#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK, ss	SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Civil Action No.: 05-1360-BLS
Marcia Rhodes, Harold Rhodes, Individually,	
Harold Rhodes, on Behalf of his Minor Child	)
and Next Friend, Rebecca Rhodes	)
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Plaintiffs,	)
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AIG Domestic Claims, Inc. f/k/a AIG	)
Technical Services, Inc., National Union Fire	)
Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA, and	)
Zurich American Insurance Company	)
Defendanta	)
Defendants.	<i>)</i>

# RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS TO REBECCA RHODES

Pursuant to Rule 34 of the Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure, Rebecca Rhodes
hereby responds to Defendant Zurich American Insurance Company's Request for Production of
Documents. Ms. Rhodes will produce the documents indicated below by making them available
for inspection and copying at the offices of Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP, One Financial
Center, Boston, MA 02111 at a mutually convenient.

The statements below which indicate that Plaintiffs "will produce" documents do not constitute a representation that such documents exist but only that Plaintiffs will produce those documents that are in their possession, custody or control, that are not privileged, that are not confidential and that are not otherwise immune from disclosure by any reason of the objections set forth therein.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

As used herein, the term "the Accident" shall mean the crash that occurred on January 9, 2002 involving Marcia Rhodes and Carlo Zalewski.

As used herein, the term "AIGDC" shall mean and refer to AIG Domestic Claims, Inc. f/k/a AIG Technical Services, Inc., and any business entity owned, operated, or managed by, AIG Domestic Claims, Inc. and the officers, directors, employees, parents, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, predecessors, agents, counsel, attorneys, and other representatives of each such entity.

As used herein, the term "burdensome" means that it would be unduly burdensome, oppressive, annoying, time consuming and expensive to compile and furnish the documents called for in view of the degree of their relevance and materiality, if any.

As used herein, the term "compound" means that a request contains multiple, unrelated requests that are improperly combined together.

As used herein, the term "confidential" means the documents requested are retained in confidence at the express or implied request of a third party or that it is the custom of the trade to retain such records in confidence.

As used herein, the term "National Union" shall mean and refer to National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA, and any business entity owned, operated, or managed by, National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA and the officers, directors, employees, parents, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, agents, counsel, attorneys, and other representatives of each such entity.

As used herein, the term "overly broad" means that a request is unreasonably general, vague and nonspecific.

As used herein, the term "Personal Injury Defendants" shall mean and refer collectively to Carlo Zalewski, GAF, Driver Logistics and Penske.

As used herein, the term "privileged" means that the documents requested are subject to the attorney-client privilege, the attorney work product doctrine or any other recognized privilege against disclosure.

As used herein, the term "Underlying Action" shall mean the personal injury action filed by Plaintiffs against GAF, Driver Logistics, Carlo Zalewski and Penske on or about July 12, 2002.

As used herein, the term "Zurich" shall mean, Zurich American Insurance Company and any business entity owned, operated, or managed by Zurich American Insurance Company, any parent, subsidiary, division, affiliate, or predecessor-in-interest of, Zurich American Insurance Company and the officers, directors, employees, parents, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, agents, counsel, attorneys, and other representatives of each such entity.

# REQUESTS TO WHICH NO OBJECTION IS MADE

Where it is indicated that no objection is made to producing the documents requested, no inference should be drawn that Plaintiffs have such documents in their possession or control, but only that they do not object to endeavoring to locate and produce such documents. In addition, if any confidential or privileged document is produced, whether intentionally or inadvertently, such production shall not waive the right of Plaintiffs to decline to produce a like document on grounds of confidentiality or privilege, and plaintiffs reserve the right to demand the return of any confidential or privileged document that was produced inadvertently.

# **GENERAL OBJECTIONS**

The following objections are incorporated by reference into each Response to the

individual Requests below.

Plaintiffs object to any request for documents that are protected by any recognized privilege against disclosure, including, but not limited to, the attorney-client privilege or the attorney work-product doctrine.

Plaintiffs object to any request for documents that are restricted in their disclosure under any state or federal law, rule or regulation or which would otherwise potentially subject them to any regulatory liability.

Plaintiffs object to any request or instruction for documents or information that is not discoverable under the Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure or otherwise.

Plaintiffs object to any request for documents that are confidential.

Plaintiffs object to any request for documents that are not in their possession, custody or control.

Plaintiffs object to producing any documents that were not specifically requested by Defendant and that do not fall within the scope of the Definitions and Instructions set forth by Defendant.

# **DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND RESPONSES**

# REQUEST NO. 1.

All documents constituting or concerning the communications you identified in response to Zurich's Interrogatory No. 1 to Harold Rhodes, on behalf of his minor child and next friend, Rebecca Rhodes.

# **RESPONSE**

Rebecca Rhodes' deposition transcript was made available on December 21, 2005. Her trial transcript will be made available at a mutually convenient time.

# REQUEST NO. 2.

All documents constituting or concerning the communications you identified in response to Zurich's Interrogatory No. 2 to Harold Rhodes, on behalf of his minor child and next friend, Rebecca Rhodes.

#### **RESPONSE**

Rebecca Rhodes is not in possession, custody or control of responsive documents.

# REQUEST NO. 3.

All documents concerning the "actual damages" described in response to Zurich's Interrogatory No. 3 to Harold Rhodes, on behalf of his minor child and next friend, Rebecca Rhodes.

