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The Honorable Hugh B. Scott, Magistrate Judge
United States District Court for the
Western District of New York
U.S. Courthouse Building
Two Niagra Square
Buffalo, NY 14202

Re: Araujo, Fernando v. Olin Corp, et al
Date of Accident: October 21, 2008

Dear Judge Scott:

Thank you for your patience regarding requests for adjournments of oral argument on the motions in the above named case. I must inform you that during the time you granted these adjournments the mediator, Mr. Douglas Coppola worked tirelessly behind the scenes to get this matter resolved. Settlement would not have been possible without his most diligent efforts. The original mediation was conducted December 11, 2011 and it was only through his constant perseverance during the next three months that the parties resolved the matter. He kept the attorneys and parties talking even when there was escalating litigation resulting in additional motions to add claims for indemnification, to file amicus briefs, etc.

The settlement was achieved because of the combination of Mr. Coppola's suggestion to put off argument on these motions pending continued discussions and your patience in allowing us to do that while he continually made all parties reassess their positions under his guidance. Mr. Coppola kept everyone engaged and moving towards resolution even at times when only he saw the potential for success. This was a very difficult mediation process for everyone and Mr. Coppola pushed the right buttons at the right time with the right parties which finally culminated in settlement.

Thank you for your allowing him to achieve this result without burdening the Court with deciding these motions. I believe you should be aware of his contribution to this process.

Respectfully,


Philip Russotti

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cc: Douglas S. Coppola, Esq.