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 12 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
 13 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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 15 SCOTTSDALE INSURANCE
 16 COMPANY,
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 18 Plaintiff/Counterclaim-Defendant,
 19 vs.
 20 LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE
 21 COMPANY
 22 Defendant/Counterclaim-Plaintiff.

CASE NO.: 2:12-cv-01328-GMN-CWH
**STIPULATION AND
 PROTECTIVE ORDER**

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 24 Subject to the approval of this Court, the parties, by and through their attorneys of record,
 25 hereby stipulate to the following Protective Order:

26 To expedite the flow of discovery, facilitate the prompt resolution of disputes over
 27 confidentiality, adequately protect material protected by the attorney-client privilege or otherwise
 28 claimed to be confidential, and ensure that protection is afforded only to material so designated, it

1 is, pursuant to the Court's authority under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), hereby
2 **ORDERED** that this Protective Order shall govern the disclosure, handling and disposition of
3 documents and information in this litigation as follows:

4 1. **Application.**

5 1.1 This Protective Order shall govern:

6 a. any document, information or other material produced in discovery in this case
7 that contains communications with Petro's counsel (Stephen Kent, Esq. and/or Pamela Adams,
8 Esq.) to which the parties to this litigation, or either of them were made privy in their capacity as
9 insurers of Petro; and

10 (b) any document, information or other material produced in discovery in this case
11 that contains confidential or private information that we produced in connect with the underlying
12 lawsuit that is designated as containing "Confidential Information" as defined herein, and is
13 produced in connection with this litigation by any person or entity (the "producing party"),
14 whether in response to a discovery request, subpoena or otherwise, to any other person or entity
15 (the "receiving party") regardless of whether the person or entity producing or receiving such
16 information is a party to this litigation. The parties agree that documents that have already been
17 produced in discovery in this case will not be retroactively designated as Confidential Information
18 under this Protective Order.

19 2. **Definitions.**

20 2.1 Confidential Information. "Confidential Information" shall mean and
21 include, without limitation, any privileged communications, as well as any non-public information
22 that concerns or relates to the following areas: litigation strategy, tactics, evaluations, status
23 reports, or analysis of any aspect of the *Gresham* lawsuit (U.S. District Court for the District of
24 Nevada Case No. 3:09-cv-00034-RCJ-VPC) and related Ninth Circuit Appeal excluding those
25 documents attached to this matter's Amended Complaint.

26 2.2 Documents. As used herein, the term "documents" includes all writings,
27 records, files, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, e-mails, video tapes, audio tapes, compact
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1 discs, electronic messages, other data compilations from which information can be obtained and
2 other tangible things subject to production under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

3 **3. Initial Designation.**

4 3.1 Good Faith Claims. Claims of confidentiality will be made only with
5 respect to documents, other tangible things and information that the asserting party has a good
6 faith belief are within the definition set forth in subparagraph 2.1 of this Protective Order.
7 Objections to such claims made pursuant to paragraph 5, below, shall also be made only in good
8 faith.

9 3.2 Produced Documents. A party producing documents that it believes
10 constitute or contain Confidential Information shall produce copies bearing a label that contains or
11 includes language substantially identical to the following:

12 **CONFIDENTIAL**

13 This label shall be affixed in a manner that does not obliterate or obscure the contents of
14 the copies. If any person or party makes copies of documents designated as containing
15 Confidential Information, the copying person or party shall mark each such copy as containing
16 Confidential Information in the same form as the Confidentiality notice on the original document.

17 A party producing documents that are stored on electronic, magnetic, optical or other non-
18 paper media, such as compact discs, DVD's, video tapes and audio tapes (collectively, "data
19 storage devices") shall designate the data storage device as containing Confidential Information,
20 by affixing a label or stamp to the data storage device in the manner described above at the time
21 copies of such data storage devices are produced. If the receiving party or other persons or entities
22 to whom disclosure is authorized pursuant to subparagraph 7.1 make a copy of any data storage
23 device designated by the producing party as containing Confidential Information, the receiving
24 party or other authorized person shall mark each such copy as containing Confidential Information
25 in the same form as the confidentiality notice on the original data storage device produced. If the
26 receiving party or other authorized person prints out or otherwise makes copies of the documents
27 or information stored on such data storage device, the receiving party or other authorized person
28 shall mark each page so copied with the label or stamp specified in subparagraph 3.2.

1 3.3 Interrogatory Answers. If a party answering an interrogatory or other
2 discovery demand intends its response to include and Privileged or Confidential Information , it
3 shall set forth that answer in a separate document that is produced and designated in the same
4 manner as a produced document under subparagraph 3.2. Such answers should make reference to
5 the separately-produced document containing the answer, but such document should not be
6 attached to the response.

7 3.4 Inspection of Documents. In the event a party elects to produce files and
8 records for inspection and the requesting party elects to inspect them, no designation of
9 Confidential Information needs to be made in advance of the inspection. For purposes of such
10 inspection, all material produced shall be considered as Confidential Information. If the inspecting
11 party selects specified documents to be copied, the producing party shall designate Confidential
12 Information in accordance with subparagraph 3.2 at the time the copies are produced.

13 3.5 Deposition Transcripts. Within twenty-one (21) days after the receipt of a
14 deposition transcript, a party may inform the other parties to the action of the portions of the
15 transcript that it wishes to designate as Confidential Information. Until such time has elapsed,
16 deposition transcripts in their entirety are to be considered as Confidential Information. All parties
17 in possession of a copy of a designated deposition transcript shall mark it appropriately. The court
18 reporter shall comply with and be bound by this Order. In the event that the party furnishing
19 deposition testimony designates portions or all of that testimony as Confidential Information, the
20 court reporter shall separately transcribe and submit under seal, to counsel for the parties,
21 transcriptions of the testimony so designated. Confidential transcripts of deposition testimony
22 shall be treated the same and afforded the same protections as other documents and materials
23 designated as Confidential Information under this Order.

24 3.6 Multi-page Documents. A party may designate all pages of an integrated,
25 multi-page document, including a deposition transcript and interrogatory answers, as Confidential
26 Information by placing the label specified in subparagraph 3.2 on the first page of the document or
27 on each page of the document. If a party wishes to designate only certain portions of an integrated,
28 multi-page document as Confidential Information, it should designate such portions immediately

1 below the label on the first page of the document and place the label specified in subparagraph 3.2
2 on each page of the document containing Confidential Information.

3 4. **Designations by Another Party.**

4 4.1 Notification of Designation. If a party other than the producing party
5 believes that a producing party has produced a document that contains or constitutes Confidential
6 Information of the non-producing party, the non-producing party may designate the document as
7 Confidential Information by so notifying all parties in writing within fourteen (14) days of service
8 of the document.

9 4.2 Return of Documents; Non-disclosure. Whenever a party other than the
10 producing party designates a document produced by a producing party as Confidential Information
11 in accordance with subparagraph 4.1, each party receiving the document shall either add the
12 Confidential Information designation in accordance with subparagraph 3.2 or substitute a copy of
13 the document bearing such designation for each copy of the document produced by the producing
14 party. Each party shall notify the producing party of its intent to destroy all undesignated copies of
15 the document and, at the election of the producing party, destroy the same or return those copies to
16 the producing party, at the direction of the producing party. No party shall disclose a produced
17 document to any person, other than the persons authorized to receive Confidential Information
18 under subparagraph 7.1, until after the expiration of the fourteen (14) day designation period
19 specified in subparagraph 4.1. If during the fourteen (14) day designation period a party discloses
20 a produced document to a person authorized to receive Confidential Information under
21 subparagraph 7.1, and that document is subsequently designated as Confidential Information in
22 accordance with subparagraph 4.1, the disclosing party shall cause all copies of the document to
23 be destroyed or returned to the producing party, at the direction of the producing party. The party
24 may thereafter disclose a copy of the document that has been marked as Confidential Information
25 by the designating party, in accordance with subparagraphs 3.2 and 7.1.

26 5. **Objections to Designations.** Any party objecting to a designation of Confidential
27 Information, including objections to portions of designations of multi-page documents, shall notify
28 the designating party and all other parties of the objection in writing up to and through 70 days

1 before trial of the matter provided, however, that neither party to this litigation shall have the right
2 to designate as "not confidential" any information subject to Petro's claim of privilege. This
3 notice must specifically identify each document that the objecting party in good faith believes
4 should not be designated as Confidential Information and provide a brief statement of the grounds
5 for such belief. In accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure governing discovery
6 disputes, the objecting and the designating parties thereafter shall confer within ten (10) days after
7 the date of such objection in an attempt to resolve their differences. If the parties are unable to
8 resolve their differences, the objecting party shall have twenty one (21) days after the conference
9 concludes to file with the Court a motion to remove the Confidential Information. Where a party
10 authored, created, owns, or controls a document, information or other material that another party
11 designates as Confidential Information, the party that authored, created, owns, or controls the
12 Confidential Information may so inform the objecting party and thereafter shall also be considered
13 a designating party for purposes of this paragraph.

