## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS DIVISION OF ST. CROIX

MOHAMMAD HAMED, by his	CIVIL NO. SX-12-CV-370
authorized agent WALEED HAMED,	
Plaintiff/Counterclaim Defendant, )	ACTION FOR DAMAGES, INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND DECLARATORY RELIEF
vs.	
FATHI YUSUF and UNITED CORPORATION,)	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
Defendants/Counterclaimants, )	
vs.	
WALEED HAMED, WAHEED HAMED, MUFEED HAMED, HISHAM HAMED, and PLESSEN ENTERPRISES, INC.,	
Additional Counterclaim Defendants.	

#### **OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO REMOVE THE LIQUIDATING PARTNER**

As the Court will recall, plaintiff/counterclaim defendant Mohammad Hamed ("Hamed") vehemently objected to the appointment of defendant/counterclaimant Fathi Yusuf ("Yusuf") as the Liquidating Partner<sup>1</sup>, even though Hamed did not seriously dispute he was unqualified to serve in that position. *See, e.g.*, Hamed's Comments Re Proposed Winding Up Order filed on October 21, 2014 and his Response to Defendant's Comments Re Proposed Winding Up Order filed on October 28, 2014. In its Order adopting the Plan dated January 7, 2015 and entered on January 9, 2015 (the "Wind Up Order"), this Court effectively overruled Hamed's objections and appointed Yusuf as the Liquidating Partner. The Wind Up Order and the Plan included language clearly intended to address Hamed's objections to Yusuf serving as the Liquidating Partner. For example, the Wind Up Order provided as follows:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise defined in this Opposition, capitalized terms shall have the same meaning as provided in this Court's "Final Wind Up Plan Of The Plaza Extra Partnership" (the "Plan") dated January 7, 2015.

- "All acts of the Liquidating Partner, except those customarily undertaken in the ordinary course of the ongoing business operations of the Partnership, are subject to prior notification to and approval of the Master." *Id.* at p. 3.
- "All disbursements shall be subject to prior approval by the Master." *Id.* at p. 7. *See also* Plan at page 4, § 3, and page 8, Step 2.

In support of his Motion To Remove The Liquidating Partner (the "Motion"), Hamed relies on the following provisions of V.I. Code Ann. tit. 26, § 74(b)(2):

(b) A partner's duty of loyalty to the partnership and the other partners is limited to the following:

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(2) to refrain from dealing with the partnership in the conduct or winding up of the partnership business as or on behalf of a party having an interest adverse to the partnership[.]

Just as this Court previously determined that these statutory provisions did not preclude Yusuf's appointment as Liquidating Partner, it is respectfully submitted that this Court should find that Hamed has completely failed to establish any valid basis for Yusuf's removal as Liquidating Partner, particularly at this late stage of the wind up process. Each of Hamed's claimed "conflicts of interest" will be addressed in turn.

(1) Parcel No. 2-4 Rem. Estate Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, as shown on OLG Map No. D-9-7044-T002 (the "Land")

Yusuf does not dispute that the Land was purchased with Partnership funds. But it is also undisputed that when the Land was purchased, the Partners agreed that their jointly owned

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company, Plessen Enterprises, Inc. ("Plessen"), would take title pursuant to a Warranty Deed dated July 26, 2006 and recorded on August 24, 2006, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1. Plessen's title to the Land was encumbered by a mortgage dated August 24, 2006 from Plessen to United in the amount \$330,000, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 2. Pursuant to a Deed-in-Lieu of Foreclosure dated October 23, 2008 and recorded on March 24, 2009, which was executed on behalf of Plessen by Hamed, Plessen conveyed the Land to United. Pursuant to a Release of Mortgage dated October 23, 2008 and recorded on March 24, 2009, United released its mortgage covering the Land. Copies of the Deed-in-Lieu and Release of Mortgage are attached as Exhibits 3 and 4. Accordingly, as of the recordation of the Warranty Deed to Plessen on August 24, 2006, the Land has not been an asset of the Partnership. More than two years later, Plessen, acting through Hamed as President, voluntarily conveyed the Land to United. The fact that the Land was originally purchased with Partnership funds does not mean that it should be included among Partnership Assets. If that were the case, the hundreds of acres purchased with Partnership funds but titled in the names of Plessen and other companies jointly owned by Hamed and Yusuf (e.g. Peter's Farms Investment Corporation and Sixteen Plus Corporation) would all constitute Partnership Assets requiring liquidation.

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and October 31, 2015, respectively, counsel for Yusuf erroneously stated that Plessen is the record owner of the Land. That error was addressed and corrected in the fifth and sixth bimonthly reports filed on November 30, 2015 and February 1, 2016, respectively. *See* p. 4 of the fifth bi-monthly report and page 4-5 of the sixth bi-monthly report indicating that "the

In the Liquidating Partner's third and fourth bi-monthly reports, filed on July 31, 2015

Liquidating Partner does not intend to pursue liquidation of the Land or the mortgage since the Partnership has no continuing interest in either."

Hamed acknowledges that on August 18, 2015, he filed a "Notice of Objection to Liquidating Partner's Bi-Monthly Reports" (the "Objection"), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 2 to the Motion. As noted in footnote 7 of the fifth bi-monthly report and footnote 8 of the sixth bi-monthly report, on September 3, 2015, Yusuf filed his Response to the Objection. As both Hamed's Objection (p. 3) and Yusuf's Response (p. 3-4) provide, both Partners contemplated that the Land would become a part of the "claims portion" of the liquidation process. Certainly, Hamed has not shown any developments in the following sixth months that would transform the issue of whether the Partnership has any interest in the Land subject to liquidation from a claims processing issue to an issue requiring the removal of the Liquidating Partner. Yusuf, as Liquidating Partner, has simply refused to pursue a course of action demanded by Hamed and his counsel. That refusal does not constitute a breach of any duty owed by Yusuf, as Liquidating Partner, to the Partnership.

#### (2) Rent Allegedly Owed United

Attached as Exhibit 5 to the Motion is the Notice of Service of Partnership Accounting filed and served by Yusuf, as Liquidating Partner, on November 16, 2015.<sup>2</sup> The "Summary of Remaining Partnership Items For the Period From Jan 1, 2013 to Sep 30, 2015" (the "Summary"), attached as Exhibit 6 to the Motion, was one of the documents included in the Partnership accounting provided to Hamed and the Master. In the Motion, Hamed acknowledges that a check for the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Hamed refers to the Partnership accounting as a "final accounting, as required by § 5 of the Winding Up Plan." See Motion at p. 3 (emphasis supplied). Neither the Notice of Service of Partnership Accounting nor § 5 of the Plan use the term "final" in connection with the Partnership accounting to be provided by the Liquidating Partner.

"Net Cash Payout" reflected on the Summary was given to him. Attached as **Exhibit 5** is a copy of the check actually delivered to counsel for Hamed. What the Motion does not explain to the Court is that someone struck out the "Due To/Fr Settlement at 8/31/15" in the "memo" section of the check. *See* Exhibit 7 to the Motion. Hamed also does not inform the Court that he chose to present the check, as modified, to the bank for payment on November 18, 2015 and that he received the net cash payout shown in the Summary.

As reflected in ¶ 2 of the Declaration of Joel H. Holt attached as Exhibit 8 to the Motion, Hamed's counsel waited more than 2 months after the Summary was presented to Hamed and Hamed cashed the check for \$183,381.91 to meet with John Gaffney, the accountant who prepared the Summary. Hamed complains about the effective cancellation of an item in the amount of \$119,529.01 allegedly due from United for the gross receipts taxes and insurance that were paid by Plaza Extra-East from January 2013 through March 8, 2015 on behalf of the United Shopping Center. As reflected in the Declaration of John Gaffney, attached as **Exhibit** 6, this "due from United" amount was steadfastly objected to by Yusuf, who consistently claimed that the original agreement with Hamed was that the Plaza Extra-East store would pay all gross receipts taxes and insurance on behalf of the United Shopping Center. *Id.* at ¶ 3.

The record is clear that the Partners agreed that the Plaza Extra Stores would pay for insuring the whole United Shopping Center as well as United's gross receipts taxes on its rents. Attached as **Exhibit 7** are pages 53 and 54 of the transcript of Yusuf's April 2, 2014 deposition, which sets forth this agreement. More importantly, the Partners acted on this agreement for the entire life of the Partnership, as reflected in the actual payment of these expenses with funds from the Plaza Extra Stores for more than 28 years. *See*, *e.g.*, copies of five checks signed by

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one of Hamed's sons dating from July 2003 through May 2014 paying insurance premiums attached as **Exhibit 8**; 720 V.I. Gross Receipts Monthly Tax Returns for January and February 2012 with supporting schedule and checks signed by one of Hamed's sons attached as **Exhibit 9**; and ¶ 3 of the Gaffney Declaration ("Since I began providing accounting services with respect to the Plaza Extra Stores, I have never found any evidence that the United Shopping Center ever previously paid or reimbursed Plaza Extra-East for such gross receipts taxes and insurance.").

