1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 ALLIANZ SIGORTA, A.S., No. 2:15-cv-1665 MCE AC 12 Plaintiff. 13 v. **ORDER** 14 AMERITECH INDUSTRIES, INC., et al., 15 Defendants. 16 17 Plaintiff, Allianz Sigorta, A.S., has filed a Motion To Compel Further Responses to 18 Inspection Demands, and the parties have filed a Joint Statement. ECF No. 27. However, the 19 parties have not complied with the undersigned's instructions regarding "meet and confer" 20 efforts, in that they have only exchanged a series of e-mails and letters. Moreover, those 21 communications appear to be focused more on name-calling than actually attempting to resolve 22 the discovery dispute. Before asking the court to resolve the dispute, the parties must comply 23 24 with the court's instructions: 25 Written correspondence between the parties, including email, is 26 insufficient to satisfy the parties' meet and confer obligations under Local Rule 251(b). Prior to the filing of a Joint Statement, the 27 parties must confer in person or via telephone or video conferencing in an attempt to resolve the dispute. 28 1

http://www.caed.uscourts.gov/caednew/assets/File/Judge%20Claire%20Standard%20Information (1).pdf (emphasis added). The court will not hear the discovery dispute until the parties have complied with the court's instructions, have actually met and conferred in person (or via telephone or video conferencing), and have actually attempted to resolve the dispute, rather than simply sending insulting emails and letters to each other.

For the reasons set forth above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's motion to compel (ECF No. 27), is DENIED without prejudice to its renewal after the parties have complied with the court's instructions.

DATED: June 2, 2016

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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