

# COMPANY LETTERHEAD

**EXAMPLE**

Messrs.  
**PETRÓLEOS DE VENEZUELA, S.A. (PDVSA)**  
Dirección de Comercio y Suministro  
Av. Libertador, Edificio Petróleos de Venezuela  
Torre Este, La Campiña  
Caracas 1060-A - Venezuela

February 27, 2008

Atn: Ing. ASDRUBAL CHAVEZ J., Director

Dear Sir . Chavez:

The undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_, of legal age, acting herein in my capacity as **Chairman and Chief Executive Officer** and with full corporate authority for and on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ **Petroleum, Inc.**, under penalty of perjury hereby state and represent to the best of my knowledge that none of my Principal's present or past Directors, Officers, Employees, Affiliates, Subsidiaries, Stockholders, Partners or Associate Organizations have had any prior direct or indirect contact with any past or present Directors, Officers, Employees, Affiliates, Subsidiaries or Related Companies of **PETROLEOS DE VENEZUELA, S.A. (PDVSA)**

On the other hand, I am hereby authorizing Mr. **Ricardo Augusto Esteves Soto**, Venezuelan passport number 01467059 to represent us before **PETRÓLEOS DE VENEZUELA, S.A. (PDVSA)** in all negotiations involving products and crude oil.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petroleum, Inc.



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\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

State of California, County of Orange  
Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me  
on this 27 day of February, 2008.

by \_\_\_\_\_  
personally known to me and appeared to me on the  
basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s)  
who appeared before me.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

