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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

April 6, 2018

Honorable Scott S. Harris  
Clerk  
Supreme Court of the United States  
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: Specialty Fertilizer Products, LLC v. Shell Oil Company, et al.,  
No. 17-1243

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on March 6, 2018 and placed on docket, March 7, 2018. The government's response is now due on April 6, 2018

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including May 7, 2018, within which to file the government's response.

This extension is requested to complete preparation of the government's response, which was delayed because of the heavy press of earlier assigned cases to the attorneys handling this matter.

Sincerely,

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Solicitor General

cc: See Attached Service List

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