UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 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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Applies to: * JUDGE BARBIER

All Cases *

* MAGISTRATE SHUSHAN

ORDER

[Clarifying the Court's (First Amended) Order of March 8, 2012, Creating the Transition Process (Rec. Doc. 5995)]

Although it should not be necessary to state the obvious, in order to eliminate any confusion about the effect of the Court's (First Amended) Transition Order with respect to "Bundle A" Personal Injury and/or Wrongful Death cases, nothing in the Court's Order of March 8, 2012 [Doc 5995] shall prevent any defendant from settling a "Bundle A" personal injury and/or wrongful death case. In fact, the Court has from the outset encouraged such settlement negotiations, and Magistrate Judge Shushan has successfully mediated a number of these claims and stands ready to continue to assist in such mediations.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 14th day of March, 2012.

United States District Judge