Defendants.

STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED]
CONSOLIDATION ORDER
Case No. CV 11-00536 JSW

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Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(e) and Manual for Complex Litigation, Fourth §§ 11.12 and 11.21, the parties stipulate, and the Court hereby orders, as follows:

CONSOLIDATION OF RELATED CASES

1. The actions listed below are related cases within the meaning of Civil L.R. 3-12. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a), these cases are hereby consolidated into Civil Action No. CV

11-0536 for all purposes, including pretrial proceedings and trial (the "Consolidated Action"). The Consolidated Action shall be captioned: "In re AXA Rosenberg Investor Litigation."

CASE	FILED	COURT
The Government of Guam Retirement Fund v. AXA Rosenberg Group LLC, et al., No. CV11-0536 ("Government of Guam Action")	Feb. 3, 2011	N.D. Cal.
The Board of Trustees of the National Elevator Industry Health Benefit Fund v. AXA Rosenberg Group LLC, et al., No. CV11- 0897 ("NEI Health Benefit Fund Action")	Feb. 24, 2011	N.D. Cal.
Trustees of the Carpenters Pension Fund of Illinois v. AXA Rosenberg Group, LLC et al., No. CV11-2594 ("Carpenter Action")	May 31, 2011	N.D. Cal.

- 2. All related actions that are subsequently filed in, or transferred to, this District shall be automatically consolidated with and into this action for all purposes. This Order shall apply to every such related action, absent further order of the Court. A party that objects to such consolidation, or to any other provision of this Order, must file an application for relief from this Order within thirty (30) days after the date on which a copy of the order is mailed to the party's counsel, pursuant to Paragraph 3, <u>infra</u>.
- 3. When a case that properly belongs as part of the Consolidated Action is filed in, or transferred to, this District, Interim Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel shall file a Notice of Related Cases pursuant to Civil L.R. 3-12. If the Court determines that the case is related, the clerk shall:
 - (a) place a copy of this Order in the separate file for such action;
 - (b) serve on plaintiff's counsel in the new case a copy of this Order;

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(c) direct that this Order be served upon defendants in the new case; 1 and 2 3 (d) make the appropriate entry in the Master Docket. 4 4. This Order is entered without prejudice to the rights of any party to apply for 5 severance of any claim or action, for good cause shown. MASTER DOCKET AND CAPTION 6 7 5. The docket in Civil Action No. CV 11-00536 shall constitute a Master Docket for 8 this action. Hereafter, papers need only be filed in the Master Docket. 9 6. Every pleading filed in the Consolidated Action shall bear the following caption: 10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 11 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 12 In re AXA ROSENBERG INVESTOR Master File No. 13 LITIGATION CV 11-00536 JSW 14 This Document Relates To: **CLASS ACTION** 15 16 17 7. The file in Civil Action No. CV 11-00536 shall constitute a Master File for 18 every action in the Consolidated Action. When the document being filed pertains to all 19 actions, the phrase "All Actions" shall appear immediately after the phrase "This Document 20 Relates To:". When a pleading applies only to some, not all, of the actions, the document 21 shall list, immediately after the phrase "This Document Relates To:", the docket number for 22 23 each individual action to which the document applies, along with the last name of the firstlisted plaintiff in said action (e.g., "No. CV 11-00536 JSW (The Government of Guam 24 Retirement Fund))." 25 26 27

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INTERIM LEAD PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL

- 8. The law firms of Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP and Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP, presently Co-Interim Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel for the proposed class in the *Government of Guam* and *NEI Health Benefit Fund* Actions, are designated Co-Interim Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel in the Consolidated Action pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(g).
- 9. Co-Interim Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel shall set policy for plaintiffs for the prosecution of the Consolidated Action, delegate and monitor the work performed by plaintiffs' attorneys to ensure that there is no duplication of effort or unnecessary expense, coordinate on behalf of plaintiffs the initiation and conduct of discovery proceedings, provide direction, supervision and coordination of all the activities of plaintiffs' counsel, and have the authority to negotiate a settlement, subject to approval of the Court, and allocate fees among plaintiffs' counsel, if awarded. Any agreement reached between counsel for defendants and Co-Interim Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel shall be binding on the plaintiffs and their counsel.
- 10. Co-Interim Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel shall be responsible for coordinating all activities and appearances on behalf of plaintiffs in the Consolidated Action and for the dissemination of notices and orders of this Court. No motion, request for discovery or other pretrial or trial proceedings shall be initiated or filed by any plaintiffs in the Consolidated Action except through Co-Interim Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel.
- 11. Co-Interim Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel also shall be available and responsible for communications to and from this Court, including distributing orders and other directions from the Court to counsel. Co-Interim Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel shall be responsible for creating and maintaining a master service list of all parties and their respective counsel.
- 12. Defendants take no position on the designation of Co-Interim Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel, and this Order is issued without prejudice to any grounds defendants may later assert in connection with class certification proceedings in this or any other action.
- 13. Defendants' counsel may rely upon agreements made with Co-Interim Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel. Such agreements shall be binding on all plaintiffs.

14. Any counsel of record for a party in this action or a related action who is not a member of the Bar of this District but has been admitted to practice <u>pro hac vice</u> in this action or such related action is hereby admitted to practice pro hac vice in the Consolidated Action.

PLEADINGS AND MOTIONS

- 15. The Consolidated Complaint filed April 15, 2011 in the *Government of Guam* Action [Dkt. #20] ("Consolidated Complaint") shall be deemed the operative complaint in the Consolidated Action. Defendants are not required to respond to the complaint in any action consolidated into this action other than the Consolidated Complaint or a complaint subsequently designated by Co-Interim Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel as the operative complaint.
- 16. All deadlines and orders in the *Government of Guam* Action shall apply in the Consolidated Action until further order of the Court.
- 17. The parties shall serve all papers on each other by hand, by overnight delivery, by email, or (by prior agreement) by facsimile, unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, defendants may serve plaintiffs' counsel, other than Co-Interim Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel, by first-class mail, unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties.

Dated: June 29, 2011 Respectfully submitted,

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