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1. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL No.:	2. CONTRACT No.:	3. DATE:
76161	CMC-221427	March 26, 2014
		4. VARIATION No.:
		093

5. ISSUED BY:

PANAMA CANAL AUTHORITY
Employer's Representative
Locks Project Management Division
Building 740, Corozal
Panama, Republic of Panama

6. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (INCLUDE PHYSICAL & POSTAL ADDRESS)	7. CONTRACTOR'S TELEPHONE NUMBER:
Grupo Unidos por el Canal, S.A. Building 22B, Brujas Road Cocoli, Republic of Panama	507-316-9900
	8. CONTRACTOR'S FACSIMILE NUMBER:

9. VARIATION:

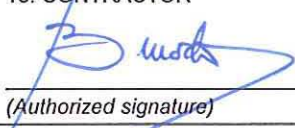
The contract referred to in item No. 2 is hereby varied as set forth in item 10, entitled "DESCRIPTION OF VARIATION".
YES. NO. The contractor shall send a copy, duly signed, of this Variation to the Employer's Representative/Contracting Officer.

	9 A. THIS VARIATION IS EXECUTED ON THE BASIS OF: (Specify the legal authority).
	THE VARIATION DESCRIBED IN ITEM 10 IS HEREBY INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THE CONTRACT.
	9 B. THE CONTRACT REFERRED TO IN ITEM NO. 2, IS VARIED TO INCORPORATE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as the paying office, account numbers, etc.).
X	9 C. THIS BILATERAL AGREEMENT IS SIGNED AND INCORPORATED INTO THE CONTRACT REFERRED TO IN ITEM NO. 2 OF THIS FORM, ON THE BASIS OF: (Specify the legal authority) Volume III, Conditions of Contract, Sub-Clause 1.16 [Entire Agreement], 4 th Paragraph
	9 D. OTHER. (Specify manner and the legal authority).
	9 E. ACCOUNT NUMBER (If required):

10. DESCRIPTION OF THE VARIATION (List in accordance with the order of the Contract. If additional space is required, use blank sheets).

See Variation Agreement Enclosed

Except for the variation(s) herein specified, all other terms and conditions of the Contract remain unchanged.

11. NAME AND TITLE OF THE PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN (Type or print)	12. NAME AND TITLE OF THE EMPLOYER'S REPRESENTATIVE/CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)
Bernardo Gonzalez Contractor's Representative	Cheryl P. George, Employer's Representative Delegee
13. CONTRACTOR	14. DATE:
	26/03/2014
(Authorized signature)	15. PANAMA CANAL AUTHORITY
	16. DATE:
	26/MAR/2014
	(Employer's Representative/Contracting Officer's signature)

This Variation Agreement Number 093 is dated as of the 26th day of March 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 organized 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 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:
 - (i) by letter dated November 9, 2012 (Reference GUPC-IAE-1545) informed the Employer of very serious financial problems which it contends that it is facing, that the situation was now "extremely critical" and therein requested financial support in the short to medium term from the Employer, which issues are considered in the subsequent correspondence of the Employer, including the Employer's Letters IAE-UPC-1303 of November 7, 2012, IAE-UPC-1313 of November 20, 2012, IAE-UPC-1359 of December 24, 2012, IAE-GUPC-1374 of January 9, 2013, IAE-GUPC-1441 of February 25, 2013 IAE-UPC-1587 of June 13, 2013, IAE-UPC-1595 of July 2, 2013, IAE-UPC-1651 of August 15, 2013, IAE-UPC-1704 of September 25, 2013, IAE-UPC-1748 of October 28, 2013, IAE-UPC-1760 of October 30, 2013, IAE-UPC-1787 of November 22, 2013, IAE-UPC-1794 of December 3, 2013, IAE-UPC-1795 of December 3, 2013, IAE-UPC-1811 of December 13, 2013, IAE-UPC-1840 of January 3, 2014, IAE-UPC-1842 of January 3, 2014, IAE-UPC-1844 of January 7, 2014, IAE-UPC-1849 of January 10, 2014, IAE-UPC-1854 of January 13, 2014, IAE-UPC-1863 of January 20, 2014, IAE-UPC-1864 of January 20, 2014, IAE-UPC-1865 of January 20, 2014, IAE-UPC-1870 of January 23, 2014, IAE-UPC-1871 of January 23, 2014, IAE-UPC-1883 of January 28, 2014 and the Contractor's letters GUPC-IAE-1284 of June 19, 2012, GUPC-IAE-1545 of November 9, 2012, GUPC-IAE-1567 of November 26, 2012, GUPC-IAE-1617 of December 21, 2012, GUPC-IAE-1623 of December 28, 2012, GUPC-IAE-1716 of February 8, 2013, GUPC-IAE-1755 of February 27, 2013, GUPC-IAE-1973 of June 13, 2013, GUPC-IAE-2099 of August 19, 2013,



