### **EXHIBIT B**

## HAMED OBJECTIONS to 2012-PRESENT ACCOUNTING

### I. Introduction

For the operations of the partnership from January 1, 2012 through the present, Hamed objects to the accounting submitted by Fathi Yusuf and makes the claims described below against the Yusuf in the amount of \$57,996,790.14. A summary chart of these claims is provided in **Exhibit B-1** and a detailed CPA Expert Report is attached as **Exhibit B-2**.

## II. Statement of the Legal Basis for the Individual Claims

All of the following claims are made pursuant to *Revised Uniform Partnership Act* ("RUPA") as enacted at 26 V.I.C. §§ *1 et seq*. and more particularly the rights to (1) have a full accounting of any partnership,<sup>1</sup> (2) the right to have factual determinations as to claims and distributions on wrongful dissolution and (3) the right of a partner to a distribution of his share of the assets or the value of his share as the time of dissolution.

All of the individual Exhibit B claims are amounts:

- a. wrongfully removed from the partnership by Yusuf and wrongfully excluded from partnership accounting by Yusuf; or
- b. for which an accurate accounting has not been given or is not possible due to:
  - i. Inaccurate or undocumented accounting entries,
  - ii. Altered or removed documentation
  - iii. Documentation not properly retained or provided; or

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See, Frett v. Benjamin, 2 V.I. 516, 524, 187 F.2d 898, 901 (3d Cir. 1951) (in a U.S. Virgin Islands partnership accounting under the UPA "when accounts are so muddled as to defy straightening out, the court will have to resort to the best evidence available, and the partner to blame for the situation will be penalized by having discrepancies resolved against him") and *see, e.g., Laurence v. Flashner Medical Partnership*, 206 III.App.3d 777 (1990). Fathi Yusuf was the partner who had exclusive control of and responsibility for the accounting. *See Expert Report of Lawrence Schoenbach*, Exhibit C, at footnote 7, pp. 8-9.

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iv. Improper entries and calculation in violation of general accounting practices and standards, and therefore unacceptable for a partnership accounting.

See 26 V.I.C. § 177 (Settlement of accounts and contributions among partners):

(a) In winding up a partnership's business, the assets of the partnership, including the contributions of the partners required by this section, must be applied to discharge its obligations to creditors, including, to the extent permitted by law, partners who are creditors. Any surplus must be applied to pay in cash the net amount distributable to partners in accordance with their right to distributions under subsection (b) of this section.

(b) Each partner is entitled to a settlement of all partnership accounts upon winding up the partnership business. In settling accounts among the partners, profits and losses that result from the liquidation of the partnership assets must be credited and charged to the partners accounts. The partnership shall make a distribution to a partner in an amount equal to any excess of the credits over the charges in the partner's account....(Emphasis added.)

See also Wise v. De Werd, 5 V.I. 493, 358 F.2d 389, 392 (3d Cir. 1966) (On dissolution

partner "is entitled to have the joint venture formally declared dissolved and upon

dissolution to receive" his accounted share.)

# III. Statement of the Factual Nature of Each of the Individual Objections and Claims

Included, as Exhibit B-2 hereto, is the expert report of Jackson Vizcaino Zomerfeld,

LLP,<sup>2</sup> a licensed Certified Public Accountant firm in the U.S. Virgin Islands entitled

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Jackson, Vizcaino Zomerfeld, LLP (JVZ) is a joint venture between David J. Jackson PC and Vizcaino Zomerfeld, LLP (VZ). Jackson Vizcaino Zomerfeld, LLP is a licensed Certified Public Accountant firm in the U.S. Virgin Islands with its headquarters located at 5001 Chandler's Wharf, Christiansted.

VZ is a Certified Public Accounting firm with its headquarters located at 999 Ponce De Leon Blvd., Suite #1045, and Coral Gables, Florida. The Firm was founded in 1988. An organization chart and the backgrounds of those working on the project are included in the *Report*.

"Engagement Report to Joel H. Holt, Esq. c/o Plaza Supermarket Partnership and Subsidiaries."

The several CPA's and others involved in the review were asked to assess if the financial information received from Fathi Yusuf as the partnership's accounting and the audit evidence produced by the partnership's bookkeeper, John Gaffney,<sup>3</sup> were accurate and met the criteria generally accepted for business practices. In this connection, they also considered if expenses or transactions were valid business expenses or served a business purpose based on the U.S. Internal Revenue Service Publications 463 and 535.

After their assessment of the financial information and audit evidence received, they cataloged the issues identified, documented the work performed, reviewed John Gaffney's responses to inquiries, and provided their conclusions on the issues identified.

Each disparity or claim is identified by an item number, the applicable date(s) and supporting documentation. Transactions identified that did not conform to management's assertions, lacked support, or lacked proper business purpose are detailed in *Attachment III* to the *Report*. To accomplish this, they:

- Met with and interviewed John Gaffney, Plaza Extra Partnership accountants, bookkeepers, and staff to obtain an understanding of the accounting system and controls
- Met with and interviewed Plaza Extra Partnership managers
- Met with and interviewed the Hameds
- Obtained and reviewed information listed in Attachment II
- Reviewed general ledger for strange or unusual transactions (transaction such as duplicate payments, payments to parties in interest, payments to unknown vendors, large or unusual adjustments and journal entries)
- Requested supporting documentation (such as bank statements, cancelled checks, registers, invoices, agreements and other financial records) for transactions listed in *Attachment V*
- Compared financial information to underlying supporting documentation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Mr. Gaffney is not a CPA. He is not licensed in the USVI or elsewhere.

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- Documented transactions which appear to be improper and those that lack proper business purpose in *Attachment III*

Their financial details and conclusions are listed in that report and are incorporated and set forth as Hamed's objections to the accounting, and his claims -- against the partnership and Yusuf. Some claims were not susceptible to determination of amounts without further documentation.



## EXHIBIT B-1 Summary of Hamed's Accounting Claims for January 1, 2012 to Present

Below is a chart identifying the item number, description of the claim and the amount of the claim. The total of the claims, as reflected in the chart, is \$57,996,790.14. The total amount owed to the Partnership is \$56,163,505.87 and the total amount due KAC357, Inc./Hameds is \$1,833,284.27.

Item No.	Description	Total Claim Amount	Amount Due Partnership	Amount Due KAC357, Inc./Hameds
3002a	United Shopping Center's gross receipt taxes	\$70,193.20	\$70,193.20	
3003	WAPA deposits paid with Partnership funds	\$272,571.59	\$272,571.59	
3004a	Checks written to Fathi Yusuf for personal use	Pending discovery		
3005/426	John Gaffney's salary, benefits and bonus	\$226,231.62	\$226,231.62	
3006	Partnership funds used to pay Fathi Yusuf's personal legal fees	\$504,590.63	\$504,590.63	
3007	Imbalance in credit card points	\$421,234.62		\$421,234.62
3008a	United's corporate franchise taxes and annual franchise fees	\$2,300.52	\$2,300.52	
3009a	Partnership funds used to pay United Shopping Center's property insurance	\$59,360.84	\$59,360.84	
3010	Vendor rebates	Pending discovery		
3011	Excessive travel and entertainment expenses	\$23,745.24	\$23,745.24	
201	Reimbursement for sale of the Dorthea condo	\$802,966.00		\$802,966.00
210	Hamed payment of taxes during criminal case	\$133,128.00		\$133,128.00
221	Unsubstantiated checks to Nejeh Yusuf	\$14,756.46	\$14,756.46	
242	Nejeh Yusuf's cash withdrawals from safe	\$53,384.67	\$53,384.67	
244	Reimbursement for Fathi Yusuf withdrawal of funds related to Tutu	\$41,462.28	\$41,462.28	

Item No.	Description	Total Claim Amount	Amount Due Partnership	Amount Due KAC357, Inc./Hameds
	Park rent payments			
246, 255, 260, 318	Seaside Market & Deli LLC	Pending discovery		
248	KAC357, Inc. payment of invoices from J. David Jackson PC	\$832.50		\$832.50
253	Nejeh Yusuf's use of Partnership resources	Pending discovery	- 11	
256	David Jackson, CPA, bill owed for tax work done related to the Partnership's 2013 taxes	\$652.50		\$652.50
265	Wally Hamed's personal payment of accounting and attorneys' fees in <i>United States of America v United Corp.</i> , et. al., VI D.Ct. 2005-cr-015	\$332,900.42		\$332,900.42
272	Tutu Park Mall 2014 taxes and the corresponding Partnership withdrawals taken by Mr. Fathi Yusuf	\$46,990.48	\$46,990.48	
275	KAC357, Inc. payment of invoices from FreedMaxick	\$6,245.00		\$6,245.00
278	KAC357, Inc. payment of Partnership WAPA invoices	\$81,713.80		\$81,713.80
279	KAC357, Inc. payment of Partnership Tropical Shipping invoices	\$23,848.00		\$23,848.00
281	Payment of Nejeh Yusuf credit card bill	\$49,715.05	\$49,715.05	
290	Nejeh Yusuf removed property belonging to KAC357 Inc.	Pending discovery		
297	Retirement bonus paid to Mary Gonzales	\$28,899.28	\$28,899.28	41
299	2015 Workers' Compensation payments	Pending discovery		
310	2015 Health permit payments for Plaza	\$850.00	\$850.00	

Item No.	Description	Total Claim Amount	Amount Due Partnership	Amount Due KAC357, Inc./Hameds
	East			
312	Replacement of four condensers, plus associated costs for shipping, delivery and installation	\$59,867.02	\$59,867.02	
314	2015 Business license payment for Plaza East	Pending discovery		
315	100 shopping carts purchased for Plaza Extra-East	\$13,117.00	\$13,117.00	
316	Inventory moved from Plaza West to East after official inventory	Pending discovery	· · · · · ·	
319	BJ's Wholesale Club vendor credit	Pending discovery		
329	2015 Real Estate Tax for Plaza Extra- STT	\$12,652.39	L4	\$12,652.39
331	2015 Insurance for St. Thomas Plaza Extra car	Pending discovery		
333	KAC357, Inc. payment of Partnership AT&T invoices	\$755.76		\$755.76
334	Point of Sale transactions (purchases on account)	\$925.94	\$925.94	
335	No credit for expired (spoiled) inventory discovered at Plaza Extra West	\$54,592.08	\$54,592.08	\$
338	Merrill Lynch accounts and and a second seco	Pending discovery		
340	Rents collected from Triumphant church	\$3,900	\$3,900	
343	KAC357, Inc.'s American Express payments deposited to Partnership account	\$12,272.67		\$12,272.67

Item No.	Description	Total Claim Amount	Amount Due Partnership	Amount Due KAC357, Inc./Hameds
345	UVI payment	\$292.61		\$292.61
346a	Attorney and accounting's fees paid by the Partnership for the criminal case	\$989,626.90	\$989,626.90	
353	Due to/from Fathi Yusuf	\$186,819.33	\$186,819.33	
355	\$2.7 million unilateral withdrawal from the Partnership account	\$2,784,706.25	\$2,784,706.25	
356	2012-2013 Real Estate Taxes for Plaza Extra STT	\$89,443.92	\$89,443.92	
357	Payment to Dudley, Topper and Feuerzeig, LLP (Fathi Yusuf's personal attorney)	\$57,605.00	\$57,605.00	
358	STT Tutu gift certificates	\$3,790		\$3,790
359/362	Employee Loans	\$33,121.06	\$33,121.06	
360	Approximately \$18 million in purged transaction in 2013	Pending discovery		
361	Payments to Caribbean Refrigeration & Mechanical LLC	\$95,420.20	\$95,420.20	
363	Transactions with Miadden Plastic	\$49,565.00	\$49,565.00	
364	Unclear General Ledger entry "Collection of Setallment [sic]"	\$42,969.98	\$42,969.98	
365	Unclear General Ledger entries "Foreign taxes paid"	\$18,803.95	\$18,803.95	
366	Unclear General Ledger entries POS charges for Seaside Market	\$11,659.90	\$11,659.90	
367	Unclear General Ledger entries "change order" and "cash requisition"	\$26,510.17	\$26,510.17	
369	Unclear General Ledger entries "credit card paid"	Pending discovery		
370	Unclear General Ledger entries "RDC	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	

Item No.	Description	Total Claim Amount	Amount Due Partnership	Amount Due KAC357, Inc./Hameds
	Frozen Account"			
371	Unclear if Scotiabank Telecheck transfers were deposited in Partnership accounts	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000	
372/379	Unclear General Ledger entries regarding miscellaneous adjustments to employee loans	\$122,904.66	\$122,904.66	
373	Unclear General Ledger entries regarding "return check mutilated"	\$83,800.00	\$83,800.00	
374	Unclear General Ledger entry regarding "Cash - Transfer Clearing, Banco Proc Error re Xfer"	\$360,000.00	\$360,000.00	
375	Unclear General Ledger entry regarding "2013 US Customs Exp Per Schedule"	\$9,916.18	\$9,916.18	
376	Unclear General Ledger entries regarding Merrill Lynch	\$4,261,939.04	\$4,261,939.04	
377	Unclear General Ledger entries regarding Daas corporate loan	\$327,500.00	\$327,500.00	
378	Unclear General Ledger entries to "Due from (to) Yusuf"	\$693,242.00	\$693,242.00	
380	Unclear what the reclassification of partnership income in 2013 and 2014 notation on the general ledger means	Pending discovery		
381	Many general ledger entries are missing descriptions	\$1,026,856.36	\$1,026,856.36	
383	Unclear general ledger entries regarding "nominal cash reconciliation	\$4,312.57	\$4,312.57	
384	Unclear general ledger entry "Accrue 2012 rent as directed by legal"	\$678,549.00	\$678,549.00	
385	Partnership may have paid Fathi Yusuf's personal attorney's fees	\$14,995.26	\$14,995.26	

Item No.	Description	Total Claim Amount	Amount Due Partnership	Amount Due KAC357, Inc./Hameds
386	Unclear general ledger entries regarding deposit adjustments	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	
388	Unclear general ledger entries regarding due/to Shopping Center	\$900,000	\$900,000	- 1
390	Transactions with Alamnai Co.	\$37,629.00	\$37,629.00	
391	Unclear general ledger entries regarding "Adjust due/to from"	\$241,558.05	\$241,558.05	
392	Improper payments to Carol's newspaper distribution	\$1,697.00	\$1,697.00	
393	Unclear general ledger entries regarding "Cash Reques"	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	
394	Unclear general ledger entry regarding "AT&T MOBILITY"	\$2,949.65	\$2949.65	
396	Transactions with JKC Communication	\$13,389.04	\$13,389.04	
397	Transactions with House of Printing	\$860.00	\$860.00	
398	Transactions with Foampack	\$1,257.05	\$1,257.05	
399	Unclear general ledger entries regarding "All Scotia Account Closures"	\$615,172.17	\$615,172.17	
400	Unclear general ledger entries regarding "Fathi Yusuf matching draw"	\$1,288,602.64	\$1,288,602.64	
401	Unclear general ledger entries regarding United Corporation	\$120,431.00	\$120,431.00	
402/418	Unclear general ledger entry regarding "Fathi Yusuf refund of overpayment"	\$77,335.62	\$77,335.62	
403/413	Unclear general ledger entries for By Order	\$260,490.72	\$260,490.72	
405	Numerous unexplained general ledger entries regarding Hamed	\$51,061.36	\$51,061.36	

Item No.	Description	Total Claim Amount	Amount Due Partnership	Amount Due KAC357, Inc./Hameds
408	Unclear general ledger entry for \$176,353.61 dated 9/30/15	\$176,353.61	\$176,353.61	
409	Unclear general ledger entries regarding transfers and closed accounts	\$837,554.23	\$837,554.23	
410	Unclear general ledger entry regarding 50/50 distribution	\$165,000.00	\$165,000.00	
411	Unclear general ledger entry regarding accrued accounting fees to complete 2015 year-end taxes	\$16,315.00	\$16,315.00	
412	Unclear general ledger entry regarding accounting error for Tropical Shipping invoices	\$10,242.00	\$10,242.00	
414	Unclear general ledger entry regarding adjust cash on hand to count on 3/11/15	\$24,934.18	\$24,934.18	
415	Unclear general ledger entry regarding clearing Banco irregularities	\$8,481.58	\$8,481.58	
416	Unclear general ledger entry regarding balance sheet balances closed for insurance items to expedite close	\$51,569.11	\$51,569.11	
417	Unclear general ledger entries regarding clear misc Yusuf/Pship Due to/fr accounts	Pending discovery		
418	Unclear general ledger entry regarding United reimbursement to Hamed of 7/13 overpayment	\$38,667.81	\$38,667.81	
419	Unclear general ledger entry regarding combined services inv dtd 2/24/15 paid on behalf of East	\$4,935.00	\$4,935.00	
420	Unclear general ledger entry regarding CRA check 215 to reimburse KAC357 for STT deposit errors	Pending discovery		
421	Unclear general ledger entry regarding Daily (United C. CK)	Pending discovery		

Item No.	Description	Total Claim Amount	Amount Due Partnership	Amount Due KAC357, Inc./Hameds
422	Unclear general ledger entry regarding excess cash over \$50k per court order	\$44,399.63	\$44,399.63	
423	Unclear general ledger entries regarding prepayment of insurance	\$139,230.53	\$139,230.53	
425	2015 Accounts Payable-Trade to John Gaffney	1,544.33	1,544.33	
427	2013 Accounts Payable-Trade to John Gaffney	\$1,214.10	\$1,214.10	
428	Unclear general ledger entries regarding 2015 Accounts Payable- Trade to Maher Yusuf	\$1,866.39	\$1,866.39	
430	Unsubstantiated check to Nejeh Yusuf	\$2,031.84	\$2,031.84	
431	Unclear general ledger entry, Non-cash distribution to Yusuf	\$245,089.90	\$245,089.90	
432	Unclear general ledger entry, North Western Selectra Inc.	\$4,524.24	\$4,524.24	
433	Unclear general ledger entry, J Ortiz	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	
434	Unclear general ledger entries regarding St. Thomas petty cash	\$10,339.12	\$10,339.12	
436	Unclear general ledger entry regarding United Shopping Center payment of accounting fees for the Partnership	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	
437	Unclear general ledger entry regarding United Shopping Center payment of legal fees for the Partnership	\$4,946.31	\$4,946.31	
438	Transaction with Source Accounting	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	
439	Unclear general ledger entry regarding St. Thomas 1.5% CR Reduction (FUTA) paid by West to United	\$12,346.17	\$12,346.17	
440	Unclear general ledger entry regarding temporary adjustment for unreimbursed cash expenses during 2014/15	\$46,725.41	\$46,725.41	

Item No.	Description	Total Claim Amount	Amount Due Partnership	Amount Due KAC357, Inc./Hameds
442/407	Unclear general ledger entries indicating Accounts Payable Trade payments to United Corporation in 2015	Pending discovery		
443	Unclear general ledger entry regarding price gun deposits	\$1,780.00	\$1,780.00	
444	Unclear general ledger entries regarding 2013 Q3 VIESA deficiency, plus penalty and interest in 2005	\$9,385.95	\$9,385.95	
445	Unclear general ledger entries regarding United Corporation	\$6,933.27	\$6,933.27	
446	Unclear general ledger entries regarding United Corporation – FUTA	\$10,047.14	\$10,047.14	
447	Unclear general ledger entry regarding United Corporation – Gift Certificates	\$2,630.00	\$2,630.00	
449	Unclear general ledger entries regarding Industrial Video and Luxor Goods	\$9,803.00	\$9,803.00	
450	Unclear general ledger entry regarding Hector Torres' invoice	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
451	Unclear general ledger entries for Ramone Reid Felix invoices	\$1,092.00	\$1,092.00	
452	Unclear general ledger entries regarding Tasty Alternatives	\$30,721.00	\$30,721.00	
453	Scotia Invoices	\$11,411.17	\$11,411.17	
454	Lissette Colon's salary, benefits, bonuses and incidental expenses	\$6,215.44	\$6,215.44	
455	Myra Senhouse's salary, benefits, bonuses and incidental expenses	\$2,259.41	\$2,259.41	
456	Humphrey Caswell's salary, benefits, bonuses and travel and entertainment expenses	\$28,666.00	\$28,666.00	

Item No.	Description	Total Claim Amount	Amount Due Partnership	Amount Due KAC357, Inc./Hameds
457	Unclear 2016 general ledger entries regarding the United Corporation in 2016	\$238,828.82	\$238,828.82	
459	Unclear general ledger entry regarding United Corporation – Worker's Compensation	\$317.99	\$317.99	
460	Unclear general ledger entries regarding FUTA late fee	\$85,697.27	\$85,697.27	
464	Transaction with Raja Foods	\$410.00	\$410.00	
465	2016 transactions with Caribbean Refrigeration & Mechanical LLC	\$10,901.51	\$10,901.51	
466	Unclear general ledger entries We Are Wine LLC	\$2,704.79	\$2,704.79	
467	Unclear general ledger entries regarding US Customs penalty	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	
468	2016 payments to Dudley, Topper and Feuerzeig, LLP (Fathi Yusuf's personal attorney)	\$9,680.00	\$9,680.00	
469	Unclear general ledger entries regarding Inter Ocean refund	Pending discovery		
470	Unclear general ledger entries regarding "Lutheran Family Social Services"	\$1,246.21	\$1,246.21	
471	Unclear general ledger entries regarding KAC357	\$3,640.00	\$3,640.00	
472	Unclear 2016 general ledger entries for Banco Popular Puerto Rico	Pending discovery		
473	Unclear general ledger entries regarding 2016 V.I. Employment Security contributions and penalties	\$13,047.65	\$13,047.65	
474	Disputed Plaza Extra East rent granted by court order on April 27, 2015	\$5,234,298.71	\$5,234,298.71	

Item No.	Description	Total Claim Amount	Amount Due Partnership	Amount Due KAC357, Inc./Hameds
475	Fathi Yusuf draw from Partnership funds for gift	\$4,000,000.00	\$4,000,000.00	
476	Wireless Tech Rent	\$15,000	\$15,000	
477	Unclear general ledger entries regarding Hanun loan	\$35,000	\$35,000	
478	Unclear general ledger entries regarding distributing cash on hand in 2015	\$19,333.33	\$19,333.33	
479	Unclear general ledger entry regarding Yusuf distribution of WAPA deposit	\$110,842	\$110,842	
480	Unclear general ledger entries regarding "Yusuf distribu for trade AR"	\$15,701.34	\$15,701.34	
481	Unclear general ledger entry regarding "xfer fr Yusuf fam BPPR a/c to United BPPR a/c"	\$1,449.33	\$1,449.33	
482	Unclear general ledger entry regarding "Yusuf refund of overpayment"	\$77,335.62	\$77,335.62	
483	Unclear general ledger entry regarding "CLEAR MISC YUSUF/PSHIP DUE TO/FR ACCOUNTS"	\$247,870.31	\$247,870.31	
484	Unclear general ledger entries regarding "correct Yusuf/Hamed distrib settle on 9/30 ref ck 251 for \$183,381.91"	\$20,484	\$20,484	
485	Unclear general ledger entry regarding "clear pship a/c 28600 intraco bal's to equity"	\$247,137.88	\$247,137.88	
487	Unclear general ledger entry "clear misc Hamed/pship due to/fr accounts" in the amount of \$39,788.40.	\$39,788.40	\$39,788.40	
488	Unclear general ledger entry regarding "due t/fr settlement re stmt at 9/30/15"	\$183,381.91	\$183,381.91	

Item No.	Description	Total Claim Amount	Amount Due Partnership	Amount Due KAC357, Inc./Hameds
489	Manal Yousef alleged mortgage <sup>1</sup>	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	
490	Half acre in Estate Tutu	\$500,000	\$500,000	
491	Plaza Extra East land	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	
492	\$900,000 Estimated tax payment for United Corporation shareholders	\$900,000	\$900,000	
	Totals	\$57,996,790.14	\$56,163,505.87	\$1,833,284.27

<sup>[1]</sup> This matter is also in civil litigation. A current action, *Sixteen Plus v. Manal Yousef*, SX-16-CV-65, is pending. In addition, an action is being prepared against Fathi Yousef and others for fraud. If these actions are successful, this claim will be obviated. In addition, despite the current activities attempting to enforce the mortgage, by Yousuf and Yusuf, it is also listed on the pre-2012 accounting as a prior. With interest, this claim exceeds \$14 million.



**Engagement Report** Joel H. Holt, Esq. c/o Plaza Supermarket Partnership and Subsidiaries

EXHIBIT Exhibit: **B-2** 

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Re: Mohammad Hamed, et.al v. Fathi Yusuf and United Corporation

Dear Attorney Holt:

Jackson Vizcaino Zomerfeld, LLP (JVZ or we) is a licensed Certified Public Accountant firm in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

You have retained us to render an expert opinion in the litigation captioned Hamed v. Yusuf et al., docket number Civ. No. SX-12-CV-370. Attached is our analysis of the financial accounting for January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016 as per Fathi Yusuf.

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## **EXHIBITS**

#### SUMMARY OF BACKGROUND FACTS

In this **Part 1** of the Facts, all of the following facts are taken *verbatim* from the findings of the Court in *Hamed v. Yusuf et al.*, 2013 WL 1846506 (V.I. Super. April 25, 2013) (emphasis added by us.)

1. Plaintiff and Defendant Yusuf ha[d] a longstanding friendship and familial history which preceded their business relationship.

