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Honorable William M. Skretny, Chief Judge
U.S. District Court for the
Western District of New York
U.S. Courthouse
2 Niagara Square
Buffalo, N.Y. 14202

Honorable Hugh B. Scott, Magistrate Judge
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Re: Bruce Sayles v. Pacific Engineers & Constructors, Ltd, et al.
08 CV 0676 (WMS) (HBS)
Mediator: Douglas Coppola

Dear Judge Skretny and Judge Scott:

I represented the three Bechtel defendants in this matter, which has now been settled. I am writing to advise you of the extraordinary efforts of the Mediator, Douglas Coppola, who worked diligently for over a year to guide the parties to a settlement between the plaintiff and the six defendants. We first met with Mr. Coppola for a mediation in March 2012 and the case finally settled over a year later. This case involved complex jurisdiction, liability and damage issues, involving both domestic corporations and foreign corporations, located in Taiwan.

This settlement was achieved because of Mr. Coppola's persistence and his ability to deal with all counsel in a patient but productive manner. Even after we thought that mediation efforts had failed, he maintained contact with the parties in an effort which proved successful. In addition, he made himself available at all times, including when he was traveling on vacation. I know that all the counsel involved greatly appreciated his efforts and appreciated that this case would not have settled but for those efforts.

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I have been litigating cases for over 35 years in both New York and throughout the United States. Without a doubt, Mr. Coppola is one of the most talented mediators I ever have had the pleasure to work with and I strongly recommend him to the Court for future cases.

Respectfully,



Mark S. Landman

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cc: Douglas Coppola, Esq.