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COMPROMISE AGREEMENT
FMC File No. 17118

This Compromise Agreement is entered into between:

- (1) the Federal Maritime Commission (Commission); and
- (2) Knopf International Inc. (Respondent)

WHEREAS, the Commission is considering the initiation of an assessment proceeding against Respondent for the recovery of civil penalties for alleged violations of section 19(a) and (b) of the Shipping Act of 1984 (Shipping Act), 46 U.S.C. § 40901 and 40902 as well as the Commission's regulations issued pursuant thereto; and

WHEREAS, such proceeding would be based on the Commission's allegations that Respondent engaged in certain practices violative of the Shipping Act, to wit:

Respondent knowingly and willfully provided ocean transportation intermediary services in the U.S. foreign trades, without obtaining an OTI license from the Commission or furnishing an OTI bond.

WHEREAS, the Commission is authorized under section 13(c) of the Shipping Act, 46 U.S.C. § 41109 (a)-(b), and Subpart W of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 46 C.F.R. § 502.601 – 502.605 to compromise and collect civil penalties arising for the alleged violations set forth and described above;

WHEREAS, Respondent has terminated the alleged practices that are the basis of the alleged violations set forth herein, and has committed to maintaining measures designed to eliminate such practices in the future; and,

WHEREAS, Respondent has cooperated and disclosed to the Commission information, facts, and documents relevant to its transportation activities and practices; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises herein, and in compromise of all civil penalties arising from the Commission's investigation of Respondent for the alleged violations, Respondent and the Commission hereby agree upon the following terms of compromise and settlement:

1. Respondent shall make payment to the Commission by cashier's check in the total amount of \$24,000.
2. This Compromise Agreement shall forever bar the commencement or institution of any assessment proceeding or other claim for recovery of civil penalties from Respondent, its officers, directors, and employees arising from the Commission's investigation of Respondent for the alleged violations set forth above occurring between July 26, 2013 and January 27, 2015.
3. It is expressly understood that this Compromise Agreement is not, and is not to be construed as, an admission by Respondent to the alleged violations set forth above
4. This agreement is subject to approval by the Commission's Managing Director in accordance with 46 C.F.R. § 502.604.

Knopf International Inc.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF COMPROMISE AGREEMENT

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The above Terms and Conditions and Amount of Consideration are hereby approved and accepted:

By the Federal Maritime Commission:

Peter J. King, Director (Date)
Bureau of Enforcement

Vern Hill (Date)
Managing Director