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70101		4. VARIATION No.: 117		
. ISSUED BY:				
PANAMA CANAL AUTHORITY Employer's Representative Locks Project Management Division Building 740, Corozal Panama, Republic of Panama				
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Grupo Unidos por el Canal, S.A.	507-316-9900			
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# This Variation Agreement Number 117, is dated as of the 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2014 and made

#### Between:

Autoridad del Canal de Panama, Building 740, Corozal, Panama, Republic of Panama (hereinafter called the "Employer") on the one part,

#### and

Grupo Unidos por el Canal S.A., of Building 22B, Brujas Road, Cocoli, Panama, Republic of Panama, a corporation organised under the laws of the Republic of Panama, registered under microjacket number 682266, document number 1683284 of the Mercantile Section of the Public Registry Office of the Republic of Panama (hereinafter called the "Contractor" and together with the Employer, the "Parties") on the other part.

## Whereas:

- (a) The Employer and the Contractor are party to Contract CMC-221427 for the Design and Construction of the Third Set of Locks, dated August 11, 2009 (as the same has been or may be varied, amended, supplemented or otherwise modified (the "Contract")).
- (b) The Contractor needs to allow access to the temporal quay within the Pacific Site for the barge and tugs required to unload the Pacific lock gates and to this end needs to perform dredging of the access canal, in addition to the dredging works previously performed by the Contractor to achieve the foundation level of the cofferdam. The unloading of the Pacific lock gates is currently scheduled by the Contractor to occur on October 20, 2014.
- (c) The Contractor has requested through RFV No. 264, dated September 19, 2014, that the Employer agrees to dredge, with its own equipment, the area of the temporal Pacific quay wall identified in the attachments to RFV No. 264, to the levels identified in the attachments to RFV No. 264, so as to allow access to the required area within the Site for the barge and tugs required to unload the Pacific lock gates. The material to be removed includes (1) fines (sand, clay and fine material), (2) boulders of different sizes close to the quay wall filling in the cofferdam areas and (3) potential spots of original rock.
- (d) Accordingly, the Employer has responded through letter IAE-UPC-2268 dated September 25, 2014, indicating to the Contractor that the Employer agrees to dredge, with its own equipment, the area of the temporal Pacific quay wall identified in the attachments to RFV No. 264 and in Drawing No. SK-H-1161A, to the levels identified in the attachments to RFV No. 264, for the reasons set out in sub-paragraph (c) above at the Contractor's own risk and on the condition that:

- (a) the Employer's agreement to undertake such dredging works is without prejudice to the Contractor's continuing obligation to perform the required dredging works and to achieve and maintain the required design depth set out in and in accordance with the Contract;
- (b) the Contractor agrees to pay the Employer for such dredging works on the basis specified in this Variation Agreement No. 117;
- (c) the Employer shall have no liability to the Contractor for any failure to perform such dredging works by the target date of October 20, 2014; and
- (d) the parties agree a formal variation to reflect such revised arrangements.
- (e) The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that (1) the Employer has agreed to undertake the dredging works as set out in sub-paragraph (d) above for the sole purpose of assisting the Contractor in avoiding delay in the delivery of the lock gates to the Pacific site due to insufficient access to the required area within the Site for the barge and tugs required to unload the Pacific lock gates and for no other reason and (2) the Employer's agreement as aforesaid and the undertaking of such dredging works is without prejudice to either Party's position with regard to such insufficient access to the required area within the Site for the barge and tugs required to unload the Pacific lock gates. Accordingly, the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it shall have no claims for additional time or money or any other relief or entitlement of any kind as a direct consequence of this Variation Agreement No. 117.
- (f) As a condition to the Employer's agreement to undertake the dredging works as set out in sub-paragraph (d) above, the Contractor shall provide the VO No. 117 Bond Issuer Confirmation in the form set out in Appendix 2 to this Variation Agreement No. 117 no later than 5 Business Days after the date of this Variation Agreement No. 117.
- (g) Therefore, subject to the terms of this Variation Agreement No. 117, the Parties have agreed to a variation to the Contract as hereinafter stated, but not further or otherwise.

### THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

The Employer and the Contractor agree to vary the Contract as follows:

- 1. In this Variation Agreement No. 117, the words and expressions shall have the same meanings as are respectively assigned to them in the Contract, save as amended below or as expressly stated.
- 2. It is agreed that this Variation Agreement No. 117 and the modifications contained herein are approved and dated in writing by the authorized representatives of the Contractor and the Employer and in doing so the Parties acknowledge and identify that this is done in accordance with Sub-Clause 1.16 [Entire Agreement] of the

Contract.

- The Parties acknowledge and agree that this Variation Agreement No. 117 shall 3. not be deemed to settle any outstanding issues, claims, demands, actions, disputes or proceedings between the Parties including but not limited to those in relation to any delay to the Works (both as to time and costs) and all such issues. claims, demands, actions, disputes or proceedings remain in contention between the Parties and all respective rights, remedies, claims and defenses of the Parties including but not limited to those concerning and arising out of any delay and/or responsibility for delay and the consequences thereof remain fully reserved. The Parties expressly agree that no Party is waiving, making an admission with respect to, or intending to prejudice any claims, defenses, arguments or remedies that any of them has or may have arising out of events up to and including the date of this Variation Agreement No. 117 or in the future concerning their respective performance under and in relation to the Contract. For the avoidance of doubt, all delay-related issues between the Contractor and the Employer, and their respective rights and remedies regarding responsibility for delay and the consequences thereof, remain fully reserved. Nothing in this Variation Agreement No. 117 will have the effect of changing or extending the Time for Completion or any Milestone Dates under the Contract which, as at the date of this Variation Agreement No. 117, remain as stated in the Contract as extended by the determination by the Employer's Representative dated August 6, 2014, it being acknowledged that the Contractor has raised among its claims, delay claims which could affect the Time for Completion, and which claims the Employer denies and is currently contesting (save for the determination by the Employer's Representative dated August 6, 2014).
- 4. Save in relation to breaches of, or failure by either Party to comply with, the terms of this Variation Agreement No. 117, the Parties agree that they shall have no claims for additional time or money or any other relief or entitlement of any kind as a direct consequence of this Variation Agreement No. 117, save only in respect of the Employer's entitlement to payment for the dredging works as set out in this Variation Agreement No. 117.
- 5. Further, the Contractor's obligations as to the progress of the Works and to complete the Works and comply with the Contract remain in all respects unaffected and nothing within this Variation Agreement No. 117 is intended to be a waiver or relaxation of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract, save only as expressly stated herein. The Contract shall remain fully effective as varied herein and the Contract shall have effect as though the provisions contained in this Variation Agreement No. 117 had been originally contained in the Contract.
- 6. This Variation Agreement No. 117 shall be governed by the Laws of the Republic of Panama and is deemed to be incorporated into and form an integral part of the Contract.
- 7. The Parties agree to amend Sub-Clause 1.1 [Definitions] of the Contract as

follows:

The Parties agree to add the following definitions to Sub-Clause 1.1.6 [Other Definitions] of the Contract (which shall be added in proper alphabetical order but without any number):

"Employer's Dredging Works" means the dredging works specified in Part 1 of Appendix 1 to Variation Agreement No. 117 to be undertaken by the Employer pursuant to the terms of Sub-Clause 7A [*The Employer's Dredging Works*].

"Employer's Dredging Works Area" means the area where the Employer's Dredging Works are to be performed as identified as such in Part 1 of Appendix1 to Variation Agreement No. 117.

"Employer's Dredging Works Commencement Date" means the date stated as such in Part 3 of Appendix 1 to Variation Agreement No. 117.

"Employer's Dredging Works Statement" has the meaning given to it in Sub-Clause 7A.3.1 [Employer's Dredging Works].

