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Ms. Karen V. Gregory, Secretary
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Re: USMX-ILA Master Contract
FMC Agreement No. 201157-002

Dear Ms. Gregory:

On behalf of the United States Maritime Alliance, Ltd. ("USMX") and the International Longshoremen's Association, AFL-CIO ("ILA"), please be advised that the USMX-ILA Master Contract Memorandum of Settlement ("MOS") which was executed on October 18, 2009, filed with the Federal Maritime Commission ("FMC") on December 10, 2009 and assigned FMC Agreement No. 201157-001, has been extended without any changes by USMX and the ILA through December 29, 2012. We are enclosing a check for \$75.00, the required filing fee, payable to the FMC.

There is no written extension agreement, since USMX and the ILA verbally agreed to the extension after discussions with the Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service ("FMCS"). A copy of the statement issued by the FMCS announcing the extension agreement between USMX and the ILA is also enclosed herein.

In addition, all local collective bargaining agreements between the ILA and management in East and Gulf Coast ports have also been extended without any changes through December 29, 2012.

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Ms. Karen V. Gregory, Secretary

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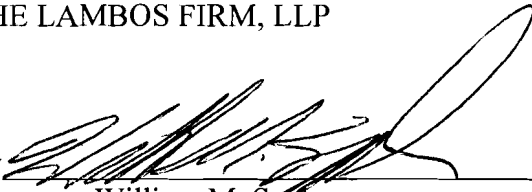
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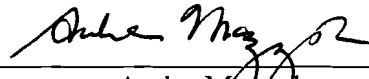
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Statement by FMCS Director George H. Cohen on United States Maritime Alliance and International Longshoremen's Association Labor Negotiations

WASHINGTON, D.C. — I am pleased to announce that at the close of today's productive negotiation session, in which progress was made on several important subjects, the parties have agreed to extend the collective bargaining agreement due to expire on September 30, 2012 for a ninety (90) day period, i.e. through December 29, 2012. In taking this significant step, the parties emphasized that they are doing so "for the good of the country" to avoid any interruption in interstate commerce.

This extension will provide the parties an opportunity to focus on the outstanding core issues in a deliberate manner apart from the pressure of an immediate deadline. The negotiations on the Master Agreement will be conducted during the same time frame as negotiations for local agreements. The negotiations will continue under the auspices of the FMCS. Due to the sensitive nature of these high profile negotiations, we will have no further comment on the schedule for the negotiations, their location, or the substance of what takes place during those negotiations.

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The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, created in 1947, is an independent U.S. government agency whose mission is to preserve and promote labor-management peace and cooperation. Headquartered in Washington, DC, with 10 district offices and 67 field offices, the agency provides mediation and conflict resolution services to industry, government agencies and communities.