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GUPC-IAE-2086 of August 22, 2013, GUPC-IAE-2210 of October 16, 2013, GUPC-IAE-2248 of November 8, 2013, GUPC-IAE-2252 of November 12, 2013, GUPC-IAE-2272 of November 25, 2013, GUPC-IAE-2328 of December 27, 2013, GUPC-IAE-2331 of December 30, 2013, GUPC-IAE-2344 of January 10, 2014, GUPC-IAE-2345 of January 10, 2014, GUPC-IAE-2353 of January 15, 2014, GUPC-IAE-2354 of January 15, 2014, GUPC-IAE-2357 of January 15, 2014, GUPC-IAE-2358 of January 15, 2014, GUPC-IAE-2366 of January 20, 2014, GUPC-IAE-2368 of January 20, 2014.

- (ii) requested in Application for Payment No. 55 dated May, 31 2013, a Local Labor Cost Adjustment ("**LLCA**") pursuant to Sub-Clause 13.9 [*Adjustment for Changes in Local Labor Rates*] of the Contract in the aggregate sum of USD 12,233,240.07 for the first three successive six month periods after the month in which the Payment Certificate was issued in which the total of all certified interim payments (excluding the Advance Payment for Mobilisation) exceeded 25% of the Accepted Contract Amount, being the periods of: (1) 1 November 2011 to 30 April 2012; (2) 1 May 2012 to 31 October 2012; and (3) 1 November 2012 to 30 April 2013; and
- (iii) requested in RFV No. 0192 dated June 19, 2013 that the Contract be varied so as to permit the Contractor to submit to the Employer the certificates from the Acceptable Contractor Auditor pursuant to Sub-Clause 13.9.2(b) for such periods within 48 days of the letter from KPMG to the Contractor dated June 20, 2013, in accordance with Variation Agreement No. 071;
- (iv) submitted in letter GUPC-IAE-2296 dated December 11, 2013, the summarized payroll reports for the Contractor and its first-tier subcontractors, and submitted auditors' certificates, for the period from May 2013 to October 2013, for which the Contractor requested to the Employer to determine the Current Base Labor Rate ("**CBLR**") for Period 4 pursuant to Sub-Clause 13.9 [*Adjustment for Changes in Local Labor Rates*] of the Contract, and included the aggregate sum of USD 7,445,778.61 in Application for Payment No. 64.
- (v) failed to submit with the letter set out in sub paragraph (b)(iv) above the following information in support of its application for Payment No. 64 for the LLCA applicable to CBLR Period 4:
 - (A) a certificate from an Acceptable Contractor Auditor pursuant to Sub-Clause 13.9.2(b);
 - (B) certified local payrolls that the Contractor and his first tier Subcontractors submit to the Panamanian Tax Authorities pursuant to Sub-Clause 13.9.2(c); and
 - (C) the Contractor's and his first tier Subcontractors' electronic internal payrolls required by the Employer in section C.1.d of its letter IAE-UPC-1492 dated April 9, 2013, pursuant to Sub-Clause 13.9.2(d);



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- (vi) requested verbally that the period for gathering and submitting the missing information required as set out in sub paragraph (b)(v) above, to enable the Contractor to submit to the Employer the documentation needed for the determination of CBLR Period 4, be extended to January 6, 2014 in accordance with Variation Agreement No. 086; and
 - (vii) failed to submit all of the information required as set out in sub-paragraph (b)(v) above on or before January 6, 2014 but requested in letter GUPC-IAE-2416 dated February 6, 2014, that notwithstanding this the Employer determines the CBLR for Period 4 pursuant to Sub-Clause 13.9 [*Adjustment for Changes in Local Labor Rates*] of the Contract.
- (c) In reliance on the Contractor's representations and assertions regarding its financial condition, ability to obtain funding and cash flow difficulties, which the Parties agree that the Employer is not able to independently verify, the Employer considers that unless it agrees to such a modification (in addition to the various other measures already agreed such as but not limited to those provided for in Variation Agreements Nos. 042, 043, 045, 047, 048, 049, 051, 052, 055, 056, 058, 059, 060, 063, 065, 066, 067, 070, 071, 073, 075, 077, 080, 081, 082, 083, 085, 086, 087, 088, 089 and 090 there could be serious risk to the completion of the Project and therefore the Employer's agreement to the terms hereof is in the best interests of the Project.
- (d) Accordingly, the Employer has confirmed to the Contractor in letter IAE-UPC-1985 dated March 24, 2013 that:
- (i) the Contractor failed to submit to the Employer the required information pursuant to Sub-Clauses 13.9.2(b), (c) and (d) in support of its Application for Payment No. 64 for the LLCA applicable to CBLR Period 4 prior to January 6, 2014 in accordance with Sub-Clause 13.9.15;
 - (ii) the Employer will, however, agree to retrospectively extend the period within which the Contractor is obliged to submit the information referred to in sub-paragraph (d)(i) above to no later than January 31, 2014;
 - (iii) the Employer has, in relation to CBLR Period 4, provisionally determined the LLCA applicable to such period pursuant to Sub-Clause 13.9 [*Adjustment for Changes in Local Labor Rates*] in the amount of USD 6,457,149.42 and the Employer will make payment of this provisional amount to the Contractor in the Payment Certificate of 67 in accordance with and subject to the terms of this Variation Agreement No. 093; and
 - (iv) in all other respects and for all successive periods after CBLR Period 4, the provisions of Sub-Clause 13.9 [*Adjustment for Changes in Local Labor Rates*] shall remain un-amended;

