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Re: Proposed Procedures for Issuance of
Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R9-2005-0126

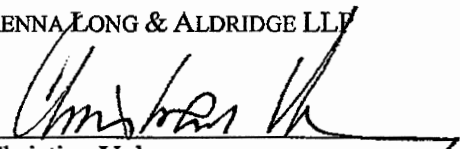
Dear Mr. Minan:

In accordance with the Notice of Pre-Hearing Conference dated August 29, 2005, this letter resubmits the comments of BAE Systems San Diego Ship Repair Inc. (formerly Southwest Marine, Inc.) on the proposed procedures for Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R9-2005-0126 ("proposed procedures"), published for comment by the Regional Water Quality Control Board's staff on July 14, 2005.

BAE Systems generally endorses the comments and objections to the proposed procedures that have been filed by National Steel and Shipbuilding Company ("NASSCO"). BAE Systems agrees with NASSCO that the complexity of the issues, the very significant financial implications for the affected dischargers, and the equally significant precedential effects of a final decision in this matter for future sediment remediation elsewhere in San Diego Harbor and in other California coastal waters mandate the adoption of procedures that fully comply with all constitutional and statutory requirements, including party designation, discovery, cross-examination, opportunity to present evidence, and Regional Board communications and deliberations. The July 14, 2005 proposed procedures do not satisfy these requirements and do not adequately protect the rights of the parties potentially subject to a final Cleanup and Abatement Order. Therefore, the proposed procedures should be modified and expanded as NASSCO's objections suggest.

Respectfully submitted,

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