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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 KAREN OCAMPO, as the personal
12 representative of SALOMON
13 RODRIGUEZ,
14 Plaintiff,
15 v.
16 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; and
17 NATIONAL STEEL AND
18 SHIPBUILDING COMPANY,
19 Defendants.

Case No.: 15-CV-180-JAH-WVG

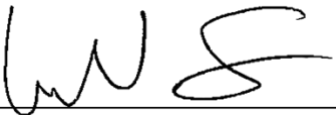
**ORDER ON PLAINTIFF’S EX
PARTE MOTION TO APPROVE
DISTRIBUTION OF MINOR’S
SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

20 On June 4, 2020, Plaintiff filed an Ex Parte Motion to Approve Distribution of
21 Minor’s Settlement Funds (“Motion”). (Doc. No. 254.) On June 5, 2020 Defendant
22 National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (“NASSCO”) filed its Opposition to Plaintiff’s
23 Motion. (Doc. No. 256.) Having reviewed and considered the Parties’ submissions, the
24 Court hereby DENIES Plaintiff’s Motion without prejudice. The Court finds salient that
25 neither party has provided notice of settlement to the presiding probate court judge. Such
26 lack of notice is at odds with Plaintiff’s counsel’s representations during the September 18,
27 2019 confidential settlement proceedings before Judge Houston that the probate court
28 judge ordered counsel to provide such notice before any distribution was to occur.

1 Accordingly, the Court hereby ORDERS counsel to jointly notify the probate court judge
2 and guardian ad litem of the Parties' notice and proposed distribution of the minor's
3 settlement funds **no later than Friday, June 12, 2020**. Within two (2) business days of the
4 probate court judge's order approving the Parties' settlement and proposed distribution, the
5 Parties shall jointly contact this Court's Chambers to coordinate further proceedings in this
6 matter.

7 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

8 Dated: June 5, 2020

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11 Hon. William V. Gallo
12 United States Magistrate Judge
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