but subject always to the parties agreeing a formal variation to reflect such revised arrangements.



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- (e) As a condition to the Employer permitting the requests as referred to in subparagraph (b)(vii) above the Contractor has agreed to provide, no later than ten (10) Business Days after the date of this Variation Agreement No. 093, the VO No. 093 Bond Issuer Confirmation in the form set out in Appendix 1 to this Variation Agreement No. 093.
- (f) Therefore, subject to the terms of this Variation Agreement No. 093 and based upon the representations and statements made by the Contractor concerning its financial position and ability to obtain funding, in order to assist the cash flow of the Contractor and for no other reason, 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. 093 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. This Variation Agreement No. 093 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.
3. Notwithstanding and without prejudice to the merits of any claims that either Party may have against the other relating to the Contract (as to which both Parties' positions are fully reserved) the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the Employer is not responsible for the Contractor's financial position and its need to request financial assistance. The Contractor agrees and acknowledges that it shall not make any claims against the Employer arising out of or in connection with this Variation Agreement No. 093 or in any way argue or use the fact or the terms of this Variation Agreement No. 093 in a prejudicial way against the Employer or in support of any claims or future actions. The Contractor further agrees and acknowledges that the Employer's agreement to this Variation Agreement No. 093 and the accommodation to the Contractor provided herein is not and shall not be deemed to be an agreement to grant or otherwise provide any similar or other financial accommodation as may be requested by the Contractor on or before the date hereof or in the future. All of the Contractor's existing and ongoing obligations as to the progress of the Works remain unaffected.
4. The Parties agree that the Contractor shall have no claims for additional time or money or any other relief or entitlement of any kind as a consequence of this Variation Agreement No. 093 or arising out of it or in any way in connection with it.
5. Further, the Contractor's obligations to complete the Works and comply with the Contract remain in all respects unaffected and nothing within this Variation Agreement No. 093 is intended to be a waiver or relaxation of the Contractor's



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obligations under the Contract, save only as expressly stated herein and 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. 093 had been originally contained in the Contract. Any ambiguity or uncertainty in the meaning and effect of this Variation Agreement No. 093 shall be resolved in favour of the Employer.

6. This Variation Agreement No. 093 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 [*Definitions*] of the Contract under the Sub-Clause 1.1.6 [*Other Definitions*] (which shall be added in proper alphabetical order but without any number):

"Variation Agreement No. 093" means Variation Agreement Number 093, dated 26 of March 2014, between the Employer and the Contractor.

"VO No. 093 Bond Issuer Confirmation" has the meaning set out in paragraph 10 of Variation Agreement No. 093.

The Parties agree to amend the following definitions in Sub-Clause 1.1 [*Definitions*] of the Contract under the Sub-Clause 1.1.6 [*Other Definitions*] as follows:

In the definition **"Variation Agreement No. 088"** delete "21" and replace with "23".

8. Subject to the satisfaction no later than ten (10) Business Days after the date of this Variation Agreement No. 093 by the Contractor of the condition set out at paragraph 10 of this Variation Agreement No. 093, failing which the amendments set out in this paragraph 8 shall be of no effect and void, the Parties agree to amend Sub-Clauses 13.9.15, 13.9.16 and 13.9.18 [*Adjustment for Changes in Local Labor Rates*] of the Contract as follows:
 - (i) in the tenth line of Sub-Clause 13.9.15 replace the words "January 6, 2014" with "January 31, 2014";
 - (ii) delete the first sentence of Sub-Clause 13.9.16 and replace with the words "For CBLR Period 4, the Employer's Representative has provisionally determined in response to the Contractor's Application for Payment Nos. 64 and 66 that an adjustment pursuant to Sub-Clause 13.9 [*Adjustment for Changes Local Labor Rates*] of USD 6,457,149.42 shall be paid to the Contractor in the Payment Certificate of January 2014."; and



