this Consent Decree or this Court's jurisdiction to enter and enforce this Consent Decree; however, the Site Operator and IT, to the extent that IT is acting as Site Operator under this Consent Decree, may seek to have the Court construe the terms of this Consent Decree as provided in Section XIX (Dispute Resolution).

III. PARTIES BOUND

This Consent Decree applies to and is binding upon the United States and the 2. State of California, on behalf of the Department of Toxic Substances Control, the California Hazardous Substance Account, the California Hazardous Substance Cleanup Fund, the California Toxic Substances Control Account, the Regional Water Quality Control Board for the Central Valley Region, the State Water Resources Control Board, the Department of Fish and Game, and the State Lands Commission, and upon the Settling Parties, the Site Operator, IT, ITX, Trust I, Trust II, the Trustee, and AISLIC, and upon their successors and assigns. Any change in ownership or corporate status of the Settling Parties, the Site Operator, IT, ITX, the Trust I. Trust II, the Trustee, and AISLIC including, but not limited to, any transfer of assets or real or personal property, shall in no way after their responsibilities under this Consent Decree, except as provided in Paragraph 3, below. However, in the event that the Policy is canceled as to the Site Operator before the Effective Date of the Consent Decree pursuant to Section VI, Paragraph G.4 of the Policy, then IT, ITX, and any other IT Parties (including without limitation IT Iron Mountain Operations LLC and IT Administrative Services LLC) shall not be bound by this Consent Decree or have any liability to any party hereto under this Consent Decree, and all references to them in this Consent Decree shall be disregarded and of no force or effect.

3. <u>Transferability</u>.

A. <u>General</u>. The Site Operator may request that the Oversight Agency (as defined in Section IV of this Consent Decree) approve an assignment, delegation, or other transfer of the Site Operator's duties and obligations under this Consent Decree and the SOW

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to a transferee. The Site Operator's obligations under this Consent Decree and SOW may not be assigned without the written concurrence of the Oversight Agency.

- B. <u>Procedure</u>. If the Site Operator makes a request for approval of a transfer of its duties and obligations to a transferee other than IT, it shall submit information sufficient to allow the Oversight Agency to make an informed decision as to whether the proposed transfer of duties and obligations is acceptable and consistent with the terms and purposes of this Consent Decree. The Oversight Agency will not unreasonably withhold approval where the qualifications of the proposed transferee are equal or superior to those of the Site Operator and are otherwise acceptable to the Oversight Agency. In making its determination, the Oversight Agency may consider the following factors, or any combination of them:
- (1) The experience of the Oversight Agency or other government agencies with the proposed transferee's performance, including the transferee's proclivity towards claims and disputes;
 - (2) The business reputation of the proposed transferee;
- (3) The longevity and stability of the proposed transferee, including the proposed transferee's likely viability during the remaining term of the SOW;
- (4) The proposed transferee's technical qualifications for performing the Work required by the SOW;
- (5) The proposed transferee's financial ability to successfully complete the obligations of the SOW;
- (6) The proposed transferee's financial ability to meet the financial assurance requirements of the SOW and Consent Decree;
- (7) The proposed transferee's financial ability to pay Stipulated
 Penalties/Damages or other damages and amounts that could be assessed pursuant to the SOW;
 - (8) The continued responsibility of the Site Operator's corporate

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guarantor; or the financial strength of any proposed corporate guarantor of the proposed transferee:

- (9) The identity, qualifications, experience, organizational and management skills of the proposed transferee's key project personnel;
- (10) The proposed transferee's agreement to commit its key project personnel to the Work;
- (11) The proposed transferee's agreement to be bound by all of the Site Operator's agreements under the Consent Decree and SOW; and
 - (12) Other relevant factors.

Any such request for approval shall be in writing and accompanied by: (1) audited financial statements of the proposed transferee and any guarantor for its most recent completed fiscal year and unaudited financial statements through the end of the proposed transferee's and any guarantor's most recent fiscal quarter; (2) a statement of the qualifications of the proposed transferee and any guarantor; (3) a statement of the identity, qualifications, experience and organizational and management skills of the proposed transferee's key project personnel; and (4) any other submissions considered appropriate by the proposed transferee.

- C. Merger or Acquisition. If the Site Operator, or its corporate guarantor
 - (1) is merged into another corporation or legal entity;
 - (2) is purchased, or
 - (3) substantially all of its assets are purchased,

such merger or acquisition will be considered a transfer subject to approval under this Paragraph. If the transfer effected by such merger or acquisition is not acceptable as a transfer under this Paragraph, the Oversight Agency may elect to perform a work takeover under Section 7.16 of the SOW.

