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EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 2 May 01, 2017 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SEAN F. MCAVOY, CLERK 3 EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 4 KAISER ALUMINUM 2:16-CV-0339-SMJ No. CORPORATION, a Delaware 5 corporation; and KAISER ALUMINUM WASHINGTON, LLC, ORDER DISMISSING CASE AND 6 a Delaware limited liability company, RETAINING JURISDICTION 7 Plaintiffs, 8 v. 9 PAUL J. AINSWORTH and TERI L. TUCKER, individually and the marital 10 community comprised thereof, 11 Defendants. 12 Before the Court, without oral argument, is the Parties' Joint Motion for 13 Dismissal of All Claims and Counterclaims without Prejudice, ECF No. 21. The 14 Parties represent that they have reached a negotiated settlement of all claims and 15 counterclaims in this lawsuit. Id. Pursuant to the settlement terms, the Parties ask 16 the Court to retain jurisdiction over the terms of the Settlement Agreement, ECF 17 No. 21-1, for three years should enforcement become necessary. 18 19 Having reviewed the pleadings and the file in this matter, the Court is fully informed, grants the motion dismissing all claims and counterclaims without 20

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prejudice, and exercises its discretion to retain jurisdiction in this matter to enforce the Parties' Settlement Agreement for a period of three years from the date this order is entered. Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(2); see Kokkonen v. Guardian Life Ins. Co. of America, 511 U.S. 375, 381–82 (1994) (stating that, pursuant to Rule 41, federal courts can retain jurisdiction over a dismissed case to enforce a settlement contract between the parties so long as the parties agree to such an arrangement).

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- The Parties' Joint Motion for Dismissal of All Claims and 1. Counterclaims Without Prejudice, ECF No. 21, is GRANTED.
- 2. All claims and counterclaims are DISMISSED WITHOUT **PREJUDICE**, with all Parties to bear their own costs and attorneys' fees.
- **3.** Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(2) and *Kokkonen v*. Guardian Life Ins. Co. of America, 511 U.S. 375 (1994), the Court will retain jurisdiction for three years from the date this Order is entered to enforce, should enforcement become necessary, this Order and the terms of the Parties' underlying Settlement Agreement which is incorporated by this reference.
- All pending motions are **DENIED AS MOOT**. 4.