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**GFC.149**

August 26, 2008

Magistrate Brazil  
 United States District Court  
 Northern District  
 1301 Clay Street  
 South Tower, Suite 400S  
 Oakland, CA 94612-5212

Re: Praetorian v. U.S. of America  
 U.S. District Court Case No. C07-05746

Your Honor:

This matter is scheduled for a Early Neutral Evaluation on September 29, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. We represent the plaintiff, Praetorian Financial Insurance Company, in this subrogation claim arising out of a fire loss. We seek your approval to have our client, represented by Stacey Beckman of Berkeley Risk Administrators in Iowa appear at the ENE by way of telephone. In an August 20, 2008 conference call, both the Early Neutral Evaluator, Mr. Lee, and defense counsel, Mr. Pyle, said they would not object to this request.

Moreover, while Mr. Lee stated in that telephone call that there might be an opportunity to turn this into a mediation, Mr. Pyle, defense counsel, expressed that he was not so inclined. Under those circumstances, it would seem that having Ms. Beckman fly from Iowa for this process would be an unnecessary and fruitless expenditure of funds.

Enclosed is a copy of this letter with a signature line for you to indicate your approval, should you be so inclined. Also enclosed is a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your use. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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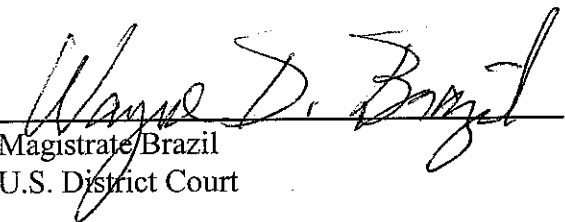
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Encl. [Ltr.]

Stacie Beckman's appearance at the September 29, 2008 Early Neutral Evaluation, by telephone, is approved.

DATED: <sup>September</sup> August 2, 2008.

By:

  
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