As this Court recognized in its April 27, 2015 Memorandum Opinion, "Hamed admitted that rent is controlled by Yusuf, that he does not object to paying rent and that Yusuf (on behalf of United) could charge rent and collect it." *Id.* at page 4 (record citations omitted). Hamed has not pointed to any of his sworn testimony where he denies that the Plaza Extra Stores were supposed to pay all insurance and gross receipts taxes connected with the United Shopping Center. Accordingly, it is highly improper for Hamed to attempt to dispute this long term arrangement through the declaration of his counsel claiming, without any reference to admissible evidence, that "Hamed never agreed to such a payment." *See* Declaration of Joel H. Holt at ¶ 3 attached as Exhibit 8 to the Motion.

In short, Yusuf simply had the \$119,529.01 in gross receipts taxes and insurance paid from January 2013 through March 8, 2015 appropriately accounted for under the Partnership agreement. More importantly, the check drawn on the Claims Reserve Account in the amount of \$183,381.91, which reflected the "Net Cash Payout" to Hamed after accounting for the Partners' respective credits and debits was signed by the Master after receipt of the same Summary and subsequently cashed by Hamed. This Court should not hear Hamed crying foul

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more than two months after he cashes the now disputed check. In any event, Hamed's claims arising out of the issuance and negotiation of that check should be addressed in the "claims portion" of the winding up process and certainly do not constitute grounds for removal of Yusuf as the Liquidating Partner.

#### (3) The Condensers

The \$72,984.02 "discrepancy" addressed in item 3 at page 3 of the Motion and ¶ 4 of the Declaration of Joel H. Holt represents the sum of two invoices in the amount of \$59,867.02 for condenser replacements at Plaza Extra-East and \$13,117 for shopping carts purchased for Plaza Extra-East. See Declaration of John Gaffney at ¶ 4. The difference in the ledger entries reflect that at an earlier meeting between Judge Ross, Attorney Holt and Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Gaffney was instructed by Judge Ross to credit the Partnership for the two invoices over the objection of Yusuf, who claimed that they were properly chargeable to the Partnership for a number of reasons. Pursuant to Judge Ross' instruction, these invoices were originally credited to the Partnership. Later, after a meeting between Judge Ross, Yusuf, and Mr. Gaffney on October 1, 2015, Judge Ross instructed Mr. Gaffney to remove these credits. Mr. Gaffney informed Judge Ross that he would do so but would maintain visibility of this reversal by posting offsetting charges. Id. Accordingly, any discrepancy in the schedules simply represents a change of position by the Master on the disputed issue of the condensers and the shopping carts. More importantly, these disputed offsets were set forth in the Summary which led to the issuance of a check co-signed by the Master and presented for payment by Hamed At most, Hamed has shown he disagrees with the treatment of these disputed items by the Master. Certainly, nothing Hamed has shown establishes misconduct requiring Yusuf's removal as the Liquidating Partner.

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#### (4) Notes Due Shareholder(s)

As reflected in the Declaration of John Gaffney, counsel for Hamed appeared confused regarding the \$186,819.33 item shown on the Summary attached as Exhibit 6 to the Motion. This item was a stated liability from United to its shareholders carried on the books of Plaza Extra-Tutu Park (STT). While Mr. Gaffney did inform Attorney Holt that this item was an old accounting entry that had been carried on the books of the St. Thomas store for many years, he never said "he had no idea why this amount was on this ledger." See Gaffney Declaration at ¶ 5. Mr. Gaffney knew why this item was on the ledger because he knew it had been carried over from the previous books and records of United. While he acknowledged that there was no audit trail to validate the transactions giving rise to this liability since they occurred many years ago, he informed Attorney Holt that it is not uncommon for audit trails to disappear over long periods of time and that accountants generally accept the validity of such items since they are reported on tax returns, just as this item was. Id. The accounting records are those of United and the account was originally identified as "Due to/from Shareholders." After the retroactive establishment of the Partnership, Mr. Gaffney added an account called "Due to/from Hamed" and changed the shareholders reference to Yusuf to avoid confusion over the shareholders versus partners. *Id*.

Counsel for Hamed's confusion over the \$186,819.33 reported on the balance sheet of Plaza Extra-Tutu Park on December 31, 2012 arose, in part, because he kept comparing the balance sheet of Plaza Extra-Tutu Park with the combined balance sheets of all three stores. Mr. Gaffney told him not to compare the "St. Thomas" and "Combined" balance sheets as it was tantamount to comparing balance sheets of different companies. The balance on the

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combined balance sheet of \$117,644.33 as of December 31, 2013 is in no way "suspicious." The difference of \$69,175 is simply an offsetting amount on the Plaza Extra-West balance sheet. Id. at ¶ 6. Even after Mr. Gaffney pointed out to Attorney Holt that the \$186,819.33 had not changed on the Plaza Extra-Tutu Park balance sheet, counsel for Hamed apparently remained confused. See balance sheets for Plaza Extra-Tutu Park, Plaza Extra-West, and Combined, attached as **Exhibits A**, **B**, and **C** to the Gaffney Declaration.

The \$69,175 on the Plaza Extra-West balance sheet relates to amounts due from Yusuf with respect to 2012 tax extension payments originally charged to shareholder distributions. *Id.* If one looks at the Summary attached as Exhibit 6 to the Motion, there is an "A/C 14000" amount for Plaza Extra-West. However, by the reconciliation date in 2015, other transactions obscured the \$69,175.00 from the earlier year. One such transaction was the reporting of the ByOrder investment series of transactions. The ByOrder monies were received in 2014 and 2015. With each cash receipt, Hamed was issued a check for his 31% interest while Yusuf received no checks for his percentage interest. Accordingly, the \$69,175 Yusuf originally owed Plaza Extra-West eventually became \$120,167.33 Plaza Extra-West owed Yusuf, as reflected on the Summary attached as Exhibit 6 to the Motion. When Mr. Gaffney attempted to explain these transactions to counsel for Hamed, who appeared to be confused, he asked for the opportunity to explain them to Hamed's accountants to eliminate any confusion or suspicion. Hamed's accountants have not availed themselves of that opportunity to date. *Id.* 

The confusion of counsel for Hamed and resulting suspicion does not provide a basis for removing Yusuf as the Liquidating Partner. Moreover, Hamed chose to accept and present for payment a check in the amount of \$183,381.91 based on an accounting that he now claims is

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suspicious. This suspicion, which is as baseless as Hamed's other claims of conflict, provides no grounds for removal of Yusuf as the Liquidating Partner.

Almost as an after thought, in the last paragraph of the Motion, Hamed claims that the Liquidating Partner has "fail[ed] to identify a significant partnership asset, a Merrill-Lynch account that has in excess of \$300,000 in it, all of which came from Plaza Extra funds." The final paragraph of the Motion was lifted from page 2 of Hamed's Objection, attached as Exhibit 2 to the Motion. Although Hamed included two pages of Yusuf's Response to the Objection as Exhibit 10 to his Motion, he conveniently omitted the last two pages, which addressed this account. A complete copy of the Response to the Objection is attached as **Exhibit 10**. At page 3 of that Response, Yusuf states as follows:

At no time has Hamed provided the Liquidating Partner with any information establishing that a Merrill Lynch account in the name of a third party actually represents Partnership Assets. Hamed certainly does not explain why he only raised the prospect of such account 18 days after the filing of the third bi-monthly report. (footnote omitted).

To date, the Liquidating Partner has been provided with no information whatsoever that even suggests the unidentified Merrill Lynch account was funded with Partnership money, contains any Partnership funds, or otherwise constitutes Partnership Assets.

Although The Winding Up Process Is Nearing Completion, Further Work Is Required.

Yusuf, as Liquidating Partner, disagrees with Hamed's assertion that "the only remaining part of the liquidation process will be the adversarial "claims process." *See* Motion at page 5. Among other things, the Liquidating Partner has been attempting to work with defense counsel to establish appropriate reserves with respect to pending personal injury

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litigation as well as future litigation that may be filed within two years of the separation of the three stores. Further, there are a number of pending cases between United and Hamed or his sons or former employees of the Partnership that include claims of or against the Partnership, which may need to be folded into the Partnership wind up. The Liquidating Partner intends to address these litigation issues and reserves in his next bi-monthly report. Further work is also required in connection with the execution of tax returns and creating appropriate reserves with respect to disputed claims by the taxing authorities. Accordingly, there is a continuing need for the services of the Liquidating Partner for the near future.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Hamed has utterly failed to establish any conflict of interest or misconduct on the part of Yusuf that would justify Yusuf's removal as the Liquidating Partner. Hamed's suggestion that the Master should assume the role of Liquidating Partner has already been effectively rejected by this Court. The provisions of V.I. Code Ann. tit. 26, § 173(a) state that "the Superior Court, for good cause shown, may order judicial supervision of the winding up." This Court has already ordered such judicial supervision by appointing the Master. The very use of the term "supervision" indicates that there is one person who supervises and another who is supervised. The Master simply cannot do both at the same time. More importantly, as provided in the Wind Up Order and the Plan, Yusuf's actions as the Liquidating Partner, except those customarily undertaken in the ordinary course of the ongoing business operations of the Partnership, are subject to prior notification and approval of the Master. None of the actions about which Hamed complains were taken unilaterally by Yusuf without informing or obtaining

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the approval of the Master. Not one payment has been made by Yusuf without the approval of the Master.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Yusuf respectfully requests this Court to deny the Motion in all respects and to provide such further relief as is just and proper under the circumstances including an award of attorneys' fees for being required to respond to such a frivolous motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016, I caused the foregoing **Opposition To Motion To Remove The Liquidating Partner** to be served upon the following via e-mail:

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2006, by and between WINSOR E. THIS DEED made this 26 day of DANIEL and JUEL DANIEL a/k/a JUELL D. DANIEL of Post Office Box 9496, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands (hereinafter referred to as "Grantor") and PLESSEN ENTERPRISES, INC. a Virgin Islands Corporation of Post Office Box 503357, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00805

#### WITNESSETH:

(hereinafter referred to as "Grantee").