#### **RESPONSE**

Rebecca Rhodes is not in possession, custody or control of responsive documents.

# **REQUEST NO.4**

All documents you reviewed in preparing your answers to Zurich's First Set of Interrogatories to Harold Rhodes, on behalf of his minor child and next friend, Rebecca Rhodes.

#### RESPONSE

Rebecca Rhodes is not in possession, custody or control of responsive documents.

# REQUEST NO. 5.

All documents constituting or concerning communications between you, your attorneys, or other representatives and any employee or agent of or legal counsel for any of the Personal Injury Defendants concerning:

- a) Plaintiffs' claims against any of the Personal Injury Defendants;
- b) The nature or value of Plaintiffs' injuries and damages allegedly caused by the Accident;
- c) Any settlement demand made by or on behalf of Plaintiffs prior to or during the course of the Underlying Action pertaining to the claims asserted by Plaintiffs in

the Underlying Action; and

d) Any settlement offer made to Plaintiffs during the Underlying Action pertaining to the claims asserted by Plaintiffs in the Underlying Action.

# RESPONSE

Responsive documents were made available on December 21, 2005.

# REQUEST NO. 6.

All documents constituting or concerning communications between you, your attorneys, or other representatives and any employee, agent or representative of Crawford concerning:

- a) Plaintiffs' claims against any of the Personal Injury Defendants;
- b) The nature or value of Plaintiffs' injuries and damages allegedly caused by the Accident;
- c) Any settlement demand made by or on behalf of Plaintiffs prior to or during the course of the Underlying Action pertaining to the claims asserted by Plaintiffs in the Underlying Action;
- d) Any settlement offer made to Plaintiffs during the Underlying Action pertaining to the claims asserted by Plaintiffs in the Underlying Action; and
- e) Any settlement demand made by or on behalf of Plaintiffs during or after the Underlying Action pertaining to the claims asserted in this action.

# **RESPONSE**

Responsive documents were made available on December 21, 2005.

#### REQUEST NO. 7.

All documents constituting or concerning communications between you, your attorneys, or other representatives and any employee, agent or representative of Zurich concerning:

- a) Plaintiffs' claims against any of the Personal Injury Defendants;
- b) The nature or value of Plaintiffs' injuries and damages allegedly caused by the Accident:
- c) Any settlement demand made by or on behalf of Plaintiffs prior to or during the course of the Underlying Action pertaining to the claims asserted by Plaintiffs in the Underlying Action;

- d) Any settlement offer made to Plaintiffs during the Underlying Action pertaining to the claims asserted by Plaintiffs in the Underlying Action; and
- e) Any settlement demand made by or on behalf of Plaintiffs during or after the Underlying Action pertaining to the claims asserted in this action.

# **RESPONSE**

Responsive documents were made available on December 21, 2005.

# **REQUEST NO. 8.**

All documents constituting or concerning written communications you sent to or received from any lawyer or employee of Brown Rudnick Berlack & Israels relating to any of the following topics, which documents were also sent to or reviewed by any person other than Harold or Rebecca Rhodes:

- (a) Plaintiffs' claims against any of the Personal Injury Defendants;
- (b) The nature or value of Plaintiffs' injuries and damages allegedly caused by the Accident;
- (c) Any settlement demand made by or on behalf of Plaintiffs prior to or during the course of the Underlying Action pertaining to the claims asserted by Plaintiffs in the Underlying Action;
- (d) Any settlement offer made to Plaintiffs during the Underlying Action pertaining to the claims asserted by Plaintiffs in the Underlying Action; and
- (e) Any settlement demand made by or on behalf of Plaintiffs during or after the Underlying Action pertaining to the claims asserted in this action.

#### RESPONSE

Rebecca Rhodes is not in possession, custody or control of responsive documents.

# REQUEST NO. 9.

All documents, notes, reports, memoranda and other documents concerning:

- (a) Any settlement demand made by or on behalf of Plaintiffs prior to or during the course of the Underlying Action pertaining to the claims asserted by Plaintiffs in the Underlying Action;
- (b) Any settlement offer made to Plaintiffs during the Underlying Action pertaining

to the claims asserted by Plaintiffs in the Underlying Action; and

(c) Any settlement demand made by or on behalf of Plaintiffs during or after the Underlying Action pertaining to the claims asserted in this action.

# RESPONSE

Responsive documents that were not privileged or otherwise protected from disclosure were made available to Zurich on December 21, 2005.

# REQUEST NO. 10.

All documents reflecting any assessment or computation of the actual or potential value of Plaintiffs' tort claims against the Personal Injury Defendants in the Underlying Action (other than those that may be reflected in documents produced by the Defendants during discovery in this action).

# RESPONSE

Rebecca Rhodes objects to this request to the extent it seeks the production of attorney work product. Non-privileged documents were previously made available to Zurich on December 21, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD RHODES ON BEHALF OF HIS MINOR CHILD AND NEXT FRIEND, REBECCA RHODES,

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DATED: May 18, 2006

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing Response To Defendant Zurich American Insurance Company's Request For Production Of Documents To Plaintiff Harold Rhodes on Behalf of His Minor Child and Next Friend, Rebecca Rhodes upon all counsel of record via first class mail to:

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