## 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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## NOTICE

Because of the complex nature of MDL 2179, notably the numerous and varied defendants and issues, the Court has determined that appointment of a special master is warranted. Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 53 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court hereby provides notice to the parties of its intention to appoint a special master. The Court intends to appoint Francis E. McGovern, Professor of Law, Duke University School of Law, as special master given his extensive experience in these matters. Parties may electronically file a response to this Notice by Friday, October 1, 2010.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this <u>24th</u> day of <u>September</u>, 2010.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE