

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23

THE HONORABLE ROBERT S. LASNIK

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

KIRBY OFFSHORE MARINE PACIFIC,
LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

EMERALD SERVICES, INC., dba
EMERALD AN ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPANY,

Defendant.

IN ADMIRALTY

Civil Action No. 2:17-CV-00224-RSL

~~PROPOSED~~ AMENDED STIPULATED
PROTECTIVE ORDER

I. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

Discovery in this action is likely to involve production of confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special protection may be warranted. Accordingly, Plaintiff Kirby Offshore Marine Pacific, LLC and Defendant Emerald Services, Inc. dba Emerald an Environmental Company (hereinafter "the Parties") hereby stipulate to and petition the Court to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The Parties acknowledge that this agreement is consistent with LCR 26(c). It does not confer blanket protection on all disclosures or responses to discovery, the protection it affords from public disclosure and use

1 extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment
2 under the applicable legal principles, and it does not presumptively entitle the Parties to file
3 confidential information under seal.

4 **II. "CONFIDENTIAL" MATERIAL**

5 "Confidential" material shall include the following documents and tangible things
6 produced or otherwise exchanged: (1) documents previously marked as confidential or that
7 contain a confidentiality provision including, but not limited to, KAYS POINT vessel
8 diagrams and/or drawings marked as confidential and proprietary by architect; (2) Charter
9 Party Agreement between Crowley Petroleum Distribution, Inc. and Plaintiff dated May 1,
10 2010 and related documents; and (3) training and/or safety manuals that contain proprietary
11 information about the methods and/or processes and/or procedures used by Plaintiff or
12 Defendant.

13 **III. SCOPE**

14 The protections conferred by this agreement cover not only confidential material (as
15 defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from confidential material;
16 (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of confidential material; and (3) any
17 testimony, conversations, or presentations by Parties or their counsel that might reveal
18 confidential material. However, the protections conferred by this agreement do not cover
19 information that is in the public domain or becomes part of the public domain through trial or
20 otherwise.

21 **IV. ACCESS TO AND USE OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL**

22 4.1 Basic Principles. A receiving party may use confidential material that is
23 disclosed or produced by another party or by a non-party in connection with this case only

1 for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this litigation. Confidential material may
2 be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the conditions described in this
3 agreement. Confidential material must be stored and maintained by a receiving party at a
4 location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized
5 under this agreement.

6 4.2 Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items. Unless otherwise
7 ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the designating party, a receiving party may
8 disclose any confidential material only to:

9 (a) the receiving party's counsel of record in this action, as well as employees
10 of counsel to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this litigation;

11 (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including in-house counsel) of the
12 receiving party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation, unless the
13 Parties agree that a particular document or material produced is for Attorney's Eyes Only and
14 is so designated;

15 (c) experts and consultants to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for
16 this litigation and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound"
17 (Exhibit A);

18 (d) the court, court personnel, and court reporters and their staff;

19 (e) copy or imaging services retained by counsel to assist in the duplication of
20 confidential material, provided that counsel for the party retaining the copy or imaging
21 service instructs the service not to disclose any confidential material to third parties and to
22 immediately return all originals and copies of any confidential material;

1 (f) during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom disclosure is
2 reasonably necessary and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be
3 Bound" (Exhibit A), unless otherwise agreed by the designating party or ordered by the
4 court. Pages of transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal
5 confidential material must be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be
6 disclosed to anyone except as permitted under this agreement; and

7 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a
8 custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information.

9 4.3 Filing Confidential Material. Before filing confidential material or discussing
10 or referencing such material in court filings, the filing party shall confer with the designating
11 party to determine whether the designating party will remove the confidential designation,
12 whether the document can be redacted, or whether a motion to seal or stipulation and
13 proposed order is warranted. Local Civil Rule 5(g) sets forth the procedures that must be
14 followed and the standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the court
15 to file material under seal.


16 V. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

17 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. Each
18 party or non-party that designates information or items for protection under this agreement
19 must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the
20 appropriate standards. The designating party must designate for protection only those parts of
21 material, documents, items, or oral or written communications that qualify, so that other
22 portions of the material, documents, items, or communications for which protection is not
23 warranted are not swept unjustifiably within the ambit of this agreement.

1 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are
2 shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose (e.g., to
3 unnecessarily encumber or delay the case development process or to impose unnecessary
4 expenses and burdens on other parties) expose the designating party to sanctions.

5 If it comes to a designating party's attention that information or items that it
6 designated for protection do not qualify for protection, the designating party must promptly
7 notify all other Parties that it is withdrawing the mistaken designation.

8 5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this
9 agreement (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise stipulated or
10 ordered, disclosure or discovery material that qualifies for protection under this agreement
11 must be clearly so designated before or when the material is disclosed or produced.

12 (a) Information in documentary form: (e.g., paper or electronic documents
13 and deposition exhibits, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial
14 proceedings), the designating party must affix the word "CONFIDENTIAL" to each page
15 that contains confidential material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page
16 qualifies for protection, the producing party also must clearly identify the protected
17 portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins). 