"Employer's Dredging Works Target Date" means the date stated as such in Part 3 of Appendix 1 to Variation Agreement No. 117.

"Variation Agreement No. 117" means Variation Agreement Number 117, dated 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014 between the Employer and the Contractor.

"VO No. 117 Bond Issuer Confirmation" has the meaning set out in paragraph 9 of Variation Agreement No. 117.

8. The Parties hereby agree to insert the following as a new Sub-Clause 7A [Employer's Dredging Works] after Sub-Clause 7 [Plant, Materials and Workmanship] as follows:

## "7A Employer's Dredging Works

## 7A.1 Employer's Dredging Works

7A.1.1 The Employer shall carry out the Employer's Dredging Works properly and in accordance with the terms of this Sub-Clause 7A [Employer's Dredging Works] and subject to the assumptions and constraints set out in Part 5 [Assumptions and Constraints] of Appendix 1 to Variation Agreement No. 117 using all apparatus, machinery, vehicles, vessels and facilities and other things required for the execution of the Employer's Dredging Works. Notwithstanding the Employer's agreement to carry out the Employer's Dredging Works, the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the Employer's Dredging Works form part of the Works which were to be undertaken by the Contractor pursuant to the terms of

the Contract and the Contractor shall be responsible for the adequacy, stability and safety of the Employer's Dredging Works in accordance with the terms of the Contract, including but not limited to all operations and methods of construction.

- 7A.1.2 The Contractor confirms the availability of access routes to the Employer's Dredging Works Area and from the Employer's Dredging Works Commencement Date the Contractor shall give the Employer exclusive access to all parts of the Employer's Dredging Works Area. For the avoidance of doubt, the Employer's use of the Employer's Dredging Works Area and any other areas of the Site shall not be deemed to be any use by the Employer of any part of the Works for the purposes of Sub-Clause 10.2 [Taking Over of Part of the Works]. If, for the purposes of the Employer's Dredging Works, the Contractor is required to give (to the Employer) possession of any foundation, structure, plant or means of access, the Contractor shall do so at the same time as providing access to the Employer's Dredging Works Area.
- 7A.1.3 The Contractor acknowledges that it is of paramount importance that the performance of the Employer's Dredging Works is properly coordinated with the Works. The Contractor shall at all times and otherwise in accordance with the requirements and directions of the Employer's Representative and without adjustment to the Contract Price or extension of the Time for Completion or extension of any Milestone Date, any Agreed Performance Milestone, the Functional Completion Date or any Gates Delivery Condition:
- (a) take all reasonable steps to provide assistance, plan, co-operate and programme and to the extent physically possible to integrate the performance of the Employer's Dredging Works with the activities of the Contractor and in particular liaise, consult and co-operate with all authorized parties responsible for the Works including the preparation of joint programs, method statements, co-ordination drawings and specifications;
- (b) attend such co-ordination meetings as may be called by the Employer or the Employer's Representative to plan, review, clarify and determine co-ordinated activities for the management of interfaces between the Employer's Dredging Works and the Works; and
- (c) at all times refrain from carrying out any operation in the Employer's Dredging Works Area in a manner which is likely to cause damage, delay or inconvenience to the Employer's Dredging Works and advise the Employer's Representative if the Contractor becomes aware of any conflict or potential conflict between the Employer's

Dredging Works and the Works, whether related to program, design, execution or otherwise.

7A.1.4 The Contractor shall obtain, at its own cost, any additional facilities within the Site which the Employer may reasonably require for the carrying out of the Employer's Dredging Works.