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That the Grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$330,000.00) and other valuable considerations, paid by the Grantee, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby bargain, sell, grant and release unto the Grantee, its successors and assigns forever, in fee simple absolute, all those certain lots, plots, pieces, or parcels of land situated lying and being in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and more fully described as:

> Parcel No. 2-4 Rem Estate Charlotte Amalie No. 3 New Quarter St. Thomas, Virgin Islands As shown on the OLG Map No. D9-7044-T002 dated April 10, 2002 Consisting of 0.536 acres, more or less

TOGETHER with all appurtenances and improvements thereon and thereunto belonging, and all the estate, rights, title and interest of the Grantor, its successors and assigns, in and to said premises.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the premises herein granted in fee simple absolute forever to Grantee.

SUBJECT, HOWEVER, to the Virgin Islands zoning regulations and to the covenants,

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restrictions, easements and agreements of record.

#### THE GRANTOR COVENANT AS FOLLOWS:

FIRST: The Grantor is seized of the said premises in fee simple and have good right to convey the same;

SECOND: That the Grantee, his heirs and assigns, shall quietly enjoy said premises;

THIRD: That the said premises are free from encumbrances;

FOURTH: That the Grantor shall execute or procure any further necessary assurance of title to said premises.

FIFTH: That the Grantor will forever warrant and defend the title to the said premises.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has hereto subscribed their name and affixed their seal, on the day and year first above written.

AS TO BOTH) WITNESSES: (

Winsor E. Daniel

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#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

TERRITORY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS	)
DIVISION OF ST. THOMAS AND ST. JOHN	) ss:

On this Z6day of , 2006 before me the undersigned appeared WINSOR E. DANIEL & JUEL BANIEL a/k/a JUELL D. DANIEL personally, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the above instrument and acknowledge that they executed the same for the purpose therein contained.

Sworn and Subscribed to before me

Office of the Lieutenant Giovannos

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

h is hereby, curind that the about mentioned proparty is thich, according, to WARRANTY DEED distributed according, to belongs to: PLESSES ENTERPRISES, INC. (bas not, according to the Records of this office, undergone any changes as to boundaries and area.  Cadastral Survey I Tax Assessor Offices  St. Thomas, V.L. Dated: July 27, 2006, Phyllis Harrigan, Special Assistant to the Tax Assessor for Surveys of the Leutenard Governor.	My Commission Expires: 22, 06  OTED IN THE CADASTRAR RESORDS FOR COUNTRY/TOWN PROPERTIAL BOOK ESTATE CHARLOTTE AMERICA (REMAINDER)
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#### FIRST PRIORITY MORTGAGE

THIS FIRST PRIORITY MORTGAGE made as of this 24th day of August 2006, between PLESSEN ENTERPRISES, INC., a Virgin Islands Corporation, of P. O. Box 503358, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00805, as Mortgagor, and UNITED CORPORATION, as Mortgagee.

WITNESSETH: That to secure the payment of an indebtedness in the principal amount of THREE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$330,000.00), and interest thereon, payable in accordance with the terms of a Mortgage Note evidencing such indebtedness dated the date hereof, and further to secure the performance of all of the terms and provisions hereof, the Mortgagor hereby mortgages to the Mortgagee:

Parcel No. 2-4 Rem. Estate Charlotte Amalie No. 3 New Quarter St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands as shown on OLG Map No. D9-7044-T002

TOGETHER WITH the improvements thereon and hereafter made thereto, the rights, privileges and appurtenances belonging thereto and all easements appurtenant thereto;

TOGTHER WITH all right, title and interest of the Mortgagor in and to the land lying in the streets and roads in front of and adjoining said premises;

TOGETHER WITH all fixtures, chattels and articles of personal property now or hereafter attached to or used in connection with said premises, including, but not limited to indoor and outdoor furniture, boilers, piping, plumbing and bathroom fixtures, lighting fixtures, refrigeration, air conditioning and sprinkler systems, washtubs, sinks, gas and electric fixtures, stoves, ranges, awnings, screens, window shades, elevators, motors, dynamos, washers and dryers, appliances, refrigerators, kitchen cabinets, incinerators, plants and shrubbery, swimming pool equipment and accessories, and all other equipment and machinery, appliances, built in furniture or cabinets, fittings and fixtures of every kind in or used in the operation of the buildings standing on said premises, together with any and all replacements thereof and additions thereto;

TOGETHER WITH all awards heretofore and hereafter made to the Mortgagor for taking by eminent domain the whole or any part of said premises or any easement therein, including any awards for changes of grade of streets, which said awards are hereby assigned to the Mortgagee, who is hereby authorized to collect and receive the proceeds of such awards and to give proper receipts and acquittances therefor, and to apply the same toward the payment of the mortgage debt, notwithstanding the fact that the amount owing thereon may not then be due and payable; and the said Mortgagor hereby agrees, upon request, to make, execute and deliver any and all assignments and

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other instruments sufficient for the purpose of assigning said awards to the Mortgagee, free, clear and discharged of any encumbrances of any kind or nature whatsoever.

AND the Mortgagor covenants with the Mortgagee as follows:

- 1. That the Mortgagor will pay the indebtedness and interest as provided in the Note secured hereby.
- 2. Mortgagor is prohibited from conveying or further encumbering or transferring the Mortgaged Property without the Mortgagee's consent. If Mortgagor sells, encumbers or transfers the Mortgaged Property, then Mortgagee shall declare all indebtedness secured hereby to be accelerated and immediately due and payable, unless Mortgagee consents in writing to the sale, second mortgage or transfer, and unless the transferee or grantee assumes the indebtedness secured hereby in a form satisfactory to Mortgagee and without in any way discharging or reducing Mortgagor's liability for Mortgagor's obligations secured hereby.
- That the Mortgagor will keep the buildings now existing or hereafter erected on the premises insured in such amounts as Mortgagee may reasonably require. but in no event in an amount less than the amount still owed to Mortgagee, under insurance policies providing fire, extended coverage, and earthquake coverage, naming Mortgagee as an insured as Mortgagee's interest may appear; will assign and deliver the policies or certificates therefor to the Mortgagee; and will reimburse the Mortgagee for any premiums paid for insurance made by the Mortgagee on the Mortgagor's default in so insuring the buildings or in so assigning and delivering the policies or certificates therefor. All such policies and renewals shall provide that all proceeds wherefrom in the case of loss shall be payable to the Mortgagee for application pursuant to the terms hereof. If all or any part of the of the Mortgaged Property is destroyed or damaged at any time by any cause whatsoever, the Mortgagor shall give immediate notice to Mortgagee of such loss or damage and Mortgagee, in its absolute discretion, may apply the proceeds of any insurance policy covering the Mortgaged Property to the reduction or satisfaction of the indebtedness secured by this Mortgage in such manner as the Mortgagee may elect. and such application shall be without prejudice to any other right or remedy provided herein.
- 4. That no buildings now existing or hereafter placed on the premises shall be substantially altered or removed or demolished without the consent of the Mortgagee, and such buildings will be maintained by Mortgagor in good order and repair.
- 5. The holder of this Mortgage, in any action to foreclose it, shall be entitled to the appointment of a receiver.
- 6. The Mortgagor will pay all real estate taxes, liens, assessments, and other charges for which provision has been made herein, and, if requested, furnish proof of payment of same within 30 days, and in default thereof the Mortgagee may pay the same. In the event that Mortgagor fails to pay said taxes or other assessments on or before the

due date, Mortgagee, at its sole option, may, but is not obligated to, pay said charges after first giving Mortgagor ten (10) days advance written notice of its intention to pay same, in which event Mortgagor shall immediately become liable to Mortgagee for said amount together with interest at the rate of ten per cent (10%) per annum.

