

# EXHIBIT G

Declaration of Victoria Stapells Johnson

1. I am a historical researcher and Spanish citizen, resident in Seville since 1976. For thirty years, I have engaged in projects in Spanish historical archives and libraries to document historical events during the Spanish colonial period in the New World. Many of these projects included shipwrecks. My clients have been diverse: scholars and research institutions, the media and commercial enterprises. Odyssey Marine Exploration is a former client, with whom I maintained a comfortable working and professional relationship until May 2007.

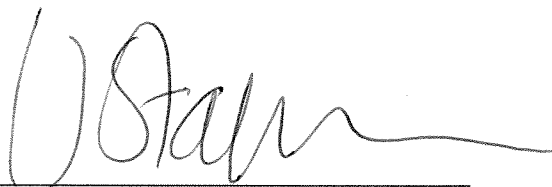
2. In 2005, I was asked by Odyssey to conduct historical research concerning the Royal Spanish Navy Frigate of War *Nuestra Senora de las Mercedes*. I carried out extensive research concerning the *Mercedes* in the most important state and navy archives of Spain. My research confirmed that the *Mercedes* was a warship of the Royal Navy of Spain when it sank on October 5, 1804. My research traced and documented the historical importance to Spain of the *Mercedes*, including the loss of life in her sinking, and the Spanish declaration of war on Great Britain that followed from the sinking of the ship.

3. I informed Odyssey of these facts concerning the *Mercedes*, specifically including her status as a warship of the Royal Navy and her historical importance to Spain.

4. In May 2007, to my great surprise, I saw and read media reports that Odyssey had recovered a large amount of artifacts from a shipwreck west of Gibraltar that Odyssey called the "Black Swan." Based on the endless newspaper articles, radio and television reports during the

following weeks, I became concerned that Odyssey appeared to be concealing the identity of the shipwreck for unknown reasons. I informed Odyssey that I objected in the strongest terms. As a result, my team of researchers and myself terminated the relationship with Odyssey.

I affirm for all necessary purposes that the statements in my declaration are true and correct under penalty of perjury.



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