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UNITED STATES
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TO JUDGE NISSEN:

Pursuant to the authority set forth in the Order Initiating Alternative Dispute Resolution Process and Appointing Neutral dated April 5, 2011, Complainant U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX ("Complainant"), moves the Neutral, Judge Nissen, to grant a 45-day extension of time to continue the alternative dispute resolution ("ADR") process to July 21, 2011. Complainant's reasons for seeking an extension for time are set forth below.

BACKGROUND

On February 24, 2011, Complainant filed a civil administrative action against Respondent Kama'aina Termite and Pest Control, Inc., in the above-entitled action. The Complaint alleges five violations of Section 12(a)(2)(G) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(2)(G). Respondent filed an Answer in response to the Complaint on March 17, 2011. An Order Initiating Alternative Dispute Resolution Process and Appointing Neutral was filed on April 5, 2011. Pursuant to this Order, the ADR process will terminate on June 6, 2011 unless the Neutral agrees otherwise.

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<u>ARGUMENT</u>

It is Complainant's policy to encourage settlement and avoid litigation when consistent with the provisions and objectives of the law at issue. Representatives of Complainant and Respondent have come to a settlement in principle in the above-captioned matter, and a 45-day extension of time to continue the ADR process will facilitate the process by which the settlement is finalized and made official. Specifically, the 45-day extension will allow (1) Respondent to review and comment upon the draft Consent Agreement and Final Order (the "CAFO") that Complainant provided to Respondent on June 2, 2011; and (2) after agreement on the final version of the CAFO, allow Complainant to process Respondent's signed copy of the CAFO through its bureaucratic filing system for final Agency signature and issuance.

Granting of this motion will not result in prejudice. As noted above, the parties have mutually agreed to a settlement in principle and the requested extension will provide Complainant and Respondent sufficient time to make the settlement official to fully resolve the matter. Respondent agrees with and does not object to this Motion.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, Complainant respectfully requests that Judge Nissen grant Complainant's motion for a 45-day extension of time to continue the ADR process to and including July 21, 2011.

Dated at San Francisco, California, on this 15th day of June, 2011.

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1 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 2 I certify that the original and one copy of the foregoing Motion for Extension of Time to Continue Alternative Dispute Resolution Process (Docket No. FIFRA-09-2011-0011) was hand 3 delivered to: 4 Regional Hearing Clerk 5 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX 75 Hawthorne Street 6 San Francisco, California 94105 7 and that a true and correct copy of the Motion for Extension of Time to Continue Alternative 8 Dispute Resolution Process was placed in the United States Mail, addressed to the following: 9 The Honorable Spencer T. Nissen Administrative Law Judge 10 Office of Administrative Law Judges U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 11 Mail Code 1900L 1200 Pennsylvania Avenuc, N.W. 12 Washington, D.C. 20460 13 William J. Nagle, III, Esq. 930 Pioneer Plaza 14 900 Fort Street Mall 15 Honolulu, HI 96813 16 17 Dated: 4-15-2011 By: 18 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

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