- 7. In the event of default in the terms of the Note or this Mortgage, the rents and profits, and all the leases of all or any portions of the Mortgaged Property, whether now executed or executed after the date hereof, are hereby assigned to Mortgagee as further security for the payment of the indebtedness and Mortgagor will execute whatever other documents may be required by Mortgagee to effectuate such assignment and the collection by Mortgagee of all rents due hereunder.
- 8. The Mortgagor shall keep the Mortgaged Property in reasonably good repair, working order and condition and shall make all such needful and proper repairs, renewals and replacements thereto as in the reasonable judgment of the Mortgagee may be necessary; and Mortgagor will comply with all laws, regulations, permitting and licensing requirements, and ordinances as the same are in force and effect from time to time.
- 9. In the event the Mortgaged Property is sold under foreclosure and the proceeds are insufficient to pay the total indebtedness evidenced and secured by the Mortgage, including, but not by way of limitation, principal, interest, attorneys' fees, costs and all expenses and charges, the Mortgagor agrees to pay any such balance and the Mortgagee shall be entitled to a deficiency judgment.
- 10. In the event of legal proceedings being commenced to foreclose this Mortgage, it is agreed that there be claimed, by Mortgagee, and as part of the judgment allowed, all costs incident thereto including reasonable attorneys' fees, together with interest at the rate provided in the Note.
- 11. Any notice, demand, request or other communication required or permitted to be given to either party hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed given either (a) when delivered in person or (b) on the received date shown on the return receipt after depositing in the United States mail by certified mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the respective address shown on this Mortgage or to such other address as either party may in writing furnish the other.
- 12. The rights and remedies of Mortgagee as provided herein, or in the Note, and the warranties therein contained, shall be cumulative and concurrent, and may be pursued singly, successively or together at the sole discretion of Mortgagee and may be exercised as often as occasion therefor shall occur; and the failure to exercise any such right or remedy shall in no event be construed as a waiver or release of the same.
- 13. If Mortgagor complies with the provisions of this Mortgage and pays to Mortgagee said principal sum and all other sums payable by Mortgagor to Mortgagee as are hereby secured, in accordance with the provisions of the Note and this Mortgage, and

in the manner and at the time therein set forth, without deduction, fraud or delay, then and from thenceforth this Mortgage, and the estate hereby granted, shall cease and become void, anything hereinbefore contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

- Mortgagor within twenty (20) days upon request by mail will furnish a written statement duly acknowledged of the amount due on this Mortgage and whether any offsets or defenses exist against the mortgage debt.
- If any action or proceeding be commenced (except an action to foreclose this Mortgage or to collect the debt secured thereby), to which action or proceeding the Mortgagee is made a party, or in which it becomes necessary to defend or uphold the lien of this Mortgage, all sums paid by the Mortgagee for the expense of any litigation to prosecute or defend the rights and lien created by this Mortgage (including reasonable counsel fees) shall be paid by the Mortgagor together with interest thereon at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum, and any such sum and the interest thereon shall be a lien on said Property, prior to any right, or title to, interest in or claim upon said Property attaching or accruing subsequent to the lien of this Mortgage and shall be deemed to be secured by this Mortgage. In any action or proceeding to foreclose this Mortgage, or to recover or collect the debt secured thereby, the provisions of law respecting the recovering costs, disbursements and all allowances shall prevail unaffected by this covenant.
- That in case one or more of the following "events of default" shall happen 16. and shall not have been remedied, the Mortgagee, at its option, may declare the whole of the principal sum and interest at the rate of five per cent (5%) per annum from the date of default as evidenced by the Note and secured by the Mortgage to become immediately due and payable, and upon any such declaration the same shall become immediately due and payable; said "events of default" are as follows:
- Any default under the aforedescribed Note shall also constitute a default under this Mortgage;
  - Any default in the payment of any tax or assessment when the same shall Ь. become due and payable and such default shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days after written notice and demand;
  - Any default in the performance of any of the other covenants hereof C. within the time, if any, provided for such performance in said covenants. respectively, and such default or defaults shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days after written notice and demand;
  - d. If any proceeding is filed under bankruptcy or similar law seeking an order adjudging the Mortgagor a bankrupt or insolvent, for the winding up or liquidation of the Mortgagor's affairs or for the appointment of a receiver. liquidator, or trustee in bankruptcy or insolvency of the Mortgagor's, and any such order is entered and remains undischarged or unstayed for thirty

- (30) days, unless by law a longer period is required; or if the Mortgagor institutes any such proceeding, consents to any such filing, order, or appointment, makes an assignment for the benefit of any creditor, or admits in writing the Mortgagor's inability to pay debts generally as they become due.
- 17. Mortgagor waives any right to trial by jury in any proceeding brought to enforce the terms of this Mortgage and the Note.
- 18. This Mortgage may not be changed or terminated orally. The covenants contained in this Mortgage shall run with the land and bind Mortgagor, its successors and assigns, and all subsequent owners, encumbrancers, tenants and subtenants of the Property, and shall inure to the benefit of the Mortgagee, its successors and assigns, and all subsequent holders of this Mortgage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this Mortgage has been duly executed by the Mortgagor as of the day and year first above written.

WITNESSES:

PLESSEN ENTERPRISES, INC.

By: Waleed Hamed, Vice President

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TERRITORY OF THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS )
DISTRICT OF ST. THOMAS & ST. JOHN ) ss:

The foregoing was acknowledged before me this 24th day of August, 2006, by Walced Hamed, as Vice-President of Plessen Enterprises, Inc., a Virgin Islands corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires:

SUSAN BRUCH MOORLIJEAD, NOTARY PUBLIC P.O. BOX 1498 ST. THOMAS, USVI 00804 COMMISSION EXPIRES: 03/26/2010 COMMISSION NUMBER: LNP-004-06 THIS INDENTURE made this <u>23</u> day of October, 2008, between PLESSEN ENTERPRISES, INC., a Virgin Islands corporation (herein "Grantor") and UNITED CORPORATION, a Virgin Islands corporation, P.O. Box 763, Christiansted St. Croix, VI 00821 (herein "Grantee");

WITNESSETH: That the Grantor, in consideration of the release and cancellation by Grantee of all of Grantor's obligations under a First Priority Mortgage and Note dated 08/24/06, which Mortgage was recorded on 08/24/06, as Document No. 2006008542, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for St. Thomas and St. John, Virgin Islands, does hereby grant, convey and release unto the Grantee, its successors and assign, in fee simple absolute, forever, all that certain parcel of land situate, lying and being in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, described as follows:

Parcel No. 2-4 Rem. Estate Charlotte Amalie No. 3 New Quarter St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands consisting of 0.536 acre, more or less as shown on OLG Map No. D9-7044-T002, dated April 10, 2002

TOGETHER with the improvements thereon and the rights, privileges and appurtenances belonging thereto, or in anywise appertaining.

SUBJECT, HOWEVER, to all easements, restrictions, agreements, covenants and declarations of record and to Virgin Islands zoning regulations,

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the premises conveyed hereby, with all privileges and appurtenances thereof, unto the Grantee, its successors and assigns, in fee simple absolute forever; subject to the conditions and reservations set forth herein.

GRANTOR covenants that it has the right to convey title in fee simple and that the property is free from every encumbrances suffered or created by acts of Grantor, except as aforesaid, and Grantor warrants and will defend the title to the above granted property against all persons lawfully claiming the same from, through or under the Grantor.

EXHIBIT

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has duly executed this Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure as of the date first above written.

Witnesses:

PLESSEN ENTERPRISES, INC.

By: Mohammad Hamed, President

Attest.

Fathi Yusuf, Secretary

TERRITORY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS DIVISION OF ST. CROIX

) ss:

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2008, by Mohammad Hamed, as President of Plessen Enterprises, Inc., a Virgin Islands corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

Notary Public

My commission expires: April 12, 2012

My commission number: NP039 - 08

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NOTED IN THE CADASTRAL RECORDS FOR COUNTRY TOWN PROPERTY, BOOK FOR ESTATE CHARLOTTE AMALIE NO. 3 NEW QUARTER ST. THOMAS, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS Cadastral Survey/Tax Assessor Offices Phomas V. I. Dated: October 31 to the Tax Assessor for Surveys Office of the Lieutenant Governor ATTESTA > Is hereby certified that the above mentioned property/s which, according ODEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE dated October 23,2008 belongs to: UNITED CORPORATION (GRANTEE) has not, according to the Records of this office, undergone any changes as to boundaries and area. Cadastral Survey / Tax Assessor Offices St. Thomas, V. I. Dated: October 31 Phyllis Harrigan, Special Assistan to the Tax Assessor for Surveys

Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Doc# 2009001984", A Official Records of ST THOMAS/ST JOHN SWILMA C. HART SMITH RECORDER OF DEEDS Fees \$347.00

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF EXEMPTION

Mohammad Hamed, being duly sworn, deposes and states:

- 1. I am the President of Plessen Enterprises, Inc., Grantor herein;
- This transfer is exempt from tax stamps pursuant to Title 33 Virgin Islands Code, Section 128 (2), as it is given solely in order to release security for an obligation.
- 3. The Government's assessed value for recording cost purposes is \$330,000.00.

Mohammad Hamed, President of Plessen Enterprises, Inc.

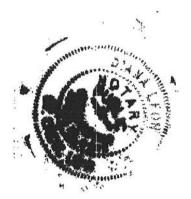
TERRITORY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS ) DIVISION OF ST. CROIX ) ss:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2008 by Mohammad Hamed, as President of Plessen Enterprises, Inc., a Virgin Islands corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

Notary Public

My commission expires: April 12, 2012

My commission number: NP039-08





# GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES CHARLOTTE AMALIE, ST. THOMAS, V.I. 00802

### Office of the Lieutenant Governor

#### TAX CLEARANCE LETTER

TO:

'THE RECORDER OF DEEDS

FROM:

OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

IN ACCORDANCE WITH Title 28, SECTION 121 AS AMENDED, THIS IS

CERTIFICATION THAT THERE ARE NO REAL PROPERTY TAXES

OUTSTANDING FOR PARCEL NO. 1-05603-0214-00

LEGAL DESCRIPTION CHARLOTTE AMALIE 2-4, NEW QTR.

OWNER'S NAME DANIEL, WINSOR E.

TAXES RESEARCHED UP TO AND INCLUDING 2005.

