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Alyeska Consent Decree

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF ALASKA

In re:

the EXXON VALDEZ

No. A89-095 Civil
(Consolidated)

Re: Case No. A92-175 Civil

AGREEMENT AND
CONSENT DECREE

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

EXXON CORPORATION, EXXON SHIPPING
COMPANY, EXXON PIPELINE COMPANY,
ALYESKA PIPELINE SERVICE
COMPANY, AMERADA HESS PIPELINE
CORPORATION, ARCO PIPE LINE COMPANY,
MOBIL ALASKA PIPELINE COMPANY,
PHILLIPS ALASKA PIPELINE CORPORATION,
BP ALASKA PIPELINES, INC., and
UNOCAL ALASKA PIPELINE
COMPANY, in personam, and the
T/V EXXON VALDEZ, in rem,

Defendants.

Case No. A91-082 CIV

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This Agreement and Consent Decree (this "Agreement") is made and entered into by the State of Alaska (the "State") and the United States of America (the "United States") (collectively referred to as the "Governments"), on the one hand, and Alyeska Pipeline Service Company ("Alyeska"), Amerada Hess Pipeline Corporation, ARCO Transportation Alaska, Inc., formerly known as ARCO Pipe Line Company, BP Pipelines (Alaska), Inc., Exxon Pipeline Company, Mobil Alaska Pipeline Company, Phillips Alaska Pipeline Corporation, and Unocal Pipeline Company (collectively, except for Alyeska, referred to as the "Alyeska Owner Companies"), on the other hand.

Introduction

Late in the evening of March 23 or early in the morning of March 24, 1989, the T/V EXXON VALDEZ, owned by Exxon Shipping

2Company, went aground on Bligh Reef in Prince William Sound, Alaska. As a result of the grounding, several of the vessel's cargo tanks ruptured and approximately 11 million gallons of crude oil owned by Exxon Corporation spilled into Prince William Sound (hereinafter as further defined in Paragraph 6(g), the "Oil Spill").

Alyeska responded to the Oil Spill pursuant to its 1987 Contingency Plan. Prior to the Oil Spill, Alyeska's 1987 Contingency Plan had been submitted to and approved by the State as being in compliance at the time of approval with all applicable statutes and regulations, including without limitation AS 46.04, and the Right-Of-Way Lease for Trans-Alaska Pipeline with the State, including all Stipulations thereto. In addition, prior to the Oil Spill, Alyeska's 1987 Contingency Plan had been submitted to and approved by the United States as being in compliance at the time of approval with all applicable federal statutes and regulations, including without limitation 43 U.S.C. §§ 1651 et seq., and the Grant and Agreement of Right-of-Way for Trans-Alaska Pipeline with the United States, including the Stipulations thereto.

In August 1989, the State filed an action in the Superior Court for the State of Alaska, Third Judicial District, identified as State of Alaska v. Exxon Corporation, et al., Civil No. 3AN-89-6852, against, inter alia, Alyeska and the Alyeska Owner Companies, asserting claims arising from the Oil Spill. Alyeska and the Alyeska Owner Companies asserted counterclaims

against the State in that action. Exxon Pipeline Company subsequently stipulated to the dismissal with prejudice of its counterclaim. In February 1992, that action was removed to the United States District Court for the District of Alaska, and in August 1992, the State's motion to remand was denied except with regard to the remaining counterclaim filed against the State, which was remanded to the Superior Court. Thus, with the exception of the counterclaim filed against the State (hereinafter the "Alyeska Counterclaim"), the action now is pending in the United States District Court for the District of Alaska, where it has been assigned Case No. A92-175 CIV (hereinafter the "State Action").

On March 13, 1991, the United States filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the District of Alaska against, inter alia, Alyeska and the Alyeska Owner Companies, asserting civil claims relating to or arising from the Oil Spill (hereinafter the "U.S. Action"). Exxon Pipeline Company asserted counterclaims against the United States in its response to the United States' complaint in the U.S. Action. The counterclaim of Exxon Pipeline Company was dismissed with prejudice on January 15, 1992. The U.S. Action remains pending against Alyeska and the Alyeska Owner Companies.

