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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

MDL NO. 2179

IN RE: OIL SPILL by the OIL RIG

"DEEPWATER HORIZON" in the

GULF OF MEXICO, on

APRIL 20, 2010 : SECTION: J

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: JUDGE BARBIER

MAG. JUDGE SHUSHAN

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2012 9:14 A.M. JUDGE CARL J. BARBIER PRESIDING

STATUS CONFERENCE

The matters below were discussed:

The Court briefly discussed recently-issued Orders.

BP Counsel Andy Langan reported on the status of recent conditional transfer orders and the number of active cases within the MDL.

BP Counsel Andy Langan reported on the status of cases before various state courts.

BP Counsel Andy Langan reported on the status of MDL 2185 before Judge Ellison in the Southern District of Texas.

BP Counsel Andy Langan provided an update on the continued progress of written and deposition discovery. Phase I discovery is closed. Phase II discovery is

underway and scheduled to be completed by May 3, 2013.

BP Counsel Andy Langan reported on the status of the Insurance Coverage Cases.

Plaintiffs' Counsel Steve Herman reported on the status of the Deepwater Horizon Settlement Claims Program, which began operation on June 4, 2012. As of October 24, the settlement program has issued transition payments and new payment award determinations totaling approximately \$1.1 Billion, including \$400,000,000.00 (approx.) and payable notices under the settlement totaling \$740,000,000.00 (approx.). The Court reported that the Guardians ad Litem for the economic and medical settlements have found the settlements to be fair with respect to class members who are minors, lack capacity or are incompetent, and recommended final approval. (Rec. Docs. 7536, 7587).

The Court reported on the following dates:

- 1. The current deadline for class members to request to be excluded (opt out) from the settlements is <u>Thursday</u>, <u>November 1, 2012</u>. Several parties have requested an extension of this deadline. The Court will NOT extend this deadline. The Court reminded counsel of their ethical obligation to advise clients on an individual basis as to whether they should opt out or remain in the settlement.
- 2. The date of the Final Fairness Hearing for the Settlements is <u>Thursday</u>, <u>November 8, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.</u>, and will occur in Judge Lemelle's En Banc Courtroom, C-501
- 3. The Phase I Trial was previously scheduled to begin on Monday, Jan. 14, 2013. Because of difficulties with hotel reservations in the City during the weeks leading up to and including the Super Bowl and Mardi Gras, the Court RESCHEDULED the start of the Phase I Trial for Monday, February 25, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.
- 4. The Court CANCELLED the Status Conference on November 16, 2012.
- 5. The Final Pretrial Conference was previously scheduled for Tuesday, December 18, 2012. The Court RESCHEDULED the Final Pretrial Conference for <u>Friday</u>, <u>January 18, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.</u>
- 6. The Court SCHEDULED a Status Conference for <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 18, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.</u>

The Court thanked counsel for their continued cooperation, both with each other and the Court.

The Status Conference ended at 9:50 a.m.

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