2. In 1979, Fathi Yusuf incorporated United Corporation ("United") in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

3. United subsequently began construction on a shopping center located at Estate Sion Farm, St. Croix. Thereafter, Defendant Yusuf desired and made plans to build a supermarket within the shopping center.

4. Subsequently, Yusuf encountered financial difficulty in completing construction of the shopping center and opening the supermarket, was unable to procure sufficient bank loans, and told Plaintiff Mohammad Hamed ("Hamed") that he was unable to finance the completion of the project. At Yusuf s request, Hamed provided funding to Yusuf s project from proceeds of Hamed's grocery business

5. Harned provided Yusuf with monies to facilitate completion of construction on the shopping center and to facilitate opening the Plaza Extra supermarket in Estate Sion Farm, St. Croix.

6. Upon Yusuf s request, Hamed sold his two grocery stores to work exclusively as a part of Plaza Extra.

7. Hamed contributed to Yusuf's project funds as they were available to him, including the entire proceeds from the sale of his two grocery stores, with the agreement that he and Yusuf would each be a 50% partner in the Plaza Extra Supermarket, "in the winning or loss."

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8. Hamed initially became a 25% partner of Yusuf, along with Yusuf s two nephews who each also had a 25% interest in the Plaza Extra Supermarket business.

9. Yusuf sought additional bank financing to complete the construction of the building for the Plaza Extra business, which loan application was eventually denied, as a result of which Yusuf s two nephews requested to have their funds returned and to leave the partnership.

10. With the withdrawal of Yusuf s nephews, the two remaining partners of the Plaza Extra Supermarket business were Hamed and Yusuf. Notwithstanding the financing problems, Hamed determined to remain with the business, having contributed a total of \$400,000 in exchange for a 50% ownership interest in the business

11. Yusuf and Hamed were the only partners in Plaza Extra by the time in 1986 when the supermarket opened for business and Hamed has remained a partner since that time.

12. As a partner in the Plaza Extra Supermarket business, Hamed was entitled to fifty (50%) percent of the profit and liable for fifty (50%) of the "payable" as well as loss of his contribution to the initial start-up funds.

13. Yusuf and Hamed have both acknowledged their business relationship as a partnership of an indefinite term.

14. Yusuf testified in the *Idheileh* case that it was general public knowledge that Yusuf was a business partner with Hamed even before the Plaza Extra supermarket opened.

15. Yusuf has admitted in this case that he and Hamed "entered into an oral joint venture agreement" in 1986 by which Hamed provided a "loan" of \$225,000 and a cash payment of \$175,000 in exchange for which "Hamed [was] to receive fifty percent (50%) of the net profits of the operations of the Plaza Extra supermarkets" in addition to the "loan" repayment. Yusuf states that the parties' agreement provided for "a 50/50 split of the profits of the Plaza Extra Supermarket stores." Indeed, Yusuf confirms that "[t]here is no disagreement that Mr. Hamed is entitled to fifty percent (50%) of the

profits of the operations of Plaza Extra Store....The issue here again is not whether Plaintiff Hamed is entitled to 50% of the profits. He is."

16. In 1992–1993, a second Plaza Extra supermarket was opened on the island of St. Thomas, USVI, initially with a third "partner," Ahmad Idheileh, who later withdrew leaving a "50/50" ownership interest in the St. Thomas Plaza Extra between Yusuf and Hamed.

17. At [the time this action was commenced in 2012], there [were] three Plaza Extra Supermarkets which employ approximately six hundred people on St. Croix and St. Thomas.

18. In the *Idheileh* litigation, Yusuf provided an affidavit wherein he stated that "[m]y brother in law, Mohamed Hamed, and I have been full partners in the Plaza Extra Supermarket since 1984 while we were obtaining financing and constructing the store, which finally opened in 1986."

19. Hamed and Yusuf have jointly managed the stores by having one member of the Hamed family and one member of the Yusuf family co-manage each of the three Plaza Extra Supermarkets. Originally, Hamed and Yusuf personally managed the first Plaza Extra store, with Hamed in charge of receiving, the warehouse and produce, and Yusuf taking care of the office. Yusuf's management and control of the "office" was such that Hamed was completely removed from the financial aspects of the business, concerning which Hamed testified "I'm not sign no thing.... Fathi is the one, he sign. Mr. Yusuf the one he sign the loan, the first one and the second one."

20. During recent years, in every store there [was], at least, one Yusuf and one Hamed who comanage all aspects of the operations of each store. Mafeed Hamed and Yusuf Yusuf have managed the Estate Sion Farm store along with Waleed Hamed. Waleed Hamed, Fathi Yusuf and Nejah Yusuf operate the St. Thomas store, and Hisham Hamed and Mahar Yusuf manage the Plaza West store on St. Croix.

21. In operating the "office," Yusuf did not clearly delineate the separation between United "who owns United Shopping Plaza" and Plaza Extra, despite the fact that from the beginning Yusuf intended to and did "hold the supermarket for my personal use." Despite the facts that the

supermarket used the trade name "Plaza Extra" registered to United and that the supermarket bank accounts are in the name of United, "in talking about Plaza Extra ... when it says United Corporation ... [i]t's really meant me [Yusuf] and Mr. Mohammed Hamed."

22. Yusuf admitted in the *Idheileh* action that Plaza Extra was a distinct entity from United, although the "partners operated Plaza Extra under the corporate name of United Corp."

23. The distinction between United and the Plaza Extra Supermarkets is also apparent from the fact that United, as owner of United Shopping Center, has sent rent notices to Hamed on behalf of the Sion Farm Plaza Extra Supermarket, and the supermarket has paid to United the rents charged.

24. In 2003, United was indicted for tax evasion in federal court, along with Yusuf and several other members of the Hamed and Yusuf families in that matter in the District Court of the Virgin Islands, Division of St. Croix, known as United States and Government of the Virgin Islands v. Fathi Yusuf, et al., Crim. No.2005–15 ("the Criminal Action"). However, Plaintiff Mohammed Hamed was not indicted.

25. In connection with the Criminal Action, the federal government appointed a receiver in 2003 to oversee the Plaza Extra Supermarkets, who deposit[ed] all profits into investment accounts at Banco Popular Securities and, originally, at Merrill-Lynch.

26. In 2011, United pled guilty to tax evasion in the Criminal Action. Charges were dismissed against the other Defendants, by Plea Agreement filed February 26, 2011.

27... the terms of the Plea Agreement require "complete and accurate" tax filings....

28. At some point between late 2009 and 2011, at Yusuf's suggestion, the Hamed and Yusuf families agreed that all checks drawn on Plaza Extra Supermarket accounts had to be signed by one member of the Hamed family and one member of the Yusuf family.

29. In late 2011, United had its newly retained accountant review a hard drive containing voluminous financial records related to the Criminal Action, following which Yusuf accused members of the Hamed family of stealing money from the supermarket business and threatening to close the store

and to terminate the United Shopping Plaza lease.

\*5 30. Thereafter, discussions commenced initiated by Yusuf's counsel regarding the "Dissolution of Partnership." On March 13, 2012, through counsel, Yusuf sent a Proposed Partnership Dissolution Agreement to Hamed, which described the history and context of the parties' relationship, including the formation of an oral partnership agreement to operate the supermarkets, by which they shared profits and losses. Settlement discussions followed those communications but have not to date resulted in an agreement.

31. Although Plaintiff retired from the day-to-day operation of the supermarket business in about 1996, Waleed Hamed [] acted on his behalf pursuant to two powers of attorney from Plaintiff. Both Plaintiff and Yusuf [] designated their respective sons to represent their interests in the operation and management of the three Plaza Extra stores.

32. It had been the custom and practice of the Yusuf and Hamed families to withdraw funds from the supermarket accounts for their own purposes and use, however such withdrawals were always made with the knowledge and consent of the other partner.

33. Waleed Hamed testified that Fathi Yusuf utilized Plaza Extra account funds to purchase and subsequently sell property in Estate Dorothea, St. Thomas, to which it was agreed that Hamed was entitled to 50% of net proceeds. Although Yusuf s handwritten accounting of sale proceeds confirms that Hamed is due \$802,966, representing 50% of net proceeds (*Pl. Ex. 18*), that payment has never been made to Hamed and the disposition of those sale proceeds is not known to Hamed

34. Each of the three Plaza Extra Supermarkets maintains and accounts for its operations separately, with separate bank accounts. In total, the stores maintain[ed] a total of approximately eleven accounts.

35. On or about August 15, 2012, Yusuf wrote a check signed by himself and his son Mahar Yusuf and made payment to United in the amount of \$2,784,706.25 from a segregated Plaza Extra Supermarket operating account, despite written objection of Waleed Hamed on behalf of Plaintiff and

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the Hamed family, who claimed that, among other objections, the unilateral withdrawal violated the terms of the District Court's restraining order in the Criminal Action.

36. On the first hearing day, Mahar Yusuf, President of United Corporation testified under oath that he used the \$2,784,706.25 withdrawn from the Plaza Extra operating account to buy three properties on St. Croix in the name of United. On the second hearing day, Mahar Yusuf contradicted his prior testimony and admitted that those withdrawn funds had actually been used to invest in businesses not owned by United, including a mattress business, but that none of the funds were used to purchase properties overseas.

37. A restraining order was entered by the District Court in the Criminal Action which remains in place and restricts withdrawal of funds representing profits from the supermarkets that have been set aside in the Banco Popular Securities brokerage account ....

38. Funds from supermarket accounts ha[d] also been utilized unilaterally by Yusuf, without agreement of Hamed, to pay legal fees of defendants relative to this action and the Criminal Action, in excess of \$145,000 to the dates of the evidentiary hearing. [This increased to one-half million dollars before the practice ended in 2013.]

39. Since at least late 2012, Yusuf has threatened to fire Hamed family managers and to close the supermarkets.

40. On January 8, 2013, Yusuf confronted and unilaterally terminated 15 year accounting employee Wadda Charriez for perceived irregularities relative to her timekeeping records of her hours of employment, threatening to report her stealing if she challenged the firing or sought unemployment benefits at Department of Labor, Charriez had a "very critical job" with Plaza Extra, and the independent accountant retained by Yusuf agreed that she was "a very good worker" and that her work was "excellent." Because the Hamed co-managers had not been consulted concerning the termination or shown any proof of the employee's improper activity, Mafced Hamed instructed Charriez to return to work the following day. On Charriez' January 9, 2013 return to work, Yusuf started screaming at her,

and told her to leave or he would call the police. Yusuf did call police and demanded on their arrival that Charriez, and Mufeed Hamed and Waleed Hamed be removed from the store, and threatened to close the store. The incident that occurred on January 9, 2013, the same day that Plaintiff's Renewed Motion was filed, coupled with other evidence presented demonstrates that there has been a breakdown in the comanagement structure of the Plaza Extra Supermarkets.

41. "By the time Plaza Extra opened in 1986, Mohamed Hamed and Defendant Yusuf were the only partners. These partners operated Plaza Extra under the corporate name of United Corp." *Response to Interrogatory 6.* Defendants now claim that Yusuf is the owner of only 7.5% of the shares of United, which could adversely affect Plaintiff's ability to enforce his claims as to the partnership "operated [as] Plaza Extra under the corporate name of United Corp."

In this **Part 2 of the Facts**, all of the following are taken verbatim from the conclusions of the Court in *Hamed v. Yusuf et al.*, 2013 WL 1846506 (V.I. Super. April 25, 2013) (emphasis added by us.)

[42.] Under the UPA, "the association of two or more persons to carry on as co-owners a business for profit forms a partnership, whether or not the persons intend to form a partnership."  $\underline{26}$  <u>V.I.Code § 22(a)</u>. In the mid-1980's when the Hamed-Yusuf business relationship began, a Virgin Islands partnership was defined as "an association of two or more persons to carry on as co-owners a business for profit."

[43.] Under the UPA, "A person who receives a share of the profits of a business is presumed to be a partner in the business Under the former Code provisions, "the receipt by a person of a share of the profits of a business is prima facie evidence that he is a partner in the business ..."

[44.] Evidence of "a fixed profit-sharing arrangement" and "evidence of business operation" are factors to be considered in the determination of whether the parties in a business relationship had formed a partnership.

[45.] "A partnership agreement is defined as the agreement, whether written, *oral*, or implied, among the partners concerning the partnership, including amendments to the partnership agreement." A

"partnership at will" exists where the partners have not agreed to remain partners until the expiration of a definite term or the completion of a particular undertaking."

[46.] . . . the UPA does not require that such agreements be memorialized by a writing, and further sanctions "at will" agreements that have no definite term or duration, and are subject to dissolution by either partner at any time. As such, partnerships are not within the statute of frauds and need not be in writing.

[47.] Even if the statute of frauds were applicable to the formation of a partnership, the doctrine of part performance operates to prevent an inequity where a person is induced or permitted to invest time, money and labor in reliance upon an oral agreement, which agreement would otherwise be voided by the application of the stature of frauds. Accordingly, if a party can show that part of an oral agreement was performed, the oral contract is taken out of the statute of frauds and becomes binding.

[48.] A joint venture has been defined as a partnership for a single transaction, recognized as a subspecies of partnership, and is analyzed under Virgin Islands law in the same manner as is a partnership.

[49.] Yusuf and Hamed, acting under the name "United Corporation," entered into their relationship with Ahmad Idheileh "to open and operate a supermarket on St. Thomas" by means of a Joint Venture Agreement. This "business relationship created by agreement of the parties for the purpose of profit" was formed "for a single undertaking or transaction," and was to "terminate at the conclusion of their stated purpose, by agreement, or at the will of the parties." To the contrary, the self-described "partnership" of Hamed and Yusuf, formed for profit, with no set duration, involved the development of a business enterprise, including the three supermarkets and other business projects spanning two and a half decades.

[50.] [There exists a] . . . .long history prior to this litigation of admissions by Yusuf. . . to the effect that he and Hamed are "50/50" partners. Those pre-litigation admissions of the existence of a partnership have been consistent over many years, including through his notice to Hamed of his

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dissolution of their partnership in the months prior to this litigation.

[51.]...the record clearly reflects that Yusuf's use of the Plaza Extra trade name registered to United, the use bank accounts in United's name to handle the finances of the three supermarkets and other participation of the corporate entity in the operation of the stores was all set up in the context of Yusuf's partnership with Hamed, as Yusuf has consistently admitted. The existence of a partnership is not negated by the use of the corporate form to conduct various operations of the partnership. The fact that the partner conducting the business utilizes a corporate form does not change the essential nature of the relationship of the parties.

[52.] Where, as here, the parties agree that one partner is designated to take charge of "the office" and assumes the responsibility for obtaining or filing the relevant documents as a part of his share of the partnership responsibilities, his failure to file that documentation in the name of the partnership does not mean that no partnership exists. Partners may apportion their duties with respect to the management and control of the partnership such that one partner is given a greater share in the management than others. Thus, the fact that one partner may be given a greater day-to-day role in the management and control of a business than another partner does not defeat the existence of the partnership itself. Where one party actively pursues the partnership business, such business must be conducted in keeping with "fundamental characteristics of trust, fairness, honesty, and good faith that define the essence of the partners' relationship."

[53.] It is undisputed that Plaintiff and Yusuf agreed from the time prior to the opening of the first store to share profits from the business on a 50/50 basis and that they did so share profits. These elements of their business relationship present a *prima facie* case for the existence of a partnership under the former 26 V.I.Code § 22(4), applicable at the time of the formation of the partnership. Defendants have not presented evidence sufficient to overcome Plaintiff's *prima facie* proof of the partnership of the parties.

[54.] Various other indicia of the existence of the formation of a partnership are present in the

record, including the fact that the parties intended to and did associate with each other carry on as co-

owners a business for profit. . . As years passed and additional stores opened, joint management

continued with the sons of each of the parties co-managing all aspects of each of the stores.

ants if found to have been wrongfully enjoined.)

In this Part 3 of the Facts, all of the following facts are taken verbatim from the two subsequent

Orders of the Court in Hamed v. Yusuf et al.

55. Yusuf and United admitted, and the Court ordered by summary judgment that a partnership

between Yusuf and Hamed, not United, owned the Plaza Extra Supermarkets. Summary Judgment of

November 7, 2014.

the Court finds and declares that a partnership was formed in 1986 by the oral agreement between Plaintiff and Defendant Yusuf for the ownership and operation of the three Plaza Extra Stores, with each partner having a 50% ownership interest in all partnership assets and profits, and 50% obligation as to all losses and liabilities

56. Based on that admission and summary judgment, on January 9, 2015, the Court entered its

Order Adopting Final Wind Up Plan where the Court included instructions relevant to this analysis:

[At page 4, Section 3] The Liquidating Partner's rights and obligations relative to the winding up, subject to the review and supervision of the Master, shall be deemed to have commenced as of April 25, 2013, the date of the issuance of the Preliminary Injunction in the Case.

[At pages 4-5, Section 4] Pursuant to the Act, the Liquidating Partner shall have authority to wind up the Partnership business, including full power and authority to sell and transfer Partnership Assets, engage legal, accounting and other professional services, sign and submit tax matters, execute and record a statement of dissolution of Partnership, pay and settle Debts, and marshal Partnership Assets for equal distribution to the Partners following payment of all Debts and a full accounting by the Partners, pursuant to agreement of the Partners or by order of the Court.[<sup>1</sup>]

[At page 8, Section 9, Step 4] All previous Partnership accountings are deemed preliminary. Hamed's accountant shall be allowed to view all partnership accounting information from January 2012 to present and to submit his findings to the Master.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> It is our understanding that this comports with the *Revised Uniform Partnership Act* in that the nonaccounting partners are not required to respond or make claims until <u>after</u> a full accounting by the partner undertaking the dissolution. We have not been asked to respond to any such partnership accounting – nor, do we believe, is one possible for many years of the partnership.

[At page 6, Section 8] Plot 4-H Estate Sion Farm shall not be considered partnership property and is not subject to division under this plan, but without prejudice to any accounting claim that may be presented by Hamed.

Finally, as a result of the Criminal Action, financial work was done for one year and submitted by United to the Court in that Action. We have reviewed that work and sought to identify what underlying cancelled checks, invoices and other document provided the support therefore.

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#### SCOPE OF WORK

#### **General Understanding of the Engagement**

In relationship to the lawsuit pending between Mohammad Hamed, et al. (Hameds) and Fathi Yusuf/United Corporation (Yusufs), you have asked our firm to apply the procedures enumerated below and on the following page to certain accounting and financial information to ascertain the following:

- The accuracy and completeness of the Partnership's accounting records and financial statements prepared by the Yusufs (financial information) based on established standards.
- That expenses and transactions are valid business expenses or serve a business purpose based on established standards.
- That improper transactions conducted by the Yusufs and those that lack proper business purpose are properly documented.
- If there is a proper estimate for the lost income of Plaza Extra Partnership, Mohammad Hamed, et al. due to misuse of funds by the Yusufs.

We agreed that the nature and timing of some of the procedures that we were to perform to the financial information referred to above would be similar to some of those prescribed in audit engagements as described in U.S. Auditing Standards (SAS) AU Section 500 - Audit Evidence which supports the financial information. Audit evidence<sup>2</sup> according to the SAS comprises both information that supports and corroborates management's assertions and any information that contradicts such assertions.

SAS requires that the information produced by an entity subject to audit procedures, needs to be sufficiently complete and accurate. It is also assumed that the entity follows generally accepted business practices that constitute or are part of established standards. Such businesses practices and standards require certain basic **Management's assertions** which include the following implicit and explicit claims and representations<sup>3</sup>:

- Occurrence Transactions and events that have been recorded have occurred and pertain to the entity.
- Completeness All transactions and events that should have been recorded have been recorded.
- Accuracy Amounts and other data relating to recorded transactions and events have been recorded appropriately.
- *Cutoff* Transactions and events have been recorded in the correct accounting period.
- *Classification* Transactions and events have been recorded in the proper accounts.

Pursuant to your request, and based on the general understanding specified in the previous paragraphs, we proceeded to assess if the financial information received and the audit evidence produced by John Gaffney for certain transactions selected by us (see Attachments VII and VIII) met the criteria of generally accepted business practices. In this connection, we had to consider if expenses or transactions were valid business expenses or serve a business purpose based on the U.S. Internal Revenue Service Publications 463 and 535 (IRS Pub. 463 and 535) guidelines for an expense to be deductible for tax

<sup>2</sup> AU-C Section 500 http://www.aicpa.org/Research/Standards/AuditAttest/DownloadableDocuments/AU-C-00500.pdf 3 AU-C Section 315 http://www.aicpa.org/Research/Standards/AuditAttest/DownloadableDocuments/AU-C-00315.pdf

purposes. IRS Pub. 535 states "[t]o be deductible, a business expense must be both ordinary and necessary. An ordinary expense is one that is common and accepted in your industry. A necessary expense is one that is helpful and appropriate for your trade or business." It also states "[g]enerally, you cannot deduct personal, living, or family expenses." (The sources of the Virgin Islands income taxing authority include the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the IRC) which established the principle that the IRC applies in the Virgin Islands under a "mirror system" whereby the "Virgin Islands" is substituted for the "United States" wherever necessary to give the IRC the proper effect in the Virgin Islands, and vice versa).

After our assessment of the financial information, and audit evidence received, we cataloged the issues identified, we documented the work we performed, John Gaffney's response to our inquiries, and our conclusion on the issues identified. Transactions we found that did not conform to management's assertions, lacked support, or lacked proper business purpose are detailed in Attachment IV.

The outlines of the work we performed and our conclusions follow.

#### SUMMARY DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF WORK DONE

## I. Initial Phase to gain an understanding of the existing system and to perform the initial tests.

### **Procedures:**

- Met with and interviewed John Gaffney, Plaza Extra Partnership accountants, bookkeepers, and staff to obtain an understanding of the accounting system and internal controls.
- Met with and interviewed Plaza Extra Partnership managers.
- Met with and interviewed Mohammad Hamed, et al.
- Performed observations, inspections and inquiries of various business operations and processes (including POS transactions, cash room, shipment receiving).
- Observed the Partnership's personnel's knowledge to execute the procedures and controls in place and level of reliability.
- Evaluated and documented our observations and the design of controls in place.
- Ascertained if the system and related controls were functioning properly.

#### Findings:

Through the procedures performed, we noted the following conditions and events which can have an adverse effect on the control environment:

- Significant (documented and undocumented) transactions with related parties,
- Lack of personnel with appropriate accounting and financial reporting skills,
- Changes in key personnel,
- Deficiencies in internal control (including deficiencies not addressed by management),
- · Inquiries into the entity's operations and financial results by regulatory and government bodies,
- Past misstatements, history of errors, and significant amount of adjustments at period-end
- Significant amount of nonroutine or nonsystematic transactions, including intercompany transactions and large revenue transactions at period-end,
- Pending litigation and contingent liabilities.

We documented our review of the control environment in Attachment III.

#### Conclusion:

We concluded the overall control environment was poor, especially controls over cash. Management had limited to no control over the handling and security of cash. The risk of a material misstatement to the financial statements prepared by the Yusufs is high.

## SUMMARY DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF WORK DONE (Continued)

II. Second Phase to assess appropriateness of audit evidence and whether management's assertions can be supported by audit evidence and investigate if expenses and transactions are valid business expenses or serve a business purpose.

#### **Procedures:**

- Obtained and reviewed information listed in Attachment II.
- Reviewed general ledger for strange or unusual transactions (transaction such as duplicate payments, payments to parties in interest, payments to unknown vendors, large or unusual adjustments and journal entries).
- Requested supporting documentation for selected transactions from John Gaffney (see Attachment VI).
- Compared financial information to underlying supporting documentation (such as bank statements, cancelled checks, registers, invoices, agreements and other financial records).
- Determined if accounting records support management's assertions and expense and transactions are valid business expenses or serve a business purpose.
- Investigate any issues which we found to be questionable or contrary to generally acceptable accounting principles (GAAP).

#### Findings:

Through the procedures performed, we noted the following significant deficiencies with respect to the accounting records and information:

- a. No formal accounting procedures manual exists
- b. Lack of supporting documentation for many transactions
- c. Lack of business purpose for many transactions
- d. Improper accounting for many transactions
- e. Lack of controls and safeguards over cash
- f. Undocumented/unrecorded transactions
- g. Key personnel lack sufficient knowledge of GAAP
- h. Key personnel lack sufficient and complete knowledge of significant transactions which occurred during the period

Information necessary for a proper accounting system is missing for several reasons:

- a. It was lost, misplaced, or removed from accounting records and store office
- b. It was never collected
- c. It was incorrectly collected and is incomplete
- d. It appears to have been altered

#### **Conclusion:**

Due to the items identified above, we concluded the accounting records and financial statements do not support management's assertions.

# SUMMARY DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF WORK DONE (Continued)

III. Third Phase to determine amounts due to the Partnership and Mohammad Hamed, et al. due to transactions performed by the Yusufs that did not conform to management's assertions, lacked support, or lacked proper business purpose.

# **Procedures:**

- Compiled transactions which appear to be improper and those that lack proper business purpose in Attachment IV (Analysis)
- Reviewed list with Mohammad Hamed, et al. and Attorney Joel Holt
- Prepared schedule of amounts due to the Partnership and Mohammad Hamed, et al.

# Findings:

We have identified, summarized and totaled transactions which appear to be improper and those that lack a proper business purpose in Attachment IV (Analysis).

# **Conclusion:**

We concluded the amount due to the Partnership and Mohammad Hamed, et al. totaled \$57,996,790.14 due to transactions performed by the Yusufs that did not conform to management's assertions, lacked support, or lacked proper business purpose. Our claims are summarized in Attachment V.