The parties to this Agreement recognize and acknowledge (1) that the payments called for in this Agreement are compensatory and remedial in nature and do not include any payment for or in consideration of claims for punitive damages, the Governments

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having concluded, based on consideration of their claims, that an award to the Governments of punitive damages would not be sought, (2) that the payments are made to the Governments in response to their pending civil claims for compensatory damages and other civil relief against Alyeska and the Alyeska Owner Companies arising from the Oil Spill, (3) that the monies paid by Alyeska pursuant to this Agreement are to compensate the State for damages suffered as the result of the Oil Spill, and (4) that the projects to be funded with these monies are not undertaken to fulfill requirements of state law.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree and stipulate, and it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED, as follows:

Jurisdiction

1. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the claims set forth in the State Action and the U.S. Action and over the parties to this Agreement pursuant to, among other authorities, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1333 and 1345. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the State of Alaska, which solely for the purposes of this Agreement, waives all objections and defenses that it may have to the jurisdiction of this Court, including all objections and defenses to the jurisdiction of this Court it may have asserted previously.

Parties

2. "United States" means the United States of America, in all its capacities, including as public trustee and parens patriae, and including all departments, divisions, independent

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boards, administrations, natural resource trustees, and agencies of the federal government.

3. "State" means the State of Alaska, in all its capacities, including as public trustee and parens patriae, and including all departments, divisions, independent boards, administrations, natural resource trustees, and agencies of the state government.

4. "Alyeska" means Alyeska Pipeline Service Company.

5. "Alyeska Owner Companies" means Amerada Hess Pipeline Corporation, ARCO Transportation Alaska, Inc., formerly known as ARCO Pipe Line Company, BP Pipelines (Alaska), Inc., Exxon Pipeline Company, Mobil Alaska Pipeline Company, Phillips Alaska Pipeline Corporation, and Unocal Pipeline Company.

Definitions

6. Whenever the following capitalized terms are used in this Agreement, they shall have the following meanings:

(a) "TAPL Fund" means the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Liability Fund, a federally chartered corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Alaska.

(b) "Joint Trust Fund" means the trust fund established by the Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree between the State and the United States entered in August 1991 in United States of America v. State of Alaska, Civil Action No. A91-081 CIV.

(c) "Natural Resources" means land, fish, wildlife, biota, air, water, ground water, drinking water supplies, and

other such resources belonging to, managed by, held in trust by, appertaining to, or otherwise controlled by the United States (including the resources of the fishery conservation zone established by the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1801 et seq.), the State, or both the United States and the State.

(d) "Natural Resource Damages" means compensatory and remedial relief recoverable by the Governments in their capacity as trustees of Natural Resources on behalf of the public for injury to, destruction of, or loss of any and all Natural Resources resulting from the Oil Spill, whether under the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251, et seq., the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act, 43 U.S.C. §§ 1651, et seq., or any federal or state statute or maritime or common law relating to the environment, including (1) costs of damage assessment, (2) compensation for loss, injury, impairment, damage or destruction of Natural Resources, whether temporary or permanent, or for loss of use value, non-use value, option value, amenity value, bequest value, existence value, consumer surplus, economic rent, or any similar value of Natural Resources, and (3) costs of restoration, rehabilitation or replacement of injured Natural Resources or the acquisition of equivalent resources.

(e) "Party" or "Parties" means Alyeska, the Alyeska Owner Companies and each of them, the United States, and the State, or any of them.

(f) "Exxon Consent Decree" means the Agreement and Consent Decree entered in State of Alaska v. Exxon Corporation, et al., Case No. A91-083 CIV, and in United States of America v. Exxon Corporation, et al., Case No. A91-082 CIV, and approved by this Court on October 8, 1991.

(g) "Oil Spill" means the occurrence described in the first paragraph of the Introduction above, and all consequences caused by or arising from that occurrence, including, without limitation, response, cleanup, damage assessment and restoration activities.

(h) "Effective Date" shall mean the earliest date on which all Parties have signed this Agreement.

(i) "Final Approval" shall mean the earliest date on which all of the following have occurred: (1) the Court has approved and entered this Agreement as a judgment, without modification materially adverse to any Party prior to or at the time of approval; and (2) the time for appeal from that judgment has expired without the filing of an appeal, or the judgment has been upheld on appeal and either the time for further appeal has expired without the filing of a further appeal or no further appeal is allowed.