14 All documents, information and other materials containing Petro's privileged information
15 or otherwise initially designated as Confidential Information shall be treated as such in accordance
16 with this Protective Order unless and until the Court rules otherwise, except for deposition
17 transcripts and exhibits initially considered as containing Confidential Information under
18 subparagraph 3.5, which will lose their confidential status after twenty-one (21) days unless so
19 designated as Confidential Information. If the Court rules that a designation should not be
20 maintained as to a particular document, the producing party shall, upon written request by a party,
21 provide that party a copy of that document without the designation described in subparagraph 3.2.

22 If an objecting party elects not to make such a motion with respect to documents within
23 twenty one (21) days after the conference, information or other materials to which an objection has
24 been made, the objection shall be deemed withdrawn. The designating party shall have twenty one
25 (21) days to respond to the objecting party's motion. If no response is filed by the designating
26 party within twenty one (21) days, the designating party shall be deemed to have consented to the
27 objecting party's motion pursuant to LR 7-2(d).

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1 6. **Custody.** All Confidential Information and any and all copies, extracts and
2 summaries thereof, including memoranda relating thereto, shall be retained by the receiving party
3 in the custody of counsel of record, or by persons to whom disclosure is authorized under
4 subparagraph 7.1.

5 7. **Handling Prior to Trial.**

6 7.1 Authorized Disclosures. Confidential Information shall be disclosed by the
7 receiving party only to the following persons:

- 8 a. Counsel for the parties in this litigation, including their associates,
9 clerks, paralegals, and secretarial personnel;
- 10 b. Qualified persons taking testimony in this litigation involving such
11 Confidential Information, and necessary stenographic, videotape and
12 clerical personnel;
- 13 c. Experts and their staff who are retained by counsel as expert
14 witnesses for a party in this litigation;
- 15 d. Experts and their staff who are consulted by counsel for a party in
16 this litigation;
- 17 e. Parties to this litigation, limited to the named party and, if that party
18 is a corporate entity, a limited number of employees of the corporate
19 entity and its insurers;
- 20 f. Designated in-house counsel and a limited number of assistants,
21 administrative or otherwise;
- 22 g. Outside vendors employed by counsel for copying, scanning and
23 general handling of documents;
- 24 h. Any person of whom testimony is taken regarding the Confidential
25 Information, except that such person may only be shown
26 Confidential Information during his/her testimony, and may not
27 retain a copy of such Confidential Information; and
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1 other rights and remedies of the designating party, the responsible party or person shall make
2 every effort to obtain and return the Confidential Information and to prevent further disclosure on
3 its own part or on the part of the person who was the unauthorized recipient of such information.

4 7.3 **Court Filings.** In the event any Confidential Information must be filed with
5 the Court prior to trial, the proposed filing shall comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure
6 and the requirements set forth in *Kamakana v. City and County of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172 (9th
7 Cir. 2006). In accordance with these rules and requirements, the proposed filing shall be
8 accompanied by a motion to file the Confidential Information under seal and a proposed order, and
9 the application and proposed order shall be directed to the judge to whom the Confidential
10 Information is directed. This provision is applicable to briefs, memoranda, and other filings which
11 quote, summarize, or describe Confidential Information.

12 8. **Care in Storage.** Any person in possession of Confidential Information produced
13 by another party shall exercise reasonable and appropriate care with regard to the storage, custody,
14 copying, and use of such information to ensure that the confidential and sensitive nature of same is
15 maintained.

16 9. **Handling During Trial.** Confidential Information that is subject to this Order may
17 be marked and used as trial exhibits by either party, subject to terms and conditions as imposed by
18 the Court upon application by any party.

19 10. **No Implied Waivers.** This Protective Order shall not be interpreted as a waiver of
20 the right to object, under applicable law, to the furnishing of information in response to discovery
21 requests or to object to a requested inspection of documents or facilities. Parties producing
22 Confidential Information in this litigation are doing so only pursuant to the terms of this Protective
23 Order. The taking of any action in accordance with the provisions of this Protective Order shall
24 not be interpreted as a waiver of any claim or position or defense in this action, or any other
25 actions.

26 11. **No Admission.** The designation of any item as Confidential Information shall not
27 be construed as an admission that such material, or any testimony concerning such material, would
28 be admissible in evidence in this litigation or in any other proceeding.