## 7A.2 Employer's Dredging Works Target Date

- 7A.2.1 Subject to the Contractor's compliance with the requirements of Sub-Clause 7A.1, the Employer shall commence the Employer's Dredging Works on the Employer's Dredging Works Commencement Date and shall use reasonable efforts to complete the Employer's Dredging Works by the Employer's Dredging Works Target Date.
- 7A.2.2 The Employer's Representative shall notify the Contractor when in the reasonable opinion of the Employer the Employer's Dredging Works have been completed in accordance with the requirements in Part 2 of Appendix 1 to Variation Agreement No. 117.
- 7A.2.3 The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that if the Employer fails to complete the Employer's Dredging Works by the Employer's Dredging Works Target Date, then the Employer shall have no liability to the Contractor for any such delay and the Contractor shall not be entitled to argue or contend that any such delay shall give rise to any extension of time to the Time for Completion, and/or to a Milestone Date or to any Excusable Delay to an Agreed Performance Milestone, and/or to the Functional Completion Date, and/or to a Gates Delivery Condition or to an entitlement to additional Cost or constitute a Variation or otherwise be the basis of any claim against the Employer.
- 7A.2.4 The Employer shall have no obligation to remedy defects in or re-perform the Employer's Dredging Works after the date on which the Employer's Dredging Works were completed as stated in the notice issued by the Employer's Representative pursuant to Sub-Clause 7A.2.2.

## 7A.3 Payment for the Employer's Dredging Works

7A.3.1 Subject to Sub-Clause 7A.3.2 below, the Employer shall be entitled to be paid for the Employer's Dredging Works upon completion of the Employer's Dredging Works in accordance with Sub-Clause 7A.2.2. Upon such completion, the Employer shall be entitled to submit to the Contractor a statement showing the amounts to which the Employer considers itself entitled ("Employer's Dredging Works Statement") which shall include:

- (a) the mobilisation and demobilisation fee set out in Part 4 of Appendix 1 to Variation Agreement No. 117;
- (b) the value of the Employer's Dredging Works completed, based on the rate per cubic meter set out in Part 4 of Appendix 1 to Variation Agreement No. 117 and the quantity of material dredged as ascertained pursuant to a measurement of the quantity of material dredged from a bathymetric survey to be undertaken by the Employer following completion of the Employer's Dredging Works in accordance with Sub-Clause 7A.2.2, a copy of which shall be provided by the Employer to the Contractor with the Employer's Dredging Works Statement; and
- (c) all expenditure reasonably incurred (or to be incurred) by the Employer in undertaking the Employer's Dredging Works, whether on or off the Site, including overhead and similar charges, but not including profit, as a result of any breach by the Contractor of any of its obligations under this Sub-Clause 7A.

Within 30 days of receipt of the Employer's Dredging Works Statement as aforesaid the Contractor shall pay to the Employer without any deduction the amount shown on the Employer's Dredging Works Statement, save in the case of manifest error in which event the Contractor shall notify the Employer of such manifest error within 10 days of receipt of the Employer's Dredging Works Statement and the Employer shall, if it deems necessary, reissue a corrected Employer's Dredging Works Statement showing the corrected amount, which amount the Contractor shall pay to the Employer within 30 days of receipt of such corrected Employer's Dredging Works Statement.

Payment of any sum which may be payable by the Contractor to the Employer pursuant to this Sub-Clauses 7A.3.1, 7A.3.2 or sub-paragraph (b) of Sub-Clause 7A.3.3 shall be made by electronic transfer of funds to the bank account nominated by the Employer.

7A.3.2 In the event that the Employer's Dredging Works are not completed in accordance with Sub-Clause 7A.2.2 for any reason by the Employer's Dredging Works Target Date the Employer may, in its sole and absolute discretion, issue to the Contractor an interim Employer's Dredging Works Statement including any of the amounts set out in sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of Sub-Clause 7A.3.1 above provided that in relation to the value of the Employer's Dredging Works completed as referred to in sub-paragraph (b) of Sub-Clause 7A.3.1 above this shall be as ascertained by the Employer, acting reasonably, based on its best estimate at such time of the amount of the Employer's Dredging Works completed at the time of issuance of the interim Employer's Dredging Works Statement. The Employer may continue to issue an interim

Employer's Dredging Works Statement at intervals of no less than one month until the Employer's Dredging Works are completed in accordance with Sub-Clause 7A.2.2. Upon completion of the Employer's Dredging Works in accordance with Sub-Clause 7A.2.2, the Employer shall be entitled to issue an Employer's Dredging Works Statement in accordance with Sub-Clause 7A.3.1 above provided that the Employer's Dredging Works Statement shall show a deduction for any amount included in any interim Employer's Dredging Works Statement. The Contractor shall pay to the Employer the amount shown in the interim Employer's Dredging Works Statement in accordance with the provisions of Sub-Clause 7A.3.1 above.

