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## CITY OF LONG BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT NON-EXCLUSIVE LISTING AGREEMENT FOR VESSEL FIREFIGHTING RESPONSE PLANS

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered, pursuant to a minute order adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting held on December 3, 2013, by and between The Long Beach Fire Department ("LBFD") through the City of Long Beach ("CITY") and RESOLVE MARINE GROUP, INC., a Florida corporation with its principle place of business at 1510 SE 17th Street, Suite 400, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316 ("RESOURCE PROVIDER").

### 1. RECITALS

- 1.1 City's Fire Department ("LBFD") regularly provides marine firefighting and emergency rescue services in the Port of Long Beach and Port of Los Angeles (collectively, the "ports of San Pedro Bay" or the "ports").
- 1.2 LBFD receives requests from the Captain of the Port and other entities from time to time to provide such firefighting and emergency response services outside of the ports.
- 1.3 Part 155 of Title 33 of the United States Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR"), entitled "Salvage and Marine Firefighting Requirements; Vessel Response Plans for Oil," requires that vessel owners and operators ensure that adequate response resources are available to respond to incidents involving a potential or actual fire, to prevent loss of life, damage or destruction of the vessel, and damage to the marine environment ("Vessel Incident").
- 1.4 The CFR prohibits vessels from handling, storing, transporting or transferring oil without a plan meeting the requirements set forth in 33 CFR §55.1035, filed in accordance with 33 CFR § 155.1040, and approved by the United States Coast Guard ("Vessel Response Plan").
- 1.5 33 CFR § 1015 requires vessel owners and operators to identify and ensure, through a contract or other approved means, the availability of response resources.

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- 1.7 RESOURCE PROVIDER has identified LBFD as an entity that responds to Vessel Incidents ("Vessel Response Resource"), that can provide marine response resources required in a Vessel Response Plan including ship-board marine firefighting (using water or foam for fire suppression), the stabilization and ballasting of vessels, and the mitigation of hazardous materials release ("Marine Response Assets").
- 1.8 RESOURCE PROVIDER has requested that LBFD enter into an agreement with RESOURCE PROVIDER for submission to the Coast Guard to satisfy planning requirements as part of the Salvage and Marine Firefighting portion of Vessel Response Plans. This Agreement does not alter or have any impact on existing or proposed LBFD resources and response capabilities.

### 2. LISTING OF LBFD

- 2.1 <u>Authorization to List.</u> RESOURCE PROVIDER is authorized to identify LBFD as a Vessel Response Resource in the Geographic Specific Appendix to Vessel Response Plans submitted by RESOURCE PROVIDER that is part of the clients' Vessel Response Plans on behalf of its clients.
- 2.2 <u>Non-Exclusive Listing</u>. This Agreement is non-exclusive. RESOURCE PROVIDER and LBFD reserve the right to enter into other agreements for Vessel Response Resources.
- 2.3 <u>LBFD Marine Response Assets</u>. The Marine Response Assets LBFD currently maintains and operates include multiple fireboats, each with at least Ten Thousand (10,000) gallons per minute capability, life guard maritime resources, hazardous material response teams, urban search and rescue teams and paramedics as well as land based resources. LBFD is also the primary conduit for local events requiring responders from other fire agencies utilizing the California Master Mutual Aid Plan.

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# 3. VESSEL INCIDENT RESPONSES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Vessel Response Resource, respond to a Vessel Incident with Marine Response Assets. The RESOURCE PROVIDER may also dispatch its own or privately hired commercial firefighting personnel and equipment. These additional responses at the incident will be under the direction of the established incident command / unified command. It will be determined by LBFD if these additional private resources are compliant with minimum acceptable training and safety standards as described by the U.S. Coast Guard. LBFD retains full operational authority to utilize these resources as well as developing the response plans. LBFD also retains full operational discretion in determining whether to respond to a Vessel Incident, and it is not obligated by virtue of this Agreement or listing in a Vessel Response Plan to respond to any Vessel Incident. It is understood that LBFD's response to a Vessel Incident is subject to LBFD's availability of resources that may be encumbered by prior responses or triaged responses.