# FINAL OVER-ALL CONCLUSION

For these reasons and based on the issues identified in the previous pages and in the attachments, we concluded the accounting records as presented from 2012 through June 30, 2016 do not properly support management's assertions (please note that no documents were provided prior to 2012). The present accounting records and financial statements of Plaza Extra Supermarkets provided by the Yusufs and John Gaffney are incomplete, contain altered information, and arc missing significant critical information or support. However, some documents that were supplied contained sufficient reliable and relevant information to support our claims for lost income to a reasonable degree of certainty.

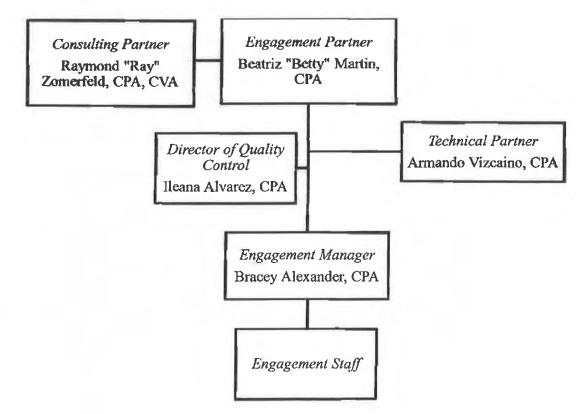
# **QUALIFICATIONS**

# Firm

Jackson, Vizcaino Zomerfeld, LLP (JVZ) is a Caribbean full-service accounting firm formed in 2010 as a joint venture between J. David Jackson PC and Vizcaino Zomerfeld, LLP (VZ). JVZ is a licensed Certified Public Accountant firm in the U.S. Virgin Islands with its headquarters located at 5001 Chandler's Wharf Christiansted, VI 00824.

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#### Engagement Team



**Betty Martin**, the Engagement Partner, is the Firm's senior assurance partner and has over 20 years of experience in public accounting. As the Engagement Partner, Betty is responsible for the planning and execution of this engagement.

**Ray Zomerfeld**, a founding partner, has over 25 years of experience in servicing individuals and companies as a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Valuation Analyst. Ray is a specialist in litigation support, insurance casualty, and economic loss.

As a Certified Valuation Analyst, Ray is a highly regarded specialist on claims involving business litigation, windstorm, fire, and economic loss. Ray is currently serving as an expert witness in a civil case in the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, Division of Saint Thomas and Saint John.

Ray serves as the Consulting Partner on this engagement by providing oversight and guidance using his knowledge and experience in litigation support.

Armando Vizcaino has over 35 years of experience in public accounting and will serve as the technical partner on this engagement.

**Ileana Alvarez** as the Firm's Quality Control Director reviews all the assurance reports issued by the Firm. Ileana is responsible for the research of all technical issues and performs the quality review on reports. Ileana is responsible for the quality of this engagement and as such she will take responsibility for the pre-issuance review of the engagement report.

Bracey Alexander has over 10 years of experience in accounting and auditing and will serve as the engagement manager under the supervision of Betty.

For more information on our qualifications, see Attachment I.

#### COMPENSATION

We are being compensated at our normal hourly rate for this type of work ranging from \$50 - \$350 per hour. Our compensation is not contingent on the outcome of this litigation.

# ATTACHMENTS

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#### ATTACHMENT I -- QUALIFICATIONS

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Prior to establishing Vizcaino Zomerfeld, LLP, Mr. Zomerfeld provided public accounting and taxation services to a wide range of clients in South Florida as a sole proprietor. His firm was a member of the Private Companies Practice Section of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), AICPA, and Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA). He began his accounting career by working on accounting, auditing, and taxation matters as a Staff Accountant at Mallah, Furman & Company, which is a large South Florida accounting firm.

Vizcaino Zomerfeld, LLP is an accounting firm based in Coral Gables, Florida, which was formed in January 1997 as a Florida limited liability partnership. The firm's professional staff consists of six partners and eighteen staff accountants. Vizcaino Zomerfeld, LLP is a member of the AICPA and FICPA. The practices, policies, and operational procedures of the firm have been structured to meet the standards of the AICPA's Division for CPA Firms and have qualified under the AICPA-sponsored peer review program. Vizcaino Zomerfeld, LLP and J. David Jackson, P.C. formed the limited liability limited partnership, Jackson Vizcaino & Zomerfeld LLLP on March 20, 2013 to provide services to clients in the Virgin Islands.

In this regard, Mr. Zomerfeld has represented clients in numerous legal proceedings related to commercial tillgation and family low matters, including: Janet R. Weininger v. Michael J. Weininger (December 2015) - 111h Judicial Circuit of Florida, Case No. 2002;79:FC-04; Hassan Abdellah v. Hasan Abdel-Rahman, Malea Kiblan Rahman, Abdul Samad, Foad Samad, and Ayman Abdel-Samad (May 2015) - In the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands Division of Saint Thomas and Saint John, Case No. 12034260; TCS Contracting Gorp, v. Berkley Regional Ins. Co. (August 2014) - 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida, Case No. 12034260; TCS Contracting Gorp, v. Berkley Regional Ins. Co. (August 2014) - 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida, Case No. 2011-027030-CA-01; Penbeck, Inc. d/b/a Newberry's Backyard Bar-B-Q and Angela Sallsbury v. Rocco T. Voglio, Bev's Burger Café and Boverly Millar (May 2014) - 8th Judicial Circuit of Florida, Case No. 01-2013-CA-4600; Agnes Tuck v. Hadrian Tuck (April 2014) - 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida, Case No. 2013-01364-FC-04; Wichart Lemer, Clygroup Realty, LtC and City Realty Group International, LtC v. Inn Halegua, Oresce Enterprises, LLC, Exclusive Escapes, LLP, Ino, LLC and Nervia Enterprises, LLC (September 2013) - 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida, Case No. 2013-01466; Circuit of Florida, Case No. 2012-03072-FC-04; Victor Lemer, Clygroup Realty, LtC and City Realty Group International, LtC v. Inn Halegua, Oresce Enterprises, LLC, Exclusive Escapes, LLP, Ino, LLC and Nervia Enterprises, LLC [September 2013] - 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida, Case No. 2012-03072-FC-04; Victor Lemer, Clygroup Realty, LLC and City Realty Enterprises, LLC [September 2013] - 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida, Case No. 2012-03072-FC-04; Katha USA, Inc. v. Terma Beachslde Villas, LLC and GS2 Corp. (September 2013) - 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida, Case No. 2012-03072-FC-04; Katha USA, Inc. v. Terma Beachslde Villas, LLC and GS2 Corp. (September 2013) - 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida, Case No. 2012-03072-FC-04;

# ATTACHMENT I – Qualifications



# Beatriz "Betty" Martin Engagement Partner



Bracey T. Alexander, CPA Engagement Manager

Engagement Responsibilities Betty will be the partner in charge of the engagement and as such she will be responsible for the planning, execution and review of the engagement. She will provide technical support during the performance of the field work. Engagement Responsibilities Bracey Alexander will be responsible for management and completion of field work as well direct supervision of all staff.

Relevant Experience

Bracey is a licensed CPA and has graduate degree in accounting. Bracey is an Audit Manager at Vizcaino Zomerfeld, LLP in Coral Gables, Florida. Bracey has over eleven years of accounting experience including several years as an assistant controller for a multinational corporation as well as eight years working for various CPA firms in the audit department performing all levels of work and supervision. Bracey's industry experience includes engagements of start-ups, entrepreneurs ventures, small businesses, restaurant and entertainment industry, investment trust, employee benefits plans, labor not-for-profit unions, entities, condominium associations, real estate developments, and professional services.

Professional Bracey is a member of the American and Activities Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Education Bracey holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from the University of Miami and a Master's Degree in Accounting from Florida International University.

Relevant Experience Betty has been in the public accounting profession for over fifteen years. In the past five years, she has been the partner in charge of the audit engagements of not-for-profit organizations and charter schools, listed as reference in the accompanying composite of relevant clients.

Professional Betty is a member of the American and Activities Florida Institutes of Certified Public Accountants and lectures at professional seminars on a regular basis. Betty is the treasurer of the Miami Bridge Board of Directors. She is also the President-Elect of the Cuban American CPA Association.

Education Betty earned a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Florida International University and is a certified public accountant.

# ATTACHMENT II – INFORMATION CONSIDERED

We have performed intensive reviews of the accounting records of Plaza Extra Partnership from 2012 to the present. Information was requested from Fathi Yusuf and John Gaffney, United Corporation's controller. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

Met with and interviewed John Gaffney

Met with and interviewed Partnership accountants, bookkeepers, and staff

Met with and interviewed Partnership managers

Met with and interviewed Mohammad Hamed, Shawn Hamed, Waleed Hamed, Willie Hamed (Hameds)

Met with and interviewed various other Plaza Extra Partnership employees Reviewed financial and account records of the Partnership, including but not limited to

- 1. Financial statements prepared by Management from 2012 to the present
- 2. General ledgers from 2012 to the present
- 3. Monthly bank statements and reconciliations from 2012 to the present
- 4. Tax returns from 2012 to the present (GRT, 940, 941, 1120)
- 5. Daily sales journal
- 6. Daily till status reports
- 7. Financial report prepared by Kaufman Rossin CPAs
- 8. Financial report prepared by J. David Jackson CPA dated 8/1/14

A complete list of items requested, obtained and reviewed and the responses from the Yusufs and John Gaffney is included in Attachment V. As an aside, we have not received all items requested.

We have reviewed the opinion of David Jackson that: No cohesive books and records for the period 2003 to 2012 have been supplied to us (or to Plaintiff) in discovery that reflect transactions prior to 2012 (as per Mr. Gaffney and Sage 50). A large number of documents obtained from the U.S. Attorney/FBI and supplied to Mr. Hamed do contain some information from pre-2003, but no cohesive accounting is present. The computer disk containing some or all of the 2003-2012 accountings was destroyed or damaged by defect, and Mr. Gaffney states there was no full backup kept. Thus, we have limited any consideration of the financial data to the period after January 1, 2012.

We have also been supplied the Sage 50 accounting backup data for all three Plaza Extra Supermarket operations for the period from January 1, 2012 to the present. Data from that system has allowed us to review the financial activities during the period.

Finally, we reviewed the Preliminary Injunction opinion, summary judgment opinion as to the ownership of the Partnership and the Wind Up Order entered by Judge Brady, which has provided factual background related to this case.

# **ATTACHMENT III - Control Environment**

#### Jackson, Vizcaino Zomerfeld, LLP Control Environment Questionnaire

#### Note:

To gain an understanding of the entity and its environment, JVZ completed the following questionnaire. Information to complete this questionnaire was obtained through interviews and inquiries of management and other appropriate individuals within the entity, analytical procedures, observations and inspections.

The Menuel	Ye	No	N/A	Comments
The Management:	x			
1. Are the owner-managers involved in the day-to-day operations?	A	X		
2. Is there a board of directors or a similar policy-making group?		1	x	
<ol> <li>Does the board of directors monitor management activities?</li> <li>Do the owner-managers or executive director display a reasonable</li> </ol>	V	-	A	They are aware of the industry and have experience in operations.
and moderate attitude regarding business risks?				
5. Do the owners display a moderate attitude regarding accounting matters when preparing financial statements?		X		Owners were not involved in the preparation or oversight of financ statement.
6. Do the owners display a moderate attitude in complying with those laws and regulations that have a material impact on financial statements?		x		We were advised and observed several instances of noncomplian with governmental and regulatory requirements.
7. Do the owners keep personal expenses separate from business expenses?		x		Through our review of the general ledger and interviews, we observe several transactions which appear to be personal. We request support for some of these transactions (see the attachments).
8. Is the business producing its own operating capital and meeting its financial obligations?				
9. Is the owner under free of pressure to provide operating capital?	X			
10. Is management or the owner/manager free from commitments to creditors, or similar significant third parties to achieve unduly aggressive forecasts?	x			
Methods of Assigning Authority and Responsibility: Does the entity have policies regarding such matters as acceptable business practices?		x		Not all business processes, procedures and job descriptions have be formally documented. Per John Gaffney, he is in the process documenting.
2. Does the owner assume responsibility for meeting governmental and regulatory requirements?		x		We were advised and observed several instances of noncompliand with governmental and regulatory requirements.
Is there a current organizational chart?		X	1	None per John Gaffney.
Do job descriptions exist that detail specific responsibilities for key personnel?		x		Informal job titles and job descriptions exist. However, these a undocumented.
<ol> <li>Are up-to-date accounting policies and procedures manuals maintained?</li> </ol>		x		None per John Gaffney.
Does computer system documentation exist indicating the procedures for authorizing transactions and approving system changes?		x		None per John Gaffney.
Vlanagement Control Methods: 1. Arc financial statements prepared periodically?	x			Financial statements are prepared monthly by John Gaffne However, no formal review/approval process is documented.
<ul> <li>Are budgets or forecasts used for planning and controlling operations?</li> </ul>		x		None per John Gaffney.
<ul> <li>Are actual operations compared to planned operations?</li> </ul>			X	
. Do only authorized personnel have access to accounting and financial records?	x			Accounting department personnel and the partners.
Are periodic comparisons made between actual assets and recorded assets?		x		We were advised and observed several significant asset accounts we not reconciled/compared (cash/safe, inventory, deposits).
Are control and subsidiary accounts reconciled periodically?		х		We observed write offs of several accounts due to "poor accounting (due to/from, employee loans, denosits, etc.).
ersonnel Policies and Practices: Does the workload of the owner-manager and accounting employees facilitate the preparation of reliable accounting records?				Although the workload allows for it, there are no policies in place.

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	Yes		N/A	
2 Is the turnover of accounting personnel relatively low?		X		During period under examination, there was several instances of turnover in key positions.
3 Does management believe that all accounting employees are honest?	x			Only the employees who have been there for many years.
4 Does previous experience with the business indicate competence			-	
and integrity amongst the officers and the personnel in general?			X	
5 Does management periodically evaluate employee's job performances?		x		
6 Are accounting personnel required to take mandatory vacations?		X	1	101-01
7 Are employees who handle eash, securities, and other valuable assets bonded?		x		Large volumes of cash is handled daily by various personnel fro clerks to cash room staff.
8 Are employees adequately compensated?	X		(C)	
9 Is employees' compensation independent of operating results as opposed to including a bonus related to favorable operating results?				
Environmental Assessment of the Entity:				
I Is the entity in a stable industry?	X			
2 Has this entity been a client for more than two years?		X		
3 Does the entity have a strong balance sheet and an established track record?	X			Balance sheet appears to be strong, but can be misleading due alleged fraudulent activities.
Does the entity's growth, operating results or financial condition appear unusually favorable in relation to the industry or other pertinent conditions?				
5 Is there any matters that could raise substantial doubt about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern? One year after halance sheet?				Pending legal matters could have a material affect on the Partnershi
Is there a domineering behavior by management or the owner/manager, especially involving attempts to influence the scope of the auditor's work?				John Gaffney provided limited information requested by us becau he believes we should use sampling and he also believes the work w previously performed in a separate engagement with another CP firm which reviewed only one year and did not utilize man receipts/invoices. A detail of items requested and received included in our attachments.
Is there any other management characteristics that indicate an increased risk of material misstatement due to fraud? Does company maintain adequate controls over cash - especially if it processes large amounts of cash?				Overall control environment was poor especially controls over cas Management had limited to no control over the handling and securi of cash. Cash was often removed from the Partnership without prop documentation.
Is the Company subject to new accounting or statutory requirements that could impair the company's profitability or financial stability?		x		
Is the Company free from high degrees of competition or market saturation that adversely affects margins?	x			
0 The Company shows no evidence that assets, liabilities, revenues or expenses are based on significant estimates that involve unusually subjective judgments manner that may be financially disruptive to the company?				Several large and complex undocumented adjustments have been made to various balance sheet and income statement accounts due inadequate records.
1 Has the Company shown any unusual or highly complex transactions that are difficult to assess for substance over form?	x			Through our review of the general ledger, we observed several larg complex transactions. We requested support for some of the transactions (see the attachments).
2 Has the company demonstrated its ability to meet all debt covenants?			x	A MINIMAN LACO MC MINIMAN SILEST
3 Does the company keep adequate controls over assets that could be easily converted into cash and therefore misappropriated?	x			Per our interviews, assets such as inventory were often removed fro the stores and were not properly accounted for. One of the Yusu opened a competing store on St. Croix which received inventor which we cannot account for.
4 Does owner/managers maintain oversight of assets susceptible to misappropriations?	x	1		Management had limited to no control over the handling and securit of cash. Cash was often removed from the Partnership without prope documentation.

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	Ye	s No	N/A	Comments
Financial Statement Cycle - Risk Assessment A. Has management assessed the effect of the following conditi on the organization's ability to prepare financial statements				
<ul> <li>are free of material misstatements:</li> <li>1)- Changes in the organization's operating environment?</li> <li>2)- New Personnel?</li> <li>3)- New or revised information systems?</li> <li>4)- Rapid growth?</li> <li>5)- New technologies in information systems or other processes?</li> <li>6)- New programs or activities?</li> <li>7)- Organization restructuring or reorganization and resulting a reductions, changes in supervision, or segregation of duties?</li> </ul>	aff	x	X X X X X X X X	
B. If there are risks relevant to financial reporting that managem has decided to accept because of cost or other considerations, the effects considered to be immaterial to the financial statemen	are	x		There is a high level of risk of misstatement due to 1. the entity never been audited, 2. there are unsupported transactions. Management has not addressed these issues.
C. Does management consult with its auditors on (or maindependent assessments of) new accounting issues pronouncements?	or	x		
D. Is there clear communication between management and account staff as to their duties and responsibilities to achieve the finance reporting objectives of the organization?		x		
E. Are requirements or laws and regulations pertinent to progra funded by private or governmental grants complied with on ongoing basis, and are program administrators timely informed significant changes in requirements or regulations?	an		х	
F. Is management involved to the point that avoids crisis condition in operations of accounting and stresses the importance maintaining well-organized work areas, no unusual delays, a adequate documentation for all significant transactions?	for	x		
G. Has management demonstrated that it takes appropriate follow- action for identified problems or weaknesses in internal controls		x		

#### Conclusion:

Based on our examination of the control environment documented above and throughout our report, the risk of a material misstatement to the financial statements prepared by the Yusufs is high due to the following conditions and events observed by us:

- Significant (documented and undocumented) transactions with related parties,

- Lack of personnel with appropriate accounting and financial reporting skills,
- Changes in key personnel,
- Deficiencies in internal control (including deficiencies not addressed by management),

- Inquiries into the entity's operations and financial results by regulatory and government bodies,

- Past misstatements, history of errors, and significant amount of adjustments at period-end,

- Significant amount of nonroutine or nonsystematic transactions, including intercompany transactions and large revenue transactions at period-end, - Pending litigation and contingent liabilities.

As such, we concluded the financial information prepared by the Yusufs is inaccurate and incomplete.

We identified the following issues in the transactions conducted by the Yusufs that lacked business purpose, were incorrectly reported, were not supported by sufficient audit evidence and transactions that did not conform to management's assertions. Certain items below were provided to John Gaffney requesting an explanation and/or supporting documentation for our review (see Attachments VII and VIII).

# Item 3002a – United Shopping Center's Gross Receipt Taxes (GRT)

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Partnership paid United Shopping Center's Gross Receipt Taxes. The United Shopping Center is a separate unrelated entity (not under common control).

#### Work performed.

We reviewed the documents provided by John Gaffney and a Summary of Payment of United Shopping Center Gross Receipt Taxes from Plaza Account from 01/12-05/14 (Exhibit 3002-c) and monthly accrued GRT detail prepared by John Gaffney for January – December 2014 and Form 720 VI for same period (Exhibit 3002-b) and monthly accrued GRT detail prepared by John Gaffney for January – April 2015 (Exhibit 3002-d). We interviewed John Gaffney and the Hameds regarding the GRT. John Gaffney advised that the GRT for United Shopping Center was paid with Partnership funds.

We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose and monthly Form 720VI and supporting documentation. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present, as well as the 27 original documents showing calculations of monthly GRT for the United Shopping Center provided by John Gaffney.

JVZ totaled United Shopping Center GFT for the period from January 2012 to May 2014 and January 2015 to April 2015. We calculated GRT for the period from June 2014 to December 2014 using the average monthly GRT from January 2012 to May 2014. The total is \$70,193.20.

## Gaffney response:

John Gaffney's response dated May 17, 2016 (see Attachment IX) stated the request is excessive and overwhelming. John Gaffney provided 27 original documents showing calculations of monthly GRT including that of United Shopping Center and 12 unsigned GRT forms. John Gaffney's response did not include an explanation for a business purpose of using Partnership funds to pay for expenses for a business wholly unrelated to the Partnership.

# Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

Monthly detail includes gross sales tax receipts payable by United Shopping Center for rental income. We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these payments were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose of the Partnership. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

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We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

We used the information provided to calculate an average for the months missing (Exhibit 3002-a).

The total amount of the claim is \$70,193.20.

# Item 3003 – Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (WAPA) deposits paid with Partnership funds

# Summary Description of Issue Identified:

When each of the three Plaza Extra stores was established, the Partnership was required to pay WAPA a deposit for each store. Now that the Partnership has been dissolved, those deposits should be refunded to the Partnership and split equally between the partners.

#### Work performed.

We interviewed John Gaffney and the Hameds regarding deposits on record with WAPA. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting the detail of all deposit transactions with WAPA from 2012-2015 for each store. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

# Gaffney response:

John Gaffney's response dated May 17, 2016 (see Attachment IX) stated "there was no audit trail nor previous outside documentation supporting the existing balances for STT and STX deposit balances in GL account 19000". John Gaffney provided statements (Exhibit 3003-a) from WAPA for Plaza Extra East, Plessen Enterprises (Plaza Extra West) and Plaza Extra (STT) showing deposits on hand at statement date and adjusting entries made to Plaza accounting records.

## Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We noted adjustments had been made on East & West to deposit amounts recorded in the accounting records to reflect balances at 12/31/14. The adjustment made to STT accounting records did not agree with the statements provided by WAPA.

We disagree, however, that the treatment of the deposits was accurate. All deposits were made with Partnership funds and the subsequent interest payments are also considered Partnership funds. Because the deposits and interest payments are Partnership funds, there is no justification for returning Plaza Extra East's deposit and interest to the United Corporation. Similarly, there is no justification for attributing Plaza Extra West's deposit and interest to the "elimination of inter-company debt on 12/31/14" for Plessen Enterprises, Inc. – an unexplained phrase that has no justification or documentation to support it. The St. Thomas store's treatment of the deposit and interest is also faulty. The amount should have been returned to the Partnership and not applied to the St. Thomas WAPA bill. As John Gaffney cannot find a copy of the WAPA invoice that the deposit and interest were allegedly applied against, this treatment in the general ledger cannot be substantiated. Further, there is no evidence of payment, receipt or refund of WAPA deposits. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the

following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$272,571.59.

# Item 3004a - Checks written to Fathi Yusuf

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Checks written from Partnership to Fathi Yusuf for personal use.

#### Work performed:

We requested canceled checks for the Plaza Extra bank accounts. John Gaffney informed us that he does not have all of the canceled checks for each of the Plaza Extra bank accounts. Attorney Joel Holt issued subpoenas to the Bank of Nova Scotia and Banco Popular on May 31, 2016. As of the date of this report, the banks have not responded fully.

Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

The total amount of the claim will be determined after discovery is re-opened and completed.

### Item 3005/426 - John Gaffney's salary, benefits and bonus

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Partnership paid John Gaffney's salary, benefits and bonus from October 2012 to April 24, 2013, despite Mr. Gaffney's under oath testimony that he was an employee of the United Corporation. From April 25, 2013 (the date identified in the Winding Up Order) to present, 100% of his salary and benefits have been charged to the Partnership with no allocation documented.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed John Gaffney and the Hameds regarding John Gaffney's employment with the Partnership and United Corporation. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting a detailed allocation of his time between the Partnership and Non-Plaza Extra/United Corporation from 2012-2015. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney. We were advised by both parties that John was hired by and an employee of the United Corporation, not the Partnership. However, John Gaffney performed bookkeeping services for the Partnership. We noted payments from the Partnership bank accounts to John Gaffney for salary, benefits and bonus. No separate payments for United's sole benefit were located.

Gaffney response:

John Gaffney's response dated May 17, 2016 (see Attachment IX) stated he is paid \$2,000 salary, \$1,000 monthly personal travel and housing allowance, plus reimbursement for direct costs such as flights and hotel costs and shows 0% of his salary devoted to Non-PE Activities. John Gaffney provided the general ledgers and summary payroll registers.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified

The audit evidence provided was not sufficient to conclude proper allocation of John Gaffney's salary, benefits and bonus based on time spent between the Partnership and United Corporation. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

Salary, benefits and bonus paid to and on behalf of John Gaffney was: \$34,568.80 (2012 – April 24, 2013), \$82,315.84 (April 25, - December 31, 2013), \$122,182.50 (2014), \$125,529.05 (2015), \$60,212 (through June 2016).

Exhibit 3005-a contains a summary of the accounting (extracted from general ledger provided by John Gaffney) of the payments posted to John Gaffney for salary, benefits and bonus.

