Civil Action Nos. 12-968 and 12-970 \* MAGISTRATE JUDGE

\* SHUSHAN

### **ORDER**

## [Directing Claims Administrator to Send Letters Regarding Requests To Revoke Exclusion (Opt-Out) Requests]

#### IT IS ORDERED that:

In its November 16, 2012 Order Extending Deadlines for Revocation of Exclusion (Opt Out) Requests for the *Deepwater Horizon* Economic and Property Damages Settlement Agreement and the *Deepwater Horizon* Medical Benefits Class Action Settlement Agreement (Rec. Doc. 7928), this Court extended the deadline by which potential class members who had requested exclusion could elect to revoke such exclusion requests. For the Economic and Property Damages Settlement, the Court extended the revocation deadline to December 15, 2012. While that deadline has passed, the Economic and Property Damages Settlement Agreement provides that revocation requests may be accepted after the deadline at the "sole and unilateral discretion" of the BP Parties or by order of the Court upon a showing of good cause.

In order to provide further notice of the opportunity to request revocation at BP's discretion, the Court hereby directs the Claims Administrator for the Economic and Property Damages Settlement Agreement to send the letter and form attached as Exhibit A to potential class members who have timely and properly requested exclusion from the Economic and Property Damages Settlement Class. Such potential class members may complete, sign, and

return the form included in Exhibit A to the Economic and Property Damages Settlement Claims

Administrator to request BP's consent to revoke his, her, or its opt out request.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 15th day of January, 2013.

CARL J. BARBIER

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

[OPT OUT NAME]
[ADDRESS LINE 1]
[ADDRESS LINE 2]
[ADDRESS LINE 3]
[CITY], [STATE] [ZIP]

[DATE]

Re: Procedure for Requesting Revocation of Opt Out Request

Dear [GREETING]:

The deadline to revoke requests for exclusion ("opt out requests") from the Economic & Property Damages Settlement Class was December 15, 2012. The Settlement Agreement, however, gives BP the discretion to accept revocations after the deadline. It also permits the Court to order acceptance of a revocation if there is good cause. We received a request to exclude you from the Settlement Class. If you still wish to be excluded from the Settlement Class, no action is required, and you may disregard this letter.

If you would like to revoke your opt out request, you may request BP's consent by completing the enclosed revocation request form and returning it to the following address:

Deepwater Horizon Court-Supervised Settlement Program Exclusions Department P.O. Box 222 Hammond, LA 70404-0222.

Your revocation request must be personally signed by you, not your attorney. Your request will be forwarded to BP, and you will receive a response in writing as to whether BP agrees to accept your request.

You must revoke your opt out request to make any claims in the Settlement Program. You also must submit the appropriate Claim Forms to the Claims Administrator. The deadline to file claims in the Seafood Compensation Program is **January 22, 2013**, so if you wish to make any Seafood Compensation claims, you must submit your Seafood Compensation Claim Forms no later than January 22, 2013. Do **not** wait to receive a response to your revocation request before filing a claim. Unless agreed otherwise, all other claims must be filed by the later of (a) April 22, 2014, or (b) six months after the Effective Date of the Agreement, which has yet to be determined.

Revoking your opt out request does not automatically mean that you are a member of the Economic & Property Damages Settlement Class or are eligible for benefits under the Settlement. These determinations are made under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, which is available at www.deepwaterhorizoneconomicsettlement.com.

If you are represented by an attorney, you should consult your attorney about the decision to remain excluded from the Settlement Class or to submit an opt out revocation request. If you are not represented, and

have questions about this letter, you may call the Claims Administrator at 1-866-992-6174.

Sincerely,

Deepwater Horizon Claims Center Economic & Property Damages

cc: [COUNSEL FOR OPT OUT, IF ANY]

#### **OPT-OUT REVOCATION REQUEST**

NAME OF POTENTIAL CLASS MEMBER:		
ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:
PHONE:		
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER/EIN:		
GCCF ID (Optional):		
DWH SETTLEMENT PROGRAM CLAIM NUMB	BER (Optional):	
ATTORNEY (Optional):		
I wish to revoke my request to opt out of By revoking my opt out request, I hereby objections that I may have to the Econom	withdraw and waive any	y and all current and future
Printed Name	Signature	
 Date		