3.2 <u>Incident Command / Unified Command.</u> Incident command at a Vessel Incident shall be in accordance with applicable federal, state, and/or City incident command procedures. Nothing contained in this Agreement, nor RESOURCE PROVIDER's dispatch of commercial firefighting personnel and equipment, shall be deemed to supersede the operational authority of LBFD. Within the City's jurisdictional boundaries LBFD shall be the Incident Commander or lead agency within a unified command until an acceptable plan for command transfer is developed.

### 4. REIMBURSEMENT

4.1 <u>Reimbursement</u>. If LBFD responds to a Vessel Incident covered by the RESOURCE PROVIDER, LBFD shall be entitled to reimbursement on a time and materials basis by RESOURCE PROVIDER for costs incurred, including utilization of any LBFD Marine Response Assets, and City's out-of-pocket costs for labor, materials, supervision, supplies, tools, taxes, transportation, administration and personal expense and other reasonable indirect or overhead expenses allocated pursuant to City's standard



work order charges in effect at the time of the incident.

4.2 <u>Claims</u>. Subject to Clause 11 below, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to preclude or limit City, LBFD, their officers, employees or agents, from claiming against any responsible parties for any loss or injury sustained by LBFD in response to a Vessel Incident.

## 5. DRILLS, EXERCISES AND TRAINING

- 5.1 <u>Drills and Walk-Throughs</u>. RESOURCE PROVIDER shall invite LBFD to participate in drills and/or exercises directly related to marine fire and casualty response as they occur. RESOURCE PROVIDER shall also assist with, when requested by LBFD, securing a walk-through on vessels listed pursuant to subparagraph 2.1 above when the vessel is in port in San Pedro Bay.
- 5.2 The RESOURCE PROVIDER shall provide digital copies of the vessel's Fire Control Plans to the LBFD upon request from the LBFD and only after authorization for such provision is obtained from the Plan Holder (vessel owner/operator). The RESOURCE PROVIDER will secure such authorization. The LBFD agrees to use these plans for internal training and response. These plans are considered proprietary information by the RESOURCE PROVIDER and the LBFD agrees not to release these plans to any entity outside the LBFD without the express permission of the Plan Holder. These plans will be provided to the LBFD in pdf format through a secure link or other acceptable electronic means agreed upon by both parties.
- 5.3 The RESOURCE PROVIDER shall provide the LBFD a list of marine firefighting assets that can be mobilized to the LBFD's jurisdiction within the response planning timeframes required by the Salvage and Marine Firefighting Regulations (33 CFR 155). The RESOURCE PROVIDER will also provide the LBFD access to the RESOURCE PROVIDER's Geographic Specific Appendix database for Coast Guard Captain of the Port for Los Angeles/Long Beach. These will be used by LBFD for planning purposes. This information will be provided to the LBFD in pdf format through a secure link or other acceptable electronic means agreed upon by both parties.

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| 6. | TERM | AND | <b>TERMINATION</b> |
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- 6.1 <u>Effective Date</u>. This Agreement shall take effect on the date signed by LBFD.
- 6.2 <u>Term.</u> This Agreement shall remain in effect for a term of five (5) years. This Agreement may be extended by a writing signed by authorized representatives of the parties.
- 6.3 <u>Termination</u>. Either party may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party, to the designee for receipt of such notices, set forth in paragraph 7, below.