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- (iii) in the third line of Sub-Clause 13.9.18 replace the words "January 6, 2014" with "January 31, 2014".
9. The Parties acknowledge and agree that Sub-Clauses 13.9.1 to 13.9.14 [*Adjustment for Changes in Local Labor Rates*] shall continue to apply in full and without amendment and Sub-Clauses 13.9.15 to 13.9.18 shall be of no effect to any subsequent application by the Contractor for a LLCA for each and every successive six month period after the end of CBLR Period 4.
10. (a) The Parties agree that the amendment of the Contract and the Employer's agreement to the Contractor requests as set out in and in accordance with paragraph 8 of this Variation Agreement No. 093 is subject to the Contractor delivering to the Employer no later than ten (10) Business Days after the date of this Variation Agreement No. 093 written confirmation (or rider, amendment or modification, as applicable), in the form set out in Appendix 1 to Variation Agreement No. 093 and otherwise acceptable to the Employer, from each of (i) the issuer of the Performance Bond, (ii) the issuer of the Payment Bond and (iii) the issuer of the Plant and Material Security, in each case consenting to the relevant advance payment or payment modification, as applicable, of such Variation Agreement and as to the continuing validity of such bonds notwithstanding the modifications to the Contract set out at paragraph 8 of this Variation Agreement No. 093 (the "**VO No. 093 Bond Issuer Confirmation**") failing which such amendments set out in paragraph 8 shall be of no effect and void.
- (b) If the Contractor fails to comply with sub-paragraph (a) above within the time period specified therein, then the whole of the adjustment set forth in paragraph 8(ii) above shall immediately become due and payable by the Contractor to the Employer and the Employer shall be entitled, at its sole and absolute discretion, to:
- (i) deduct the full amount of the adjustment set forth in paragraph 8(ii) above in the next Interim Payment Certificate; and/or
- (ii) require payment of the full amount of the adjustment set forth in paragraph 8(ii) above (or any part thereof not deducted in accordance with sub-paragraph (b)(i) above) from the Contractor, in which case the Contractor shall within 21 days of written request from the Employer make payment of such amount to the Employer and/or the Employer may recover such amount as a debt due from the Contractor to the Employer. Payment of any amount due from the Contractor to the Employer pursuant to this sub-paragraph (b)(ii) shall be made by electronic transfer of funds to the bank account nominated by the Employer.
11. The Contractor hereby expressly agrees that nothing in this Variation Agreement No. 093, including the amendments provided in paragraph 8 of this Variation Agreement No. 093 (should such amendments become effective in accordance with the terms set forth herein), shall have any effect on the Employer's rights under the Contract in respect of the Advance Payment for Mobilisation Security or



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the Advance Payment for Plant Security, or the terms and conditions of any such Contractor Security LOC.

12. The Contractor 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) as the Employer shall from time to time require to give full effect to this Variation Agreement No. 093 and secure to the Employer the full benefit of the rights, powers and remedies conferred upon it in this Variation Agreement No. 093.

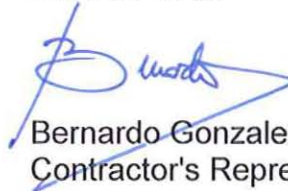
In Witness whereof the Parties hereto have caused this Variation Agreement No. 093 to be executed on the 26th day of March 2014, by their duly authorized representatives.

For ACP



Cheryl P. George
Employer's Representative Delegee

For GUPCSA



Bernardo Gonzalez
Contractor's Representative

Appendix 1

VO No. 093 Bond Issuer Confirmation

[Letterhead of Zurich]

_____, 2014

Autoridad del Canal de Panama
Building 740, Corozal West
Panama, Republica of Panama

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

Confirmation regarding Variation Agreement No. 093

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 performance bond, Bond no. 08960193, dated August 7, 2009, in an amount of USD 400,000,000.00, issued in the Owner's favor in respect of the Contract (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Performance Bond"); (iii) 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 (iv) 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 Performance Bond and 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. 093, dated March 26, 2014 ("Variation Agreement No. 093") to the Contract, executed by the Owner and the Contractor, which provides for an extension of the period for the Contractor to submit the required documentary support for its Application for Payment Nos. 64 and 66 for a Local Labor Cost Adjustment applicable to Current Base Labor Rate Period 4 and the payment modification in connection therewith.



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The undersigned, as Surety under and as defined in the Bonds, hereby consents to the aforementioned modifications to the Contract 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 the modifications set forth in Variation Agreement No. 093.

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 beneficiary under the Bonds referred to above

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

