Gulf Coast Claims Facility Protocol for Interim and Final Claims
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I. PURPOSE

This Protocol sets forth the procedure for the submission and resolution by the Gulf Coast Claims Facility ("GCCF") of Interim and Final Claims by individuals and businesses for costs and damages incurred as a result of the oil discharges from the April 20, 2010 Deepwater Horizon incident ("the Spill"). Claims for Emergency Advance Payments are governed by a separate protocol.

A. Role

The United Responsible Parties (the "GRP") created the GCCF to provide a centralized, impartial, and efficient manner to assess, evaluate, and resolve claims for damages caused by the Spill. The GCCF is a temporary facility and the funds it manages are derived from funds recovered from the responsible parties.

B. Approach

The following non-exclusive principles apply to the operation of the GCCF:

• The GCCF will evaluate all claims in a prompt and fair manner guided by applicable law.

• The establishment of the GCCF does not diminish any right of any individual or business that existed prior to the creation of the GCCF. Claimants have all of the same rights with respect to their various claims that they had prior to the creation of the GCCF and shall not be forced to relinquish any rights for the opportunity to seek compensation through the GCCF, provided that acceptance of a Final Payment will require the execution of a release of liability, as discussed below.

• The GCCF claims process is structured to comply with OPA and apply the standards of OPA.

The GCCF is administered by Kenneth R. Feinberg ("the Claims Administrator"), a neutral fund administrator responsible for all decisions relating to the administration and processing of claims by the GCCF.

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