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Signature of Official signing on behalf of Insurer:

Type Name and Title of signer

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APPENDIX C TO SUBPART C OF PART 515—OCEAN TRANSPORTATION INTERMEDIARY (OTI) GUARANTY FORM [FORM 68]

Form FMC-68

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Guaranty in Respect of Ocean Transportation Intermediary (OTI) Liability for Damages, Reparations or Penalties Arising from Transportation-Related Activities Under the Shipping Act of 1984, as amended by the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998 and the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1998

1. Whereas

(Name of Applicant) (indicate whether NVOC or Freight Forwarder) (hereinafter "Applicant") is or may become an Ocean Transportation Intermediary ("OTI") subject to the Shipping Act of 1984, as amended by the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998 and the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1998 ("1984 Act") (46 U.S.C. 40101–41309) and the rules and regulations of the Federal Maritime Commission ("FMC"), or is or may become a group or association of OTIs, and desires to establish its financial responsibility in accordance with section 19 of the 1984 Act, then, provided that the FMC shall have accepted, as sufficient for that purpose, the Applicant's application, supported by evidence of a financial rating for the Guarantor of Class V or higher under the Financial Size Categories of A.M. Best & Company or equivalent from an acceptable international rating organization on such rating organization's letterhead or designation form, or, in the case of Guaranty provided by Underwriters at Lloyd's, documentation verifying membership in Lloyd's, or, in the case of surplus lines insurers, documentation verifying inclusion on a current "white list" issued by the Non-Admitted Insurers' Information Office of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, the undersigned Guarantor certifies that it has sufficient and acceptable assets located in the United States to cover all damages arising from the transportation-related activities of the covered OTI as specified under the 1984 Act.

2. Now, Therefore, The condition of this obligation is that the penalty amount of this Guaranty shall be available to pay any judgment obtained or any settlement made pursuant to a claim under 46 CFR §515.23(b) for damages against the Applicant arising from the Applicant's transportation-related activities or order for reparations issued pursuant to section 11 of the 1984 Act (46 U.S.C. 41301–41302, 41305–41307(a)), or any penalty assessed against the Principal pursuant to section 13 of the 1984 Act (46 U.S.C. 41107–41109).

3. The undersigned Guarantor hereby consents to be sued directly in respect of any bona fide claim owed by Applicant for damages, reparations or penalties arising from Applicant's transportation-related activities under the 1984 Act, in the event that such legal liability has not been discharged by the Applicant after any such claimant has obtained a final judgment (after appeal, if any) against the Applicant from a United States Federal or State Court of competent jurisdiction and has complied with the procedures for collecting on such a judgment pursuant to 46 CFR §515.23(b), the FMC, or where all parties and claimants otherwise mutually consent, from a foreign court, or where such claimant has become entitled to payment of a specified sum by virtue of a compromise settlement agreement made with the Applicant and/or Guarantor pursuant to 46 CFR §515.23(b), whereby, upon payment of the agreed sum, the Guarantor is to be fully, irrevocably and unconditionally discharged from all further liability to such claimant. In the case of a guaranty covering the liability of a group or association of OTIs, Guarantor's obligation extends only to such damages, reparations or penalties described herein as are not covered by another insurance policy, guaranty or surety bond held by the OTI(s) against which a claim or final judgment has been brought.

4. The Guarantor's liability under this Guaranty in respect to any claimant shall not exceed the amount of the guaranty; and the aggregate amount of the Guarantor's liability under this Guaranty shall not exceed the amount per OTI set forth in 46 CFR §515.21 or the amount per group or association of OTIs set forth in 46 CFR §515.21 in aggregate.

5. The Guarantor's liability under this Guaranty shall attach only in respect of such activities giving rise to a cause of action against the Applicant, in respect of any of its transportation-related activities under the 1984 Act, occurring after the Guaranty has become effective, and before the expiration date of this Guaranty, which shall be the date thirty (30) days after the date of receipt by FMC of notice in writing that either Applicant or the Guarantor has elected to terminate this Guaranty. The Guarantor and/or Applicant specifically agree to file such written notice of cancellation.

6. Guarantor shall not be liable for payments of any of the damages, reparations or penalties hereinbefore described which arise as the result of any transportation-related
activities of Applicant after the cancellation of the Guaranty, as herein provided, but such
cancellation shall not affect the liability of the
Guarantor for the payment of any such
damages, reparations or penalties prior to
the date such cancellation becomes effective.
7. Guarantor shall pay, subject to the limit
of the amount per OTI set forth in 46 CFR
§515.21, directly to a claimant any sum or
sums which Guarantor, in good faith, deter-
mines that the Applicant has failed to pay
and would be held legally liable by reason of
Applicant’s transportation-related activi-
ties, or its legal responsibilities under the
1984 Act and the rules and regulations of the
FMC, made by Applicant while this agree-
ment is in effect, regardless of the financial
responsibility or lack thereof, or the sol-
vency or bankruptcy, of Applicant.
8. Applicant or Guarantor shall im-
mmediately give written notice to the FMC of all
lawsuits filed, judgments rendered, and pay-
ments made under the Guaranty.
9. Applicant and Guarantor agree to handle
the processing and adjudication of claims by
claimants under the Guaranty established
herein in the United States, unless by mu-
tual consent of all parties and claimants an-
other country is agreed upon. Guarantor
agrees to appoint an agent for service of
process in the United States.
10. This Guaranty shall be governed by the
laws in the State of __________ to the extent not in-
consistent with the rules and regulations of the
FMC.
11. This Guaranty is effective the day of
__________, 20__, at __________ a.m., standard time at the address of the
Guarantor as stated herein and shall con-
tinue in force until terminated as herein pro-
scribed herein.
12. The Guarantor hereby designates as the
Guarantor’s legal agent for service of process
domiciled in the United States
__________, with offices located in
__________, for the purposes of enforcing the Guaranty
described herein.

(Place and Date of Execution)

(Type Name of Guarantor)

(Type Address of Guarantor)

By

(Signature and Title)

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