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**DAVID R. CAREY  
BOROUGH MAYOR**

January 18, 2011

Mr. Glen E. Verb, Director, Board Security and Trade Compliance  
Office of International Trade, Regulations and Filings  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
Washington, D.C. 20229

RE: Support for Escopeta Oil to Receive Ratification of 2006 Waiver of Jones Act or  
Issuance of Another Waiver for movement of Jack-Up Rig

Dear Mr. Verb,

I would like to express my support for Escopeta Oil's request for ratification of their existing 2006 Jones Act Waiver in order to transport the jack-up rig named Spartan 151 from the Gulf of Mexico to Cook Inlet, Alaska, utilizing a foreign vessel. It is my understanding that there is no American vessel capable of moving this jack-up rig. The vessel TAI AN KOU has been approved to transport the jack-up rig and is prepared to move the rig in time to start drilling this spring. If the 2006 Jones Act Waiver cannot be ratified, then I support the issuance of another Jones Act Waiver to ensure the timely movement of the jack-up rig.

As Mayor of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, it is my responsibility to support and advocate for adequate gas supplies for our citizens. Our supply of natural gas within the Kenai Peninsula Borough has dwindled and it is very important that we make a concerted effort to seek new resources before we reach a critical state. We have faced economic hardships for businesses and now constituent usage may be impacted due to the natural gas shortfall. The timely transport of this jack-up rig is very important to the future of our Borough, as well as the State of Alaska.

Thank you for time and consideration with this request. I look forward to the possible ratification or issuance of another waiver to ensure the movement of the jack-up rig.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David R. Carey".

David R. Carey  
Mayor