RESEARCHED BY:

Karen Maynard, Tax Collector I

SIGNATURE:

That

riday, October 31, 2008

DATE:

VERIFIED BY:

Arteen Greene Sup. of Cashiers STT/STJ

SIGNATURE:

Friday, October 31, 2008

DATE:

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Doc# 2009001983 # Pages 1 03/24/2009 1:26PK Official Records of ST THOMAS/ST JOHN WILMS O. HART SHITH RECORDER OF DEEDS Fees \$85.50

#### RELEASE OF MORTGAGE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that that certain First Priority Mortgage in the principal amount of \$330,000.00, dated 08/24/06, between United Corporation, as Mortgagee, and Plessen Enterprises, Inc., as Mortgagor, covering the following real property:

Parcel No. 2-4 Rem. Estate Charlotte Amalie No. 3 New Quarter St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for the District of St. Thomas and St. John on 08/24/06 as Document No. 2006008542, is hereby canceled, discharged and released of record.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this Release is executed as of the date set forth below.

WITNESSES (2 required):	UNITED CORPORATION
Jones S. Horyal	By: Maher Yusuf Title: President  Attest: Fathi Yusuf Secretary
TERRITORY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS DIVISION OF ST. CROIX	) ) ss:
The foregoing instrument was acknown	wledged before me this 23 <sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2008

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2008 by Maher Yusuf, as President of United Corporation, a Virgin Islands corporation, on behalf of the corporation.



Notary Public
My commission expires: April 12, 2012
My commission number: NP039-08

DIANA LEON MOTARY PUBLIC, ST. CROSS, VI. U.S.A. MY COMM. #MP030-06 EXPIRES APRIL 12, 2012

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS DIVISION OF ST. CROIX

MOHAMMAD HAMED, by his authorized agent WALEED HAMED,				

Plaintiff/Counterclaim Defendant,

VS.

FATHI YUSUF and UNITED CORPORATION,)

Defendants/Counterclaimants,

VS.

WALEED HAMED, WAHEED HAMED, MUFEED HAMED, HISHAM HAMED, and PLESSEN ENTERPRISES.

Additional Counterclaim Defendants.

**CIVIL NO. SX-12-CV-370** 

ACTION FOR DAMAGES, INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND DECLARATORY RELIEF

#### **DECLARATION OF JOHN GAFFNEY**

I, John Gaffney, pursuant to 28 USC § 1746 and Super. Ct. R. 18, under the penalties of perjury, state and affirm that the following is true and correct:

- 1. I am the Senior Controller of United Corporation d/b/a Plaza Extra. As such, my duties include the collection, supervision and updating of accounting data and financial information concerning, among other things, the three supermarket stores known as Plaza Extra-East, Plaza Extra-Tutu Park, and Plaza Extra-West.
- 2. I have been shown a declaration of Joel H. Holt dated January 28, 2016 attached as Exhibit 8 to "Plaintiff's Motion and Memorandum In Support Thereof To Remove The Liquidating Partner" (the "Motion"). I prepared the "Summary of Remaining Partnership Items For the Period From Jan 1, 2013 to Sept 30, 2015" (the "Summary") that was included as a part of the Partnership accounting provided to the Partners, Mohammad Hamed and Fathi Yusuf,

and the Master on November 16, 2015 and which was attached as Exhibit 6 to the Motion. The purpose of the Summary was to explain the Partnership debits and credits for the period from January 1, 2013 to September 30, 2015 with respect to the three Plaza Extra stores. The Summary was delivered to Attorney Holt on or about November 16, 2015 when I delivered a check payable to Mr. Hamed in the amount of \$183,381.91 to Attorney Holt. While I did not provide the "back up" for the Summary at that time, I did inform Attorney Holt that I would do so in connection with the next bi-monthly report that was due at the end of November. Furthermore, I told him I would be happy to answer any questions and provide whatever support was needed immediately, if he so desired. Attorney Holt did not ask to meet with me until we met on January 25, 2016.

- 3. The \$119,529.01 entry reflected on the Summary represents the cumulative total of gross receipts taxes and insurance paid by the Partnership, through Plaza Extra-East, from January 1, 2013 through March 8, 2015 on behalf of the United Shopping Center. Mr. Yusuf has steadfastly objected to any effort to claim that United Corporation owed this to Plaza Extra-East because he contends his original agreement with Mr. Hamed was that Plaza Extra-East would pay all gross receipts taxes and insurance on behalf of the United Shopping Center. Since I began providing accounting services with respect to the Plaza Extra Stores, I have never found any evidence that the United Shopping Center ever previously paid or reimbursed Plaza Extra-East for such gross receipts taxes and insurance.
- 4. The \$72,984.02 "discrepancy" addressed in ¶ 4 of the declaration of Attorney Holt relates to two invoices in the amount of \$59,867.02 (for condensers ordered for Plaza Extra-East in 2014) and \$13,117 (for shopping carts ordered for Plaza Extra-East). At an initial meeting between Judge Ross, Attorney Holt, and me, I was instructed by Judge Ross to credit

the Partnership for these two invoices. While I informed Judge Ross that Mr. Yusuf would object, I did in fact credit the Partnership as instructed. Later, after much back and forth between the Partners and their representatives, at a meeting between Judge Ross, Mr. Yusuf and me on October 1, 2015, Judge Ross instructed me to take out the credits previously provided to the Partnership for the condensers and shopping carts. I informed Judge Ross that I would maintain visibility of this disputed transaction by simply posting offsetting charges.

- 5. When we met on January 25, 2016, Attorney Holt appeared to be confused over the \$186,819.33 entry reflected on the Summary. This entry is a stated liability from United Corporation to the shareholders on the books of Plaza Extra-Tutu Park. I did not say to Attorney Holt that I "had no idea why this amount was on this ledger." I know why it was reflected on the ledger because it was carried over from the previous books and records of the corporation. What I did say was that no audit trail exists to validate the transactions giving rise to this liability as they occurred many years ago. I went on to say that it is not uncommon for audit trails to disappear over long periods of time and accountants generally except the validity of such items since they are reported on tax returns, as was this entry. The accounting records of United Corporation originally reflected the account as "Due to/from Shareholders." After the retroactive establishment of the Partnership, I added an account called "Due to/from Hamed" and changed the "Shareholders" reference to Yusuf to avoid confusion over the shareholders versus partners.
- 6. Attorney Holt's confusion over the balance of \$186,819.33 reported on the balance of sheet of Plaza Extra-Tutu Park on December 31, 2012 appeared to be due, in part, to his comparison of the balance sheet of Plaza Extra-Tutu Park with the Combined balance sheets of all three stores. I told him not to compare the "St. Thomas" and "Combined" balance sheets

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as it was tantamount to comparing balance sheets of different companies. The fact that the

balance on the combined balance sheet was \$117,644.33 on December 31, 2013 was very clear

to me, but unfortunately, not for Attorney Holt. The difference of \$69,175.00 is simply an

offsetting amount on the Plaza Extra-West balance sheet. Even after I pointed out to Attorney

Holt that the \$186,819.33 had not changed on the Plaza Extra-Tutu Park balance sheet, he

remained confused. Attached as Exhibits A, B, and C are balance sheets I have produced for

Plaza Extra-Tutu Park, Plaza Extra-West, and Combined. The \$69,175 shown on Plaza Extra-

West balance sheet relates to money Mr. Yusuf owed to the Partnership for 2012 tax extension

payments originally charged to shareholder distributions. If you look at the Summary (Exhibit

6 to the Motion), there is an "A/C 14000" settlement amount for Plaza Extra-West. By the

reconciliation date in 2015, other transactions obscured the \$69,175 from the earlier year. One

such transaction was the reporting of the ByOrder Investments series of transactions. When I

started to explain this, it appeared that Attorney Holt was even further confused. I then asked

him to allow me to explain it to Mr. Hamed's accountants to eliminate any confusion and

resulting suspicion. Although Attorney Holt appeared to be satisfied with this suggestion, I

have never been asked to provide any further explanation. The ByOrder monies were received

in 2014 and 2015. With each cash receipt, Mr. Hamed was issued a check for his 31% interest.

while Mr. Yusuf was not issued a check for his percentage interest. Therefore, the \$69,175 Mr.

Yusuf originally owed to Plaza Extra-West eventually became the \$120,167.33 Plaza Extra-

West owed to Mr. Yusuf, as reflected in the Summary.