18 (b) Testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial or trial proceedings: the
19 Parties must identify on the record, during the deposition, hearing, or other proceeding, all
20 protected testimony, without prejudice to their right to so designate other testimony after
21 reviewing the transcript. Any party or non-party may, within fifteen days after receiving a
22 deposition transcript, designate portions of the transcript, or exhibits thereto, as confidential.
23

1 (c) Other tangible items: the producing party must affix in a prominent place
2 on the exterior of the container or containers in which the information or item is stored the
3 word "CONFIDENTIAL." If only a portion or portions of the information or item warrant
4 protection, the producing party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected
5 portion(s).

6 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure
7 to designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the designating
8 party's right to secure protection under this agreement for such material. Upon timely
9 correction of a designation, the receiving party must make reasonable efforts to ensure that
10 the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this agreement.

11 VI. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

12 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any party or non-party may challenge a designation of
13 confidentiality at any time. Unless a prompt challenge to a designating party's confidentiality
14 designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable, substantial unfairness, unnecessary economic
15 burdens, or a significant disruption or delay of the litigation, a party does not waive its right
16 to challenge a confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after
17 the original designation is disclosed.

18 6.2 Meet and Confer. The Parties must make every attempt to resolve any dispute
19 regarding confidential designations without court involvement. Any motion regarding
20 confidential designations or for a protective order must include a certification, in the motion
21 or in a declaration or affidavit, that the movant has engaged in a good faith meet and confer
22 conference with other affected Parties in an effort to resolve the dispute without court action.
23

1 The certification must list the date, manner, and participants to the conference. A good faith
2 effort to confer requires a face-to-face meeting or a telephone conference.

3 6.3 Judicial Intervention. If the Parties cannot resolve a challenge without court
4 intervention, the designating party may file and serve a motion to retain confidentiality under
5 Local Civil Rule 7 (and in compliance with Local Civil Rule 5(g), if applicable). The burden
6 of persuasion in any such motion shall be on the designating party. Frivolous challenges, and
7 those made for an improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and
8 burdens on other Parties) may expose the challenging party to sanctions. All Parties shall
9 continue to maintain the material in question as confidential until the court rules on the
10 challenge.

11 **VII. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN**
12 **OTHER LITIGATION**

13 If a party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that
14 compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as
15 "CONFIDENTIAL," that party must:

16 (a) promptly notify the designating party in writing and include a copy of the
17 subpoena or court order;

18 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to
19 issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order
20 is subject to this agreement. Such notification shall include a copy of this agreement; and

21 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued
22 by the designating party whose confidential material may be affected.
23

1 **VIII. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

2 If a receiving party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed
3 confidential material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this
4 agreement, the receiving party must immediately (a) notify in writing the designating party of
5 the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the
6 protected material, (c) inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were
7 made of all the terms of this agreement, and (d) request that such person or persons execute
8 the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

9
10 **IX. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE
 PROTECTED MATERIAL**

11 When a producing party gives notice to receiving parties that certain inadvertently
12 produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the
13 receiving parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This
14 provision is not intended to modify whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery
15 order or agreement that provides for production without prior privilege review. Parties shall
16 confer on an appropriate non-waiver order under Fed. R. Evid. 502.

17 **X. NON TERMINATION AND RETURN OF DOCUMENTS**

18 Within 60 days after the termination of this action, including all appeals, each
19 receiving party must return all confidential material to the producing party, including all
20 copies, extracts and summaries thereof. Alternatively, the Parties may agree upon
21 appropriate methods of destruction.

22 Notwithstanding this provision, counsel are entitled to retain one archival copy of all
23 documents filed with the court, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts, correspondence,

1 deposition and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert
2 work product, even if such materials contain confidential material.

3 The confidentiality obligations imposed by this agreement shall remain in effect until
4 a designating party agrees otherwise in writing or a court order otherwise.

5 IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.

6 Dated this 15th day of June, 2017.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2017.

7
8 LE GROS BUCHANAN & PAUL

WOOD, SMITH, HENNING & BERMAN LLP

9 By: s/ Markus B.G. Oberg

By: s/ Philip Grennan (via email authority)

10 By: s/ Mary C. Butler

By: s/ Shannon Benbow (via email authority)

11 Markus B.G. Oberg, WSBA #34914

Philip Grennan, WSBA #8127

12 Mary C. Butler, WSBA #44855

Shannon Benbow, WSBA #48761

13 4025 Delridge Way SW, Suite 500

520 Pike Street, Suite 1525

14 Seattle, WA 98106-1271

Seattle WA 98101-4001

15 (206) 623-4990

(206) 204-6807

16 moberg@legros.com;

sbenbow@wshblaw.com

17 mbutler@legros.com

pgrennan@wshblaw.com

18 Attorneys for Plaintiff

Attorneys for Defendant

19 PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.

20 DATED this 16th day of June, 2017.

21 
22 _____
23 THE HONORABLE ROBERT S. LASNIK

EXHIBIT A

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, _____ [print or type full name], of _____ [print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington on _____ [date] in the case of *Kirby Offshore Marine Pacific, LLC v Emerald Services, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 2:17-CV-00224-RSL. I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this Action.

Date: _____

City and State where sworn and signed: _____

Printed name: _____

Signature: _____