

**UNITED STATES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR**

**In the Matter of:** )  
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Nestle Purina PetCare Company, )  
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**Respondent.** )  
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**Docket No.** FIFRA-05-2012-0002

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**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Comes now Complainant United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) and Respondent Nestle Purina PetCare Company (hereinafter “Parties”), through counsel, pursuant to the March 28, 2012, Order Staying Proceeding in the above-referenced matter and respectfully file this Joint Status Motion.

Since the previous Joint Status Motion was filed, the Parties have engaged in the following mediation activities:

- The Parties and mediator Erich Birch met on May 24, 2012 and June 7, 2012, for mediation activities.
- On June 7, as a result of the mediation, the Parties reached a settlement in principle on certain terms set forth in a memorandum signed that day. That settlement in principle is subject to certain conditions regarding approvals.
- The Parties are currently in the process of documenting the formal settlement agreement, and thereafter obtaining the necessary final approvals.

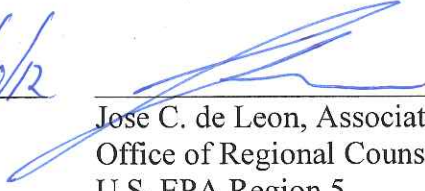
The Parties request that the Court grant an extension of two months beyond the previous expiration so that the Parties may finalize documentation of the settlement terms and obtain the necessary final approvals.

The Parties will provide all necessary documents to the Court as soon as they are available.

Respectfully Submitted,

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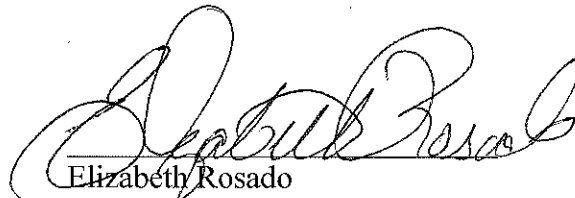
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