- 7A.3.3 If the Employer does not receive payment in accordance with Sub-Clause 7A.3.1 and/or 7A.3.2 above:
  - (a) the Employer shall be entitled to deduct or set-off any sum which may be payable by the Contractor under Sub-Clauses 7A.3.1, 7A.3.2 and/or sub-paragraph (b) of this Sub-Clause 7A.3.3 from any sums which may be due or become due to the Contractor under this Contract; and
  - (b) the Employer shall be entitled to receive financing charges on the amount unpaid during the period of delay. This period shall be deemed to commence on the date for payment specified in Sub-Clause 7A.3.1 and/or 7A.3.2, irrespective of the date on which any Employer's Dredging Works Statement is issued and shall end on the day on which payment is made by the Contractor. The financing charges shall be calculated as simple interest applied to the delayed period at the rate of 200 basis points over the US Federal Funds Target Rate (FDTR) (as determined by the Employer's Representative, which determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error) prevailing during such period of delay and shall be paid in US dollars. The Employer shall be entitled to this payment without formal notice or certification, and without prejudice to any other right or remedy.
- 7A.3.4 For the avoidance of any doubt, Sub-Clause 2.5 [Employer's Claims] and Sub-Clause 3.5 [Determinations] shall not apply to any deduction and/or payment from the Contractor to the Employer pursuant to this Sub-Clause 7A.3."
- 9. The Parties agree that the amendment of the Contract and the Employer's agreement to the Contractor's request as set out in and in accordance with paragraph 8 of this Variation Agreement No. 117 is subject to the Contractor delivering to the Employer no later than 5 Business Days after the date of this

Variation Agreement No. 117 the VO No. 117 Bond Issuer Confirmation in the form set out in Appendix 2 to this Variation Agreement No. 117, failing which the Employer shall be entitled at any time thereafter to cease performance of the Employer's Dredging Works upon notice with immediate effect and shall be entitled to submit an Employer's Dredging Works Statement pursuant to Sub-Clause 7A.3 to claim payment from the Contractor for the Employer's Dredging Works that have been performed by the Employer up to the date of the notice of cessation of performance. The Contractor shall pay such amount claimed pursuant to the terms of Sub-Clause 7A.3.

10. Each Party shall from time to time (at its own cost) do, perform, sign, execute and deliver all such acts, deeds, documents and things (or procure the doing, performance, signing, execution or delivery of them) to give full effect to this Variation Agreement No. 117 and secure the full benefit of the rights, powers and remedies conferred upon it in this Variation Agreement No. 117.

**In Witness** whereof the Parties hereto have caused this Variation Agreement No. 117 to the Contract to be executed on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September of the year 2014 by their duly authorized representatives.

For ACP

Jorge de la Guardia

Employer's Representative

For GUPCSA

Giuseppe Quarta

Contractor's Representative

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#### **APPENDIX 1**

Any quantities which may be set out in this Appendix 1 to Variation Agreement No. 117 are estimated quantities and are not to be taken as the actual and correct quantities of the Employer's Dredging Works which the Employer is required to execute.

Any quantities or price data which may be set out in this Appendix 1 to Variation Agreement No. 117 shall be used for the purposes stated in this Appendix 1 to Variation Agreement No. 117 and shall be inapplicable for other purposes.