D. <u>Successor Trusts and Trustees</u>. Trust I, Trust II, or Trustee may also request that the Oversight Agency approve appointment of a successor Trustee or

- guarantor's transfer of duties and obligations to a transferee, such duties and obligations shall be transferred to the transferee consistent with the terms of the transfer as approved by the Oversight Agency and, upon that occurrence, the Site Operator and/or corporate guarantor shall be relieved of such duties and obligations pursuant to the terms of the transfer as approved by the Oversight Agency. In the case of the appointment of a successor Trustee or the establishment of a successor Trust, the successor Trustee or Trust shall succeed to all the rights, title, duties, and obligations of its predecessor.
- Operator's duties and obligations, the appointment of a successor Trustee, or the establishment of a successor Trust shall be resolved in accordance with Section XIX of this Consent Decree (Dispute Resolution). In any such dispute, the Oversight Agency's determination that the proposed transfer of the Site Operator or corporate guarantor's duties and obligations, appointment of a successor Trustee, or establishment of a successor Trust is unacceptable and inconsistent with the terms and purposes of this Consent Decree shall be accorded substantial deference. Where the Site Operator or corporate guarantor notifies the Oversight Agency and the Support Agency (as defined in this Consent Decree) that time is of the essence, the Oversight Agency and the Support Agency will use best efforts to make as timely determination as is practicable under the circumstances. If the proposed transfer is rejected by the Oversight Agency (after consultation with the Support Agency as provided for by Paragraph 13), the Site Operator or corporate guarantor may invoke Dispute Resolution under

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Paragraph 45.A of this Consent Decree.

G. <u>Confirmation</u>. At the end of the Performance Period (as provided in the SOW) or upon any approved transfer of duties and obligations, appointment of a successor Trustee, or establishment of a successor Trust, the Oversight Agency, Support Agency, and the Site Operator, Trustee, or Trust, as appropriate, shall execute such documents, or join in such further proceedings, as are appropriate and lawful, to confirm, effectuate, or recognize any such proposed transfer of the Site Operator or corporate guarantor's duties and obligations, appointment of a successor Trustee, or establishment of a successor Trust, as agreed or as ordered by the Court under Section XIX of this Consent Decree.

IV. DEFINITIONS

4. Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, terms used in this Consent Decree which are defined in CERCLA or in regulations promulgated under CERCLA shall have the meaning assigned to them in CERCLA or in such regulations. Whenever terms listed below are used in this Consent Decree or in the appendices attached hereto and incorporated hereunder, the following definitions shall apply:

"CERCLA" shall mean the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 et seq.

"Consent Decree" shall mean this Consent Decree and all appendices attached hereto (listed in Section XXIX). In the event of conflict between this Consent Decree and any appendix, this Consent Decree shall control.

"Court" shall mean the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California.

"CHSA" shall mean the California Hazardous Substance Account as defined in Section 25330 of the California Health and Safety Code.

"CHSCF" shall mean the California Hazardous Substance Cleanup Fund as defined in Section 25385.3 of the California Health and Safety Code.

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"CTSCA" shall mean the California Toxic Substances Control Account as defined in Section 25173.6 of the California Health and Safety Code.

"CVRWQCB" shall mean the California Regional Water Quality Control Board for the Central Valley Region and any predecessor and successor agency, officials and employees, provided and to the extent that any such individuals were acting within the scope of their duties and in their capacity as officials or employees.

"Date of Final Approval of this Consent Decree" shall mean the later of (1) the date on which the Court has approved and entered this Consent Decree as a judgment and all applicable appeal periods have expired without an appeal being filed, or (2) if an appeal is taken, the date on which the Court's judgment is affirmed and there is no further right to appellate review.

"Day" shall mean a calendar day unless expressly stated to be a working day.

"Working day" shall mean a day other than a Saturday, Sunday, or state or federal holiday. In computing any period of time under this Consent Decree, where the last day would fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or state or federal holiday, the period shall run until the close of business of the next working day.

"DFG" shall mean the California Department of Fish and Game and any predecessor and successor agency, officials and employees, provided and to the extent that any such individuals were acting within the scope of their duties and in their capacity as officials or employees.

"DTSC" shall mean the California Department of Toxic Substances Control and any predecessor and successor agency, officials and employees, provided and to the extent that any such individuals were acting within the scope of their duties and in their capacity as officials or employees.

"EPA" shall mean the United States Environmental Protection Agency and any successor departments or agencies of the United States.

"Effective Date" shall mean the date defined in Section XXVII of this Consent Decree.

"Interest" shall mean interest at the rate specified for interest on investments of the Hazardous Substance Superfund established under Subchapter A of Chapter 98 of Title 26 of the U.S. Code, compounded on October 1 of each year, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a).

"IT" means IT Corporation, a California corporation, which is a subsidiary of ITX.