Given that John Gaffney was hired by the United Corporation in 2012 through April 24, 2013, only 10% of his salary, benefits, and allowances should be allocated to the Partnership. From April 25, 2013 to the present, 50% of his salary, benefits and allowances should be allocated to the Partnership in recognition of his work for the Liquidating Partner and his work for Plaza Extra – New East.

The total amount of the claim is \$226,231.62.

# Item 3006 – Partnership funds used to pay Fathi Yusuf's personal legal fees

# Summary Description of Issue Identified:

In 2012 and 2013, Fathi Yusuf used funds from the Partnership to pay for his personal legal fees. These expenditures were solely for the benefit of Mr. Yusuf and did not benefit the Partnership.

## Work performed:

We interviewed John Gaffney and the Hameds regarding payments to certain attorneys, lawyers and professional in 2012 and 2013. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation as to why these payments were paid by the Partnership.

JVZ reviewed 7 checks that were written on Plaza Extra partnership bank accounts for payment of Fathi Yusuf's personal legal fees. We traced these 7 checks to the Partnership's bank statements to ensure checks cleared the bank account.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney's response dated May 17, 2016 (see Attachment IX) stated he is not in the position to dispute whether the funds (used to pay Fathi Yusuf's lawyers) should be recovered by the Partnership.

John Gaffney provided detailed of purged transactions as well as other general ledger detail. John Gaffney's response did not include an explanation for business purpose of such transactions as it relates to Plaza.

# Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

**IRS Pub. 535** - *Business Expenses* states "[g]enerally, you cannot deduct personal, living, or family expenses."

The audit evidence obtained suggests these checks were for personal use and would not be deductible for tax purposes under **IRS Pub. 535**. Therefore, we conclude these checks lacked a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The checks were identified, summarized and totaled. Exhibit 3006-a contains a summary of the accounting of the checks, as well as copies of the checks themselves.

The total amount of the claim is \$504,590.63.

#### Item 3007 – Imbalance in credit card points

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Credit card points earned on purchases/expenses paid on behalf of the Partnership using personal credit cards should be split evenly between the Hameds and Yusufs.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed John Gaffney and the Hameds regarding the use of personal credit cards to pay purchases/expenses of the Partnership and the credit card points earned. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting the detail of credit card payments for purchases/expenses from 2012-2015 and statements of credit card points earned on such purchases. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

We were advised by Attorney Holt that further investigation through the legal process of discovery is need for the banks and credit card companies involved in this issue to provide documentation for transactions conducted with the Partnership from 2012-2015.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney's response dated May 17, 2016 (see Attachment IX) stated this request creates significant new work such that is its completely impractical. John Gaffney's response included detail of payments by vendor for the various credit cards used for Partnership transactions from the accounting records.

Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

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We were advised that credit card points earned on purchases paid on behalf of the Partnership using personal credit cards belong to the Partnership and should be split evenly between the Hameds and Yusufs. We noted in the accounting records (general ledger) reimbursements to the Yusufs for purchases/expenses on behalf of the Partnership using personal credit cards. However, we found no evidence, nor were we provided any evidence upon request from John Gaffney, of credit card points earned being returned or used by the Partnership or divided between the Hameds and Yusufs. Additionally, there was no detail provided in the 2012 ledger.

The total amount we identified as reimbursements to the Yusufs for purchases/expenses paid on behalf of the Partnership using personal credit cards based on information obtained from John Gaffney was 32,085,919.10 from 2013 - 2015. The total amount we identified as reimbursements to the Hameds for purchases/expenses paid on behalf of the Partnership using personal credit cards based on information obtained from John Gaffney was 15.236,534.50 from 2013 - 2015. We identified a difference of 16,849,384.60, in the Yusufs favor. We presume a 2.5% earning on credit card purchases.

Exhibit 3007-a contains a summary of the accounting (extracted from vendor detail provided by John Gaffney) of the payments posted as reimbursements for purchases/expenses on behalf of the Partnership using personal credit cards.

The total amount of the claim is \$421,234.62, subject to further refinement after discovery is re-opened and completed.

# Item 3008a – United's Corporate Franchise taxes and Annual Franchise fees

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

The Partnership paid United's Corporate Franchise taxes and Annual Franchise fees. United is a separate unrelated entity (not under common control).

## Work performed:

We interviewed John Gaffney and the Hameds regarding payments of franchise taxes and fees. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting a reason or basis for using PE partnership funds to pay for United Corporation's franchise taxes and annual franchise fees and provide canceled checks reflecting payment of United Corporation's franchise taxes and annual fees. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

JVZ reviewed 1 check for \$300 written on Plaza Extra partnership bank accounts for payment to John Gaffney as reimbursing for payment of United Corporation's franchise taxes and fees (Exhibit 3008a-a). In addition, we reviewed a notice of delinquent franchise taxes, annual reports and annual fees dated November 5, 2012 from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. The fee due per the later for June 30, 2007 through 2012 totaled \$2,000.52 (Exhibit 3008a-b). We identified check #4433 for \$2,000.52 clearing the Partnership's bank account on December 31, 2012.

Gaffney's response.

John Gaffney's response dated May 17, 2016 (see Attachment IX) stated "it was customary that all United Corporation franchise taxes and annual fees were paid by United Corporation dba Plaza Extra as agreed between the partners Fathi Yusuf and Mohammad Hamed."

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these payments were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. The rationale provided by John Gaffney was not substantiated by any documented evidence. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$2,300.52.

# Item 3009a – Partnership funds used to pay United Shopping Center's property insurance

# Summary Description of Issue Identified:

The Partnership paid for the United Shopping Center's property insurance from 2012 to 2015, even though United is a company completely separate from the Partnership.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed John Gaffney and the Hameds regarding payments of the United Center's property insurance. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting a reason or basis for using PE partnership funds to pay for United Shopping Center's property insurance and provide canceled checks reflecting payment of United Shopping Center's property insurance.

We calculated that the Partnership paid \$31,228.21 in 2013 and \$28,132.63 in 2014 in property insurance for the United Shopping Center (Exhibit 3009-a).

We were advised by Attorney Holt that further investigation through the legal process of discovery is needed for selected vendors involved in this issue to provide documentation for transactions conducted in 2012 and 2015.

# Gaffney's response!

PE funds paid insurance for the shopping center because that was the agreement between Fathi Yusuf and Mohammad Hamed. The payment of insurance by PE was 25 year practice.

I found the commercial liability and property policies for 2012 that reflect, among other things, the value of insured properties. Subsequent policies are likely to be substantially the same.

Invoice payments for policies paid by Plaza STT are unavailable since those records remain in St. Thomas. I searched the invoices paid by East in 2014 without success. . . . 2013 records are too far back in the warehouse to conduct a search for this blanket request.

In lieu of the extensive document request, provided herein are the schedules of Prepaid Insurance for years 2012 through 2015 with remarks regarding allocation of charges between the Plaza stores and the Shopping Center as I learned them.

The first schedule for 2012 was inherited from Margie Soeffing (prior United Corp dba Plaza Extra Controller). I could not understand her allocations sufficiently nor could she offer much help as she admitted a great deal of confusion about insurance. After several conversations with her and then Fathi Yusuf, I prepared a new schedule to close 2012 and to provide a base for moving forward to 2013.

# Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We found no evidence of the business purpose of such transactions as it relates to the Partnership. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$59,360.84, pending further discovery for 2012 and 2015.

# Item 3010 - Vendor rebates

### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

It is unclear whether all vendor rebates were properly allocated to the Partnership accounts.

## Work performed:

We interviewed John Gaffney and the Hameds regarding vendor rebates. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting statements or invoices from vendors for items in a list emailed to John Gaffney on 1/21/16 by JVZ. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

We were advised by Attorney Holt that further investigation through the legal process of discovery is need for selected vendors involved in this issue to provide documentation for transactions conducted with the Partnership from 2012-2015.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney's response dated May 17, 2016 (see Attachment IX) to our request to provide statements or invoices from vendors for items in a list stated:

I made this point when you originally asked for these documents. I asked what your reason was for making the request and further informed you that any evidence of the

vendor rebates was contained in the original sales journal records which you had in your possession. Furthermore, I described how the cash room clerks handle a tremendous volume of daily items and it is likely that even if details were given to them along with the check, they likely just discarded it. The greater likelihood is that they rarely go vendor rebate details as most checks were forwarded to them by management or whoever opened the daily mail - often the Hameds.

John Gaffney provided copies of some of the requested information.

# Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

JVZ reviewed vendor statement and canceled checks provided by John Gaffney. However, the information was incomplete and missing several requested documents. JVZ advised Attorney Holt that we were not able to conclude that all vendor rebates payable to the Partnership had been credited to the Partnership's account during the period due to insufficient records provided by John Gaffney.

Due to the lack of sufficient information, we are unable to conclude on the amount of the claim for this item, if any. Further discovery is needed to determine the amount of this claim.

# Item 3011 – Excessive travel and entertainment expenses

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Reimbursements to the Yusufs for travel and entertainment expenses.

#### Work performed:

JVZ reviewed the general ledger detail for travel and entertainment expenses in excess of \$500 and travel reimbursed to John Gaffney and United Corporation. We provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting back-up documentation to support each travel and entertainment expense for every item in excess of \$500.

## Gaffney's response

John Gaffney's response dated May 17, 2016 (see Attachment IX) stated:

[I]ncluded herein are the general ledgers that show each expenditure charged to a/c 68200 Travel & Hotels and a/c 64900 Meals & Entertainment for the period 2013 through 2015.

Again, 2012 does not offer the same level of detail as has been explained previously. Furthermore, 2012 is a closed year for tax audit purposes as per the final court order winding up the federal case.

This request is unusually broad and it is highly unlikely that even a tax audit would be so broad. This request would easily take one or more weeks to comply with if we had all of the records and had additional personnel for the task. But as you know, we don't have all of the records as many of the records remain in the custody of the Hameds nor do we have the needed personnel for such a large task.

I suggest you conduct a test sample of 5% as would be customary in either an outside audit by a CPA firm or a taxing authority and that you limit your selections Plaza East and Plaza West. And omit 2012 as it is not relevant nor do we have any source documentation as those records remain under Hamed control in St. Thomas.

# Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

**IRS Pub. 463** - *Travel, Entertainment, Gift, and Car Expenses* states "[i]f you deduct travel, entertainment, gift, or transportation expenses, you must be able to prove (substantiate) certain elements of expense. You should keep adequate records to prove your expenses or have sufficient evidence that will support your own statement. You must generally prepare a written record for it to be considered adequate. This is because written evidence is more reliable than oral evidence alone".

Since no audit evidence was obtained, it is impossible to conclude that the expenditures were for business related purposes. Therefore, we conclude these checks lacked a business purpose and would not be deductible for tax purposes under IRS Pub. 535. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

Exhibit 3011-a contains a summary of the accounting of the transactions extracted from the general ledger (provided by John Gaffney). These transactions were identified, summarized and totaled.

The total amount of the claim is \$23,745.24.

## Item 201 – Reimbursement for sale of the Dorthea condo

## Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Fathi Yusuf purchased a condo in the Dorthea condo complex on St. Thomas with Partnership funds. He did not reimburse the Hameds for their portion of the sale.

#### Work performed:

We reviewed the April 2, 2014 deposition of Fathi Yusuf (Exhibit 201-b) regarding the arrangements with the sale of the Dorthea property. We also interviewed the Hameds regarding the Dorthea condo and the Hameds advised they never received their share from the sale of the condo, which is calculated in Exhibit 201-a. Additionally, no canceled check has been provided to show that the Hameds have been reimbursed.

Gaffney's response:

No request was sent to John Gaffney.

Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

Based on the information observed in Exhibits 201-a and 201-b, we concluded the total amount of the claim is \$802,966.

## Item 210 - Hamed payment of taxes during criminal case

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Waleed Hamed paid his 2002 – 2012 VIBIR taxes from his own personal bank account, as did Waheed Hamed. Conversely, the Yusufs' personal 2002—2012 VIBIR taxes were fully paid by the Partnership

#### Work performed:

We interviewed Waleed and Waheed Hamed regarding their tax payments for 2002-2012. We were advised that the Partnership paid for the Yusufs' taxes (all United shareholders, which included Yusuf children who didn't work in the stores) during this time period. In addition, we were provided copies of the canceled check for the payment of Waleed's taxes from his personal Banco Popular account in the amount of \$129,546.00 (Exhibit 210-a) and the canceled checks for Waheed's taxes from his personal Banco Popular account in the amount of \$3,582.00 (Exhibit 210-b). We reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney for any reimbursements to Waleed and Waheed for these tax payments or payments of the taxes made by the Partnership directly to VIBIR for the same period. None were found.

#### Gaffney's response:

No request was sent to John Gaffney.

## **Opinion as to the Issue Identified**:

Based on the fact that the normal business practice was to provide shareholders distributions to cover VIBR taxes, we concluded the payment made by Waleed and Waheed Hamed should be reimbursed to them to satisfy ourselves of management's assertion: 1. Completeness as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$133,128.

# Item 221 – Unsubstantiated checks to Nejch Yusuf

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted 6 payments totaling \$14,756.46 to Nejeh Yusuf which appear to lack business purpose (Plaza Extra STT Scotia Bank Operating Account checks #37060, 37637, 37846, 37856, 38757, 39032) (Exhibit 221-a).

# Work performed.

JVZ reviewed checks written on Plaza Extra partnership bank accounts for payment to Nejeh Yusuf. We interviewed John Gaffney and the Hameds regarding payments made to Nejeh Yusuf. We also

provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose and canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. We requested from John Gaffney, but to date have not been provided, several Scotia Bank statements and canceled checks (see Attachment III). Therefore, we did not trace checks to bank statements.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney's response dated May 17, 2016 (see Attachment IX) stated Willie Hamed scrutinized Nejeh Yusuf's expense reimbursements request very carefully before co-signing a check to pay any of them. John Gaffney include screen prints from the accounting system, but did not provide any proof of the business rationale for each expenditure.

# Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

**IRS Pub. 535** - *Business Expenses* states "[g]enerally, you cannot deduct personal, living, or family expenses."

Since no audit evidence was obtained, it is impossible to conclude that the expenditures were for business related purposes. Therefore, we conclude these checks would not be deductible for tax purposes under **IRS Pub. 535**. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C **315.A128**.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

These transactions were identified, summarized and totaled. The total amount of the claim is \$14,756.46.

## Item 242 - Nejeh Yusuf's cash withdrawals from safe

## Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Nejeh Yusuf's cash withdrawals from the large safe in the cash room of the STT.

Work performed:

JVZ reviewed Cash Room (Large Safe) Receipt Count dated 3/10/15 (Exhibit 242-b). Records shows cash withdrawals from Plaza East St Thomas store safe. JVZ extracted 232 cash withdrawals by Nejeh Yusuf. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation where the withdrawals identified in exhibits 242-a were represented in the financial statements.

Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

While some of these items may have been legitimate business expenses, no sufficient reliable audit evidence was provided for review. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The withdrawals by Nejeh Yusuf were identified, summarized and totaled. Exhibit 242-a contains a summary of the cash withdrawals from the safe by Nejeh Yusuf.

The total amount of the claim is \$53,384.67.

# Item 244 – Reimbursement for Fathi Yusuf withdrawal of funds related to Tutu Park rent payments

## Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Rent payments in the amount of \$41,462.28 were due for the period of November 1, 2014 through October 31, 2015 for the Plaza Extra St. Thomas Tutu store (Exhibit 244-a). The Liquidating Partner paid the rent due and then paid himself an equal amount.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding rental payments from 2014-2015. The Hameds advised the Partnership owed half that amount and KAC357 Inc. owed the other half, as it had taken over the Tutu Park Plaza Extra store on May 1, 2015. The Liquidating Partner paid the full amount of the rent due, even though only half of the rent amount was the Partnership's responsibility (Exhibit 244-b).

We generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. JVZ reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entry.

## Gaffney's response:

No request was sent to John Gaffney.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this payment to the Liquidating Partner was for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$41,462.28.

## Items 246, 255, 260, 318 – Seaside Market & Deli LLC

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Inventory was transferred to Seaside Market & Deli LLC. Partnership resources such as shipping containers to ship foam panels and other items, personnel, and trucks were used by Seaside Market & Deli LLC without being properly recorded and reimbursed to the Partnership. Discounted sales from the Partnership were provided to Seaside Market & Deli LLC.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed John Gaffney and the Hameds regarding payments made to Seaside Market & Deli LLC. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting how inventory sold/transferred was accounted for between PE and Seaside, how PE resources used (i.e. shipping containers, personnel, trucks) for Seaside were accounted, how pricing for inventory sold/transferred to Seaside was determined, and provide the canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

We were advised by Attorney Holt that further investigation through the legal process of discovery is needed from selected vendors involved in this issue in order to determine the full amount of the claim.

#### Gaffney's response.

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### **Opinion** as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these items were reimbursed and the reimbursement of these items was properly recorded. Further, no methodology was given to determine whether the discounted sales to Seaside were fair prices or should have been given in the first place. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Completeness, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

Due to the lack of sufficient information, we are unable to conclude on the amount of the claim for this item, pending the re-opening of discovery.

#### Item 248 - KAC357, Inc. payment of invoice from J. David Jackson PC

KAC357, Inc. paid fees to J. David Jackson PC for review of Partnership tax returns.

#### Work performed:

We reviewed Exhibit 248-a which includes an invoice from David Jackson PC for tax services provided. We interviewed Waleed Hamed regarding this invoice. Waleed advised he made this payment from KAC357, Inc.'s Banco Popular account and was never reimbursed. In addition, we were provided a copy of the canceled check for the payment (Exhibit 248-b). We also reviewed the invoice submitted by

J. David Jackson PC. We reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney for any reimbursements to Waleed for these payments or payments made by the Partnership directly to J. David Jackson PC for review of tax return for the same period. None were found.

Gaffney's response:

No request was sent to John Gaffney.

Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

The work performed and documentation provided was sufficient and reliable audit evidence to conclude that the payment made by KAC357, Inc. was for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we concluded the payment made by KAC357, Inc. should be reimbursed to the Hameds to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Completeness as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$832.50.

# Item 253 - Nejeh Yusuf's use of Partnership resources

# Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Partnership resources such as a compressor, shipping containers, personnel, and trucks were used by Nejeh Yusuf for his personal businesses.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding Nejeh Yusuf's use of Partnership resources for his personal businesses. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) to describe how PE resources used for Nejeh Yusuf's personal businesses were accounted. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

We were advised by Attorney Holt that further investigation through the legal process of discovery is needed from selected vendors involved in this issue in order to determine the full amount of the claim.

Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

# Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these items were properly recorded and reimbursed. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Completeness, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

Due to the lack of sufficient information, we are unable to conclude on the amount of the claim for this item, pending the re-opening of discovery.

# Item 256 – KAC357, Inc. payment of invoice from J. David Jackson PC

KAC357, Inc. paid fees to J. David Jackson PC for review of Partnership tax returns.

#### Work performed:

We reviewed Exhibit 256-a which includes an invoice from David Jackson PC for tax services provided. We interviewed Waleed Hamed regarding this invoice. Waleed advised he made this payment from KAC357, Inc.'s bank and was never reimbursed. We also reviewed the invoice submitted by J. David Jackson PC. We reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney for any reimbursements to Waleed for these payments or payments made by the Partnership directly to J. David Jackson PC for review of tax return for the same period. None were found.

#### Gaffney's response:

No request was sent to John Gaffney.

# Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

The work performed and documentation provided was sufficient and reliable audit evidence to conclude that the payment made by KAC357, Inc. was for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we concluded the payment made by KAC357, Inc. should be reimbursed to the Hameds to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Completeness as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$652.50.

# Item 265 – Wally Hamed's personal payment of accounting and attorneys' fees in United States of America v United Corp., et. al., VI D.Ct. 2005-cr-015

## Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Waleed Hamed paid from his personal Banco Popular account the criminal attorneys' fees in *United* States of America v United Corp., et. al., VI D.Ct. 2005-cr-015. The accountant and attorneys' fees were incurred when all of the defendants were represented under the joint defense agreement. That joint defense agreement provided for the payment of attorneys' fees by the United Corporation, which subsequently was recognized as the Partnership (Exhibit 265-a).

# Work performed:

We interviewed Waleed Hamed regarding his payments of the criminal attorneys' fees which benefited the Partnership. Waleed advised he made these payments and was never reimbursed. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) asking whether these fees were reimbursed. Finally, we were provided a copy of the canceled checks for the payment (Exhibit 265-b).

We reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney for any reimbursements to Waleed for these payments or payments made by the Partnership directly to Waleed Hamed for the same period. None were found. We also reviewed the April 17, 2014 Order by United

States Magistrate Judge Geoffrey W. Barnard finding that "the subject invoices were reviewed in camera and the work performed by counsel and the accountants was in furtherance of the object of the Joint Defense Agreement. . . . Accordingly, the sum of \$332,900.42 is directed to be released . . . for distribution to counsel and experts in the sums approved pursuant to the Joint Defense Agreement."

# Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

# Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

The work performed and documentation provided was sufficient and reliable audit evidence to conclude that the payment made by Waleed served a business purpose relating to the Partnership, as it dealt with the payment of legal and accounting fees in the criminal case against the Partnership (VI D. Ct. 2005-cr-015). As such, we concluded the payment should be reimbursed to the Hameds to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Completeness as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$332,900.42.

# Item 272 - Tutu Park Mall 2014 taxes and the corresponding Partnership withdrawals taken by Mr. Fathi Yusuf

## Summary Description of Issue Identified:

The Partnership paid the 2014 taxes owed for the STT store, paying the STT landlord \$43,069.38 for the 2014 tax bill. The Liquidating Partner then paid United, his corporation, \$46,990.48 from the Partnership account.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed Waleed Hamed and Attorney Joel Holt regarding the payments to the STT landlord and United (Exhibit 272-b). We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation regarding the Partnership paying the full 2014 tax when it only owed half, as well as why United was paid a rent adjustment and why the adjustment was \$3,921.12 more than the 2014 tax. We reviewed the 2015 general ledger provided by John Gaffney to confirm that the payments were recorded. Finally, we reviewed the Partnership's October 2015 Banco Popular United Corporation Partnership Claims Reserve Account (9091) to confirm the payment to the STT landlord and to United cleared the account (Exhibit 272-a).

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence that this payment to the United Corporation was for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves.

of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$46,990.48.

# Item 275 – KAC357, Inc. payment of invoices from FreedMaxick

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

KAC357, Inc. paid fees to FreedMaxick for the review of Partnership records on behalf of the Partnership.

# Work performed:

We interviewed Waleed Hamed regarding payments to FreedMaxick made on behalf of the Partnership. Waleed advised KAC357, Inc. made this payment and was never reimbursed. In addition, we were provided a copy of the canceled check #22194 (Exhibit 275-a) for the payment as well as the invoice from FreedMaxick (Exhibit 275-b). We reviewed the general ledgers from 2015 to present provided by John Gaffney for any reimbursements to KAC357, Inc. for the payment or payments made by the Partnership directly to FreedMaxick for the same period. None were found.

Gaffney's response:

No request was sent to John Gaffney.

## Opinion as to the Issue Identified

The work performed and documentation provided was sufficient and reliable audit evidence to conclude that the payment made by KAC357, Inc. were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we concluded the payment made by KAC357, Inc. should be reimbursed to the Hameds to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Completeness as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$6,245.

#### Item 278 – KAC357, Inc. payment of Partnership WAPA invoices

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

KAC357, Inc. paid WAPA on behalf of the Partnership.

Work performed:

We interviewed Waleed Hamed regarding payments to WAPA made on behalf of the Partnership. Waleed advised KAC357, Inc. made this payment and was never reimbursed. In addition, we were

provided a copy of the canceled check #1233 for the payment, as well as the invoice from WAPA (Exhibit 278-a). We reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney for any reimbursements to KAC357, Inc. for the payment or payments made by the Partnership directly to WAPA for the same period. None were found.

# Gaffney's response:

No request was sent to John Gaffney.

# Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

The work performed and documentation provided was sufficient and reliable audit evidence to conclude that the payment made by KAC357, Inc. were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose, *i.e.*, WAPA services prior to the sale of the St. Thomas Plaza Extra store. As such, we concluded the payment made by KAC357, Inc. should be reimbursed to the Hameds to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Completeness as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$81,713.80.

# Item 279 – KAC357, Inc. payment of Partnership Tropical Shipping invoices

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

KAC357, Inc. paid Tropical Shipping on behalf of the Partnership.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed Waleed Hamed regarding payments to Tropical Shipping made on behalf of the Partnership. Waleed advised KAC357, Inc. made this payment and was never reimbursed. In addition, we were provided the invoice from Tropical Shipping (Exhibit 279-a). We reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney for any reimbursements to KAC357, Inc. for the payment or payments made by the Partnership directly to Tropical Shipping for the same period. None were found.

# Gaffney's response:

No request was sent to John Gaffney.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

The work performed and documentation provided was sufficient and reliable audit evidence to conclude that the payment made by KAC357, Inc. were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we concluded the payment made by KAC357, Inc. should be reimbursed to the Hameds to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Completeness as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$23,848.

# Item 281 - Payment of Nejeh Yusuf credit card bill

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified

We noted a Bank of America credit card in the name of Nejeh Yusuf and the Partnership.

# Work performed.

We interviewed Waleed Hamed regarding the credit card bill. In addition, we were provided a copy of the credit card statement from Bank of America (Exhibit 281-a). We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) to advise who is responsible for this liability and where is the liability recorded in the general ledger, and provide the canceled checks, bank statements, credit card statements, invoices and any other back up documentation.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

IRS Pub. 535 - Business Expenses states "[g]enerally, you cannot deduct personal, living, or family expenses."

