IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN Northern Division

GREAT LAKES EXPLORATION GROUP LLC

Plaintiff

Civil Action No. 1:04-CV-375

v.

HON. ROBERT HOLMES BELL

The Unidentified, Wrecked and (For Salvage-Right Purposes), Abandoned Sailing Vessel, her tackle, apparel, appurtenances, cargo, etc. located within a circle having a radius of 3.5 statute miles, whose center point is at coordinates 45° 32.8' North latitude and 86° 41.5' West longitude,

In Rem

Defendant.

and

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, ARTS AND LIBRARIES AND MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY,

Intervening Defendants

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MOTION TO STRIKE

Now come Intervenors, Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries and the Michigan Department Of Environmental Quality, by their attorneys, Michael A. Cox, Attorney General and James R. Piggush, Assistant Attorney General, pursuant to W.D. Mich. L. Civ. R. 7.3(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 7(b)(1) and move to strike Plaintiff's "Reply in Support of Motion to Amend Protective Order," filed August 12, 2005, and the "Notice of Filing U.S. State Department Communication," attaching a communication from the State Department and a position statement from the French Ministry of Culture, neither of whom are parties or have requested any relief from this court, filed on August 16, 2005, for the reasons that such filings are not authorized under the court rules.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: August 17, 2005

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