(j) "Funding Date" means the later of (1) 10 days after Final Approval, or (2) 10 days after the receipt by Alyeska of both (i) written instructions as to payment consistent with Paragraphs 11 - 14 of this Agreement signed jointly by the Attorney General of the State of Alaska and the Assistant

Attorney General, Civil Division, of the United States Department of Justice, and (ii) written certification by the Attorney General of the State of Alaska of the establishment of a separate expendable trust fund within the State's Treasury ("Alyeska Settlement Fund") to receive and hold those settlement proceeds designated by Paragraphs 11 and 12 of this Agreement to be paid into this separate fund pending disbursement pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

Effect of Entry of Decree

7. Upon approval and entry of this Agreement by this Court, this Agreement and Consent Decree constitutes a final judgment between the Governments, on the one hand, and Alyeska and the Alyeska Owner Companies, on the other hand, in accordance with its terms.

Description of Projects and Establishment of Separate Fund

8. The State shall establish the Alyeska Settlement Fund for the purpose of receiving, holding and disbursing certain of the settlement proceeds to be paid hereunder. The monies shall be deposited into the Alyeska Settlement Fund pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and shall be disbursed solely for the following purposes and subject to the following allocations:

(a) \$14,500,000 for the construction of response storage facilities and docks at Tatitlek and Chenega and the pre-positioning of oil spill response equipment at both locations, as described in more detail in Appendix A hereto;

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(b) \$6,000,000 for the construction of a road from Cordova to Shepard Point and, when appropriate, for work related to the construction of a response storage facility and the pre-positioning of oil spill response equipment at that location, as described in more detail in Appendix B hereto;

(c) \$7,500,000 for the acquisition of land to be included in and made a part of the Kachemak Bay State Park, as described in more detail in Appendix C hereto; and

(d) \$200,000 for the acquisition and installation by the State of communications equipment to be owned by the State, and to be used by the United States Coast Guard and the State and to be installed at the Valdez Emergency Operations Center ("VEOC") when it is constructed, with \$120,000 of the \$200,000 allocated for equipment to be selected and used by the United States Coast Guard and \$80,000 of the \$200,000 allocated for equipment to be selected and used by the State, as described in more detail in Appendix D hereto.

9. (a) The projects described in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of the preceding paragraph ("response projects") are intended to enhance the capability to respond in the event of future oil spills or other catastrophic events in Prince William Sound, as is the project described in subparagraph (d) of the preceding paragraph.

(b) The allocations of settlement proceeds to the response projects as described in the preceding paragraph are based on good faith estimates and are preliminary only. If the

actual costs of a specific response project are less than the allocated sum, together with interest, if any, earned on the allocated sum after monies are received by the State, the excess funds may be used to pay for any of the other response projects whose actual cost may exceed the initial estimate. If the actual costs of the response projects are less than the combined allocation of \$20,500,000, then the excess funds will be paid into the Joint Trust Fund.

(c) The response projects will require further detailed planning and are subject to various land acquisition issues and state and federal permitting requirements that have yet to be resolved. Subject to an appropriation by the Alaska State Legislature, the State will make a good faith effort to design, construct and complete the response projects. If the Attorney General of the State of Alaska determines that either of the response projects is impossible or impracticable for any reason, including the fact that the revised estimated cost would exceed the allocation (and other identified sources of funding, if any) or that the State is unable to obtain appropriate permits or acquire appropriate sites, the funds allocated for that particular response project will be treated as excess funds under subparagraph (b) above. If either of the response projects is rendered impossible because appropriations from the Alyeska Settlement Fund for the purposes specified are not enacted on or before September 15, 1993, then the monies not appropriated will be treated as excess funds under subparagraph (b) above.

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(d) If the acquisition of land described in subparagraph (c) of the preceding paragraph is rendered impossible either because of the inability of the interested parties to finalize a purchase and sale, the lack of sufficient additional sources of funding, or otherwise, the funds allocated for this project will be paid into the Joint Trust Fund. If the acquisition is rendered impossible because these funds have not been appropriated for the purpose specified by December 31, 1993, the funds allocated for this project will be paid into the Joint Trust Fund.

(e) If the acquisition and installation of communications equipment described in subparagraph (d) of the preceding paragraph costs less than the money allocated for that project, the balance remaining shall be paid into the Joint Trust Fund. If the acquisition and installation is rendered impossible because these funds have not been appropriated for the purpose specified by December 31, 1995, the funds allocated for this project will be paid into the Joint Trust Fund.