Since no audit evidence was obtained, it is impossible to conclude that the expenditures were for business related purposes. Therefore, we conclude these checks would not be deductible for tax purposes under **IRS Pub. 535**. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in **AU-C 315.A128**.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$49,715.05.

# Item 290 - Nejeh Yusuf removed property belonging to KAC357 Inc.

After the sale of the St. Thomas Plaza Extra store to KAC357 Inc., Nejeh Yusuf removed a pressure washer, printer, 32" monitor, and DVD recorder without paying for the items.

# Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding Nejeh Yusuf's removal of property from the STT store. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney. We did not find any reimbursements to KAC357 Inc. for items removed by Nejeh.

Gaffney's response.

No request was sent to John Gaffney.

# Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these items removed were properly recorded and reimbursed. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Completeness, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

Due to the lack of sufficient information, further investigation through the legal process of discovery is needed.

#### Item 297 – Retirement bonus paid to Mary Gonzales

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Mary Gonzales was paid a retirement bonus with Partnership funds after the stores were transferred. At the time the bonus was paid, Mary Gonzales was an employee of the new Plaza Extra-East.

## Work performed

We interviewed the Hameds regarding payments to Mary Gonzales. We were advised that Mary Gonzales retired after the Plaza Extra East store was transferred to the Yusufs, making this is an expense for the new Plaza Extra-East, not the Partnership. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) to identify where Mary Gonzales' bonus payment is reflected on the general ledger and to provide the canceled check for Mary Gonzales' bonus payment, her last payroll check and her 2015 W-2. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney and Exhibit 297-a, which was provided by John Gaffney.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified.

According to the general ledger provided by John Gaffney, the date of the bonus payment was April 1, 2015 and was recorded in the Partnership Plaza Extra East general ledger. The Plaza Extra East store was transferred to Fathi Yusuf on March 9, 2015. The work performed and documentation provided was sufficient and reliable audit evidence to conclude that this payment should be reimbursed to the Partnership to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Completeness as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$28,899.28.

# Item 299 – 2015 Workers' Compensation Payment

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Potential that the Partnership paid the entire year of 2015 workers' compensation payments for Plaza Extra East and new Plaza Extra-East.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding payments the workers' compensation payment for the three stores. They were concerned that there is a possibility that the Liquidating Partner paid the entire annual amount due for 2015 workers' compensation for the East store. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) to identify whether the full 2015 workers' compensation payments were paid the Partnership for the new Plaza Extra-East.

Because United Corporation paid some Partnership expenses directly and then was reimbursed by the Partnership, we are unable to determine from the general ledgers what expenses are being covered when the United Corporation is reimbursed. The Partnership reimbursement to the United Corporation may cover items for the new Plaza Extra-East.

# Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

# Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

The Plaza Extra-East store transferred out of the Partnership on March 9, 2015. As a result, the Partnership should cover the workers' compensation for the Plaza Extra-East only through March 8, 2015. We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney to determine whether the entire 2015 workers' compensation payment was made for the new Plaza Extra-East. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

Due to the lack of sufficient information, further investigation through the legal process of discovery is needed to determine the total amount of this claim.

#### Item 310 – 2015 Health permit payments for new Plaza Extra-East

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Potential that the Partnership paid the entire year of 2015 health permit payments for Plaza Extra East and new Plaza Extra-East. We noted check #100615 for \$850 payable to Department of Health from #10300 Cash – Bank Op'g 8830 recorded on East in 2015.

#### Work performed:

We traced the check to the Partnership's bank statements and noted check cleared the bank account. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) to advise if the 2015 health permits for Plaza Extra East were paid in full and provide the canceled checks, bank statements, invoices and other back up documentation.

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Because United Corporation paid some Partnership expenses directly and then was reimbursed by the Partnership, we are unable to determine from the general ledgers what expenses are being covered when the United Corporation is reimbursed. The Partnership reimbursement to the United Corporation may cover items for the new Plaza Extra-East.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

# Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney to determine whether the entire 2015 workers' compensation payment was made for the new Plaza Extra-East. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions:

- 1. Occurrence
- 2. Accuracy
- 3. Classification

The total amount of the claim is \$850, subject to further refinement after discovery is re-opened and completed.

# Item 312 – Replacement of four condensers, plus associated costs for shipping, delivery and installation

### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Four condensers were installed at Plaza Extra East after the value of the store's equipment had been agreed to as part of the evaluation for transferring the stores between the partners. The four condensers were for the New Plaza East store.

#### Work performed.

We interviewed the Hameds regarding the items purchase. The Hameds advised the cost of the four condensers, plus the associated costs for shipping, delivery and installation were paid by the Partnership. This transaction has been the subject of objections to the liquidating Partners report (Exhibit 312-a). We reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney for any reimbursements from the Yusufs for these items purchased using Partnership funds. None were found.

#### Gaffney's response:

No request was sent to John Gaffney.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

The work performed and documentation provided was sufficient and reliable audit evidence to conclude that these payments should be reimbursed to the Partnership to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Completeness as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$59,867.02, subject to further refinement after discovery is re-opened and completed.

# Item 314 - 2015 Business license payment for Plaza East

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Potential that the Partnership paid the entire year of 2015 workers' compensation payments for Plaza Extra East and new Plaza Extra-East.

We interviewed the Hameds regarding payments the business license payment for Plaza East. They were concerned that the Liquidating Partner paid the entire annual amount due for 2015 business license for the new Plaza Extra-East store. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) to identify whether the full 2015 business license was paid by the Partnership for the new Plaza Extra-East.

Because United Corporation paid some Partnership expenses directly and then was reimbursed by the Partnership, we are unable to determine from the general ledgers what expenses are being covered when the United Corporation is reimbursed. The Partnership reimbursement to the United Corporation may cover items for the new Plaza Extra-East.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

### **Opinion** as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney to determine whether the 2015 business license payment was made for the new Plaza Extra-East. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: occurrence.

Due to the lack of sufficient information, further investigation through the legal process of discovery is needed to determine the total amount of this claim.

#### Item 315 – 100 shopping carts purchased for Plaza Extra-East

# Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Shortly before the stores were transferred on March 9, 2015 between the Partners, Fathi Yusuf ordered 100 shopping carts for Plaza Extra-East on February 23, 2015 (Exhibit 315-a).

# Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding the shopping carts. The Hameds advised the shopping carts were ordered by Fathi Yusuf for use in the new Plaza Extra-East and paid for with Partnership funds. The

Hameds disagreed with this expenditure, asserting that the purchase should be paid for by the new Plaza Extra-East because the purchase did not benefit the Partnership due to the proximity of the purchase to the transfer of the stores.

We generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. JVZ reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entry.

### Gaffney's response:

No request was sent to John Gaffney.

# Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

The work performed and documentation provided was sufficient and reliable audit evidence to conclude that these payments should be reimbursed to the Partnership to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Completeness as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$13,117.

# Item 316 – Inventory moved from Plaza West to East after official inventory

# Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Shortly before the stores were transferred on March 9, 2015 between the Partners, inventory was moved from Plaza West to East.

# Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding inventory was moved from Plaza West to East. The Hameds advised they observed inventory being moved by the Yusufs from Plaza West to Plaza East after the official inventory accounts were completed. We reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney. We did not find any journal entries or adjustments for inventory removed.

Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

# Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these inventory removed were properly recorded. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Completeness, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

Due to the lack of sufficient information, further investigation through the legal process of discovery is needed to determine the total amount of this claim.

#### Item 319 - BJ's Wholesale Club vendor credit

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

A credit of \$5,632.57 from BJ Wholesales was placed on Mike Yusuf's personal credit card and it is unclear whether that credit was ever given back to the Partnership.

## Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding the credit. The Hameds believe that the BJ Wholesale Club vendor credit was applied to Mike Yusuf's personal account and did not see any corresponding documentation to show that it was deposited back into the Partnership account. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of how the credits work and to explain the journal entry.

We generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. JVZ reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entry.

# Gaffney's response;

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified.

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that the credit on the overpayment was properly recorded or returned to the Partnership. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Completeness, 2. Accuracy as described in AU-C 315.A128.

Due to the lack of sufficient information, we are unable to conclude on the amount of the claim for this item, if any. Further discovery is needed to determine the amount of this claim.

# Item 329 - 2015 Real Estate Tax for Plaza Extra-STT

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

2015 real estate taxes due for Plaza Extra - Tutu totals \$38,484.35. The Partnership is responsible for the real estate tax from January 1, 2015 to April 30, 2015 (on May 1, 2015, the St. Thomas store was transferred out of the Partnership) (Exhibit 329-a).

#### *Work performed:*

We interviewed the Hameds regarding the real estate taxes for Plaza STT. We reviewed the KAC357, Inc. check used to pay the entire year of 2015 real estate taxes (Exhibit 329-b). We reviewed the general

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ledgers from 2015 to present provided by John Gaffney for any payments made by the Partnership for the 2015 real estate taxes or allocation of the Yusufs share of the tax prior to the split. None were found.

Gaffney's response:

No request was sent to John Gaffney.

## Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

The work performed and documentation provided was sufficient and reliable audit evidence to conclude the tax is a valid business expense and should be split between the owners for their share prior to the split to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Completeness as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$12,652.39.

## Item 331 - 2015 Insurance for St. Thomas Plaza Extra car

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

The Master allowed the Yusufs to purchase a car from the St. Thomas store. The Hameds believe that the car insurance for 2015 was paid for by the Partnership. As the Partnership no longer owned the car as of May 1, 2015, the remainder of the insurance premium should be returned to the Partnership.

Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

## Worked Performed

We interviewed the Hameds regarding the car insurance for the car previously owned by Plaza Extra St. Thomas. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) asking whether the car insurance was paid in full for 2015 and requesting documentation for the transaction.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that the car insurance premium was properly recorded or the proper amount returned to the Partnership. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Completeness, 2. Accuracy as described in AU-C 315.A128.

Due to the lack of sufficient information, further investigation through the legal process of discovery is needed to determine the total amount of this claim.

## Item 333 - KAC357, Inc. payment of Partnership AT&T invoices

Summary Description of Issue Identified.

KAC357, Inc. paid AT&T invoices on behalf of the Partnership.

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## Work performed:

We reviewed two AT&T invoices in the name of Plaza Extra Supermarket (Exhibit 333-a). We interviewed Waleed Hamed regarding payments to AT&T made on behalf of the Partnership. Waleed advised KAC357, Inc. made this payment and was never reimbursed. In addition, we were provided a copy of credit card statement used to pay for the AT&T charge (Exhibit 333-b). We reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney for any reimbursements to KAC357, Inc. for the payment or payments made by the Partnership directly to AT&T for the same period. None were found.

## Gaffney's response:

No request was sent to John Gaffney.

## Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

The work performed and documentation provided was sufficient and reliable audit evidence to conclude that the payment made by KAC357, Inc. were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we concluded the payment made by KAC357, Inc. should be reimbursed to the Hameds to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Completeness as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$755.76.

#### Item 334 – Point of Sale transactions (purchases on account)

## Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Point of sale transactions were made by the Yusufs and then voided on the electronic journal. As an example, Maher Yusuf's sister made purchases on account totaling \$679.65 and Mike Yusuf voided the charges and did not reimburse the Partnership.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding purchases made by Maher Yusuf. We reviewed Plaza Extra Electronic Journal (Exhibit 334-a and 334-b) dated 1/16/2013 for purchases made by Maher Yusuf per our conversation with the Hameds. We were advised these purchases were made on account and never paid. We provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of how was voided and canceled Point-of-Sale transactions accounted for in the general ledger and provide documentation for all voided and canceled Point-of-Sale transactions by store employee for each store and the corresponding journal entries. In addition, we reviewed the bank statements and general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

Opinion as to the Issue Identified

This transaction appears to be unrecorded in the accounting records. We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney that these transactions were recorded. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$925.94, subject to further refinement after discovery is re-opened and completed.

## Item 335 – No credit for expired (spoiled) inventory discovered at Plaza Extra West

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

After the final inventory count was completed and the transfer of the Plaza Extra West store occurred, the Hameds discovered expired and spoiled inventory (Exhibit 335-a and 335-b).

#### Work performed.

We interviewed the Hameds regarding the inventory count. The Hameds advised that subsequent to the final count, they observed expired and spoiled inventory included in the final count. We provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation as to why a credit for spoiled and expired inventory items was not given to Plaza Extra West. We reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney. We did not find any journal entries or adjustments for inventory expired and spoiled.

## Gaffney's response:

No request was sent to John Gaffney.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that expired and spoiled inventory was properly recorded. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Completeness, 2. Accuracy as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$54,592.08.

# Item 338 - Merrill Lynch accounts (ML 140-21722, ML 140-07884, and ML 140-07951) financed with Partnership funds

## Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Fathi Yusuf took Partnership funds and placed them into separate Merrill Lynch accounts (1997) in the name of his nephews, Fathieh Yousef and Hamdan Diamond (1997), and

). These funds were recently discovered and it was determined that the funds are actually

those of the Partnership. A request in the past year for their recovery has been made to the Liquidating Partner and ignored.

## Worked performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding the Merrill Lynch account **and The Hameds** advised us that funds were taken out of the Partnership account and placed into a Merrill Lynch account in the names of Fathieh Yousef and Hamdan Diamond. A request was made to Fathi Yusuf's attorney, Greg Hodges, to list these accounts as Partnership assets (Exhibit 338-a). We reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to the present provided by John Gaffney to ascertain whether these account were listed in the general ledger. No entries were found.

#### Gaffney's response:

No request was sent to John Gaffney.

## Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this transaction was properly recorded. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Completeness, 2. Accuracy as described in AU-C 315.A128.

Due to the lack of sufficient information, further investigation through the legal process of discovery is needed to determine the total amount of this claim.

## Item 340 - Rents collected from Triumphant church

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Nejeh Yusuf collected rent in the form of cash from property owned by the Hamed and Yusuf families.

#### Work performed.

JVZ reviewed 13 Plaza Extra Supermarket receipts for cash payments of \$300 in rent paid by Triumphant Church and collected by Nejeh Yusuf from April 2014 through April 2015. Exhibit 340-a contains a summary of the rent received for Triumphant Church, as well as copies of the Plaza Extra Supermarket receipts. We interviewed the Hameds regarding rents collected from Triumphant church. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation how the amounts collected by Nejeh from Triumphant Church were accounted for on the 2014-2015 general ledgers. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

#### Gaffney's response.

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that the funds were actually deposited into the Partnership or any other joint account. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Completeness, 2. Accuracy as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$3,900.

## Item 343 - KAC357, Inc.'s American Express payments deposited to Partnership account

## Summary Description of Issue Identified:

After the Plaza Extra West store was transferred out of the Partnership, American Express payments to the store were still being deposited into the Partnership Banco Popular account. This occurred due to an error in configuring the credit card processing machines on the part of the Banco Popular technician.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed Shawn Hamed regarding these payments being made into the Partnership account. Shawn advised that these deposits were not credited back to KAC357, Inc. In addition, we were provided with copies of the Partnership's bank statements showing the deposits (Exhibits 343-a and 343-b). We reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney for any reimbursements to KAC357, Inc. for the deposits made into the Partnership account for the same period. None were found.

## Gaffney's response:

No request was sent to John Gaffney.

## Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

The work performed and documentation provided was sufficient and reliable audit evidence to conclude that the American Express deposits were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we concluded the American Express deposits should be reimbursed to the Hameds to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Completeness as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$12,272.67.

#### Item 345 –UVI payment

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Plaza Extra East deposited in error into its bank account a payment from UVI due to Plaza Extra West after the Partnership split.

*Work performed:* 

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this payment made to the Partnership. We were advised this payment was for purchases made on account (due from UVI) at Plaza Extra West and should have been deposited into Plaza Extra West bank account. However, it was deposited into Plaza Extra East bank account. In addition, we were provided a copy of the canceled check #01297432 from UVI for the account payment as well as the invoice from Plaza West (Exhibit 345-a). We reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney for any reimbursements to Plaza West for the payment. None were found.

#### Gaffney's response:

No request was sent to John Gaffney.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

The work performed and documentation provided was sufficient and reliable audit evidence to conclude that deposited by Plaza East should be reimbursed to the new Plaza Extra West and the Hameds to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Completeness as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$292.61.

## Item 346a - Attorney and accounting's fees paid by the Partnership for the criminal case

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Yusuf and United operated a money laundering / tax avoidance operation. In addition to fines and penalties, the Partnership was forced to pay accounting and attorneys' fees for the criminal case. The Court found, and as the Hameds and Yusuf have repeatedly testified, Fathi Yusuf, not the Hameds exclusively controlled all business accounting – as detailed in the *Expert Report of Lawrence Schoenbach*, *Esq*.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding the money laundering/tax avoidance operation. We reviewed the *Expert Report of Lawrence Schoenbach, Esq.* We also reviewed copies of the canceled checks, which were written for professional fees related to criminal case from Plaza Extra partnership bank accounts. (Exhibit 346a-b). The checks were identified, summarized and totaled (Exhibit 346a-b). We reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney for any reimbursements to the Hameds for payment. None were found.

#### Gaffney's response:

No request was sent to John Gaffney.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

The work performed and documentation provided was sufficient and reliable audit evidence to conclude that deposited by Plaza East should be reimbursed to the new Plaza Extra West and the Hameds to

satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$989,626.90.

## Item 353 - Due to/from Fathi Yusuf

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted a balance of \$186,819.33 in the due to/from Yusuf account recorded on Plaza STT accounting records as of June 30, 2015. This balance has carried over prior to January 1, 2013 according to the accounting records provided by John Gaffney. This amount was used in the calculation of a pay out in the Summary of Remaining Partnership Items.

## Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding payments due to Fathi Yusuf. We reviewed the summary of Summary of Remaining Partnership Items (Exhibit 353-a). We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose and supporting documentation.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

## Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney that these payments were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$186,819.33, subject to further refinement after discovery is re-opened and completed.

## Item 355 - \$2.7 million unilateral withdrawal from the Partnership account

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted a withdrawal from the Partnership account that was not approved nor signed by the Hameds.

#### Work performed

We reviewed check #1154 dated 8/15/2012 payable to United Corporation (Exhibit 355-a) and an online screen print of Scotia Bank account ending #6413 showing check #1154 clearing account (Exhibit 355-b) and we reviewed the Yusuf's justification for the \$2.7 million withdrawal from the Partnership account (Exhibit 355-c). We also interviewed the Hameds regarding this payment to United

Corporation and the Hameds advised that this check was withdrawn by the Yusufs without a business purpose or proper accounting (Exhibit 355-d). We also reviewed Maher Yusuf's deposition testimony as the 30(b)(6) witness for United Corporation, which showed that \$1.6 million, a part of the justification for the withdrawal of the total \$2.7 million, was not properly accounted as it intentionally destroyed reconciled receipts between the two families for Plaza Extra-East only (and that reconciliation was not complete, per Maher's testimony). More importantly, Maher testified that significant numbers of such receipts that were the only evidence of cash transactions were intentionally destroyed by the parties in 2001. Further, the \$1.6 million did not include a reconciliation of the Hamed/Yusuf receipts for Plaza Extra West and St. Thomas. (Exhibit 355-e).

Gaffney's response:

No request was sent to John Gaffney.

Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this payment to United Corporation was for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$2,784,706.25.

## Item 356 – 2012-2013 Real Estate Taxes for Plaza Extra STT

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

The landlord for the Plaza Tutu Store billed \$79,009.87 for the store's percentage of the 2012 and 2013 real property taxes under the written lease (Exhibit 356-a). The entire amount was paid by the Partnership (Check #270) and \$89,443.92 was paid to Fathi Yusuf on the same day as a partnership distribution referencing 2012/13 real property taxes (Check #271).

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these payments to Fathi Yusuf. We reviewed the Declaration of Joel H. Holt dated February 8, 2016 (Exhibit 272-b) along with its attachments, as well as the letter requesting payment and statement of taxes from the landlord, along with its attachments (Exhibit 356-a). We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) to explain why Plaza Extra East claimed a rent adjustment in response to 2012/2013 real estate tax payments and why Plaza Extra East's rent adjustment taken in response to the 2012/2013 real estate tax payments for Plaza Extra Tutu Park Mall was \$10,433.05 more than the tax payments and provide supporting documentation.

We traced these checks to the Partnership's operating bank statements to ensure checks cleared the bank account.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

## Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this payment to Fathi Yusuf was for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$89,443.92.

## Item 357 - Payment to Dudley, Topper and Feuerzeig, LLP (Fathi Yusuf's personal attorney)

## Summary Description of Issue Identified:

The Partnership paid a legal bill to Dudley, Topper and Feuerzeig, LLP ("DTF"), dated December 17, 2015. DTF is the law firm representing the Fathi Yusuf personally.

#### Work performed.

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this payment to DTF. We were advised that DTF is the personal attorney representing Fathi Yusuf and should not be an expense of the Partnership. We reviewed the Declaration of Joel H. Holt dated February 8, 2016 (Exhibit 357-a) along with its attachments, in particular Exhibit B (matter ledger report from DTF). We also reviewed the Plaintiff's Reply to DTF's Opposition to Disqualify the Firm from any Further Involvement in These Proceedings in *Hamed v Yusuf*, et. al., SX-12-CV-370, particularly the quote where DTF asserted "[t]he Order needs no clarification because it does not propose that Yusuf's counsel... would be paid with partnership funds." (Exhibit 357-b). Finally, we provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) to explain why the Partnership reimbursed work done by Fathi Yusuf's personal attorneys and provide supporting documentation.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

**IRS Pub. 535 -** *Business Expenses* states "[g]enerally, you cannot deduct personal, living, or family expenses."

Therefore, we conclude this payment would not be deductible for tax purposes under **IRS Pub. 535**. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$57,605.

## Item 358 - STT Tutu gift certificates

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Plaza Extra Gift Certificates were purchased prior to the sale and separation of the Plaza Extra stores under the Court's Wind Up Order. After the sale and separation of the stores, 143 of those gift certificates that were purchase prior to the sale and separation were redeemed. These Gift Certificates were redeemed using Hamed's funds.

## Work performed:

We reviewed 143 Plaza Extra Gift Certificates, including a summary of the gift certificates (Exhibits 358-a and 358-b). They were identified, summarized and totaled. We interviewed the Hameds regarding these gift certificates. The Hamed advised they were never reimbursed for the redeemed Gift Certificates. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) to advise where the reimbursement to KAC357, Inc. is reflected on the 2015 PE partnership general ledger and provide any documents substantiating payment to KAC357, Inc. We reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney's response dated May 17, 2016 (see Attachment IX) to our request included an excel spreadsheet prepared by John of gift certificates redeemed and copies of such gift certificates. John Gaffney's spreadsheet totaled \$3,460 which John states was reimbursed to the Partnership from the claims reserve account. John Gaffney states he excludes 3 certificates totaling \$150 which are not valid. John Gaffney's response did not include any support for the reimbursement made to KAC357, Inc.

## Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these items were reimbursed and the reimbursement of these items was properly recorded.

The total amount of the claim is \$3,790, subject to further refinement after discovery is re-opened and completed.

## Item 359/362 - Employee Loans

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Several employee loans were recorded as payable (due to the employee) in the general ledger.

## Work performed.

We interviewed John Gaffney and the Hameds regarding employee loans. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) and a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation why employee loans reflected as payables and not receivables and any documents substantiating payment. We reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our requests.

## Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that the accounting records support these transactions. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$33,121.06, subject to further refinement after discovery is re-opened and completed.

## Item 360 – Approximately \$18 million in purged transaction in 2013

## Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted several accounts in the general ledger are purged.

## Gaffney's response:

We reviewed the general ledger extracted from Sage 50 backups received from John Gaffney and noted several accounts in the 2013 records of East had purged transactions. We advised John Gaffney and he stated the information can be unpurged. We attempted to unpurged the Sage 50 backups but were unsuccessful. We sent a letter dated September 9, 2016 to John Gaffney requesting copies of the Sage 50 backups with the information unpurged.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney provided Sage 50 backups in the week of September 19, 2016.

## Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

Because we recently received the Sage 50 backups, we are unable to provide an opinion until our review is complete.

## Item 361 – Payments to Caribbean Refrigeration & Mechanical LLC

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted 3 transactions totaling \$95,420.20 to Caribbean Refrigeration & Mechanical LLC.

## Work performed.

We interviewed the Hameds regarding payments made to Caribbean Refrigeration & Mechanical LLC. We were advised that Caribbean Refrigeration & Mechanical LLC were used for small repairs to refrigeration equipment which usually cost under \$1,000. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting all documentation including canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present and the monthly Banco Popular operating bank account statements for Plaza Extra West provided by John Gaffney.

We reviewed three checks (checks #5742, #6512 and #7177) written on Plaza Extra West operating bank account for payment to Caribbean Refrigeration & Mechanical LLC. We traced these 3 checks to the Partnership's bank statements to ensure checks cleared the bank account.

We were advised by John Gaffney that he either does not have time or is unable to locate the Caribbean Refrigeration & Mechanical LLC invoices.

Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### **Opinion as to the Issue Identified**:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney that these payments to Caribbean Refrigeration & Mechanical LLC were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$95,420.20.

## Item 363 – Transactions with Miadden Plastic

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted a payment of \$49,565 to Miadden Plastic (Wire Transfer dated 3/24/14).