### 7. NOTICES

- 7.1 <u>Vessel Incidents</u>. Notification of Vessel Incidents and request for LBFD Marine Response Resources shall be made with the 911 system or U.S. Coast Guard standard procedures.
- 7.2 Other Notices. Any notice pursuant to this Agreement shall be given or made to the respective parties, by hand delivery; certified mail; or mail; to the following representatives, or such other representatives that the parties designate in writing:

### To LBFD:

Fire Chief
Long Beach Fire Department Headquarters
3205 Lakewood Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90808

## With a copy to Resource Provider:

Matt Hahne
RESOLVE MARINE GROUP, INC.
1510 SE 17th Street, Suite 400
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316

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#### 8. APPLICABLE LAW

This Agreement shall be governed, construed, applied and enforced 8.1 in accordance with the laws of the State of California, except those relating to conflicts of law.

#### 9. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY

9.1 The provisions of this Agreement are solely for the benefit of the parties hereto, and shall not be construed to confer any right or benefit upon any other person or entity, including employees or agents of the parties.

#### 10. MERGER AND MODIFICATION

- Merger. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding of the 10.1 parties and merges all prior discussions, agreements or understandings into it. No prior agreement, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter to this Agreement, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the parties hereto.
- 10.2 Modification. This Agreement may be amended, extended or otherwise modified by a writing signed by authorized representatives of the parties. It may not be modified orally.

#### 11. INDEMNIFICATION

11.1 RESOURCE PROVIDER shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Long Beach, its boards, and their officials, employees and agents from and against any and all demands, claims, causes of action, liability, loss, liens, damage, costs, and expenses (including attorney's fees) arising from or in any way connected or alleged to be connected with RESOURCE PROVIDER's performance hereunder, and from any act or omission, willful misconduct, or negligence (active or passive) by or alleged to be by RESOURCE PROVIDER, its employees, agents, or consultants, either as a sole or contributory cause, sustained by any person or entity. The foregoing shall not apply to claims or causes of action caused by the sole negligence of the City of Long Beach, its boards, or their officials, employees or agents.

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| 11.2 CITY OF LONG BEACH shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless                         |  |  |  |
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| the RESOURCE PROVIDER, its officers, employees, and agents from and against any           |  |  |  |
| and all demands, claims, causes of action, liability, loss liens, damage, costs and       |  |  |  |
| expenses (including attorney's fees) arising from or in any way connected or alleged to   |  |  |  |
| be connected with CITY OF LONG BEACH's performance hereunder, and from any act            |  |  |  |
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| CITY OF LONG BEACH, its officials, employees, or agents, either as a sole or              |  |  |  |
| contributory cause, sustained by any person or entity. The foregoing shall not apply to   |  |  |  |
| claims or causes of action caused by the sole negligence of the RESOURCE                  |  |  |  |
| PROVIDER, its officers, employees, or agents.                                             |  |  |  |

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Attn:

Veronica Robles Scott

City of Long Beach

Dear Ms. Scott,

In reference and response to your e-mail dated Oct. 15, 2014 regarding the listing agreement between Resolve Marine Group and the City of Long Beach, we are providing what should be sufficient explanation to the following request from the referenced e-mail: "A statement from your company explaining why they are not required to register with the California Secretary of State in order to do business in California."

RESOLVE MARINE GROUP, INC. ("RESOLVE"), a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, with its headquarters at 1510 SE 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 400, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316. RESOLVE does not maintain a physical address in the state of California. According to the California Revenue and Taxation Code, RESOLVE will only be required to register with the State of California before transacting any intrastate business with California. At this time, per the Listing Agreement, we are simply requesting the authorization to identify FDLB as a Vessel Response Resource in the Geographic Appendix to each Vessel Response Plan submitted by RESOLVE. This action does not require us to register as it does not contain any activities which are considered as "doing business" in California resulting in nexus not being created

As a result of relatively new federal regulations -- 33CFR Part 155 -- RESOLVE is mandated to respond, per this regulation, to anywhere within U.S. waters. We must respond if a marine casualty were to occur in the state of California. The listing agreement allows for the safest and most efficient response for all involved.

We hope this is an acceptable answer to your question. We're happy to work with you to this completed. We appreciate your patience and guidance.

Jeff Johnson

Resolve Maine Group



