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Susan Driscoll Bourque
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U.S. District Court
For the Western District of Michigan
602 Federal Courthouse
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503-2363

Great Lakes Exploration, etc. v. The Unidentified, etc., Case No.1:04-CV-375

Dear Ms. Bourque:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you an update on the status of the negotiations between the Plaintiff and the Intervenor on the terms and conditions of a cooperative investigation concerning whether the target is *The Griffon*. I am pleased to report that the parties have made very substantial progress, and have been able to work out all but a handful of the practical and logistical questions.

While we still have several issues remaining, we are now cautiously optimistic that it will be feasible to compromise on these remaining matters. If we are unable to do so, one or more of the parties may request the Court's good offices in mediating a resolution of the few remaining items. We plan to provide the Court a definitive status report no later than May 17, 2006.

We trust that this information is helpful. Please feel free to call should you have any further questions.

Respectfully,
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