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## AFFIDAVIT

## STATE OF LOUISIANA

## PARISH OF TERREBONNE

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared

who after being duly sworn, did depose and state as follows:

- My name \_\_\_\_\_\_. The information provided herein is based upon my personal knowledge.
- 2. I am a licensed captain and have been working in the marine industry for 33 years.
- On April 13, 2021, I was working as captain aboard the CHRISTIAN CHOUEST (the "Chouest"). The Chouest had departed Port Fourchon the morning of April 13, and was in a location west of Rabbit Field beginning around 1230.
- 4. By 1530, it started raining and we realized that the weather was much worse than predicted. A reading of my anemometer at 1538 showed 71 knot (81.7 miles per hour ("mph")) gust winds with sustained winds in excess of 55 knots (63 mph). Visibility was less than a quarter of a mile by approximately 1600. Attached as Exhibit A is a photograph taken at approximately 1554 from the bridge of the Chouest showing the limited visibility due to the weather.
- 5. At 1621 on April 13, 2021, my anemometer registered a wind speed of maximum of 98 knots (112.8 mph) within the last five minutes (*i.e.*, between 1616 and 1621) and a current wind of 46 knots (53 mph). Attached as Exhibit B is a photograph depicting that reading.

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6. None of the weather forecasts that I saw earlier in the day of the 13<sup>th</sup> predicted conditions of that magnitude. I have never experienced weather that changed so dramatically in such a short period of time.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Houma, Louisiana, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.



## SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, THIS 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY



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