1 12. **Inadvertent Disclosure.** Nothing in this Protective Order abridges applicable law
2 concerning inadvertent disclosure of a document that the Disclosing Party believes contains
3 attorney-client communications, attorney work product, or otherwise privileged information. If a
4 party inadvertently discloses documents or information subject to a claim of privilege or work
5 product protection, such disclosure will not waive otherwise applicable claims of privilege or
6 work product protection under applicable law. Upon discovery by the Receiving Party, or receipt
7 of written notice from the Disclosing Party identifying privileged or protected Documents that
8 were inadvertently produced, the receiving party shall within seven (7) business days either:
9 (a) return or certify the destruction of all such documents, all copies, and any work product or
10 portions of any work product containing or reflecting the contents of the subject materials; or
11 (b) after attempting to resolve any dispute with opposing counsel informally, file a motion to
12 challenge the assertion of privilege and tender the subject documents for in camera review with
13 the motion. The moving party shall do nothing to compromise the privilege claim until the Court
14 rules on said motion and the opportunity for appellate review is exhausted or the issue is otherwise
15 resolved.

16 13. **Parties' Own Documents.** This Protective Order shall in no way restrict the
17 parties in their use of their own documents and information, and nothing in this Protective Order
18 shall preclude any party from voluntarily disclosing its own documents or information to any party
19 or nonparty.

20 14. **Motion to Compel Production of Confidential Information.** If any third party
21 subpoenas Confidential Information from a party to this action or moves to compel a party to this
22 action to produce any such information, such party shall immediately notify the parties who
23 originally produced and/or designated such information that a subpoena has been served or a
24 motion has been made in order to allow the parties who originally produced and/or designated
25 such information the opportunity to seek a protective order or oppose the motion or application. If,
26 within thirty (30) days after receiving notice of a subpoena seeking Confidential Information from
27 a receiving party, the party who originally produced and/or designated such information fails to
28 move for a protective order, the party subject to the subpoena may produce said information. In

1 addition, if a party is ordered to produce Confidential Information covered by this Protective
2 Order, then notice and, if available, a copy of the order compelling disclosure shall immediately be
3 given the parties who originally produced and/or designated such information. Nothing in this
4 Protective Order shall be construed as requiring the party who is ordered to produce such
5 Confidential Information to challenge or appeal any order requiring the production of such
6 information or to subject himself/herself to any penalty for non-compliance with any legal process
7 or seek any relief from the Court.

8 15. **No Effect on Other Rights.** This Protective Order shall in no way abrogate or
9 diminish any pre-existing contractual, statutory, or other legal obligations or rights of any party
10 with respect to Confidential Information.

11 16. **Modification.** In the event any party hereto seeks a Court order to modify the terms
12 of this Protective Order, or seeks a protective order which incorporates the terms and conditions of
13 this Protective Order said party shall make such request by written stipulation or noticed motion to
14 all parties that must be served and filed in accordance with local court rules.

15 17. **Handling Upon Conclusion of Litigation.** All parties, counsel, and persons to
16 whom disclosure was made agree to return all Confidential Information to the designating party
17 within ninety (90) days of the conclusion of litigation between the parties, including final appellate
18 action or the expiration of time to appeal or seek further review. In addition, counsel shall certify
19 in writing that all such Confidential Information have been returned. Counsel for each party also
20 shall contact each person to whom that party has provided a copy of any Confidential Information
21 and request the documents be returned. In lieu of returning Confidential Information, the person or
22 party in possession of such information may elect to destroy it. If the person or party in possession
23 of Confidential Information elects to destroy it rather than return it, that person or party must
24 notify the designating party in writing of the destruction of the information within ninety (90) days
25 of the conclusion of litigation between the parties, including final appellate action or the expiration
26 of time to appeal or seek further review. Each party understands that Petro has communicated its
27 position that it does not waive now, and does not intend to waive in the future, its claim of
28 privilege.

EXHIBIT A

DECLARATION RE: PROTECTIVE ORDER

I, _____, hereby declare

1. I have reviewed the Stipulation and Protective Order (“Order”) entered in -
_____ and am familiar with its contents.

2. As a condition to being permitted access to material determined to be
“Confidential” in the above-captioned matter, I agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of
the Order, and I promise to comply with the Order.

3. As a further condition to being permitted access to material determined to be
“Confidential” in the above-captioned matter, I agree (i) not to disclose to anyone any documents,
materials or information marked “Confidential;” and (ii) not to make any copies of any
documents, material or information marked “Confidential” furnished to me.

4. As a further condition to being permitted access to material determined to be
“Confidential” in the above-captioned matter, I agree on behalf of myself and, to the extent
applicable, my employer and/or employees, to submit to personal jurisdiction before the above-
entitled Court for purposes of any dispute arising from the Order, including its enforcement.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is
true and correct.

Executed on _____, at _____.
[Date] [City/State]

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____