From,

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Vice President,

Production Tankers Inc. (PTI)

Date: 05/17/1998

To,

Mr. Syanga M’bweni Rugeiro

General Manager,

Congoil P&P

Dear Mr. Syanga Rugeiro,

**Subject: To discuss about the payment of 2.5 million dollars for the natural gas compression system that was installed on Ocean-Reliable.**

Hope you are in good health and spirits. My team members feel comfortable interacting with their co-workers from Congoil on day-to-day activities that has led to a congenial work environment. There is good rapport and co-ordination established between the two companies that has led to a strong association of about 7 years and I hope this relationship continues in the future as well.

The main purpose of drafting this letter was to bring to your notice the long-standing conversation about the payment of $2.5 million. To reiterate, PTI installed the gas compression system upon the request of Congoil to sustain the production of oil from aging fields at Naabila. At this juncture, I would like to pull up the contract that had been made between the two companies where it was stipulated that, Congoil reimburses within forty-five days, the installation cost of the gas compression system.

In this regard I would like to inform you that even though we started the gas lifting operation about 18 months ago and provided invoices that totaled to $2.5 million, we have not received payment from Congoil. It was informed that Congoil feels the addition of gas compression system to the vessel as a capital improvement. However, it is an add-on installed on the vessel with the intent of procuring more oil that would increase the revenue of Congoil. Further, it was argued that Congoil paying PTI when the vessel does not produce sufficient oil is unfair. However, it is not the defect in the vessel that is causing the problem. It is due to the depletion of the oil resources at Naabila that is the root cause. Moreover, it is to be noted that PTI pays its employees, incur operational costs, wear and tear expenses and taxes for making efforts to fetch oil.

Having seen from close quarters, I believe that you are a businessman with high esteem and seek your help in expediting the payment that PTI has to receive from Congoil. Since the payment is delayed, I expect an interest at the rate of 8% per annum to be included on the amount that has to be repaid.

Thanking you

Yours Faithfully,

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