Dated: February 16, 2016

John Gaffney

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## United Corporation STT (Pship) Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2013 and Prior Year

		As of 12/31/13		As of 12/31/12	
ASSETS					
Current	Assets				
10000	Cash - Petty	S	10,000,00	\$	10,000.00
10100	Cash - Registers		5,000.00		5,000.00
10200	Cash - Safe	America Milate	61,000,00		61,000.00
10300	Cash - Bank Op'g 2010		325,585.62		20,106.91
10350	Cash - Bank Payroll 0640		18,894.76		10,523.05
10400	Cash - Bank CC 6143		53,203.15		306,646.08
10500	Cash - Bank Telchk 6719		116,760.40		107,890.35
11000	Accounts Receivable - Trade		14,083,33		0.00
12000	Inventory		2,184,104.30		2,008,308.64
13100	Prepaid Insurance		119,989.70		63,398,58
14000	Due from (to) SH's Yusuf		(186,819.33)		(186,819,33)
14100	Due from (to) Plaza East		(126,480.79)		0.00
14300	Due from (to) Plaza West		117,689,46	-	0,00
Then 2	Total Current Assets		2,713,010.60		2,406,054.28
Property	and Equipment				
16100	Leasehold Improvements		4,188,558.00		4,188,558.00
16200	Fixtures & Store Equipment		2,253,883.85		2,247,158.00
16400	Security Equipment		99,335.60		95,180.00
16500	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	C1 1889	25,800.00		25,800.00
16900	Accum Depreciation		(4,201,529.00)		(4,092,580.00)
	Total Property and Equipment		2,366,048.45		2,464,116.00
Other As	isels				
17000	Land		330,000.00		330,000.00
19000	Deposits		37,962.40		37,962.40
1 2 1 3 4 5 6 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7	Total Other Assets		367,962.40		367,962.40
	Total Assets	\$	5,447,021.45	S	5,238,132.68

## United Corporation West (Pship) Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2013 and Prior Year

		Δ.	s of 12/31/13	A	s of 12/31/12
ASSETS					
Current A	ssets .				
10000	Cash - Petty		10,000,00	S	10,000.00
10100	Cash - Registers		14,435.00	110	14,435.00
10200	Cash - Safe		36,032,00	4	80,000.00
10300	Cash - Bank Op'g 6269		(672,207.87)		(613,302.06)
10400	Cash - Bank CC 3789		351,196,21		583,059.33
10500	Cash - Bank Telchk 2918		2,343,033.13	721	2,246,391.86
11000	Accounts Receivable - Trade		21,738.20		0.00
12000	Inventory		4,259,525,49		4,242,815.36
13100	Prepaid Insurance		83,679.76	V.	73,059.38
13400	Due from Employees - Loans		62,561.39		0.00
14000	Dua from (to) Yusuf		69,175.00		0.00
14100	Due from (to) Plaza East		(365,262.10)		0.00
14400	Due from (to) Plaza STT		(117,689.46)	7 8	0.00
14500	Due from (to) Shopping Ctr	SHAD was by	900,000,00		0.00
15100	Marketable Securities - BPPR	9114	37,767,429.03	2.5	43,069,015.83
15150	Unrealized (Gain) Loss - BPPR		(2,324,369.86)		(3,778,720.41)
15200	Marketable Securities - ML		336,378.45		201,293.74
15250	Unrealized (Gain) Loss - ML		0,00		1,611,901.72
	Total Current Assets		42,775,654.37		47,739,949.75
Property	and Equipment		<b>建设</b>		
16000	Buildings		3,478,103.00		3,478,103.00
16200	Fixtures & Store Equipment		2,977,514.00	<b>用于在"大大"</b>	2,977,514.00
16400	Security Equipment		109,333.00	at viscous and	109,333.00
16900	Accum Depreciation		(4,272,215.00)		(4,183,036,00)
	Total Property and Equipment		2,292,735.00		2,381,914.00
Other As	sets				
19000	Deposits	EAC VERNING	10,000.50		10,000.50
19200	Due from (to) Peter's Farm		1,598,689.00		1,527,708.00
19300	Due from (to) Plessen		5,004,610.00		5,089,018.00
19400	Due from (to) Sixteen Plus		140,719.62		87,004.26
19500	Due from (to) DAAS Corp		0,00		327,500.00
	Total Other Assets		6,754,019.12		7,041,230.76
	Total Assets	S	51,822,408.49	\$	57,163,094.51

EXHIBIT B

#### Plaza Extra Supermarkets (Comblined Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2013 and Prior Year

ASSETS		As of 12/31/13	As of 12/31/12
Current As:	Cash - Petty	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
10100	Cash - Registers	33,870.00	33,870.00
10200	Cash - Safe	177,032.00	221,000.00
10300	Cash in Bank - Operating	(923,160.09)	(1,519,575.21)
10350	Cash in Bank - Payroll	18,894.76	10,523.05
10400	Cash in Bank - CC Deposit	932,533.54	1,454,852.93
10500	Cash in Bank - Telecheck	7,703,852.96	4,171,924.43
10900	Cash Clearing - Transfers	4,450.00	0.00
11000	Accounts Receivable - Trade	43,528.26	0.00
12000	Inventory	9,553,982,58	9,443,569.48
13100	Prepaid Insurance	278,216.83	200,320.86
13400	Due from Employees - Loans	75,006.39	(0.04)
14000	Due from (to) Shareholders	(117,644,33)	(186,819.33)
14100	Due from (to) Plaza East	(491,742.89)	0.00
14300	Due from (to) Plaza West	482,951.56	0.00
14400	Due from (to) Plaza STT	8,791,33	0.00
14500	Due from (to) Shopping Ctr	(391,409.69)	0.00
15100	Marketable Securities - BPPR	37,767,429.03	43,069,015,83
15150	Unrealized (Oaln) Loss - BPPR	(2,324,369.86)	(3,778,720.41)
15200	Marketable Securities - ML	336,378.45	201,293.74
15250	Unrealized (Gain) Loss - ML	0.00	1,611,901.72
	Total Current Assets	53,198,590.83	54,963,157.05
Property a	nd Equipment		
16000	Buildings	3,478,103.00	3,478,103.00
16100	Leasehold Improvements	4,214,919.00	4,214,919.00
16200	Fixtures & Store Equipment	7,377,032,21	7,293,445.00
16400	Security Equipment	298,600.60	294,445.00
16500	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	57,050.50	57,050.50
16900	Accum Depreciation	(10,677,021.00)	(10,465,458.00)
	Total Property and Equipment	4,748,684.31	4,872,504.50
Other Asse			
17000	Land	330,000.00	330,000,00
19000	Deposits	57,963.40	57,963.40
19100	Investment - Laundromat	0.00	0.00
19150	Investment - Mattress Pal LLC	0.00	0.00
19200	Due from (to) Peter's Farm	1,598,689.00	1,527,708.00
19300	Due from (to) Plessen	5,004,610.00	5,089,018.00
19400	Due from (to) Sixteen Plus	140,719.62	87,004.26
19500	Due from (to) DAAS Corp	0,00	327,500.00
19600	Due from (to) Royal Furniture	0,00	0.00
	Total Other Assets	7,131,982,02	7,419,193.66
	Total Assets	\$ 65,079,257.16	\$ 67,254,855,21
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# IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS DIVISION OF ST. CROIX MOHAMMED HAMED by His Authorized ) Agent WALEED HAMED, ) Plaintiff/Counterclaim Defendant, ) vs. ) Case No. SX-12-CV-370 ) FATHI YUSUF and UNITED CORPORATION, ) Defendants/Counterclaimants, ) vs. ) WALEED HAMED, WAHEED HAMED, MUFEED ) HAMED, HISHAM HAMED, and PLESSEN ) ENTERPRISES, INC., ) Additional Counterclaim Defendants.)

### THE VIDEOTAPED ORAL DEPOSITION OF FATHI YUSUF

was taken on the 2nd day of April, 2014, at the Law Offices of Adam Hoover, 2006 Eastern Suburb, Christiansted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, between the hours of 9:17 a.m. and 4:16 p.m., pursuant to Notice and Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Reported by:

Cheryl L. Haase
Registered Professional Reporter
Caribbean Scribes, Inc.
2132 Company Street, Suite 3
Christiansted, St. Croix U.S.V.I.
(340) 773-8161

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	FATHI YUSUF DIRECT
1	A. Yes.
2	Q. Okay. And that would include 50-percent interest
3	in the net profits of any bank accounts, payables,
4	receivables?
5	A. Whatever is belong to Plaza is for me and him.
6	Q. Okay. Now, you mentioned some conditions. What
7	conditions are there?
8	Are there some other conditions to this
9	partnership agreement?
10	A. No. The condition is, I have the final word.
11	It's I am obligated to consult with him, if I see it's
12	important for me to consult. I was suppose to be, after
13	1993, I was supposed to have an office within the
14	supermarket free of charge. I was he was supposed to,
15	the Plaza Extra was supposed to pay all the gross receipt
16	from January 1st, 1994 up to present, and it was covering in
17	the building, the entire building of United Shopping Plaza.
18	My duty was, is to go and commit the same
19	thing we ensure, to bring money to Mr. Hamed an extent,
20	which cost him nothing. It cost me personal guarantee, and
21	it costing me everything I own except my children and my
22	wife.
23	Q. Okay. And so I'm going to go back in reverse
24	order a little bit.

25

A.

Yes.

## FATHI YUSUF -- DIRECT

1	Q.	When you say one of the conditions was was he
2	agreed to	cover United, you're talking about insurance
3	coverage,	is that what you're talking about?
4	A.	No, including the insurance.
5	Q.	Okay. So the Plaza Extra stores would pay for
6	insurance	on the whole shopping center?
7	A.	Yes.
8	Q.	And the Plaza Extra Supermarket would pay the
9	gross rece	eipts, not just on the grocery store profits, but
10	on the rem	nt?
11	A.	Yes.
12	Q.	Okay.
13	A.	Excuse me. One more item. The United Shopping
L4	Plaza was	using the entire shopping center value
15	depreciati	ion to offset any income tax, which that, in
L6	return, it	will give you greater saving than the insurance
L7	and the gr	coss receipt.
L8	Q.	So there's a tradeoff you're giving them
L9	A.	It's a tradeoff, yes.
20	Q.	You're giving them depreciation; they're paying
21	gross rece	eipts and insurance?
22	A.	Yes. Yes, sir.
23	Q.	Okay. And then you said that something about an
24	office tha	at
2.5	Α.	No. I have you see. I have an office in the

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Jul 1, 2006 Check Date:

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Check Amount: \$379, 645.33 Discount Taken

Amount Paid

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UNITED CORPORATION D/B/A

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BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA CHRISTIANSTED, VI 00821

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AMOUNT

\*\*\*\*\*\$379,645.33 Three Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Five and 33/100 Doglars

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INTER-OCEAN INSURANCE AGENCY, INC. #7B PETER'S REST ST. CROIX, VI 00822

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INTER-OCEAN INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.

