UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

(PROPOSED) ORDER ON UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 5 RELATED CASE IN A CRIMINAL ACTION 6 v. 7 SOLVAY S.A., Case No. CR 06-0159 MMC Defendant. 8 9 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 10 11 v. AKZO NOBEL CHEMICALS INTERNATIONAL 12 Case No. CR 06-0160 JSW B.V., 13 Defendant. 14

Having considered the Stipulated Notice of Related Case in a Criminal Action, jointly filed by the United States and Akzo Nobel Chemicals International B.V. pursuant to Crim. L. R. 8-1, this Court finds that the assignment of United States v. Akzo Nobel Chemicals International B.V., CR 06-0160 JSW, to Judge Maxine M. Chesney (to whom United States v. Solvay S.A., CR 06-0159 MMC, is also assigned) is likely to conserve judicial resources and promote an efficient determination of the action. Therefore, this Court finds that Case CR 06-0160 JSW relates to Case CR 06-0159 MMC, and orders that Case CR 06-0160 JSW be transferred to Judge Chesney.

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