(f) The State will have final authority and responsibility for the design, specification and implementation of the response projects. The State will have final authority to utilize the funds allocated to the acquisition project described in subparagraph (c) of the preceding paragraph. The United States will have final authority to select communications equipment for use by the United States Coast Guard, as described in subparagraph (d) of the preceding paragraph, up to \$120,000;

and the State will have final authority to select communications equipment for use by the State, as described in subparagraph (d) of the preceding paragraph, up to \$80,000.

Payment Terms

10. The payments to be made by Alyeska pursuant to the terms of this Agreement total \$31,700,000. The payments shall be made in accordance with the provisions and schedules set forth below.

11. Payments with respect to the projects described in Paragraphs 8(a), 8(b) and 8(c) above shall be made in accordance with the following provisions:

(a) Alyeska shall pay \$28,000,000 into the Alyeska Settlement Fund in accordance with the following schedule:

- (1) \$4,500,000 shall be paid on the Funding Date;
- (2) \$10,500,000 shall be paid on the first anniversary of the Funding Date; and
- (3) \$13,000,000 shall be paid on the second anniversary of the Funding Date.

(b) If, at any time prior to the second anniversary of the Funding Date, there should be insufficient funds in the Alyeska Settlement Fund to enable payments to be made which are necessary in order for these projects to proceed, the State may give written notice to Alyeska of the amount of the shortfall and Alyeska shall, within 30 days of its receipt of that notice, deposit in the Alyeska Settlement Fund the amount of that

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shortfall; provided, however, that in no event shall Alyeska be required to contribute more than \$28,000,000 to the Alyeska Settlement Fund with respect to these particular projects. In the event any accelerated payments are requested and made pursuant to the provisions of this subparagraph, Alyeska shall be entitled to deduct the amount of each accelerated payment from the next payment due under the payment schedule set forth in subparagraph (a) above.

12. Upon the Funding Date, Alyeska shall pay into the Alyeska Settlement Fund the sum of \$200,000 to be used as described in Paragraph 8(d) above.

13. Upon the Funding Date, Alyeska shall pay to the State the sum of \$1,500,000 for 1989 tax revenues under AS 43.75 (Fisheries Business Tax), which would be refunded to local governments under AS 43.75.130. This sum shall be in addition to any amount which has been or will be allowed to any party by the TAPL Fund and shall not be used by the TAPL Fund as an offset against claims by any party for such tax revenues.

14. Upon the Funding Date, Alyeska shall pay to the United States, or to such other person or persons as the United States may direct, the sum of \$2,000,000 for expenses incurred by the United States in response to the Oil Spill which would have been subject to reimbursement from the Joint Trust Fund.

Other Consideration

15. Alyeska and the Alyeska Owner Companies previously have committed to build the VEOC either within the City of Valdez at

the Valdez Port or at the Alyeska Terminal. Alyeska and the Alyeska Owner Companies hereby reaffirm that commitment. In addition to that undertaking, Alyeska and the Alyeska Owner Companies commit as follows:

(a) Subject to Alyeska obtaining the necessary permits, approvals and leases, and subject to Alyeska being able to obtain a suitable parcel of real property, the VEOC will be constructed in the City of Valdez, at a presently estimated approximate cost of \$14,000,000, and not at the Alyeska Terminal;

(b) The VEOC will include a reasonable amount of space for the United States Coast Guard and State of Alaska communications center in which the equipment to be purchased by the Governments as contemplated by Paragraph 8(d) will be located;

(c) The VEOC will be designed to support the Ship Escort Response Vessel System ("SERVS"), which will remain based in Valdez;

(d) The VEOC will be designed so that it can be used to provide oil spill response training; and

(e) Subject to Alyeska obtaining the necessary permits, approvals and leases, and subject to Alyeska being able to obtain a suitable parcel of real property, the construction of the VEOC will begin no later than June 1, 1994.