Item to be Paid - Description

42595 Check Number:

Jun 21, 2007 Check Date:

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Duplicate

Amount Paid Check Amount: \$326,300.00 Discount Taken 326,300.00

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CHRISTIANSTED, VI 00821
(340) 778-6240

BANCO POPULAR DE PUERTO RICO

DATE 101-867/216

Jun 21, 2007

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AMOUNT

Three Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Three Hundred and 00/100 Dollars

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INTER-OCEAN INSURANCE AGENCY, INC. P.O. BOX 4134 C'STED

ST. CROIX, VI 00822

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UNITED CORPORATION DIBJA PLAZA EXTRA INTER OCEAN INSTRANCE AGENCY, INC.

Check Number: Check Date:

Jan 6, 2012 65537

Check Amount: \$371,490.00

Amount Paid

Discount Taken

Liability insurance

Item to be Paid - Description

371,490.00

O \*\*\*\*\*\$371,490.00 65537 Jun 6, 2012 DATE VOID AFTER 90 DAYS AMOUNT BANCO POPULAR DE PUERTO RICO 101-867/216 Three Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Four Hundred Ninety and 00/100 Dollars #068537# "CO21606674" 191#148830# INTER OCEAN INSURANCE AGENCY, INC. Memo: COMER. PROPETY RENEW 6/12-6/13 7B PETERS REST SHOPPING CENTER UNITED CORPORATION D/B/A CHRISTIANSTED, VI 00822-4134 PLAZA EXTRA 4C & 4D ESTATE SION FARM CHRISTIANSTED, VI 00821 (340) 778-6240 (340) 719-1870 PAY TO THE ORDER

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INTER OCEAN INSURANCE AGENCY INC.

69434 Check Number:

Check Date:

May 20, 2014

Check Amount: \$334,665.00 Discount Taken

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RENEWAL 2014 -2015 INSURANCE POLICY

334,655.00

Amount Paid

BANCO POPULAR DE PUERTO RICO 101-667/216

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DATE

May 20, 2014

**AMOUNT** 

Three Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Five and 00/100 Dollars

\*\*\*\*\$334,665.00

PAY TO THE ORDER OF:

INTER OCEAN INSURANCE AGENCY INC. 78 PETERS REST SHOPPING CENTER CHRISTIANSTED, VI 00822-4134

**UNITED CORPORATION D/B/A** 

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UNITED CORPORATION D/B/A PLAZA EXTRA

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Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE		ipts Monthly Tax f more than \$120,000 per year.)	Return
Employer Identification Number (EIN)  6 6 0 3 9 1 2 3 7  Social Security Number (SSN)	Please Print or Type Clearly Indicate Firm Type:	CURRENT MONTH	20 1 2
Serial # (FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY)	Sole Proprietor Partnership	Accounting Method:	
	Corporation	ACCRUAL	
1.) GROSS RECEIPTS	1.	8 8 8 5	96455
(MINUS) EXEMPTION (ex. Standard \$9,000, Fishermen, EDC, lottery affordable housing, reverse estmosis, etc.      PLEASE INDICATE REASON FOR	commissions. 2.		
EXEMPTION TAKEN ON LINE 2 ABOVE  RECEIVED WITTER	3.		
4.) TAXABLE RECEIPTS (line 1 minus line 2)	3 2012	8885	964,55
5.) TAX DUE (multiply line 4 by the tax rate of 0.04 or 4%) VIRGIN ISLAND.  6.) PENALTY (if payment is late, multiply line Property and property line)			86840
exceed 25%) 7.) INTEREST (if payment is late, multiply line 5 by .01 or 1% per mont			
8.) (minus) CREDITS (refunds, prior payments or withheld amounts)	8.		
9.) TOTAL AMOUNT DUE (add line 5, 6, 7 minus line 8)  Name	9,	399,	8 6 8 4 0
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P . O . B O X 5 0 3 3 5 8  City State	Zip Code		BY DUE DATE TO: ERNAL REVENUE
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I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THIS RETU KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF IT IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COM		TITLE 33 VIC SECTIONS 42 &	43.
Print Name: MARGARET SOEFFING		Title: Control of Grestoent, owner	
Signature: Mayarel Soffin	<u> </u>	Date: 2/8/12	

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Plaza Extra - St. Tho Plaza Extra - St. Croi:		Carrier - A - A - Committee		
Plaza Extra - St. Croix	CONTRACTOR	-		
riaza Extra - Gt. Ordi.	V AACST			
SOURCE: Plaza Extr	a - Store Sales	ļ	1	
Start Date:	January 1, 2012	And the second s		
End Date:	January 31, 2012			
AND THE RESIDENCE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPE	The state of the s		Adjusted	-
	Gross Sales		Gross Sales	
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Plaza - St. Thomas Plus: Other	\$2,719,557.59 \$3,287.72	ļ	ļ	
Less: Credit card discount	(\$22,289.93)	)		
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Total Gross Receipts:	St. Thomas		\$2,700,555.38	\$121,524.99
Plaza - St. Croix East	\$3,242.985.83		<u> </u>	
Less Pharmacy	(\$45,596.63)			
Less: Credit card discount	(\$29,559.35)			
Plaza - St. Croix West	\$3,033,691.85		-	-
Less Pharmacy	(\$35,936.45)			
Less: Credit card discount	(\$26,849.41)			
Total Gross Receipts:	STX East & West	-	\$6,138,735.84	\$276,243.11
United Shopping Plaza	\$46,673.33	+		
Total Gross Receipts:	STX Tenant		\$46,673.33	\$2,100.30
Total Gross Receipts			\$8,885,964.55	
Gross Receipt %			4.50%	
Gross Receipts Tax	**************************************		\$399,868.40	\$399,868.40
Summary of Other Income:	<u> </u>	7		
DEPOSIT INCOME:	01/04/12	Govt. of VI-STT	453.44	
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		Govt. of VI-STT	119.28	
	The second secon	Havana Blue	215.00	
		The same of the sa	3,287.72	

UNITED CORPORATION DBA PLAZA EXTRA

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Item to be Paid - Description

Check Number:

Check Date:

Feb 13, 2012

Check Amount: \$120,000.00

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Discount Taken

**Amount Paid** 

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120,000.00

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UNITED CORPORATION

**DBA PLAZA EXTRA** (340) 775-5646 PO BOX 503356 ST THOMAS, VI 00805-3358

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CHARLOTTE AMALIE, VI 00804 101-605/216

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

Feb 13, 2012

Check Number: 35255

DATE

**AMOUNT** 

\$ 120,000.00

One Hundred Twenty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars

PAY TO THE ORDER

Memo:

CITICARDS 1500 BOLTON COLUMBUS, OH 43228 USA

VOID IF NOT CASHED IN 90 DAYS

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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UNITED CORPORATION DBA PLAZA EXTRA

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## United Corporation\* - STT Cash Requirements As of Feb 13, 2012

As of Feb 13, 2012
Filter Criteria includes: 1) IDs from IR8 to IRB; 2) Involces Due (no discount available). Report order is by ID. Report is printed in Detail Format.

Vendor ID Vendor	Invoice/CM #	Date	Date Due	Amount Due	Disc Amt	Age
IRB CITI CARDS	GROSS REC JAN GROS REC JAN 2 GRO REC JAN 20 GROSS REC 012	2/13/12 2/13/12 2/13/12 2/13/12	2/13/12 2/13/12 2/13/12 2/13/12	130,000.00 120,000.00 120,000.00 29,868.40		
IRB CITI CARDS				399,868.40		
Report Total				399,868.40		

