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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ESSO EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION NIGERIA LIMITED and SHELL NIGERIA EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION COMPANY LIMITED,

Petitioners,

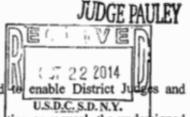
- against -

NIGERIAN NATIONAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION, Respondent.

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1 and te

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RULE 7.1 STATEMENT



Magistrate Judges of the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned counsel for Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company Limited certify that Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company Limited is a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell plc, a publicly held corporation. No individual or entity owns 10% or more of the stock of Royal Dutch Shell plc.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: New York, New York October 22, 2014 FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER US LLP

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