Releases and Covenants Not to Sue by the Governments

16. Effective upon Final Approval, the Governments, in addition to the releases contained in Paragraphs 15 and 23 of the

Exxon Consent Decree, release and covenant not to sue or to file any administrative claim against Alyeska, the Alyeska Owner Companies, or their parents or affiliates with respect to any and all civil claims relating to or arising from the Oil Spill, including claims for any civil relief of a compensatory and remedial nature which have been or may be asserted by the Governments, or either of them, including without limitation any and all civil claims under all federal or state statutes and implementing regulations, common law or maritime law, that arise from, relate to, or are based on, or could in the future arise from, relate to, or be based on: (1) any of the civil claims asserted in the State Action, including a claim for tax revenues which would have been or would be collected under existing AS 43.75 but for the Oil Spill, (2) any of the civil claims asserted in the U.S. Action, or (3) any other civil claims that could be asserted by either or both of the Governments against Alyeska, the Alyeska Owner Companies, or their parents or affiliates relating to or arising from the Oil Spill; provided, however, that nothing in this Agreement shall affect or impair the following:

(a) claims by either Government to enforce this Agreement;

(b) claims by the State against the TAPL Fund for tax revenues which would have been or would be collected under existing AS 43.75 (Fisheries Business Tax) but for the Oil Spill;

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(c) exclusively private claims, if any, by Alaska Native Villages and individual Alaska Natives, other than claims for Natural Resource Damages, seeking damages for private harms to Native subsistence well being, community, culture, tradition and way of life resulting from the Oil Spill, including private claims for private harms to Alaska Native Villages and individual Alaska Natives resulting from the impairment, destruction, injury or loss of Natural Resources caused by the Oil Spill and any other exclusively private claims that are available to Alaska Native Villages and individual Alaska Natives; and

(d) exclusively private claims, if any, by Alaska Native Corporations, other than claims for Natural Resource Damages, seeking damages for private harms resulting from injuries caused by the Oil Spill to lands in which a Native Corporation holds any present right, title, or interest, including private claims for lost or diminished land values, for preservation, protection and restoration of archaeological or cultural resources and archaeological sites found on the lands described in this subparagraph, for private harms resulting from injuries to Natural Resources found on lands described in this subparagraph, for impairment of riparian or littoral rights, if any, and any other claims that are available to Alaska Native Corporations as private landowners; provided, however, that such claims shall not include any claims based upon injuries to tidelands or submerged lands.

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17. The State acknowledges that certain entities in addition to the State have asserted a right to recover tax revenues which would have been or would be collected under existing AS 43.75. However, it is the State's legal position that it is the only entity which possesses any claim under existing AS 43.75 and that it is the only entity which is authorized or entitled to pursue a claim under existing AS 43.75.

18. Effective upon Final Approval, each of the Governments covenants not to sue any present or former director, officer, or employee of Alyeska or the Alyeska Owner Companies with respect to any and all civil claims or other civil remedies of a compensatory or remedial nature which have been or may be asserted by the Governments, including without limitation any and all civil claims under all federal or state statutes and implementing regulations, common law or maritime law, that arise from, relate to, or are based on, or could in the future arise from, relate to, or be based on the Oil Spill, including, without limitation, claims arising from any of the subject matter underlying the civil claims asserted in the State Action or the U.S. Action; provided, however, that if any such present or former director, officer, or employee brings any action against the Governments, or either of them, for any claim whatsoever arising from or relating to the Oil Spill (or if an action against the Governments is pending at the time of Final Approval, and the director, officer, or employee fails to dismiss the action within 15 days of Final Approval), this covenant not to

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sue shall be null and void with respect to the director, officer, or employee bringing such action. In the event either Government obtains a judgment against any present or former director, officer, or employee of Alyeska or the Alyeska Owner Companies for liability relating to or arising from the Oil Spill, the Governments shall enforce the judgment only to the extent that the individual or individuals against whom the judgment was obtained are able to satisfy the judgment, without indemnification by Alyeska or the Alyeska Owner Companies, personally or through insurance policies purchased by the individual or individuals.

Releases and Covenants Not To Sue
by Alyeska and Alyeska Owner Companies

19. Effective upon Final Approval, Alyeska and the Alyeska Owner Companies release and covenant not to sue or to file any administrative claim against each of the Governments and their current or former employees with respect to any and all claims relating to or arising from the Oil Spill, including without limitation, claims for Natural Resource Damages and cleanup costs, under federal or state statutes and implementing regulations, common law or maritime law, that arise from, relate to, or are based on: (a) the Alyeska Counterclaim; or (b) any other civil claims that have been or could be asserted by Alyeska or the Alyeska Owner Companies against either of the Governments relating to or arising from the Oil Spill, except that nothing in

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