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Settlement Reached in Environmental Enforcement Action

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that the Ventura County District Attorney's Environmental Protection Unit, in conjunction with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, has obtained a $143,000 stipulated final judgment against The Termo Company ("TERMO"). TERMO, based in Long Beach, California, owns and operates oil and gas exploration and production (E&P) facilities in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties ("TERMO's California E&P Operations").

The settlement resolves allegations that TERMO's California E&P Operations generated hazardous wastes and caused them to be unlawfully transported and disposed of at the Anterra Energy facility in Oxnard, California, which is not authorized to receive hazardous waste.

Under the terms of the judgment, TERMO must comply with a permanent injunction that requires it to comply with California laws and regulations covering the safe management of hazardous waste. In addition, TERMO was ordered to pay $118,000 in civil penalties, of which $93,000 will be paid to the Ventura County District Attorney's Office ("VCDA") and $25,000 to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, and $25,000 to the VCDA as reimbursement for investigative costs.

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