#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

DEEPGULF, INC. and	
TOKE OIL AND GAS, S.A.,	
Plaintiffs,	Case No.: 2018 CA 000543
vs.	Division:
MARC M. MOSZKOWSKI,	
Defendant.	

## NOTICE OF FILING AFFIDAVIT OF RUSTIN HOWARD

COMES NOW, Braden K. Ball, Jr., Esquire, and hereby gives notice that the Affidavit of Rustin Howard, attached hereto, is being filed via the Courts e-filing system.

DATED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025, a copy of the foregoing has been furnished to the Defendant, Marc M. Moszkowski, Le Verdos, 83300 Chateaudouble, France (m.moszkowski@deepgulf.net) via the Court's E-filing system.

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# AFFIDAVIT OF RUSTIN HOWARD IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, the undersigned authority, Rustin Howard, who was duly sworn, and states as follows:

- 1. I am Rustin Howard. I am over the age of eighteen (18) and otherwise competent to make this Affidavit and have personal knowledge of the matters and things set forth herein.
- 2. When DeepGulf, Inc. was founded in 2005 nor at any subsequent time, there were never any discussions where I agreed to fund the corporation.
- 3. In discovery, DeepGulf, Inc. was provided an email apparently from Marc M. Moszkowski to me dated March 6, 2014. I do not specifically recall seeing that email. I do not read, write or speak French and the attachments have no significance to me. During the existence of DeepGulf, Inc., Marc M. Moszkowski sent me tens of thousands of emails, some about the business of DeepGulf, Inc., some personal, some about politics, and some about other topics. Typically, if an attachment were important, he would give an explanation in the body of the email.

- A U.S. patent does not provide protection outside of U.S. territory. A U.S. patent only grants the patent holder exclusive rights to make, use, sell, or import the invention within the United States, its territories, and possessions. If you want protection for your invention in other countries, you must seek patent protection in each of those countries individually.
  - 4. DeepGulf, Inc.'s technology enables the drilling and transportation of ultra-deep offshore oil or gas. There are a couple dozen potential customers in the entire world. The technology will only work in several unique parts of the world, such as East Timor, Australia, Indonesia, Korea, Brazil, the Mediterranean, the Baltic, and the Gulf of Mexico.
  - 5. When Marc M. Moszkowski was working in East Timor, I asked Marc M. Moszkowski about payments by Toke Oil and Gas, S.A. to DeepGulf, Inc. for tax and accounting purposes. Marc M. Moszkowski responded that Toke Oil and Gas, S.A. paid DeepGulf, Inc. for his services as Project Manager. A true and correct copy of the email is attached as Exhibit "A".
  - 6. During the time that Marc M. Moszkowski was working in East Timor, I believed that Marc M. Moszkowski was negotiating contracts on behalf of DeepGulf, Inc. I believed that DeepGulf was involved in operations regarding the projects in East Timor, as DeepGulf employed and paid Marc M. Moszkowski to be its Project Manager. Also, during that time, Marc M. Moszkowski requested reimbursement from DeepGulf, Inc. for his travel expenses.
  - 7. Marc M. Moszkowski's last payment of salary was from DeepGulf, Inc. was in October, 2012.
  - 8. DeepGulf, Inc. did not do fundraising for Toke Oil and Gas, S.A. As to fundraising for DeepGulf, Inc., ultimately, Marc M. Moszkowski as President of the Corporation was in charge of fundraising.
  - 9. In October, 2017, William Lott, Jr. informed me that Marc M. Moszkowski had told him that Toke Oil and Gas, S.A. had paid Marc M. Moszkowski \$345,000. This is the first that I was aware of this.
  - 10. When DeepGulf, Inc. bought out the interest owned by Vicente Ximenes in Toke Oil and Gas, S.A., he was paid the entire \$100,000.

- 11. On January 25, 2011 and May 25, 2012, I did receive emails from Marc M. Moszkowski with financial statements attached. I had no reason to believe that the "Directors Salaries" were paid to the members of the Board of Directors of Toke Oil and Gas, S.A. or to Marc M. Moszkowski. These salaries could have been paid to employees who had management roles in the company, carrying the title of "Director." Commonly, in companies that I have been involved in, researched or invested in, employees have had titles such as Director of Operations or Director of Marketing.
- 12. That email that I received three weeks later from Marc M. Moszkowski described in Paragraph 5 of this Affidavit led me to believe that Toke Oil and Gas, S.A. had paid DeepGulf, Inc. so that DeepGulf, Inc. could pay Marc M. Moszkowski for his services as Project Manager in East Timor.
- 13. As a Member to the DeepGulf Board or Directors I affirm that the DeepGulf Board of Directors has never discussed let alone authorize Marc M. Moszkowski to be paid separately by Toke Oil and Gas, S.A. and I have never authorized, nor did I have the ability to authorize Marc M. Moszkowski to be paid by Toke Oil and Gass, S.A. Further, I first learned of these payment in my conversation with William Lott, Jr. in October, 2017 and had no knowledge of them prior. These payments were not discussed with me prior to October, 2017, including during a ski vacation in France in 2012.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYEHT NAUGHT.

Rustin Howard

SWORN TO AND S	UBSCRIBED before me this	day of February, 2025, by [X]
physical presence or [ ] on	line notarization, by Rustin Howard,	who is personally known to me
or provided	as identification an	d who did take an oath.

Notary Public, State of Florida

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