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## Work performed.

We interviewed the Hameds regarding payments made to Miadden Plastic. The Hameds advised that they are not aware of the business purpose of this payment. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of the Partnership's relationship with Miadden Plastic and canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

## Opinion as to the Issue Identified.

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this payment was for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$49,565.

## Item 364 -- Unclear General Ledger entry "Collection of Setallment [sic]"

## Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal entry for \$42,969.98 with the description "Collection of Setallment [*sic*]" recorded in West in 2013. This entry increased (debit) general ledger account #10300 Cash - Bank CC 3789 and offset (credit) #61000 Cash Short (Over).

#### Work performed.

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this unusual journal entry. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the entry or the collection of any settlement. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose and canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation.

We reviewed the Partnership bank statements but were not able to trace this deposit to a Partnership bank account.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this transaction is supported by the accounting records. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$42,969.98, subject to further refinement after discovery is re-opened and completed.

## Item 365 - Unclear General Ledger entries "Foreign taxes paid"

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted transactions recorded as foreign taxes paid totaling \$18,803.95 recorded in West in 2013.

## Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding foreign taxes paid. We were advised that the Partnership does not make any foreign tax payments. We provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose and canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

## Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney that this transaction is supported by the accounting records. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$18,803.95.

## Item 366 – Unclear General Ledger entries POS charges for Seaside Market

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified

We noted an unusual journal entry with the description "SEASIDE MARKET & DELI LLC" for \$11,659.90 recorded for Plaza Extra West in 2014.

## Work performed;

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this unusual journal entry. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the entry or the business purpose. We were advised Seaside Market is an entity owned by the Yusufs and entries to "POS In-Store Charges" general leger account are for purchases made on account. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an

explanation of the business purpose and canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

## Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We found no evidence, nor were we provided any evidence upon request from John Gaffney, that this amount was ever paid back to the Partnership. We concluded the purchase is due to the Partnership.

The total amount of the claim is \$11,659.90.

## Item 367 - Unclear General Ledger entries "change order" and "cash requisition"

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted a transaction recorded as change order and cash requisition.

#### *Work performed*:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding change order and cash requisition. The Hameds advised that they are not aware of this transaction or the business purpose. We provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) to describe the business purpose of this transactions and provide canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present.

### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this transaction is supported by the accounting records. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$26,510.17.

## Item 369 - Unclear General Ledger entries "credit card paid"

We noted multiple unusual journal entries with the description "credit card paid."

Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the entries. We were also advised the entries should include the name of the cardholder and/or an identifying card number along with the supporting documentation for the transactions. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose and canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

Further investigation through the legal process of discovery is needed.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### **Opinion as to the Issue Identified:**

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this transaction is supported by the accounting records. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

Due to the lack of sufficient information, we are unable to conclude on the amount of the claim for this item. Further discovery is needed to determine the amount of this claim.

## Item 370 - Unclear General Ledger entries "RDC Frozen Account"

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted a transaction recorded as RDC Frozen Account.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding the entry for RDC Frozen Account. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the entry or the business purpose. We provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) to describe the business purpose of this transaction and provide canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

Opinion as to the Issue Identified.

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this transaction is supported by the accounting records. As such, we are not able to

satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$350,000.

## Item 371 - Unclear if Scotiabank Telecheck transfers were deposited in Partnership accounts

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted several withdrawals from the Telecheck accounts.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed John Gaffney and the Hameds regarding transfers from the Telecheck accounts. We were advised by both parties that these accounts were used to retain excess cash to earn interest at higher rate offered by Bank of Novia Scotia. We provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting backup for transfers and checks from the Telecheck accounts that were not paid to or deposited into to a PE bank account. We prepared a schedule of transfers/checks greater than \$10,000 from the Partnership Telecheck accounts and the corresponding bank accounts (Exhibit 371-a).

We requested from John Gaffney, but to date have not been provided, several Scotia Bank statements (see Attachment III). Exhibit 371-a shows transfers we identified using the Scotia Bank statements we received.

In addition, we reviewed the monthly Scotia and Banco Popular bank statements and general ledgers from 2012 to present.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We noted several transfers from Partnership bank accounts which we were not able to trace to a Partnership bank account. This may be funds that were misdirected, unaccounted for, or lack of business purpose for several transactions. We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this transaction is supported by the accounting records. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$8,500,000.

Item 372/379 – Unclear General Ledger entries regarding miscellaneous adjustments to employee loans

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted several adjustments to "employee loans" account were recorded in the general ledger.

## Work performed:

We interviewed John Gaffney and the Hameds regarding employee loans. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of what the record "misc adj's to empl Ins per analysis" means and what analysis was conducted and provide all documentation supporting these three entries, including, but not limited to, the analysis, canceled checks, bank statements, credit card statements, receipts and invoices. We reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

## Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney that this transaction is supported by the accounting records. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$122,904.66.

## Item 373 - Unclear General Ledger entries regarding "return check mutilated"

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted 5 unusual journal entries with the description "RETURN CHECK MUTILATED" or "RETURN CK MUTILATED" (Exhibit 373-a).

## Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of these entries or any checks returned or mutilated. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose and canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

#### Gaffney's response.

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

## Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney that this transaction is supported by the accounting records. As such, we are not able to

satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$83,800.

# Item 374 -- Unclear General Ledger entry regarding "Cash - Transfer Clearing, Banco Proc Error re Xfer"

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal entry with the description "Cash - Transfer Clearing, Banco Proc Error re Xfer" for \$360,000.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this unusual journal entry. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of this entry. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose and canceled checks, transfer slips, invoices and any other back up documentation. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney that this transaction is supported by the accounting records. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total of the claim is \$360,000.

## Item 375 - Unclear General Ledger entry regarding "2013 US Customs Exp Per Schedule"

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted unusual journal entries with the description "2013 US Customs Exp Per Schedule."

#### Work performed.

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of these entries. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose and canceled checks, transfer slips, invoices and any other back up documentation. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

## Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these transactions are supported by the accounting records. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$9,916.18.

## Item 376 - Unclear General Ledger entries regarding Merrill Lynch

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal entry recorded on STT in 2015 with the description "Merrill Lynch - PAID BJ'S WHOLESALE CLUB" and unusual journal entries on West in 2013 with the descriptions "Y/E Merrill Lynch Activity" and "Merrill Lynch Account Closure."

## Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the entries or a payment to BJ's Wholesale Club from the Merrill Lynch account, nor are they familiar with the West journal entries. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the detail underlying these transactions and how he arrived at these amounts, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation.

## Gaffney's response.

John Gaffney did not respond to our requests.

## Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these transactions are supported by the accounting records. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$4,261,939.04.

## Item 377 - Unclear General Ledger entries regarding Daas corporate loan

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal entry recorded on STT in 2013 with the description "Daas corporate loan." This entry was later reclassed to intercompany with the description "reclass Daas pmt to intraco West acct" and recorded on West.

## Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the entries or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose and canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### *Opinion as to the Issue Identified:*

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this transaction is supported by the accounting records. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$327,500.

## Item 378 - Unclear General Ledger entries to "Due from (to) Yusuf"

## Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted two unusual journal entries at 12/31/12 with the description "NET MONTHLY ACTIVITY" recorded to general ledger account #13500 "Due from (to) Yusuf." These entries totaled \$693,242. This amount was to offset the balance owed to the Partnership by the Yusufs.

## Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of these entries. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (See Attachment VII) to explain the business purpose of such transactions and provide canceled checks, transfer slips, invoices and any other back up documentation. In addition, we reviewed the monthly bank statements and general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney. We did not note any deposits made for these amounts.

Gaffney's response:

N/A

Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

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We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this transaction is supported by the accounting records. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$693,242.

Item 380 - Unclear what the reclassification of partnership income in 2013 and 2014 notation on the general ledger means

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted several unusual journal entries recorded on 12/31/14 in West regarding 2013 profits, dividends distributions, and 2014 plaza Partnership income (Exhibit 380-a). The net effect of these entries was \$4,206,373.95 posted to Post 2012 Plaza Equity account #38000.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of these entries or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose and supporting documentation for entries. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this transaction is supported by the accounting records. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

Due to the lack of sufficient information, we are unable to conclude on the amount of the claim for this item, if any. Further discovery is needed to determine the amount of this claim.

#### Item 381 – Many general ledger entries are missing descriptions

We noted several unusual journal entries recorded without descriptions (Exhibit 381-a).

## Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of these entries or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose for 2

transactions (as an example of the many transactions we found without descriptions) and provide canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation for entries. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these transactions are supported by the accounting records. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$1,026,856.36.

## Item 383 - Unclear general ledger entries regarding "nominal cash reconciliation adjustments"

## Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted several unusual journal entries recorded with descriptions regarding "nominal cash reconciliation adjustments (Exhibit 383-a)."

## Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of these entries or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose for 1 of these transaction (out of the many transactions we found with this description) and canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation for entries. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these transactions are supported by the accounting records. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$4,312.57.

Item 384 -- Unclear general ledger entry "Accrue 2012 rent as directed by legal"

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal entry recorded on East in 2013 with the description "Accrue 2012 rent as directed by legal."

## Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this journal entry. The Hameds stated that they are not aware why this entry would be recorded in the accounting records or who directed accounting to record this entry. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated Fcbruary 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of what this entry means, why was the 2012 accrual recorded in 2013, and how was the amount determined, and canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation for entry. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this transaction is supported by the accounting records. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$678,549.

## Item 385 – Partnership may have paid Fathi Yusuf's personal attorney's fees

We noted several transactions recorded in the general ledger with the description "LAW OFFICES OF K.G. CAMERON" totaling \$14,995.26.

## Work performed:

We interviewed John Gaffney and the Hameds regarding payments to certain attorneys, lawyers and professional in 2012 and 2013. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation as to why these payments were paid by the Partnership and all documentation supporting these entries, including canceled checks, bank statements, credit card statements, receipts, billing records and invoices.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

Opinion as to the Issue Identified.

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these transactions are supported by the accounting records. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$14,995.26.

## Item 386 - Unclear general ledger entries regarding deposit adjustments

## Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted several unusual journal entries recorded on East in January 2013 regarding "Deposit Adjustment" totaling \$1,710,000.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of these entries or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose and supporting documentation for entries.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these entries are supported by the accounting records. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$1,700,000.

## Item 388 – Unclear general ledger entries regarding due/to Shopping Center

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted due to Shopping Center recorded on West had a balance of \$900,000. Two adjustments were made to this account in 2014 with the descriptions "RECORD XFER OF 62% OF BYORDER INVEST FR SHOPPING CTR TO PLAZA" and "BYORDER 2014 DISTRIB'S TO M HAMED BY SHOP CTR AND MATCH LIAB FR PLAZA TO F YUSUF."

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding amounts due to the Shopping Center. The Hameds advised they are not aware of these entries or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated

February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII). In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these transactions are supported by the accounting records. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$900,000.

## Item 390 - Transactions with Alamnai Co.

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted check #7661 for \$37,629 to Alamnai Co.

Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding the payment made to Alamnai Co. The Hameds advised they are not aware of this transaction or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) to describe the Partnership's relationship with Alamnai Co and provide canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

We traced this check to the Partnership's bank statement to ensure check cleared the bank account.

Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

## Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this payment was for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded this amount should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$37,629.

## Item 391 - Unclear general ledger entries regarding "Adjust due/to from"

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted several unusual journal entries recorded on West in 2013 and 2015 regarding "Adjust due/to from per schedule" (Exhibit 391-a).

#### Work performed.

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of these entries or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose and supporting documentation for entries. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

#### Gaffney's response.

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified.

We found no evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these transactions are supported by the accounting records. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$241,558.05.

## Item 392 – Payments to Carol's newspaper distribution

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted 24 transactions totaling \$1,697 to Carol's newspaper distribution recorded on West in 2015.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding payments made to Carol's newspaper distribution. We were advised that Carol's newspaper distribution was accused of stealing from the Partnership in 2014 and to stop issuing payments to Carol pending resolution of this matter. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting all documentation including canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. Finally, we compiled Exhibit 392-a, which contains a summary of the accounting of the transactions extracted from the general ledger (provided by John Gaffney). These transactions were identified, summarized and totaled.

Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

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#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We found no evidence, nor were we provided any evidence upon request from John Gaffney, of the business purpose of such transactions as it relates to Plaza. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$1,697.

## Item 393 – Unclear general ledger entries regarding "Cash Reques"

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted two unusual journal entries recorded on West in 2015 regarding "Cash requisitions" totaling \$6,500. The entries decreased cash operating bank account and increased cash safe in the general ledger. However, we did not find evidence of the money being received by the cash office or put into the safe.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of these entries or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose and supporting documentation for entries. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

We reviewed West operating bank statements and noted these amounts were withdrawn from the account.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these entries were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$6,500.

Item 394 - Unclear general ledger entry regarding "AT&T" and "AT&T MOBILITY"

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted eight transactions totaling \$2,949.65 to "AT&T" and "AT&T MOBILITY" recorded on East in 2015.

## Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding payments made to AT&T. The Hameds advised they are not familiar with any accounts with AT&T at the East Store. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose and all documentation including canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

## Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, not were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these payments were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$2,949.65.

## Item 396 - Transactions with JKC Communication

We noted two payments totaling \$27,000 to JKC Communication (checks #9455 and 9458).

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Waleed Hamed regarding payments made to JKC Communication. The Partnership entered into yearly contracts for radio advertising for all three stores in January 2015. Waleed contacted JKC Communications and canceled Plaza Extra West's contract as of March 9, 2015 and canceled Plaza Extra St. Thomas' contract as May 1, 2015. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) to describe the Partnership's relationship with JKC Communication and provide canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. We calculated the Partnership's allocation of this expense in Exhibit 396-a.

We reviewed the general ledger to ascertain whether a refund for the remainder of the Plaza Extra West and St. Thomas contracts was credited to KAC357 Inc. or the Hameds. None was found.

Gaffney's response:

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John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

## Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these payments were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$13,389.04, subject to further refinement once discovery is re-opened.

## Item 397 – Transactions with House of Printing

We noted a payment of \$860 to House of Printing.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding payment made to House of Printing. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of these entries or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) to describe the Partnership's relationship with House of Printing and provide canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### **Opinion as to the Issue Identified:**

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this payment was for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$860.

## **Item 398 – Transactions with Foampack**

We noted a payment of \$1,257.05 to Foampack.

Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding payments made to Foampack. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the payment or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) to describe the Partnership's relationship with Foampack and provide canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this payment was for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$1,257.05.

## Item 399 - Unclear general ledger entries regarding "All Scotia Account Closures"

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted unusual journal entries recorded on West in 2015 regarding "All Scotia Account Closures." The entries decreased Cash - Bank Telchk 2918 account and increased Cash - Bank Claims 9091 in the general ledger.

## Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of these entries or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose and supporting documentation for entries.

We reviewed Partnership bank statements and noted this appears to be a transfer from the Scotia accounts to Banco Popular Claims Reserve Account ending 9091. However, we only had bank statements for 3 Scotia accounts that had transfers out which total \$397,993.56.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

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We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these entries were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$615,172.17.

## Item 400 – Unclear general ledger entries regarding "Fathi Yusuf matching draw"

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted check #208 with the description "M HAMED INVTRY SETTLE PD TO FATHI YUSUF" and check #209 with the description "FATHI YUSUF MATCHING DRAW" written on the Plaza West Claims Reserve Account ending 9091. Both checks were for \$644,301.32 and written to Fathi Yusuf.

## Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these checks to Fathi Yusuf. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the business purpose of these checks. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose and supporting documentation for entries.

We reviewed Partnership Claims Reserve Account ending 9091 bank statements and noted these checks cleared in July 2015.

Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these payments were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$1,288,602.64.

## Item 401 - Unclear general ledger entries regarding United Corporation

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted checks #263 for \$89,604 and #282 for \$30,827 recorded on West in 2015 written on the Plaza West Claims Reserve Account ending 9091 payable to United Corporation. These transactions were offset against general ledger account #28600 "Pship Claims Reserve Clearing."

## Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual checks. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the business purpose of these checks. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose and supporting documentation for these transactions.

We also reviewed Partnership Claims Reserve Account ending 9091 bank statements and noted these checks cleared in 2015.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

## Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these payments were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$120,431.

## Item 402/418 - Unclear general ledger entry regarding "Fathi Yusuf refund of overpayment"

## Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted a transaction for \$77,335.62 which offset against the general ledger account #33000 "Dividend Distributions" with two entries with the descriptions "UNITED CK 1815 TO M HAMED TO REIMB 7/13 OVERPMT" and "UNITED CK 1814 TO F YUSUF TO REIMB 7/13 OVERPMT."

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual transactions. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of this entry or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose and supporting documentation for entries.

We reviewed Partnership Claims Reserve Account ending 9091 bank statements and noted these amounts cleared in July 2015.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

## Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this payment was for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded this amount should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$77,335.62.

## Item 403/413 - Unclear general ledger entry for By Order

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal entry recorded on West in 2015 regarding "ADJ BYORDER 2015 FULL SETTLE BY SHOP CRT AS DIV."

## Work performed.

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this unusual journal entry. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of this entry or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney queries dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) and April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose and supporting documentation for entry.

Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that the accounting records support this entry. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$260,490.72.

## Item 405 - Numerous unexplained general ledger entries regarding Hamed

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted unusual journal entries recorded on West in 2015 regarding "CLEAR MISC HAMED/PSHIP DUE TO/FR ACCOUNTS" for \$39,788.40 to general ledger account #25800 "Deposit Error Suspense" and "HAMED DISTRIB FOR TRADE AR" for \$11,272.96 to general ledger account #33000 "Dividends Distributions."

## Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of these entries or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose and supporting documentation for entries.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that the accounting records support these entries. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$51,061.36.

## Item 408 – Unclear general ledger entry for \$176,353.61 dated 9/30/15

We noted unusual journal entry with the description "CLEAR MISC YUSUF/PSHIP DUE TO/FR ACCOUNTS ON 9/30"

#### Work performed.

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this unusual journal entry. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of this entry or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose and canceled checks, transfer slips, invoices and any other back up documentation. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

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We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this entry is supported by the accounting records. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$176,353.61.

## Item 409 - Unclear general ledger entries regarding transfers and closed accounts

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted several unusual transfers between Plaza accounts in 2015 during the dissolution of the Partnership. These transactions include \$140,823.53 transferred from Plaza East to Plaza STT (check #99880) with the description "TRANSFER FROM EAST TO STT FOR NOV. 2014 GRT" on 1/5/15, \$186,820.63 transferred from Plaza East to Plaza West with the description "CLOSE BANCO EAST 3307 INTO BANCO 909" on 7/9/2015, and \$509,910.07 transferred between Plaza West bank accounts with the description "CLOSE BANCO 6269 INTO BANCO 9091" on 7/9/15.

## Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual transactions. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of these transactions or their business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated February 15, 2016 (see Attachment VII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose and canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation.

We traced these transfers to and from the respective bank statements for the accounts recorded in the general ledger.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these transfers were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$837,554.23.

## Item 410 – Unclear general ledger entry regarding 50/50 distribution

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal entry with the description "50/50 DISTRIB OF LAND DUE TO O/S AGRMT / DISPUTED" dated 4/30/15.

# Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this unusual journal entry. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the entry or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting he describe the detail underlying each transaction and how he arrived at the amount, as well the canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that the accounting records support this entry. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The Hameds purchased the Yusuf's 50% of everything related to the St. Thomas store. However, the Yusuf received an additional distribution for half of the \$330,000 land value.

The total amount of this claim is \$165,000 to the Hameds, subject to further refinement once discovery is re-opened.

Item 411 – Unclear general ledger entry regarding accrued accounting fees to complete 2015 yearend taxes

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted several unusual journal entries with the description "ACCRUE EST'D ACTG FEES TO COMPLETE 2015 Y/E TAX" recorded in each store in 2015.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the entries or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose and canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation.

Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that the accounting records support these journal entries. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$16,315.

# Item 412 – Unclear general ledger entry regarding accounting error for Tropical Shipping invoices

# Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted several unusual journal entries with the description "ACTG ERROR RE TROP SHIPG DISPUTED INVOICES PAID FOR KAC357 BY PSHIP" recorded in STT in 2015.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the entries or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the detail underlying the transactions and how he arrived at those amounts, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation.

#### Gaffney's response.

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that the accounting records support these journal entries. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$10,242.

# Item 414 – Unclear general ledger entry regarding adjust cash on hand to count on 3/11/15

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified.

We noted an unusual journal entry "ADJUST CASH ON HAND TO COUNT ON 3/11/15."

Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this unusual journal entry. The Hameds stated that they are unsure regarding the entry or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the detail underlying the transaction and

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how he arrived at that amount, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that the accounting records support this journal entry. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

There is an unexplained increase in the cash safe account of \$24,934.18.

# Item 415 - Unclear general ledger entry regarding clearing Banco irregularities

# Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal entry "CLEAR ALL BANCO IRREGULARITIES DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS."

# Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this unusual journal entry. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the entry or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the detail underlying the transaction and how he arrived at that amount, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that the accounting records support this journal entry. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$8,481.58.

Item 416 – Unclear general ledger entry regarding balance sheet balances closed for insurance items to expedite close

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal entry "CLEAR BAL SHEET PR INSUR ITEMS TO EXPEDITE CLOSE" for AFLAC and CIGNA.

#### Work performed.

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this unusual journal entry. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the entry or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the detail underlying the transactions and how he arrived those amounts, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation.

# Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### **Opinion as to the Issue Identified**:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that the accounting records support this journal entry. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$51,569.11.

# Item 417 - Unclear general ledger entries regarding clear misc Yusuf/Pship Due to/fr accounts

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted a number of unclear journal entries titled "CLEAR MISC YUSUF/PSHIP DUE TO/FR ACCOUNTS ON 9/30" and CLEAR MISC YUSUF/PSHIP DUE TO/FR ACCOUNTS," dated September 30, 2015.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds stated that they are unsure of the entries and the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the detail underlying the transaction and how he arrived at that amount, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation.

Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that the accounting records support these journal entries. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

Due to the lack of sufficient information, we are unable to conclude on the amount of the claim for this item, if any. Further discovery is needed to determine the amount of this claim.

# Item 419 - Unclear general ledger entry regarding combined services inv dtd 2/24/15 paid on behalf of East

# Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted checks #101 for \$4,010 and #102 for \$925 from the Pship Claims Reserve Clearing account recorded on West. This amount was offset against Pship Claims Reserve Clearing account #28600.

# Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these checks. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the checks or business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the business purpose and supporting documentation. Lastly, we generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. We reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entry.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that the accounting records support these checks. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$4,935.

# Item 420 – Unclear general ledger entry regarding CRA check 215 to reimburse KAC357 for STT deposit errors

# Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal entry for \$181,355.40 in the Pship Claims Reserve Clearing account on Plaza STT accounting records. This amount was used in the calculation of pay out in the Summary of Remaining Partnership Items. No detail was provided describing what specific items were attributed to this amount.

Work performed:

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We interviewed the Hameds regarding this unusual journal entry. We reviewed the Summary of Remaining Partnership Items (Exhibit 353-a). We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) to provide an explanation an explanation of the detail underlying the transaction and how he arrived at that amount, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these payments were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim will be determined after discovery is re-opened and completed.

# Item 421 - Unclear general ledger entry regarding Daily (United C. CK)

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unclear journal entry titled "DAILY (UNITED C. CK)."

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this unusual journal entry. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the entry or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the detail underlying the transaction and how he arrived at that amount, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that the accounting records support this journal entry. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

Due to the lack of sufficient information, we are unable to conclude on the amount of the claim for this item, if any. Further discovery is needed to determine the amount of this claim.

# Item 422 - Unclear general ledger entry regarding excess cash over \$50k per court order

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified.

We noted a journal entry for \$44,399.63 which decreased account #10200 cash – safe and increased account #10300 Cash – Bank Op'g 8830 recorded on East in 2015.

#### Work performed.

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this unusual journal entry. The Hameds advised they are not aware of this entry or the business purpose. We provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the detail underlying the transaction and how he arrived at that amount, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. We traced the deposit to the Partnership's bank. However, we did not receive any audit evidence to reconcile the deposit to the accounting for the safe.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that the accounting records support this journal entry. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$44,399.63

# Item 423 – Unclear general ledger entries regarding Prepayment of Insurance

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted several journal entries in 2015 with the description "EXPENSE PREPAID INSUR & TREAT ANY REFUND AS PSHIP INCOME."

## Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds advised they are not aware of these entries or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the detail underlying the transaction and how he arrived at that amount, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. Lastly, we generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. We reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entries.

Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that the accounting records support these journal entries. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$139,230.53.

### Item 425 – 2015 Accounts Payable-Trade to John Gaffney

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted several journal entries in 2015 for accounts payable to John Gaffney (Exhibit 425-a).

Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these journal entries. The Hameds advised they are not aware of the business purpose for these entries. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation.

Gaffney's response.

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that the accounting records support these journal entries. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$1,544.33.

# 427 –2013 Accounts Payable-Trade to John Gaffney

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted one unsubstantiated journal entry for \$1,214.10 on August 7, 2013.

Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this journal entry. The Hameds advised they are not aware of the business purpose for this entry. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation.

# Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that the accounting records support this journal entry. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$1,214.10, subject to further refinement after discovery is re-opened and completed.

