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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
3 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

4 ABF FREIGHT SYSTEMS, INC., )  
5 Plaintiff, )  
6 v. )  
7 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WEST )  
8 BAY BUILDERS, )  
9 Defendants. )

No. C-10-5188 SI

**STIPULATION AND ~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER  
TO RELATE AND CONSOLIDATE CASES**

10 The parties, by and through their counsel of record, hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

11 1. Plaintiff ABF Freight Systems, Inc. filed the above-captioned Federal Tort Claims Act  
12 (“FTCA”) action on November 16, 2010, against Defendants United States of America and West  
13 Bay Builders, Inc. Plaintiff claims it paid workers’ compensation benefits to and on behalf of its  
14 employee, Thomas Mills, for injuries allegedly arising from a slip and fall accident that occurred  
15 on or about December 12, 2008. At the request of the parties to this action, the Court stayed this  
16 matter until October 28, 2011 to determine whether Thomas Mills would file suit in this district.

17 2. On September 20, 2011, Plaintiff Thomas Mills, filed an FTCA complaint in this district  
18 captioned, *Thomas Mills v. United States of America*, Case No. CV-11-4663 (JCS). The complaint  
19 seeks damages from Defendant United States of America for injuries allegedly arising from the  
20 same slip and fall accident alleged in the instant action which occurred on or about December 12,  
21 2008.

22 3. The parties believe that the two actions involve substantially the same parties, property and  
23 events, so the actions should be “related cases” within the meaning of Local Rule 3-12.

24 4. The parties believe that relating and consolidating the two actions would serve the interests  
25 of judicial economy and avoid the potential for conflicting rulings.  
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1 5. For the above stated reasons, the parties request that the Court relate and consolidate the two  
2 actions.

3 **SO STIPULATED.**

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5 DATED: December 5, 2011

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9 DATED: December 9, 2011

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23 ~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER

24 Pursuant to stipulation, IT IS SO ORDERED.

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26 Dated: 12/12/2011

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