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Hon. Scott S. Harris, Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
Office of the Clerk
1 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Petrobras America Inc., et al. v. Transcor Astra Group S.A., et al.*
Case No. 22-518
Request for Extension of Time to File Brief in Opposition

Dear Mr. Harris:

This firm represents Respondents Transcor Astra Group S.A., AOT Bis B.V., Astra Energy Holdings, Inc., Astra Oil Trading NV, Astra Oil Company, LLC, Astra GP, Inc., Astra Tradeco, LP, LLC, Pasadena Refinery Holding Partnership, Pasadena Refining System, Inc., PRSI Real Property Holdings, LLC, PRSI Trading, LLC, Eric Bluth, Kari Burke, Daniel Burla (deceased), Charles L. Dunlap, John T. Hammer, Ireneusz Kotula, Rolf Mueller, Thomas J. Nimbley, Carlos E. Ortiz, Stephen Wade, and Clifford L. Winget, III in the above referenced appeal. By letter dated January 23, 2023, the Court asked Respondents to file a brief in opposition to the Petitioners' petition for writ of certiorari. The brief in opposition is presently due to be filed on or before February 23, 2023. Pursuant to Rule 30.4, this is a request for a **30-day** extension of time, up to and including **Thursday, March 23, 2023**, in which to file that brief.

The undersigned was involved in preparing for and participating in an arbitration proceeding before the American Arbitration Association during the weeks of January 23 and 30, 2023. In addition, since the request for a response was received, my co-counsel, Beth W. Petronio, has had to devote substantial time to other matters, including briefing on a motion to dismiss a class action in California and substantial pre-hearing discovery efforts in an ongoing arbitration. As a result, there has been

insufficient time to complete the brief in opposition and additional time is respectfully requested.

Mr. Kannon Shanmugam, counsel for Petitioners, indicated via email correspondence on February 13, 2023, that Petitioners are not opposed to this requested extension of time.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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