# Item 428 – Unclear general ledger entries regarding 2015 Accounts Payable-Trade to Maher Yusuf

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted several unusual journal entries payable to Maher Yusuf.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the entries or transactions, nor the business purpose for them. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation supporting these entries. Lastly, we generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. We reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entry.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these transactions were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$1,866.39.

# Item 430 - Unsubstantiated check to Nejeh Yusuf

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted check #100589 for \$2,031.84 to Nejeh Yusuf with the description "JAN 2015 GRT RECEIPT."

#### Work performed:

We reviewed the check written on Plaza Extra partnership bank accounts for payment to Nejeh Yusuf. We Hameds regarding payments made to Nejeh Yusuf. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the detail underlying the transaction and how he arrived at that amount, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

# Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this transaction was for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$2,031.84.

#### Item 431 -- Unclear general ledger entry, Non-cash distribution to Yusuf

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal entry for \$245,089.90 with the description "NON-CASH DISTRIB TO YUSUF TO SETTLE MISC DUE TO/FR ACCOUNTS AT 9/30". This unusual journal entry increases dividend distributions and reduces the suspense account (account #29900).

Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this unusual journal entry. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the entry or transaction. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) an explanation of the detail underlying the transaction and how he arrived at that amount, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. Lastly, we generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

## Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this transaction was for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$245,089.90.

# Item 432 -- Unclear general ledger entry, North Western Selectra Inc.

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal entry for \$4,524.24 with the description "NORTH WESTERN SELECTA INC - CLEAR OLD OPEN ITEM."

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this unusual journal entry. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the entry or transaction. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the detail underlying the transaction and how he arrived at that amount, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. Lastly, we generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. JVZ reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entry.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this journal entry was for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As

such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded this amount should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$4,524.24.

# Item 433 - Unclear 2015 general ledger entry, J Ortiz

# Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal entry for \$1,250 with the description "OFFSET J ORTIZ PR DEDUCTS TO OTHER RENT." This unusual journal entry increases (debit) due from cashiers – shortages (account #13300) and reduces (credit) the rent expense account (account #66400).

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this unusual journal entry. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the entry or transaction. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the detail underlying the transaction and how he arrived at that amount, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. Lastly, we generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. JVZ reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entry.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this entry was for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$1,250.

# Item 434 - Unclear general ledger entrics regarding St. Thomas petty cash

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted several unusual journal entries on STT in 2015 with "petty cash" in its descriptions.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the entries or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the detail underlying the transaction and how he arrived at that amount, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. Lastly, we generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transactions were recorded. JVZ reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entries.

### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

# Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these entries were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$10,339.12.

# Item 436 – Unclear general ledger entry regarding United Shopping Center payment of accounting fees for the Partnership

### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal entry for \$4,500 with the description "ACTG FEES PAID BY SHOP CTR FOR PLAZA," recorded to account #14500 Due from (to) Shopping Ctr.

## Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this unusual journal entry. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the entry or transaction or any accounting fees paid by the Shopping Center on behalf of the Partnership. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the detail underlying the transaction and how he arrived at that amount, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. Lastly, we generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. We reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entry.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified.

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this entry was for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$4,500.

# Item 437 – Unclear general ledger entry regarding United Shopping Center payment of legal fees for the Partnership

# Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal entry for \$4,946.31 with the description "REV LEGAL FEE PAID BY SHOP CTR FOR PLAZA," with the journal entry against general ledger account #14500 Due from (to) Shopping Ctr.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this unusual journal entry. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the entry or transaction or any legal fees paid by the Shopping Center on behalf of the Partnership. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the detail underlying the transaction and how he arrived at that amount, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. Lastly, we generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. We reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entry.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this entry was for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$4,946.31.

# Item 438 – Transaction with Source Accounting

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted check #179 of \$3,500 to Source Accounting.

#### Work performed:

JVZ reviewed bank statement for Plaza Extra Cash - Bank Claims 9091 bank account noted check #179 cleared on 6/15/15. We interviewed the Hameds regarding the payment made to Source Accounting. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the detail underlying the transaction and how he arrived at that amount, what work the vendor did for the Partnership, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### **Opinion as to the Issue Identified:**

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this payment was for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$3,500

# Item 439 – Unclear general ledger entry regarding St. Thomas 1.5% CR Reduction (FUTA) paid by West to United

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified.

We noted an unusual journal entry for \$12,346.17 with the description "STT 1.5% CR REDUCTION PAID BY WEST TO UNITED" offsetting against Pship Claims Reserve Clearing account (account #28600).

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this unusual journal entry. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the entry or transaction. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the detail underlying the transaction and how he arrived at that amount, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. Lastly, we generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. We reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entry.

# Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this transaction was for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$12,346.17.

# Item 440 – Unclear general ledger entry regarding temporary adjustment for unreimbursed cash expenses during 2014/15

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal entry for \$46,725.41 reducing Cash – Safe (account #10200) with the description "TEMP ADJ FOR UNREIMB'D CASH EXP'S DURING 2014/15" offsetting against Cash Over (Short) (account #28600).

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this unusual journal entry. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the entry or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the detail underlying the transaction and how he arrived at that amount, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. Lastly, we generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. JVZ reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entry.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this transaction was for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$46,725.41.

# Item 442/407 – Unclear general ledger entries indicating Accounts Payable Trade payments to United Corporation in 2015

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified.

We noted several unusual journal entries throughout 2015 recorded on East with the description "United Corporation" recorded in accounts payable (account #2000). United Corporation is a company completely separated from the Partnership (Exhibit 442/407-a).

#### Work performed.

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the entries or transactions or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the detail underlying the transaction and how he arrived at that amount, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. Lastly, we generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. JVZ reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entry.

### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### *Opinion as to the Issue Identified:*

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these entries were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

Due to the lack of sufficient information, we are unable to conclude on the amount of the claim for this item, if any. Further discovery is needed to determine the amount of this claim.

Item 443 – Unclear general ledger entry regarding price gun deposits

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal entry for \$1,780 recorded on West 2015 with the description "W/O EMP PRICE GUN DEP'S DUE TO NO OR COMPLICATED ACTG IN OTHER STORES."

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this unusual journal entry. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the entry or transaction or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the detail underlying the transaction and how he arrived at that amount, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. Lastly, we generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. We reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entry.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### **Opinion** as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these payments were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$1,780.

# Item 444 – Unclear general ledger entries regarding 2013 Q3 VIESA deficiency, plus penalty and interest in 2015

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted checks #258 with the description "VIESA 2013 Q3 DEFICIENCY PLUS PENALTY & INTEREST," #265 with the description "VIESA 2013 Q3 DEFICIENCY RE EAST PMT NOT CLEARED," and #266 with the description "VIESA INT/PEN RE Q3 2013 TAX PMT NOT CLR'D," all written on the Plaza West Claims Reserve Account ending 9091.

# Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the business purpose of these checks. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the detail underlying the transaction and how he arrived at that amount, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation. Lastly, we generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger

account which the transaction was recorded. We reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entry.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these payments were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$9,385.95.

## Item 445 - Unclear general ledger entries regarding United Corporation

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted several unusual journal entries with the descriptions "UNITED CORPORATION - WEST US CUSTOMS PAID BY EAST CK 1022," "UNITED CORPORATION - US CUSTOMS PD BY NEW EAST CK 1069 FOR PSHIP WEST," "UNITED CORPORATION - VIBIR EXCISE TAX PAID BY EAST FOR PSHIP," "UNITED CORPORATION - ALIMENTAIRA INVOICE PAID BY EAST FOR PSHIP," and "UNITED CORPORATION - ASSOC GROCERS INVOICE PAID BY EAST FOR PSHIP" all recorded against accounts payable – trade (account #20000) on East payable to United Corporation.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the business purpose of these entries and don't understand why the United Corporation would purportedly be paying Partnership expenses. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the detail underlying the transaction and how he arrived at that amount, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation.

Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these payments were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$6,933.27.

#### Item 446 - Unclear general ledger entries regarding United Corporation - FUTA

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted several unusual journal entries with the descriptions "UNITED CORPORATION - EAST PSHIP FUTA PAID BY UNITED EAST ON 6/25 INCL'D IN TOTAL PMT OF \$3,510.90" and "UNITED CORPORATION - FUTA 1.5% CR REDUCTION EAST PSHIP ALLOCATION" recorded on East payable to United Corporation.

# Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the business purpose of these entries. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the detail underlying the transaction and how he arrived at that amount, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation.

Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these entries were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$10,047.14.

#### Item 447 – Unclear general ledger entry regarding United Corporation – Gift Certificates

# Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an entry to East in 2015 with the description "UNITED CORPORATION - PSHIP GIFT CERTS REDEEMED AT EAST." This entry recorded an expense to Revenue – Sales Discounts (account #48000) and offset against accounts payable (account #20000).

# Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this unusual journal entry. The Hameds stated that they were not able to validate the accuracy of this entry. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting supporting documentation for this entry. Lastly, we generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. We reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entry.

# Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

## Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this entry was for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$2,630.

#### Item 449 - Unclear general ledger entries regarding Industrial Video and Luxor Goods

# Summary Description of Issue Identified.

We noted unusual journal entries of \$7,680 and \$2,123 to Yusuf Yusuf with the description "YUSUF YUSUF - Invoice: INDUSTRIAL V.1/20/14 - INDUSTRIAL VIDEO SUPPLY PMT (INV. DATE 1/20/15)" and "YUSUF YUSUF - Invoice: LUXOR GOOD1/16/15 - LUXOR GOODS, INC. PMT (INV. DATE 1/16 &1/17/14. These transactions were reversed out of the accounting records and reentered as payable to Yusuf Yusuf for the same amounts.

# Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding payments made to Yusuf Yusuf for these vendors. The Hameds stated they were unaware of those two transactions and could not identify the business purpose without the invoices. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the detail underlying the transaction and how he arrived at that amount, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these entries were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$9,803.

## Item 450 - Unclear general ledger entry regarding Hector Torres' invoice

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted check #9501 for \$2,000 to Hector Torres with the description "HECTOR TORRES - Invoice: 20150122."

#### Work performed.

We interviewed the Hameds regarding payments made to Hector Torres. The Hameds stated they are not aware at this check or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting supporting documentation for this entry.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

## Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this payment was for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$2,000.

# Item 451 - Unclear general ledger entries regarding Ramone Reid Felix

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted checks #9404 and #100468 with the descriptions "RAMONE REID - FELIX - Invoice: 01-02-2015" and "RAMONE REID FELIX - Invoice: 1/21/2015," respectively, payable to Ramone Reid Felix.

#### Work performed.

JVZ reviewed bank statement for Plaza Extra East operating bank accounts and noted both payments cleared in 2015. We interviewed the Hameds regarding payments made to Ramone Reid Felix. The Hameds stated they are not aware of the checks or the business purpose. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting supporting documentation for this entry.

Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

*Opinion as to the Issue Identified:* 

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these payments were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$1,092.

#### Item 452 – Unclear general ledger entries regarding Tasty Alternatives

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted checks #100194 recorded on East with the description "TASTY ALTERNATIVES - Invoice: 0014402" and #113 recorded on STT with the description "TASTY ALTERNATIVES - Invoice: 0014403," both payable to Tasty Alternatives.

#### Work performed:

We reviewed bank statements and noted both payments cleared in 2015. We interviewed the Hameds regarding payments made to Tasty Alternatives. The Hameds stated they cannot validate the business purpose for the invoices and checks. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the detail underlying the transaction and how he arrived at that amount, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these payments were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$30,721.

#### Item 453 – Scotia Invoices

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted two unusual journal entries with the description "SCOTIA – invoice".

# Work performed;

We interviewed the Hameds regarding the Scotia invoices. The Hameds stated The Hameds stated they cannot validate the business purpose for the invoices and any subsequent checks. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting an explanation of the detail underlying the transaction and how he arrived at that amount, as well as requesting canceled checks, invoices and any other back up documentation.

# Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these payments were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$11,411.17.

#### Item 454 - Lissette Colon's salary, benefits, bonuses and incidental expenses

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

The Partnership paid Lissette Colon's salary, benefits, bonuses and incidental expenses from March 9, 2015 to present.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding Lissette Colon's employment with the Partnership. The Hameds advised that Lissette devoted time during her work week to Non-Plaza Extra activities, including work for United Corporation. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting a detailed allocation of Lissette's time between the Partnership and Non-Plaza Extra/United Corporation from March 9, 2015 to present. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2015 to present provided by John Gaffney. We noted payments from the Partnership bank accounts to Lissette Colon.

Gaffney response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

The audit evidence provided was not sufficient to conclude proper allocation of Lissette Colon's salary, benefits and bonus based on time spent between the Partnership and United Corporation. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

Exhibit 454-a contains a summary of the accounting (extracted from general ledger provided by John Gaffney) of the payments posted to Lissette Colon for salary, benefits, bonuses and incidental expenses.

The total amount of the claim is \$6,215.44, subject to further refinement after discovery is re-opened and completed.

# Item 455 – Myra Senhouse's salary, benefits, bonuses and incidental expenses

# Summary Description of Issue Identified:

The Partnership paid Myra Senhouse's salary, benefits, bonuses and incidental expenses from March 9, 2015 to present.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed John Gaffney and the Hameds regarding Myra Senhouse's employment with the Partnership. The Hameds advised that Myra devoted time during her work week to Non-Plaza Extra activities, including work for United Corporation. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting a detailed allocation of Myra's time between the Partnership and Non-Plaza Extra/United Corporation from March 9, 2015 to present. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2015 to present provided by John Gaffney. We noted payments from the Partnership bank accounts to Myra.

#### Gaffney response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

The audit evidence provided was not sufficient to conclude proper allocation of Myra's salary, benefits and bonus based on time spent between the Partnership and United Corporation. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

Exhibit 455-a contains a summary of the accounting (extracted from general ledger provided by John Gaffney) of the payments posted to Myra Senhouse for salary, benefits, bonuses and incidental expenses.

The total amount of the claim is \$2,259.41, subject to further refinement after discovery is re-opened and completed.

Item 456 – Humphrey Caswell's salary, benefits, bonuses and travel and entertainment expenses

### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

The Partnership paid Humphrey Caswell's salary, benefits, bonuses and travel and entertainment expenses from May 1, 2015 to present.

# Work performed:

We interviewed John Gaffney and the Hameds regarding Humphrey Caswell's employment with the Partnership. The Hameds advised that Humphrey devoted time during his work week to Non-Plaza Extra activities, including work for United Corporation. We also provided John Gaffney a query dated April 28, 2016 (see Attachment VIII) requesting a detailed allocation of Humphrey's time between the Partnership and Non-Plaza Extra/United Corporation from May 1, 2015 to present. In addition, we reviewed the general ledgers from 2015 to present provided by John Gaffney. We noted payments from the Partnership bank accounts to Humphrey.

#### Gaffney response:

John Gaffney did not respond to our request.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

The audit evidence provided was not sufficient to conclude proper allocation of Humphrey's salary, benefits and bonus based on time spent between the Partnership and United Corporation. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

Exhibit 456-a contains a summary of the accounting (extracted from general ledger provided by John Gaffney) of the payments posted to Humphrey Caswell for salary, benefits, bonuses and travel and entertainment expenses.

The total amount of the claim is \$28,666.00, subject to further refinement after discovery is re-opened and completed.

# Item 457 – Unclear general ledger entries regarding United Corporation in 2016

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted several checks payable to United Corporation (checks #291 \$65,294.61, #297 \$66,559.67, #302 \$41,320.75, #312 \$65,653.79).

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the business purpose of these entries or why the Partnership would be making payments to the United Corporation. We also generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general

ledger account which the transaction was recorded. We reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entry.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that the accounting records support these transactions. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$238,828.82, subject to further refinement after discovery is re-opened and completed.

# Item 459 – Unclear general ledger entries regarding United Corporation – Workers' Compensation

# Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal for \$317.99 payable to United Corporation with the description "Worker's Compensation interest for late filing in March 2015".

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this unusual journal entry. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the business purpose of this entry and don't understand why the Partnership should have to pay interest due to a late filing on the part of the Liquidating Partner.

### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that the accounting records support this transaction. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$317.99.\*

# Item 460 – Unclear general ledger entries regarding FUTA late fee

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted unusual journal entries for payable to United Corporation with the descriptions "Unclear general ledger entries for FUTA late fee for 2015 Q1 dep of East/West/STT" for \$982.68, "2/12/16 IRS notice regarding 2013 TUTA" for \$74,779.10 and "2012 IRS refund for FUTA" for \$9,935.49.

#### Work performed.

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the business purpose of these entries and don't understand why the Partnership should have to pay interest due to a late filing on the part of the Liquidating Partner.

# Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that the accounting records support these transactions. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$85,697.27.

# Item 464 - Transaction with Raja Foods

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted accounts payable for \$410 payable to Raja Foods.

Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding payments made to Raja Foods. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the business purpose of this entry and cannot substantiate it without seeing the underlying invoice.

#### Gaffney's response;

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

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#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this entry was for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$410.

## Item 465 – 2016 transactions with Caribbean Refrigeration & Mechanical LLC

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified.

We noted several transactions totaling \$10,901.51 to Caribbean Refrigeration & Mechanical LLC.

## Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding payments made to Caribbean Refrigeration & Mechanical LLC. We were advised that Caribbean Refrigeration & Mechanical LLC were used for small repairs to refrigeration equipment which usually cost under \$1,000. The Hameds could not identify a business purpose for the large expenses.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

#### **Opinion as to the Issue Identified:**

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that these payments to Caribbean Refrigeration & Mechanical LLC was for valid business expenses or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$10,901.51.

# Item 466 – Unclear general ledger entries regarding We Are Wine LLC

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted check #299 for \$2,704.79 payable to We Are Wine LLC. Other reimbursement may have occurred by the United Corporation, but it is impossible to identify whether that happened or not from the current general ledgers and that fact that no invoices were provided to review.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding invoices and payments made to We Are Wine LLC. The Hameds cannot substantiate the business purpose without reviewing the invoices.

# Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this payment was for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$2,704.79, subject to further refinement after discovery is re-opened and completed.

#### Item 467 – Unclear general ledger entry regarding a US Customs penalty

# Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal entry regarding a US Customs penalty in the amount of \$2,250 February 8, 2016.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this journal entry. The Hameds stated that they are not aware of the business purpose of this entry and don't understand why the Partnership should have to pay a penalty resulting from the actions of the Liquidating Partner. We also reviewed the general ledgers from 2012 to present provided by John Gaffney.

## Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that this payment was for a valid business expense or served a business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$2,250.00.

#### Item 468 – Payment to Dudley, Topper and Feuerzeig, LLP (Fathi Yusuf's personal attorney)

# Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted check #305 recorded on West in 2016 payable to Dudley, Topper and Feuerzeig, LLP, ("DTF"). DTF is the law firm representing the Fathi Yusuf personally.

# Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this payment to DTF. We were advised that DTF is the personal attorney representing Fathi Yusuf and should not be an expense of the Partnership. We reviewed the Declaration of Joel H. Holt dated February 8, 2016 (Exhibit 272-b) along with its attachments, in particular Exhibit B (matter ledger report from DTF). We also reviewed the Plaintiff's Reply to DTF's Opposition to Disqualify the Firm from any Further Involvement in These Proceedings in *Hamed v Yusuf*, et. al., SX-12-CV-370, particularly the quote where DTF asserted "[t]he Order needs no clarification because it does not propose that Yusuf's counsel... would be paid with partnership funds." (Exhibit 357-b)

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he has not responded to the first two sets of requests and Hamed's counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

**IRS Pub. 535** - *Business Expenses* states "[g]enerally, you cannot deduct personal, living, or family expenses."

Therefore, we conclude this payment would not be deductible for tax purposes under IRS Pub. 535. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

We concluded these amounts should be returned to the Partnership to conform to the management's assertions.

The total amount of the claim is \$9,680.

# Item 469 – Unclear general ledger entries regarding Inter Ocean refund

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted a refund from Inter Ocean.

### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding this unusual journal entry. The Hameds stated that it is not clear whether the portion of the refund owed Hamed has been credited.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

# Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence, nor were we provided any audit evidence from John Gaffney, that the accounting records support this transaction. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

Due to the lack of sufficient information, we are unable to conclude on the amount of the claim for this item, if any. Further discovery is needed to determine the amount of this claim.

# Item 470 – Unclear general ledger entries regarding "Lutheran Family Social Services"

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified.

We noted an unusual journal entry recorded on West with the following description "LUTHERAN FAM RECOVERY REVERSE PREV AR CHG OFF." This entry is recorded to Dividend Distribution #33000. Write-off of receivables should be recorded to expenses rather than dividend distributions.

## Work performed:

We generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. We reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entry.

Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence of the business purpose of this transaction. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$1,246.21.

# Item 471 - Unclear general ledger entries regarding "KAC357 LLC"

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted unusual journal entries recorded on West with the following description "KAC357 LLC - PSHIP GIFT CERTS REDEEMED IN STT AFTER APR 30".

#### Work performed:

We generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. JVZ reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entries.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence of the business purpose of these transactions. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of the claim is \$3,640.

# Item 472 – Unclear 2016 general ledger entries for Banco Popular Puerto Rico

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal entry recorded on West for Banco Popular Puerto Rico.

Work performed:

The Hamed does not have the securities statements to validate the information therefore they are unable to confirm the accuracy of this information. We generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. We reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entry.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence of the business purpose of this transaction. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

Due to the lack of sufficient information, we are unable to conclude on the amount of the claim for this item, if any.

# Item 473 – Unclear general ledger entries regarding 2016 V.I. Employment Security contributions and penalties

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted checks #313, 314 and 315 on West paid to V.I. EMPLOYMENT SECURITY AGENC.

# Work performed:

We generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. We reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording these checks.

#### Gaffney's response!

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence of the business purpose of this transaction. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$13,047.65.

# Item 474 - Disputed Plaza Extra East rent granted by court order on April 27, 2015

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Superior Court Judge Brady issued an order granting Fathi Yusuf rent payments for use of the Plaza Extra East store by the Partnership (1994-2004 -- \$3,999,679.73 and 1/1/2012-09/30/2013 -- \$1,234,618.98)

## Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding the rent payments for the use of the Plaza Extra East store by the Partnership. The Hameds indicated that there was no written or oral agreement between the parties for the Partnership to pay rent to Fathi Yusuf for the time periods specified.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

Based on our conversation with the Hameds, we concluded these are Partnership funds and should be listed as an asset and claim of the Partnership to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$5,234,298.71.

#### Item 475 – Fathi Yusuf draw from Partnership funds for gift

# Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Partnership funds were withdrawn by Fathi Yusuf. From those funds, he and his wife Fawzia gave Shawn Hamed \$1.5 million and Mafi Hamed \$1.5 million. Fathi Yusuf took an additional \$1 million at the same time for his family.

#### Work performed:

The Hameds advised us that Fathi Yusuf has recently made a claim in 2016 for the return of the \$1.5 million he gifted to Shawn Hamed in the divorce proceedings between Shawn and his daughter. This was originally understood to be part of a distribution to both families. If the \$4 million withdrawn by Fathi Yusuf was not a distribution as previously agreed and Fathi Yusuf withdrew the entire amount for his own use and then gifted it to his son-in-law, then the amount was an unequal withdrawal. Therefore, because of the divorce claim that was made in 2016, we are making a claim here to return the unequal withdrawal.

# Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

Based on our conversation with the Hameds, we concluded these are Partnership funds and should be listed as an asset and claim of the Partnership to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Completeness as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$4,000,000.

## Item 476 - Wireless Tech Rent

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Wireless Tech did not pay rent to Plaza Extra-STT for the space it used in the grocery store.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed Waheed Hamed regarding the rent payments for Wireless Tech. Waheed stated that Wireless Tech, under the direction of Fady Monsour, rented space at Plaza Extra-STT, but did not pay rent to the Partnership for approximately six months at a rate of \$2,500 per month. He made a separate arrangement with Nejeh Yusuf regarding the disposition of the rent owed and thus the money was not returned to the Partnership.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

Based on our conversation with the Hameds, we concluded these are Partnership funds and should be listed as an asset and claim of the Partnership to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Completeness as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$15,000.

#### Item 477 – Unclear general ledger entries regarding Hanun loan

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted unusual journal entries recorded on West with the description "RECLASS HANUN LOAN AS DISTRIB TO HAMED & YUSUF".

Work performed:

We generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. JVZ reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entries.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney was not sent queried regarding these items because he has not responded to the first two sets of requests and the Hamed's counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence of the business purpose of this transaction. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$35,000.

#### Item 478 – Unclear general ledger entries regarding distributing cash on hand in 2015

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted unusual journal entries recorded in 2015 with the descriptions "ADJUST NOMINAL CASH ON HAND DIFF TO OTHER INC" which increased cash-safe (revenue) and "YUSUF DISTRIB FOR CASH ON HAND" which decrease cash-safe (expense).

#### Work performed:

We interviewed the Hameds regarding these unusual journal entries. The Hameds stated that they are unsure regarding the entries or the business purpose. We generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. We reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entries.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence that the amount recorded as revenue was deposited into the safe or the amount recorded as withdraw for expenses was for a valid business purpose. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

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The total amount of this claim is \$19,333.33.

#### Item 480 - Unclear general ledger entry regarding "Yusuf distribu for trade AR"

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal entry recorded on West with the description "Yusuf distribu for trade AR".

