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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Re: Regal Stone Limited and Fleet Management Ltd. v.
Smoot, et al.
Case No.: CV08-5096 (BZ) **FILED UNDER SEAL**
Our File No.: 2418-229A

Dear Judge Zimmerman:

Our firm represents Plaintiffs Regal Stone Limited and Fleet Management Ltd ("Plaintiffs") in the above referenced matter. Plaintiffs respectfully request a continuance of the Initial Case Management Conference in the above-referenced case from Monday, February 23, 2009 to Monday, June 22, 2009. Due to a calendaring issue in our office, we inadvertently failed to file a Case Management Conference Statement last week in anticipation of the Initial Case Management Conference scheduled before you on Monday February 23, 2009. Please accept our apology for our error. Plaintiffs hereby request the continuance for the following reasons:

First, none of the defendants named in the complaint filed in this case have made an appearance. Plaintiffs cannot serve the complaint in this case on the defendants until they sign a protective order entered by Judge Susan Illston in the criminal action brought by the United States against Fleet Management Ltd and Captain John Cota, Case No. CR 00160. To date, none of the defendants have signed the protective order and thus, none have been served with the complaint.

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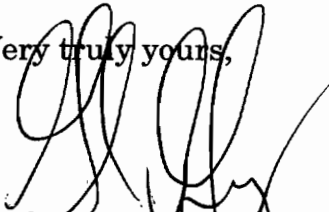
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Second, Plaintiffs intend to relate this case with the other civil cases arising out of the M/V COSCO BUSAN's November 7, 2007 allision with the Bay Bridge that are currently before Judge Samuel Conti.¹ However, this case was filed under seal pursuant to above-described protective order entered by Judge Illston. Until Judge Illston modifies or lifts the protective order, Plaintiffs cannot file the Notice of Related Case needed to effectuate the relation of this case to the others.

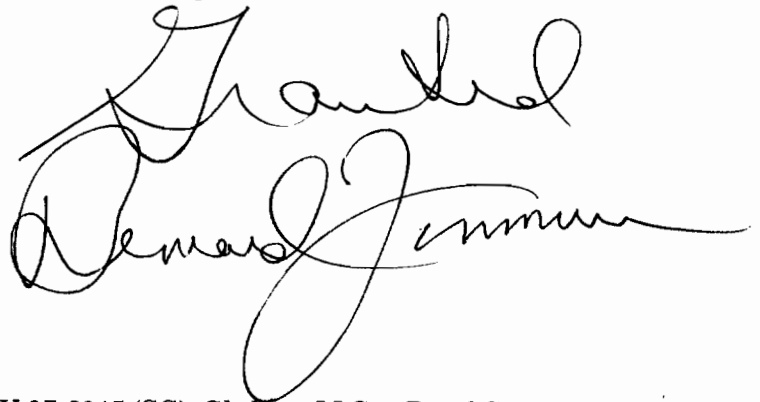
In light of the foregoing, Plaintiffs respectfully request a continuance of this coming Monday's case management conference because none of the parties in the related cases or the named defendants will be able to participate. Plaintiffs appreciate the Court's understanding in this matter and apologize for any confusion.

Very truly yours,



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¹ *United States v. M/V COSCO BUSAN, et al.*, CV 07-6045 (SC); *Chelsea, LLC v. Regal Stone Limited, et al.*, Case No. CV 07 05800 (SC); *The Continental Insurance Co. v. Regal Stone Limited, et al.*, Case No. CV 08 02052 (SC); *The People of the State of California v. Regal Stone Limited, et al.*, Case No. CV 08 2268 (SC); and *Regal Stone Limited, et al. v. John J. Cota, The San Francisco Bar Pilot's Association, et al.*, Case No. CV 08 5098 (SC)