## Part 1: Scope of Employer's Dredging Works

The Contractor has requested the Employer to dredge the areas close to the temporal Pacific quay wall and the access areas depicted in drawing No. SK-H-1161A, a copy of which is set out at Appendix 3 to Variation Agreement No. 117, to allow the access of the barge and tugs required to unload the Pacific lock gates on the Pacific Site.

The total requested area to be dredged is covered in the following coordinates:

Point	Easting	Northing
1	655985.29	991788.07
2	656090.39	991868.50
3	656121.35	991615.85
4	656298.82	991755.02

(such areas being the "Employer's Dredging Works Area").

It is required that the final elevation level will be -8.53 m MLWS (Mean Low Water Spring). The approximate order of magnitude for such dredging is 128,872 m3, as detailed in the following table:

Description	Volume (m3	) Slope (	(2:1)	Over	Dredge
		(m3)		(-0.60r	n)(m3)
Area-1 (-8.	53 95,105	10,312		23,455	;
m MLWS)					
Total (m3)	) 105,417 (no	105,417 (not included any over dredging)			
	128,872 (inc	128,872 (including over dredging)			

The material to be removed includes (1) fines (sand, clay & fine material), (2) boulders of different sizes close to the quay wall filling in the cofferdam area and (3) potential spots of original rock (save to the extent any such spots of original rock require drilling or blasting).

#### Part 2: Completion criteria for the Employer's Dredging Works

A final bathymetric survey shall be performed by or on behalf of the Employer to verify that the final elevation level of the Employer's Dredging

Works Area shall be -8.53m MLWS (Mean Low Water Spring), with a permitted tolerance for over-dredging the Employer's Dredging Works Area of -0.60 m and the Employer's Dredging Works shall be completed once the above final elevation level has been so verified.

## Part 3: Employer's Dredging Works Commencement Date and Employer's Dredging Works Target Date

The Employer's Dredging Works Commencement Date is September 28, 2014, and all terms and conditions of this VO apply as of such date.

The Employer's Dredging Works Target Date is October 20, 2014.

## Part 4: The Employer's Costs

1. Mobilization Cost: B/. 108, 250.39

2. Demobilization cost: B/. 108, 250.39

3. Cost per cubic meter dredge: B/.7.50

The costs set out at points 1 and 2 above relate to the mobilization and demobilization of the following equipment needed to execute the Employer's Dredging Works from the Dredging Division in Gamboa to the Contractor's dock located in the south approach channel to the third sets of locks on the Pacific and back:

- 2 dredgers (1 mechanical and 1 cut and suction),
- 2 Hopper barges,
- 4 work boats,
- 1 passengers boat,
- 1 tug boat as a support of the mechanical dredge,
- 2 tractors.
- 1 backhoe.
- Facilities for the inland personnel (including a fuel container),
- 1 anchor barge,
- 1,200m of pipes for the cut and suction dredge,

The cost per cubic meter dredge set out at point 3 above includes the following costs:

Labor,

- Equipment,
- Fuel,

for all the equipment that will be involved during the removal and disposal of the material to be removed as set out in Part 1 of this Appendix 1 above, which contemplates the removal of rocks of approximately 1.5m in diameter surrounding the dock.

## **Part 5: Assumptions and Constraints**

The Employer's agreement to carry out the Employer's Dredging Works is subject to the following assumptions and constraints:

- the Employer has not performed its own investigation of the Employer's Dredging Works Area and instead relies upon investigations undertaken by the Contractor and upon information and documentation provided to it by the Contractor;
- ii. rocks and boulders present within the Employer's Dredging Works Area and/or that are otherwise encountered whilst carrying out the Employer's Dredging Works shall not exceed 1.5 meters in diameter;
- iii. any spots of original rock will not require any drilling or blasting;
- iv. the Employer shall not be required to remove any structures, sunk or buried objects, and/or wrecks from the Employer's Dredging Works Area and/or if encountered whilst carrying out the Employer's Dredging Works;
- v. the Contractor shall be responsible for removing any shoals, bottom alterations and/or bottom heave that result from the Employer's Dredging Works, save that the Employer shall be responsible for removing any shoals, bottom alterations and/or bottom heave that result from the Employer's Dredging Works and that will affect the transit through the Employer's Dredging Area of the barges required to deliver the Pacific lock gates; and
- vi. the Employer will make use of the Velasquez inland disposal site (a drawing of which is set out at Appendix 4) and the Tortolita underwater disposal site (a drawing of which is set out at Appendix 5) to dispose of dredged material resulting from the Employer's Dredging Works.