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Government of the U. S. Virgin Islands	Gross Receip	ots Monthly Tax Return fore than \$120,000 per year.)
Employer Identification Number (EIN)  6 6 0 3 9 1 2 3 7  Social Security Number (SSN)  Serial # (FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY)	Please Print or Type Clearly  Indicate Firm Type:  Sole Proprietor Partnership Corporation	CURRENT MONTH  0 2  20 1 2  Accounting Method:  CASH ACCRUAL
1.) GROSS RECEIPTS	1.	821603655
2.) (MINUS) EXEMPTION (ex. Standard \$9,000, Fishermen, EDC. lottery affordable housing, reverse damosis, etc.	commissions,	
3.) PLEASE INDICATE REASON FOR EXEMPTION TAKEN ON LINE 2 ABOVE	3.	
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Plaza Extra - St. Tho	W1			
Plaza Extra - St. Croi				
Plaza Extra - St. Croi	x West			
SOURCE: Plaza Extr	a - Store Sales			
Start Date:	February 1, 2012			
End Date:	February 29, 2012		Adjusted	
The state of the s	Gross Sales		Gross Sales	
Plaza - St. Thomas Plus: Other Less: Credit card discount	\$2,500,519.08 \$2,129.76 (\$19,297.89)			
Total Gross Receipts:	St. Thomas		\$2,483,350.95	\$111,750.79
Plaza - St. Croix East Less Pharmacy Less: Credit card discount	\$2,989,419.82 (\$47,212.14) (\$27,710.33)			
Plaza - St. Croix West Less Pharmacy	\$2,851,020. <b>23</b> (\$38,772.50)			
Less: Credit card discount	(\$25,482.81)			
Total Gross Receipts:	STX East & West	<u> </u>	\$5,701,262.27	\$256,556.80
United Shopping Plaza	\$31,423.33			
Total Gross Receipts:	STX Tenant	,	\$31,423.33	\$1,414.05
Total Gross Receipts			\$8,216,036.55	
Gross Receipt %			4.50%	
Gross Receipts Tax			\$369,721.64	\$369,721.64
Summary of Other Income:		L		
DEPOSIT INCOME:	02/04/12	Am Red Cross	455.00	
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UNITED CORPORATION DBA PLAZA EXTRA

CITI CARDS

Check Number:

Check Date:

35462

Mar 20, 2012

Check Amount: \$119,721.64

Item to be Paid - Description

Discount Taken

**Amount Paid** 

FEB 2012

119,721.64

**BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA** CHARLOTTE AMALIE, VI 00804 101-805/216

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DATE Mar 20, 2012

Memo:

ST THOMAS, VI-00806-3358 5466-1601-7567-1021

**UNITED CORPORATION** 

DBA PLAZA EXTRA

(340) 775-5646

PO BOX 503358

**AMOUNT** 

119,721.64

One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-One and 64/100 Dollars

PAY TO THE ORDER

OF;

CITI CARDS 1500 BOLTON

COLUMBUS, OH 43228

USA

VOID IF NOT CASHED IN 90 DAYS

AUTRORIZED SIGNATURE

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Check Number: 35462

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Item to be Paid - Description

Check Number:

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Mar 20, 2012

Check Date:

Check Amount: \$140,000.00

Discount Taken

**Amount Paid** 

3/19/2012

140,000.00

UNITED CORPORATION

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Mar 20, 2012

**AMOUNT** 

Memo:

5466-1602-1227-2015

\$

140,000.00

One Hundred Forty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars

PAY

TO THE ORDER OF;

CITI CARDS. 1500 BOLTON

COLUMBUS, OH 43228

USA

**VOID IF NOT CASHED IN 90 DAYS** 

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UNITED CORPORATION DBA PLAZA EXTRA

CITI CARDS

Check Number: Check Date:

35461

Mar 20, 2012

Check Amount \$110,000.00

Item to be Paid - Description

Discount Taken

**Amount Paid** 

3/12 **GROSS** 

110,000.00

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, VI 00804 101-605/216

DATE

35461

Mar 20, 2012

**AMOUNT** 

110,000.00

UNITED CORPORATION

DBA PLAZA EXTRA (340) 775-5646 PO BOX 503358

ST THOMAS, VI 00805-3358

5466-1601-2710-4360

One Hundred Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars

PAY

TO THE ORDER OF:

Memo:

CITI CARDS 1500 BOLTON

COLUMBUS, OH 43228

USA

**VOID IF NOT CASHED IN 90 DAYS** 

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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UNITED CORPORATION DBA PLAZA EXTRA

# IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS DIVISION OF ST. CROIX

MOHAMMAD HAMED, by his authorized agent WALEED HAMED,	) CIVIL NO. SX-12-CV-370
Plaintiff/Counterclaim Defendant,	) ACTION FOR DAMAGES, ) INJUNCTIVE RELIEF ) AND DECLARATORY RELIEF
VS.	)
FATHI YUSUF and UNITED CORPORATION	) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
Defendants/Counterclaimants,	)
VS.	EXHIBIT
WALEED HAMED, WAHEED HAMED,	
MUFEED HAMED, HISHAM HAMED, and PLESSEN ENTERPRISES, INC.,	) ) ) ————————————————————————————————
Additional Counterclaim Defendants.	

# RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF OBJECTION TO LIQUIDATING PARTNERS' BI-MONTHLY REPORTS

Defendant/counterclaimant Fathi Yusuf ("Yusuf"), through his undersigned counsel, respectfully submits this Response to the "Notice of Objection to Liquidating Partner's Bi-Monthly Reports" filed by plaintiff/counterclaim defendant Mohammad Hamed ("Hamed") on August 18, 2015 (the "Objection"). For the reasons set forth below, Yusuf submits that the Objection should be overruled.

In the very first sentence of the Objection, Hamed misrepresents that Yusuf admitted on page 5 of his third bi-monthly report "that he had not previously provided the required bi-monthly accounting." Yusuf admitted no such thing. As further explained in Yusuf's Opposition to Hamed's Motion To Clarify Order of Liquidation, the required bi-monthly accountings were timely provided on March 30, 2015, June 1, 2015, and July 31, 2015. In his second and third bi-monthly reports, Yusuf conceded only that he had not timely provided the reconciliation of actual expenditures against projected expenditures set forth in Exhibit A to the Plan. Hamed's unsupported claim that the Liquidating Partner only delivered accounting

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information in "one large 'document dump'" simply is untrue as reflected by the actual bimonthly reports filed with the Court. Along with and prior to each bi-monthly report, the Liquidating Partner provided Hamed with all of the financial information described in those reports and required by the Court's Order Adopting Final Wind Up Plan. While the second and third bi-monthly reports acknowledged that the reconciliation of actual expenditures against projected expenses set forth in Exhibit A to the Plan was not provided until the third bi-monthly report, Hamed has not even attempted to argue that this prejudiced him or his accountants in any way.

At page 2 of the Objection, Hamed claims that the "Liquidating Partner allocated the purchase cost of two new condensers for the Plaza East store to himself, as they were purchased after the value of the stores equipment had been agreed to. However, he failed to allocate the cost of shipping and installation of these condensers to himself." Yusuf disputes that he allocated the purchase cost of these condensers to himself. Rather, it is Yusuf's position that the cost of the condensers as well as the shipping and installation costs should be borne entirely by the Partnership. Yusuf agrees, however, that this item will be one of the matters addressed in the "claims portion" of the liquidation process.

Hamed next claims that in the third bi-monthly report the Liquidating Partner fails to identify "a Merrill-Lynch account that has in excess of \$300,000 in it, all of which came from Plaza Extra funds." By email dated February 20, 2015, counsel for Hamed sent an email to the undersigned inquiring whether Yusuf "established a list of partnership assets unrelated to the three stores as required by § 4 on page 8 of the January 7<sup>th</sup> Order? For example, one Merrill-Lynch account was identified in the initial plan and a second one has surfaced (why not move both now?), which need to be identified along with any other such items[.]" He further stated

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that "we need to address the small parcel in STT in United's name (I think it is Parcel 2 Remainder Estate Charlotte Amalie - next to Ft. Mylner property) that needs to be transferred to Plessen now as previously agreed to." The undersigned promptly responded as follows:

- (2) No list has been established yet. Please identify the Merrill Lynch accounts you reference, particularly since I see none mentioned in either "initial plan," and any other non-Plaza Extra Stores Partnership assets your client contends should be on the list;
- (5) I do not believe the referenced parcel needs to be addressed now in connection with the disposition of the stores. I expect this parcel will likely be part of the disputed claims/accountings between the partners. Please inform me about the previous agreement you allude to.

See redacted email exchange of February 20, 2015 attached as Exhibit 1. Counsel for Hamed never bothered identifying the Merrill Lynch accounts. Furthermore, each of the bi-monthly reports filed to date include the following language: "To date, no non-Plaza Extra Stores Partnership Assets requiring liquidation have been identified by or to the Liquidating Partner." See first bi-monthly report at p. 2, second bi-monthly at p. 3, and third bi-monthly report at p. 3. ("To date, no Partnership Assets requiring liquidation beyond those described above have been identified by or to the Liquidating Partner.") (footnote omitted). At no time has Hamed provided the Liquidating Partner with any information establishing that a Merrill Lynch account in the name of a third party actually represents Partnership Assets. Hamed certainly does not explain why he only raised the prospect of such account 18 days after the filing of the third bi-monthly report.1

Lastly, the Objection misrepresents that the third bi-monthly report "identifies a specific parcel of land in St. Thomas as partnership property . . . . " See Objection at p. 2. The third bi-

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<sup>1</sup> The Objection was filed on August 18, 2015, 18 days after the filing of the third bi-monthly and months after the filing of the previous two bi-monthly reports. Accordingly, the Objection is clearly untimely pursuant to LRCi

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monthly report does no such thing. As clearly reflected in that report, there is a one half acre parcel titled in the name of Plessen Enterprises, Inc. and subject to a \$330,000 mortgage from Plessen to United Corporation. While the report does suggest that title should be transferred to Yusuf because, as he explained in his deposition, a portion of which is attached as Exhibit 1 to the Objection, Hamed had given Yusuf his word that he would convey such parcel to Yusuf. In any event, this disputed parcel will become a part of the "claims portion" of the liquidation process.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Yusuf respectfully requests this Court to overrule the Objection and to provide such further relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

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