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6 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
8 **SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**
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10 CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY, et al.,

11 Plaintiffs,

12 v.

13 AGCS MARINE INSURANCE CO.,

14 Defendant.
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Case No. 11-cv-02514 YGR (NC)

**ORDER RE: LETTER BRIEF
ABOUT VON BRIEL
DEPOSITION**

Re: Dkt. No. 81

18 The Court responds to the discovery letter brief filed today concerning the
19 deposition length for AGCS witness Ute von Briel. This letter begins with “We” but
20 was signed only by counsel for plaintiffs. The Court is therefore uncertain if the letter is
21 intended as a joint submission, which is what the Court expects concerning a discovery
22 dispute of this magnitude. *See* Civil Standing Order of Magistrate Judge Cousins,
23 available at <http://cand.uscourts.gov/nmcorders>.

24 The question presented is whether the von Briel deposition should be limited to
25 5.5 hours (Century’s proposed compromise) or 4.5 hours (AGCS’s proposed
26 compromise). The Court does not need further briefing on this topic, as it already
27 conducted a telephonic hearing concerning the von Briel deposition and other discovery
28 disputes in this case.

1 Accordingly, if the parties are unable to reach a compromise between 4.5 hours
2 and 5.5 hours for the von Briel deposition, the Court will hold a hearing on Thursday
3 March 15 at 9:30 a.m. in Courtroom A, 15th Floor, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San
4 Francisco. The motion will be called at the end of the criminal calendar. Telephonic
5 appearances will not be permitted.

6 Date: March 12, 2012

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9 NATHANAEL M. COUSINS
 United States Magistrate Judge

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