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Dear Messrs. Smith and Nygård:

We are now approaching four months since completion of the emergency restoration effort for the *T/V Margara* grounding. At our October 3, 2006 meeting, it was agreed that Continental Shelf Associated, Inc (CSA) would produce a draft monitoring plan for the emergency restoration work by the end of October 2006 for review by the Trustees. Mr. Bruce Graham informed the Trustees on November 27, 2006, that he had not yet been authorized by you to begin preparation of that draft plan. As of the date of this letter, the Trustees have still not received the draft monitoring plan or been provided any explanation.

Monitoring of the emergency restoration work is imperative to determine survivability of the replaced biota and ensure the correct credit can be given for the restored resources. Ideally, a baseline monitoring event would have already been completed and the next monitoring event would occur six months after completion of the restoration efforts. The Trustees request immediate clarification of the responsible party's intentions with regard to producing and implementing a monitoring plan for the emergency restoration work that has been completed. If the responsible party does not intend to authorize CSA to produce this draft plan and implement the final monitoring plan, the Trustees will proceed to develop and implement a monitoring plan for the emergency restoration work.

Because of the critical importance of this issue, please respond in writing no later than close of business on January 26, 2007 either (1) confirming CSA has been authorized to prepare this draft plan and a near term date for its delivery to the Trustees or (2) notifying the Trustees CSA will not be preparing this draft plan. If no response to this request is received by close of business on January 26, 2007, the Trustees will assume responsibility for and proceed with this task. The Trustees want the initial monitoring work completed no later than March 1, 2007

Messrs. Smith and Nygård, the Trustees are open to further discussion regarding this matter but, because planning for this monitoring is now time critical, any meaningful window for that is really very short at this time. Please contact me either by email (Craig.Lilyestrom@drna.gobierno.pr) or telephone (787.999.2200, ext. 2615) as soon as possible if you wish to schedule such discussions.

On behalf of the Trustees,



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