In the event that the Employer's Dredging Works change as a result of any of the assumptions and/or constraints set out above being incorrect or becoming incorrect, the Employer in its sole and absolute discretion may: (i) instruct the Contractor to complete all or part of the Employer's Dredging Works so changed and/or affected by such change; or (ii) agree to carry out any work resulting from such change as may be deemed necessary by the Employer at the Contractor's cost and on terms acceptable to the Employer and agreed by the Employer and the Contractor in writing.



#### **APPENDIX 2**

#### VO No. 117 Bond Issuer Confirmation

[Letterhead of Zurich]

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, 2014

Autoridad del Canal de Panama Edificio 740, Corozal Panama, Republica de Panama

Reference: Contract No. CMC-221427, Design and Construction of the Third Set of

Locks, Panama Canal

Confirmation regarding certain amendments to the Contract (as defined below)

Dear Sirs:

We refer to (i) the Design and Build Contract for the Third Set of Locks on the Panama Canal (as amended, modified, varied or supplemented, the "Contract") tendered under RFP #76161 between you, as owner and Employer thereunder (the "Owner") and Grupo Unidos por el Canal, S.A., as contractor (the "Contractor"); (ii) the payment bond, Bond no. 08960194, dated August 7, 2009, in an amount of USD 50,000,000.00, issued in the Owner's favor in respect of the Contract (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Payment Bond"); and (iii) the advance payment bond in respect of Plant and Material Security, Bond no. 09098907, dated December 20, 2012, in an amount of USD 150,000,000.00, issued in the Owner's favor in respect of the Contract (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "P&M Bond" and, together with the Payment Bond, the "Bonds"). Unless otherwise specified, capitalized terms used herein have the respective meanings specified in the Contract.

We have been provided with a copy of Variation Agreement No. 117, dated September 29, 2014 ("Variation Agreement No. 117") to the Contract, executed by the Owner and the Contractor, which provides for certain amendments to the Contract relating to the Employer's agreement to dredge, with its own equipment, the area of the temporal Pacific quay wall identified in the attachments to the Contractor's RFV No. 264, to the levels identified in the attachments to the Contractor's RFV No. 264, so as to allow access to the required area within the Site for the barge and tugs required to unload the Pacific lock gates. The material to be removed includes fines (sand, clay and fine material), boulders of different sizes close to the quay wall filling in the cofferdam areas and potential spots of original rock (save to the extent any such spots of original rock require drilling or blasting).

The undersigned, as Surety under and as defined in the Bonds, hereby consents to the amendments to the Contract relating to the Employer's agreement to dredge, with its own equipment, the area of the temporal Pacific quay wall identified in the



attachments to the Contractor's RFV No. 264, to the levels identified in the attachments to the Contractor's RFV No. 264, so as to allow access to the required area within the Site for the barge and tugs required to unload the Pacific lock gates pursuant to the aforementioned Variation Agreement No. 117 and confirms to you, as Owner and beneficiary under the Bonds, the continued validity of the Bonds in the respective amounts originally stated therein, notwithstanding such amendments to the Contract and the terms of Variation Agreement No. 117.

Nothing in this confirmation letter is intended to or shall waive, alter, amend or otherwise affect any of the terms or conditions of the Bonds, other than as stated herein.

	ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, as Surety under the Bonds
	By: Name: Title:
ACCEPTED:	
AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMA as Owner under the Contract and benefi	t control of the cont
By: Name: Title:	









