Honorable Barbara Rothstein

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Plaintiff,

and,

STATE OF WASHINGTON, DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY,

Plaintiff in Intervention,

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MARINE POWER AND EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC., and WFI INDUSTRIES. INC.,

Defendants.

No. C85-382R

JOINT MOTION FOR MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION OF CONSENT DECREE

COME NOW plaintiffs UNITED STATES OF AMERICA on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and the STATE OF WASHINGTON, DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY, ("Ecology"), defendant UNITED MARINE SHIPBUILDING, INC., successor in interest to Marine Power and Equipment Company, Inc. and WFI Industries, Inc., and NORTHLAKE SHIPYARD, INC., purchaser of certain assets previously owned by the defendants, (collectively "the Parties") by and through their undersigned attorneys, and move for modification and termination of the Consent Decree entered January 28, 1988. This motion is supported by the following stipulated facts:

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- 1. On March 8, 1985, the United States, and Ecology by intervention, filed a complaint in federal district court, alleging civil claims for violations of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311, and the Refuse Act, 33 U.S.C. § 407 ("Complaint") against MARINE POWER AND EQUIPMENT, INC. and WFI INDUSTRIES, INC., United States and State of Washington y. Marine Power and Equipment Company, Inc., No. C85-382R.
- 2. On January 28, 1988, the United States, Ecology and Defendants resolved the matters alleged in the Complaint by entry into a consent decree ("Consent Decree") which imposed obligations on Defendants and on their successors in interest for removal and disposal of spent sand blasting debris and other pollutants resulting from Defendants' operations of a ship painting and repair facility, located at 1441 Northlake Avenue, Seattle, Washington, on the north shore of Lake Union ("facility"). Pursuant to the Consent Decree, a copy of the requirements of the Consent Decree is recorded as part of the deed for the facility.
- 3. At the time of entry of the Consent Decree, Defendants had petitioned the United States Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Washington, for protection under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 1101 et seq., Case No. 86-1091. Pursuant to a reorganization plan adopted in that bankruptcy proceeding, United Marine Shipbuilding, Inc. ("United Marine") became the reorganized successor in interest to Defendants and the owner of the facility. Defendants had not

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fulfilled the obligations of the Consent Decree prior to the reorganization in bankruptcy.

- 4. On January 21, 1994, United Marine filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. \$\$ 1101 et geq., in the United States Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Washington, Case No. 94-00542. As of that date, United Marine had not fulfilled the obligations of the Consent Decree and does not have sufficient unencumbered assets to do so. On March 21, 1994, Michael B. McCarty was appointed Trustee in Bankruptcy for United Marine.
- 5. Northlake has entered into an asset purchase agreement for the purchase of the facility from the United Marine estate in bankruptcy, which purchase would cause Northlake to become the successor in interest to Defendants for purposes of the obligations imposed by the Consent Decree.
- 6. Northlake has entered into a prospective purchaser agreement with Ecology under the Washington State Model Toxics Control Act ("MTCA"), which requires it to make a cash payment of \$400,000 to fund cleanup of the contamination resulting from Defendants' operations of the facility, and to deposit a percentage of future profits into a fund dedicated to cleanup of the contamination for a period of up to 15 years, or to complete the cleanup required by the Consent Decree. The prospective purchaser agreement was filed as a consent decree in the state of Washington Superior Court for King County, and was entered by the

court on [DATE], after a public comment period and a public hearing. The prospective purchaser agreement is attached hereto.

- 7. Pursuant to the prospective purchaser agreement,
  Northlake deposited \$400,000 into an escrow account on [DATE].
- 8. In consideration of Northlake's agreement to fund the cleanup under the terms of the prospective purchaser agreement, Ecology has covenanted not to sue Northlake under MTCA for the present contamination at the facility or for contamination resulting from the operations of the facility by Northlake's predecessors.
- 9. Entry by Northlake into the prospective purchaser agreement with Ecology shall be deemed to discharge the obligations of Northlake under the Consent Decree.

THEREFORE, in consideration of Northlake's entry into the prospective purchaser agreement, which agreement has been entered as a consent decree by the State of Washington Superior Court for King County, the parties hereby move this court for modification of paragraph X ("Termination") of the consent decree, to read "[t]he provisions of this Consent Decree shall cease when Northlake enters into, and the State of Washington Superior Court approves by final order, a prospective purchaser agreement with Ecology under the Washington State Model Toxics Control Act setting forth the funding for removal and disposal activities required by Paragraph IV". The parties move additionally for termination of the consent decree in accordance with the stipulated facts recited in this motion.

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