"IT Parties" means ITX and its subsidiary corporations, as well as any predecessors or successors thereof, to the extent of any derivative liability attributable to any such entities; the Site Operator (if an affiliate of one or more of the IT Parties described herein), as well as any successors; and each of their respective officers, directors, and employees, members, and managers, provided and to the extent that any such individuals were acting within the scope of their duties and in their capacity as officers, directors, or employees, members, or managers.

"ITX" means The IT Group, Inc. a Delaware corporation, which is jointly and severally liable with the Site Operator under this Consent Decree.

"National Contingency Plan" or "NCP" shall mean the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan promulgated pursuant to Section 105 of CERCLA.

42 U.S.C. § 9605, codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 300, and any amendments thereto.

"Natural Resources" shall have the meaning provided in Section 101(16) of CERCLA.
42 U.S.C. § 9601(16), and as used in Section 311 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321, and under applicable provisions of state law.

"Natural Resource Damages" shall mean damages, including the costs of damage assessment, recoverable under Section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607, Section 311 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321, and applicable provisions of state law, for injury to, destruction of, or loss of any and all Natural Resources.

"Natural Resource Trustees" as used in this Consent Decree shall mean the United States Department of the Interior through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the

United States Bureau of Land Management, the United States Bureau of Reclamation, and the National Park Service; the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and DFG.

"Oversight Agency" shall mean the agency (ies) of the United States or the State of California that serves as the "lead agency" within the meaning of the NCP.

"Paragraph" shall mean a portion of this Consent Decree identified by an arabic numeral or an upper case letter.

"Parties" shall mean the United States; the State of California, on behalf of DTSC, the CHSA, the CHSCF, the CTSCA, the CVRWQCB, DFG, the State Water Resources Control Board ("SWRCB"), and the State Lands Commission ("SLC") ("the State agencies"); the Settling Parties; the Site Operator, IT, ITX, Trust I, Trust II, the Trustee, and AISLIC.

"Plaintiffs" shall mean the United States and the State of California on behalf of DTSC and the CVRWQCB.

"RCRA" shall mean the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6901 et seq. (also known as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act).

"Records of Decision" or "RODs" shall mean RODs 1-4, and all attachments thereto.

RODs 1-4 are attached as Appendices A-D to this Consent Decree.

"Released Parties" means the Settling Parties and Aventis CropScience USA, LP. Rhodia, Inc., Imperial Chemical Industries PLC, ICI International Investments, Inc., Zeneca Holdings, Inc., Stauffer Chemical Company (a former corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware), Mountain Copper Company, Ltd.(a former corporation organized under the laws of Great Britain), Mountain Copper Company of California (a former corporation organized under the laws of the State of California), and Iron Mountain Corporation (a former corporation organized under the laws of the State of California), together with any of their predecessor or successor entities, and direct or indirect parents or subsidiaries, to the extent of any derivative liability attributable to any such entities, and further includes any of such entities' current or former officers, directors, and employees.

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provided and to the extent that any such individuals were acting within the scope of their duties and in their capacity as officers, directors, or employees.

"Section" shall mean a portion of this Consent Decree identified by a roman numeral.

"Settling Defendant" means defendant Aventis CropScience USA Inc., formerly known as Stauffer Chemical Company, Rhône-Poulenc Basic Chemicals Company, and Rhône-Poulenc, Inc.

"Settling Parties" means the Settling Defendant, Stauffer Management Company, and Atkemix Thirty-Seven Inc. (a wholly owned subsidiary of Stauffer Management Company), together with any of their predecessor or successor entities, and direct or indirect parents or subsidiaries, to the extent of any derivative liability attributable to any such entities, and further includes any of such entities' current or former officers, directors, and employees, provided and to the extent that any such individuals were acting within the scope of their duties and in their capacity as officers, directors, or employees.

"Site" shall mean, for purposes of this Consent Decree, the Iron Mountain Mine Superfund Site, located in Shasta County, California, approximately 9 miles northwest of the City of Redding, California, including without limitation approximately 8,000 acres of land that includes the mining property on the topographic feature known as Iron Mountain, several inactive underground and open pit mines, numerous waste piles, abandoned mining and smelter facilities, abandoned transportation facilities (including without limitation rail sidings at Matheson and Keswick, the tramway from the Richmond mine to Matheson, and the former rail line from Keswick to the Iron Mountain mine), mine drainage treatment facilities, the downstream reaches of Boulder Creek, Slickrock Creek, and Spring Creek, the Spring Creek Reservoir, the Spring Creek Debris Dam, and Keswick Reservoir (collectively, the "Iron Mountain Mine Property"), together with all locations (including without limitation any locations in or beyond the Sacramento River) where Waste Materials from the Iron Mountain Mine Property have spread or migrated by surface water, groundwater, air dispersion, or other

medium. The Site also includes the Land as defined in Paragraph 6.E. The Iron Mountain Mine Property and surrounding portions of the Sacramento River watershed are generally depicted on the map attached hereto as Appendix F.

