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IN THE MATTER OF:

MOTION

REGIONAL HEARING CLERK

Pan American Grain Co, Inc.

RESPONDENT

DOCKET NUMBER CWA-02-2011-3451

## MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE STATUS REPORT OUT OF TIME

COMES NOW the United States Environmental Protection Agency (Complainant) by and through the undersigned attorney, very respectfully avers, prays and requests as follows:

- Pursuant to the November 30, 2011 Order issued by the Honorable Barbara
  A. Gunning, Administrative Law Judge, Complainant had until January 13,
  2012, to file a Status Report regarding the settlement conference that both
  parties were instructed to have by January 6, 2012.
- 2. Due to our impending move to a new location, concurrent to the deadline to file the Status Report, our case files are in the process of being packed and some deadlines have been missed (i.e. we are currently in the midst of moving into a new facility which involves a review and packing of files of over 13 years and additional activities that an event of this nature entails), therefore, the undersigned attorney was delayed in the completion of such brief.

- 3. The undersigned attorney attempted to contact today the Counselor for Respondent Pan American Grain Co., Inc. (Respondent) to determine whether there was any objection to the granting of the relief sought in the motion prior to its filing but was unable to.
- 4. In light of the above, and that there is no undue delay, bad faith or dilatory motive that can affect Respondent's rights under law, and there is no prejudice or additional burden to Respondent, Complainant requests the Honorable Administrative Law Judge to grant the Complainant seven (7) additional days from the January 13, 2012 deadline, until today, January 20, 2012, in order to file the Status Report enclosed (see *Attachment 1*).

Respectfully submitted, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.

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### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION II

IN THE MATTER OF:

MOTION

Pan American Grain Co, Inc.

RESPONDENT

DOCKET NUMBER CWA-02-2011-3451

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this day caused to be sent the foregoing *MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE STATUS REPORT OUT OF TIME*, dated January 20, 2012, and bearing the above-referenced docket number, in the following manner to the respective addressees below:

Original and copy by facsimile, Overnight Mail to:

Karen Maples

Regional Hearing Clerk Region II U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 290 Broadway, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10007-1866 Fax (212) 637-3202.

Copy by facsimile, **Certified Mail/Return Receipt** to: Attorney for Respondent: **Gretchen Méndez-Vilella, Esq.** Goldman Antonetti & Córdova, P.S.C. P.O. Box 70364 San Juan, P.R. 00936-8364 Telephone 787-759-8000 Fax 787-474-2407

Copy by facsimile, Overnight Mail to:

Chief Administrative Law Judge

Honorable Susan L. Biro

Office of Administrative Law Judges U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1099 14<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Suite 350 Washington, D.C. 20005 Fax (202) 565-0044.

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# Attachment 1

### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION II

IN THE MATTER OF:

STATUS REPORT

Pan American Grain Co, Inc.

RESPONDENT

DOCKET NUMBER CWA-02-2011-3451

### STATUS RPORT

COMES NOW Complainant, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "Complainant") through the undersigned attorney, and respectfully alleges, prays and requests as follows:

Pursuant to the November 30, 2011 Prehearing Order issued by the Administrative Law Judge, Honorable Barbara A. Gunning, Counsel for Complainant submits the following status report in the above captioned matter.

The Complainant and the Pan American Grain Co., Inc. (Respondent) (herein together the "Parties") have been actively participating in good faith negotiations, including conference calls, in order to expedite a final settlement of this matter. On August 30, 2011, the Parties met, and since then have had several conference calls, the last of which was held this week, presenting each other with arguments and settlement proposals, which the Parties are still considering.

This Motion has been filed today in order to have the Administrative Law Judge, Honorable Susan L. Biro, take notice of the efforts made by the Parties in trying to reach a settlement agreement dispositive of all matters asserted in the administrative complaint.

The undersigned attorney attempted to contact the Counselor for Respondent today to determine whether there was any objection to the granting of the relief sought in the motion prior to its filing but was unable to.

Respectfully submitted, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.

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Date

Name