"Site Operator" shall mean IT Iron Mountain Operations LLC, a Delaware limited liability corporation, and any successor thereto selected in accordance with the terms of this Consent Decree and the SOW. "Site Operator" also includes IT or AISLIC to the extent that IT or AISLIC acts as Site Operator under this Consent Decree. In the event that the Policy is canceled as to the Site Operator under Section VI, Paragraph G.4 of the Policy, prior to the Effective Date of the Consent Decree, then AISLIC shall be obliged to secure a replacement Site Operator acceptable to the United States and the State agencies, as provided in the Policy. Until such a replacement Site Operator is approved by the United States and the State agencies, AISLIC will be the Site Operator under this Consent Decree and the SOW.

"SLC" shall mean the State Lands Commission and any predecessor and successor agency, officials and employees, provided and to the extent that any such individuals were acting within the scope of their duties and in their capacity as officials or employees.

"SOW Response Costs" means those costs defined in Paragraph 34 of Section 2 of the Statement of Work.

"State" shall mean the State of California and all of its agencies, officials and employees, provided and to the extent that any such individuals were acting within the scope of their duties and in their capacity as officials or employees.

"The State agencies" shall mean DTSC, the CHSA, the CHSCF, the CTSCA, the CVRWQCB, DFG, the SWRCB, and the SLC.

"The State plaintiffs" shall mean DTSC and the CVRWQCB.

"Statement of Work" or "SOW" shall mean the statement of work for implementation of activities at the Site, as set forth in Appendix E to this Consent Decree, and any modifications thereto made in accordance with this Consent Decree and the SOW.

"Support Agency" means the agency or agencies of the United States or the State of California that support the activities of the Oversight Agency in accordance with the NCP.

"SWRCB" shall mean the State Water Resources Control Board and any predecessor and successor agency, officials and employees, provided and to the extent that any such individuals were acting within the scope of their duties and in their capacity as officials or employees.

"Trust I" means the Iron Mountain Mine Remediation Trust I, established pursuant to, and governed by, the laws of the State of California and established to qualify as a trust established pursuant to Section 468B of the United States Internal Revenue Code, which shall hold certain rights, title, and other interests with respect to certain plant and fixed equipment at the Site.

"Trust II" means the Iron Mountain Mine Remediation Trust II established pursuant to, and governed by, the laws of the State of California and established to qualify as a trust established pursuant to Section 468B of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

"Trustee" means IT Administrative Services LLC, or any successor thereto selected in accordance with the terms of this Consent Decree, or Trust I or Trust II.

"United States" shall mean the United States of America and its departments and agencies.

"Waste Material" shall mean (1) any "hazardous substance" under Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(14); (2) any pollutant or contaminant under Section 101(33) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(33); (3) any "solid waste" under Section 1004(27) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6903(27); and (4) any "hazardous waste," "hazardous substance," "hazardous material," "waste," "pollutant," "contaminant," "mining waste," "pollution," or "contamination" under California Health & Safety Code §§ 25117, 25260, and 25316, California Water Code § 13050, and any provision of the California Fish & Game Code.

"Work" shall mean all activities required to be performed by the Site Operator under

this Consent Decree and the SOW, except those required by Section XXV (Retention of Records).

V. GENERAL PROVISIONS

5. Objectives of the Parties. The objectives of the Parties in entering into this Consent Decree are to protect public health or welfare or the environment at the Site, to effect a release of the claims of the United States and the State agencies against the Released Parties, as set forth in Section XXI of this Consent Decree (Covenants by the United States and the State agencies), and to effect a release of the claims of the Released Parties against the United States and the State agencies as set forth in Section XXII of this Consent Decree (Covenants by Settling Defendants), all as provided in this Consent Decree.

6. Payment and Other Obligations of the Settling Parties

The Settling Parties shall pay a total amount consisting of the payments set forth in Paragraphs 6.A and 6.B, below, which payment obligations, at the Plaintiffs' direction, shall be satisfied as follows:

A. (1) Not later than 30 days after the Effective Date of this Consent Decree, the Settling Parties shall pay the sum of \$18,718.091 (minus credits as set forth in Paragraph 6.A.(3), below) into an escrow account bearing interest on commercially reasonable terms, in a federally-chartered bank. Such monies shall remain in escrow and may not be withdrawn by the Settling Parties, unless the Consent Decree has been voided pursuant to Paragraph 110; in that event, all monies paid into escrow shall be returned to the Settling Parties together with accrued interest thereon. Within 15 days after the Date of Final Approval of this Decree, the Settling Parties shall cause the monies in escrow, together with accrued interest, to be paid as set forth below:

(a) \$8.0 million, together with accrued interest, shall be paid to the Department of the Interior, on behalf of the state and federal Natural Resource Trustees for the purposes set forth in Section XXXIII of this Consent Decree, by Electronic Funds