#### Work performed.

We generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. JVZ reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entry.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence of the business purpose of this transaction. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$15,701.34.

# Item 481 – Unclear general ledger entry regarding "xfer fr Yusuf fam BPPR a/c to United BPPR a/c"

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal entry recorded on West with the description "xfer fr Yusuf fam BPPR a/c to United BPPR a/c".

#### Work performed:

We generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. JVZ reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entry.

Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence of the business purpose of this transaction. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$1,449.33.

#### Item 482 – Unclear general ledger entry regarding "Yusuf refund of overpayment"

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal entry recorded on West with the description "Yusuf refund of overpayment".

#### Work performed.

We generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. JVZ reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entry.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence of the business purpose of this transaction. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$77,335.62.

# Item 483 – Unclear general ledger entry regarding "CLEAR MISC YUSUF/PSHIP DUE TO/FR ACCOUNTS"

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal entry recorded on West with the description "CLEAR MISC HAMED/PSHIP DUE TO/FR ACCOUNTS."

## JVZ-000129

#### Work performed.

We generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. JVZ reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entry.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence of the business purpose of this transaction. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$247,870.31.

# Item 484 – Unclear general ledger entry regarding "correct Yusuf/Hamed distrib settle on 9/30 ref ck 251 for \$183,381.91"

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal entry recorded on STT with the description "correct Yusuf/Hamed distrib settle on 9/30 ref ck 251 for \$183,381.91."

#### Work performed:

We generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. JVZ reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entry.

#### Gaffney's response

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence of the business purpose of this transaction. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

## JVZ-000130

The total amount of this claim is \$20,484.

#### Item 485 – Unclear general ledger entry regarding "clear pship a/c 28600 intraco bal's to equity"

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified

We noted journal entry recorded on West with the description "clear pship a/c 28600 intraco bal's to equity."

#### Work performed.

We generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. JVZ reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entry.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence of the business purpose of this transaction. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$247,137.88.

#### Item 487 -- Unclear general ledger entry regarding "clear mise Hamed/pship due to/fr accounts"

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal entry recorded on West with the description "clear misc Hamed/pship due to/fr accounts."

#### Work performed.

We generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. JVZ reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entry.

Gaffney's response.

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any <u>sufficient</u> reliable audit evidence of the business purpose of this transaction. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$39,788.40.

#### Item 488 – Unclear general ledger entry regarding "due t/fr settlement re stmt at 9/30/15"

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

We noted an unusual journal entry recorded on West with the description "due t/fr settlement re stmt at 9/30/15."

#### Work performed:

We generated a transaction detail report in Sage 50 using the accounting backup provided by John Gaffney. This report shows the detail from inception to date of the general ledger account which the transaction was recorded. JVZ reviewed the activity in the account, and any related account(s), to determine the business purpose or rationale for recording such entry.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence of the business purpose of this transaction. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$183,381.91.

#### Item 489 – Manal Yousef alleged mortgage

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Partnership funds were provided to Manal Yousef (relative of Fathi Yusuf). She lent those same funds to a Hamed/Yusuf subsidiary (Sixteen Plus Corporation) for the purchase of a parcel of land on St.

Croix, USVI. Fathi Yusuf is now attempting to foreclose on that mortgage in an action filed on February 12, 2016 (Case No. SX-16-CV-65).

#### Work performed.

The Hameds advised that Manal Yousef never provided any consideration and has no bona fide claim, as this was part of the Fathi Yusuf engineered money laundering operation for which United Corporation was criminally charged.

This matter is also in civil litigation. A current action, *Sixteen Plus v. Manal Yousef*, SX-16-CV-65, is pending. In addition, an action is being prepared against Fathi Yousef and others for fraud. If these actions are successful, this claim will be obviated. In addition, despite the current activities attempting to enforce the mortgage, by Yousuf and Yusuf, it is also listed on the pre-2012 accounting as a prior. With interest, this claim exceeds \$14 million.

#### Gaffney's response.

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

Based on our conversation with the Hameds, we concluded these are Partnership funds and should be listed as an asset and claim of the Partnership to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Completeness as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$4,500,000.

#### Item 490 - Half acre in Estate Tutu

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Partnership funds were used to purchase a half (1/2) acre parcel of land on Estate Tutu on St. Thomas (adjacent to a larger parcel jointly owned by Plessen Enterprises Inc.).

#### Work performed:

The Hameds advised us that the land is incorrectly titled in United Corporation. On 7/13/2015 and 9/3/2015, counsel for United, Greg Hodges, stated that the land was or would be titled in the Partnership. Hodges and United later recanted on 11/30/2015 and United claims title.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

## JVZ-000133

Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

Based on our conversation with the Hameds, we concluded these are Partnership funds and should be listed as an asset and claim of the Partnership to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Completeness as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$500,000.

#### Item 491 – Plaza Extra East land

Summary Description of Issue Identified:

Partnership funds were used to purchase land for Plaza Extra East store.

#### *Work performed:*

The Hameds advised us that on the date of the transfer of the Plaza Extra East store to Fathi Yusuf, a contiguous parcel of land worth approximately \$5 million existed which was purchased solely with Partnership funds.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

Based on our conversation with the Hameds, we concluded these are Partnership funds and should be listed as an asset and claim of the Partnership to satisfy ourselves of management's assertions: 1. Completeness as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total amount of this claim is \$5,000,000.

#### Item 492 – \$900,000 estimated tax payment for United Corporation shareholders

#### Summary Description of Issue Identified:

An estimated tax payment in April 2013 was made for the United Corporation shareholders, a corporation unrelated to the Partnership.

#### Work performed:

We interviewed Shawn Hamed regarding this tax payment. Shawn said John Gaffney told him the entries reflected estimated tax payments for United shareholders. Further, no similar payouts were made for the Hameds.

#### Gaffney's response:

John Gaffney was not queried regarding these items because he only responded to a few items in our first query and did not respond at all to the second set of requests. The Hameds' counsel has informed us that they were notified that he would not be answering further such written questions.

#### Opinion as to the Issue Identified:

We did not find any sufficient reliable audit evidence that these payments were for a valid business expense or served a business purpose of the Partnership. As such, we are not able to satisfy ourselves of the following management assertions: 1. Occurrence 2. Accuracy or 3. Classification, as described in AU-C 315.A128.

The total of this claim is \$900,000.

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Below is a chart identifying the item number, description of the claim and the amount of the claim. The total of the claims, as reflected in the chart, is \$57,996,790.14. The total amount owed to the Partnership is \$56,163,505.87 and the total amount due KAC357, Inc./Hameds is \$1,833,284.27.

Item No.	Description	Total Claim Amount	Amount Due Partnership	Amount Due KAC357, Inc./Hameds
3002a	United Shopping Center's gross receipt taxes	\$70,193.20	\$70,193.20	
3003	WAPA deposits paid with Partnership funds	\$272,571.59	\$272,571.59	
3004a	Checks written to Fathi Yusuf for personal use	Pending discovery	an - 2000 <sub>0100</sub>	
3005/426	John Gaffney's salary, benefits and bonus	\$226,231.62	\$226,231.62	
3006	Partnership funds used to pay Fathi Yusuf's personal legal fees	\$504,590.63	\$504,590.63	
3007	Imbalance in credit card points	\$421,234.62		\$421,234.63
3008a	United's corporate franchise taxes and annual franchise fees	\$2,300.52	\$2,300.52	
3009a	Partnership funds used to pay United Shopping Center's property insurance	\$59,360.84	\$59,360.84	
3010	Vendor rebates	Pending discovery		
3011	Excessive travel and entertainment expenses	\$23,745.24	\$23,745.24	
201	Reimbursement for sale of the Dorthea condo	\$802,966.00		\$802,966.00
210	Hamed payment of taxes during criminal case	\$133,128.00		\$133,128.00
221	Unsubstantiated checks to Nejch Yusuf	\$14,756.46	\$14,756.46	
242	Nejeh Yusuf's cash withdrawals from safe	\$53,384.67	\$53,384.67	
244	Reimbursement for Fathi Yusuf withdrawal of funds related to Tutu	\$41,462.28	\$41,462.28	na gana na an i da cara ila yana da

Item No.	Description	Total Claim Amount	Amount Due Partnership	Amount Due KAC357, Inc./Hameds
	Park rent payments			
246, 255, 260, 318	Seaside Market & Deli LLC	Pending discovery		
248	KAC357, Inc. payment of invoices from J. David Jackson PC	\$832.50		\$832.50
253	Nejeh Yusuf's use of Partnership resources	Pending discovery		
256	David Jackson, CPA, bill owed for tax work done related to the Partnership's 2013 taxes	\$652.50		\$652.50
265	Wally Hamed's personal payment of accounting and attorneys' fees in <i>United States of America v United Corp.</i> , et. al., VI D.Ct. 2005-cr-015	\$332,900.42		\$332,900.42
272	Tutu Park Mall 2014 taxes and the corresponding Partnership withdrawals taken by Mr. Fathi Yusuf	\$46,990.48	\$46,990.48	
275	KAC357, Inc. payment of invoices from FreedMaxick	\$6,245.00		\$6,245.00
278	KAC357, Inc. payment of Partnership WAPA invoices	\$81,713.80		\$81,713.80
279	KAC357, Inc. payment of Partnership Tropical Shipping invoices	\$23,848.00		\$23,848.00
281	Payment of Nejeh Yusuf credit card bill	\$49,715.05	\$49,715.05	
290	Nejeh Yusuf removed property belonging to KAC357 Inc.	Pending discovery		
297	Retirement bonus paid to Mary Gonzales	\$28,899.28	\$28,899.28	
.99	2015 Workers' Compensation payments	Pending discovery		
10	2015 Health permit payments for Plaza	\$850.00	\$850.00	

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Item No.	Description	Total Claim Amount	Amount Due Partnership	Amount Due KAC357, Inc./Hameds
	East			
312	Replacement of four condensers, plus associated costs for shipping, delivery and installation	\$59,867.02	\$59,867.02	
314	2015 Business license payment for Plaza East	Pending discovery		9
315	100 shopping carts purchased for Plaza Extra-East	\$13,117.00	\$13,117.00	
316	Inventory moved from Plaza West to East after official inventory	Pending discovery		* - 2 m - 4 m - 4 m - 4 m - 4 m - 4 m - 4 m - 4 m - 4 m - 4 m - 4 m - 4 m - 4 m - 4 m - 4 m - 4 m - 4 m - 4 m -
319	BJ's Wholesale Club vendor credit	Pending discovery		
329	2015 Real Estate Tax for Plaza Extra- STT	\$12,652.39		\$12,652.39
331	2015 Insurance for St. Thomas Plaza Extra car	Pending discovery		
333	KAC357, Inc. payment of Partnership AT&T invoices	\$755.76		\$755.76
334	Point of Sale transactions (purchases on account)	\$925.94	\$925.94	
335	No credit for expired (spoiled) inventory discovered at Plaza Extra West	\$54,592.08	\$54,592.08	\$
338	Merrill Lynch accounts and and a financed with Partnership funds	Pending discovery		
340	Rents collected from Triumphant church	\$3,900	\$3,900	
343	KAC357, Inc.'s American Express payments deposited to Partnership account	\$12,272.67		\$12,272.67

Item No.	Description	Total Claim Amount	Amount Due Partnership	Amount Due KAC357, Inc./Hameds
345	UVI payment	\$292.61		\$292.61
346a	Attorney and accounting's fees paid by the Partnership for the criminal case	\$989,626.90	\$989,626.90	
353	Due to/from Fathi Yusuf	\$186,819.33	\$186,819.33	
355	\$2.7 million unilateral withdrawal from the Partnership account	\$2,784,706.25	\$2,784,706.25	
356	2012-2013 Real Estate Taxes for Plaza Extra STT	\$89,443.92	\$89,443.92	
357	Payment to Dudley, Topper and Feuerzeig, I.LP (Fathi Yusuf's personal attorney)	\$57,605.00	\$57,605.00	
358	STT Tutu gift certificates	\$3,790		\$3,790
359/362	Employee Loans	\$33,121.06	\$33,121.06	
360	Approximately \$18 million in purged transaction in 2013	Pending discovery		
361	Payments to Caribbean Refrigeration & Mechanical LLC	\$95,420.20	\$95,420.20	
363	Transactions with Miadden Plastic	\$49,565.00	\$49,565.00	
364	Unclear General Ledger entry "Collection of Setallment [sic]"	\$42,969.98	\$42,969.98	
365	Unclear General Ledger entries "Foreign taxes paid"	\$18,803.95	\$18,803.95	
366	Unclear General Ledger entries POS charges for Seaside Market	\$11,659.90	\$11,659.90	
367	Unclear General Ledger entries "change order" and "cash requisition"	\$26,510.17	\$26,510.17	
69	Unclear General Ledger entries "credit card paid"	Pending discovery	1999 - 1999 - 1999 - 1999 - 1999 - 1999 - 1999 - 1999 - 1999 - 1999 - 1999 - 1999 - 1999 - 1999 - 1999 - 1999 -	
70	Unclear General Ledger entries "RDC	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	

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Item No.	Description	Total Claim Amount	Amount Due Partnership	Amount Due KAC357, Inc./Hameds
	Frozen Account"			
371	Unclear if Scotiabank Telecheck transfers were deposited in Partnership accounts	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000	
372/379	Unclear General Ledger entries regarding miscellaneous adjustments to employee loans	\$122,904.66	\$122,904.66	
373	Unclear General Ledger entries regarding "return check mutilated"	\$83,800.00	\$83,800.00	
374	Unclear General Ledger entry regarding "Cash - Transfer Clearing, Banco Proc Error re Xfer"	\$360,000.00	\$360,000.00	
375	Unclear General Ledger entry regarding "2013 US Customs Exp Per Schedule"	\$9,916.18	\$9,916.18	
376	Unclear General Ledger entries regarding Merrill Lynch	\$4,261,939.04	\$4,261,939.04	
377	Unclear General Ledger entries regarding Daas corporate loan	\$327,500.00	\$327,500.00	
378	Unclear General Ledger entries to "Due from (to) Yusuf"	\$693,242.00	\$693,242.00	
380	Unclear what the reclassification of partnership income in 2013 and 2014 notation on the general ledger means	Pending discovery		
381	Many general ledger entries are missing descriptions	\$1,026,856.36	\$1,026,856.36	
383	Unclear general ledger entries regarding "nominal cash reconciliation	\$4,312.57	\$4,312.57	
84	Unclear general ledger entry "Accrue 2012 rent as directed by legal"	\$678,549.00	\$678,549.00	
85	Partnership may have paid Fathi Yusuf's personal attorney's fees	\$14,995.26	\$14,995.26	

Item No.	Description	Total Claim Amount	Amount Due Partnership	Amount Due KAC357, Inc./Hameds
386	Unclear general ledger entries regarding deposit adjustments	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	
388	Unclear general ledger entries regarding due/to Shopping Center	\$900,000	\$900,000	
390	Transactions with Alamnai Co.	\$37,629.00	\$37,629.00	
391	Unclear general ledger entries regarding "Adjust due/to from"	\$241,558.05	\$241,558.05	
392	Improper payments to Carol's newspaper distribution	\$1,697.00	\$1,697.00	
393	Unclear general ledger entries regarding "Cash Reques"	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	
394	Unclear general ledger entry regarding "AT&T MOBILITY"	\$2,949.65	\$2949.65	
396	Transactions with JKC Communication	\$13,389.04	\$13,389.04	
397	Transactions with House of Printing	\$860.00	\$860.00	
398	Transactions with Foampack	\$1,257.05	\$1,257.05	
399	Unclear general ledger entries regarding "All Scotia Account Closures"	\$615,172.17	\$615,172.17	
400	Unclear general ledger entries regarding "Fathi Yusuf matching draw"	\$1,288,602.64	\$1,288,602.64	
401	Unclear general ledger entries regarding United Corporation	\$120,431.00	\$120,431.00	
402/418	Unclear general ledger entry regarding "Fathi Yusuf refund of overpayment"	\$77,335.62	\$77,335.62	
403/413	Unclear general ledger entries for By Order	\$260,490.72	\$260,490.72	
405	Numerous unexplained general ledger entries regarding Hamed	\$51,061.36	\$51,061.36	

Item No.	Description	Total Claim Amount	Amount Due Partnership	Amount Due KAC357, Inc./Hameds
408	Unclear general ledger entry for \$176,353.61 dated 9/30/15	\$176,353.61	\$176,353.61	
409	Unclear general ledger entries regarding transfers and closed accounts	\$837,554.23	\$837,554.23	
410	Unclear general ledger entry regarding 50/50 distribution	\$165,000.00	\$165,000.00	
411	Unclear general ledger entry regarding accrued accounting fees to complete 2015 year-end taxes	\$16,315.00	\$16,315.00	
412	Unclear general ledger entry regarding accounting error for Tropical Shipping invoices	\$10,242.00	\$10,242.00	
414	Unclear general ledger entry regarding adjust cash on hand to count on 3/11/15	\$24,934.18	\$24,934.18	
415	Unclear general ledger entry regarding clearing Banco irregularities	\$8,481.58	\$8,481.58	
416	Unclear general ledger entry regarding balance sheet balances closed for insurance items to expedite close	\$51,569.11	\$51,569.11	
417	Unclear general ledger entries regarding clear misc Yusuf/Pship Due to/fr accounts	Pending discovery		
418	Unclear general ledger entry regarding United reimbursement to Hamed of 7/13 overpayment	\$38,667.81	\$38,667.81	
419	Unclear general ledger entry regarding combined services inv dtd 2/24/15 paid on behalf of East	\$4,935.00	\$4,935.00	
120	Unclear general ledger entry regarding CRA check 215 to reimburse KAC357 for STT deposit errors	Pending discovery		
21	Unclear general ledger entry regarding Daily (United C. CK)	Pending discovery		

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Item No.	Description	Total Claim Amount	Amount Due Partnership	Amount Due KAC357, Inc./Hameds
422	Unclear general ledger entry regarding excess cash over \$50k per court order	\$44,399.63	\$44,399.63	
423	Unclear general ledger entries regarding prepayment of insurance	\$139,230.53	\$139,230.53	
425	2015 Accounts Payable-Trade to John Gaffney	1,544.33	1,544.33	
427	2013 Accounts Payable-Trade to John Gaffney	\$1,214.10	\$1,214.10	
428	Unclear general ledger entries regarding 2015 Accounts Payable- Trade to Maher Yusuf	\$1,866.39	\$1,866.39	
430	Unsubstantiated check to Nejeh Yusuf	\$2,031.84	\$2,031.84	
431	Unclear general ledger entry, Non-cash distribution to Yusuf	\$245,089.90	\$245,089.90	
432	Unclear general ledger entry, North Western Selectra Inc.	\$4,524.24	\$4,524.24	
433	Unclear general ledger entry, J Ortiz	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	
434	Unclear general ledger entries regarding St. Thomas petty cash	\$10,339.12	\$10,339.12	
436	Unclear general ledger entry regarding United Shopping Center payment of accounting fees for the Partnership	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	
437	Unclear general ledger entry regarding United Shopping Center payment of legal fees for the Partnership	\$4,946.31	\$4,946.31	
438	Transaction with Source Accounting	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	
439	Unclear general ledger entry regarding St. Thomas 1.5% CR Reduction (FUTA) paid by West to United	\$12,346.17	\$12,346.17	
440	Unclear general ledger entry regarding temporary adjustment for unreimbursed cash expenses during 2014/15	\$46,725.41	\$46,725.41	

Item No.	Description	Total Claim Amount	Amount Due Partnership	Amount Due KAC357, Inc./Hameds
442/407	Unclear general ledger entries indicating Accounts Payable Trade payments to United Corporation in 2015	Pending discovery		
443	Unclear general ledger entry regarding price gun deposits	\$1,780.00	\$1,780.00	
444	Unclear general ledger entries regarding 2013 Q3 VIESA deficiency, plus penalty and interest in 2005	\$9,385.95	\$9,385.95	
445	Unclear general ledger entries regarding United Corporation	\$6,933.27	\$6,933.27	an an <u>an an A</u> gentation (
446	Unclear general ledger entries regarding United Corporation – FUTA	\$10,047.14	\$10,047.14	
447	Unclear general ledger entry regarding United Corporation – Gift Certificates	\$2,630.00	\$2,630.00	
449	Unclear general ledger entries regarding Industrial Video and Luxor Goods	\$9,803.00	\$9,803.00	
450	Unclear general ledger entry regarding Hector Torres' invoice	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
451	Unclear general ledger entries for Ramone Reid Felix invoices	\$1,092.00	\$1,092.00	nte e l'accompany d'Alterpoise
452	Unclear general ledger entries regarding Tasty Alternatives	\$30,721.00	\$30,721.00	
453	Scotia Invoices	\$11,411.17	\$11,411.17	
454	Lissette Colon's salary, benefits, bonuses and incidental expenses	\$6,215.44	\$6,215.44	
455	Myra Senhouse's salary, benefits, bonuses and incidental expenses	\$2,259.41	\$2,259.41	
456	Humphrey Caswell's salary, benefits, bonuses and travel and entertainment expenses	\$28,666.00	\$28,666.00	

Item No.	Description	Total Claim Amount	Amount Due Partnership	Amount Due KAC357, Inc./Hameds
457	Unclear 2016 general ledger entries regarding the United Corporation in 2016	\$238,828.82	\$238,828.82	
459	Unclear general ledger entry regarding United Corporation Worker's Compensation	\$317.99	\$317.99	
460	Unclear general ledger entries regarding FUTA late fee	\$85,697.27	\$85,697.27	
464	Transaction with Raja Foods	\$410.00	\$410.00	
465	2016 transactions with Caribbean Refrigeration & Mechanical LLC	\$10,901.51	\$10,901.51	hap- a
466	Unclear general ledger entries We Are Wine LLC	\$2,704.79	\$2,704.79	
467	Unclear general ledger entries regarding US Customs penalty	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	
468	2016 payments to Dudley, Topper and Feuerzeig, LLP (Fathi Yusuf's personal attorney)	\$9,680.00	\$9,680.00	
469	Unclear general ledger entries regarding Inter Ocean refund	Pending discovery		
470	Unclear general ledger entries regarding "Lutheran Family Social Services"	\$1,246.21	\$1,246.21	
471	Unclear general ledger entries regarding KAC357	\$3,640.00	\$3,640.00	
472	Unclear 2016 general ledger entries for Banco Popular Puerto Rico	Pending discovery		
173	Unclear general ledger entries regarding 2016 V.I. Employment Security contributions and penalties	\$13,047.65	\$13,047.65	
74	Disputed Plaza Extra East rent granted by court order on April 27, 2015	\$5,234,298.71	\$5,234,298.71	

Item No.	Description	Total Claim Amount	Amount Due Partnership	Amount Due KAC357, Inc./Hameds
475	Fathi Yusuf draw from Partnership funds for gift	\$4,000,000.00	\$4,000,000.00	
476	Wireless Tech Rent	\$15,000	\$15,000	
477	Unclear general ledger entries regarding Hanun loan	\$35,000	\$35,000	
478	Unclear general ledger entries regarding distributing cash on hand in 2015	\$19,333.33	\$19,333.33	
479	Unclear general ledger entry regarding Yusuf distribution of WAPA deposit	\$110,842	\$110,842	
480	Unclear general ledger entries regarding "Yusuf distribu for trade AR"	\$15,701.34	\$15,701.34	
481	Unclear general ledger entry regarding "xfer fr Yusuf fam BPPR a/c to United BPPR a/c"	\$1,449.33	\$1,449.33	
482	Unclear general ledger entry regarding "Yusuf refund of overpayment"	\$77,335.62	\$77,335.62	
483	Unclear general ledger entry regarding "CLEAR MISC YUSUF/PSHIP DUE TO/FR ACCOUNTS"	\$247,870.31	\$247,870.31	
484	Unclear general ledger entrics regarding "correct Yusuf/Hamed distrib settle on 9/30 ref ck 251 for \$183,381,91"	\$20,484	\$20,484	
485	Unclear general ledger entry regarding "clear pship a/c 28600 intraco bal's to equity"	\$247,137.88	\$247,137.88	
187	Unclear general ledger entry "clear misc Hamed/pship due to/fr accounts" in the amount of \$39,788.40.	\$39,788.40	\$39,788.40	
188	Unclear general ledger entry regarding "due t/fr settlement re stmt at 9/30/15"	\$183,381.91	\$183,381.91	

Item No.	Description	Total Claim Amount	Amount Due Partnership	Amount Due KAC357, Inc./Hameds
489	Manal Yousef alleged mortgage <sup>1</sup>	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	and the second
490	Half acre in Estate Tutu	\$500,000	\$500,000	
491	Plaza Extra East land	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	
492	\$900,000 Estimated tax payment for United Corporation shareholders	\$900,000	\$900,000	
	Totals	\$57,996,790.14	\$56,163,505.87	\$1,833,284.27

<sup>[1]</sup> This matter is also in civil litigation. A current action, *Sixteen Plus v. Manal Yousef*, SX-16-CV-65, is pending. In addition, an action is being prepared against Fathi Yousef and others for fraud. If these actions are successful, this claim will be obviated. In addition, despite the current activities attempting to enforce the mortgage, by Yousuf and Yusuf, it is also listed on the pre-2012 accounting as a prior. With interest, this claim exceeds \$14 million.

# **EXHIBITS TO B2**

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

Case No.: SX-2012-cv-370
ACTION FOR DAMAGES, INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND DECLARATORY RELIEF
JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
Case No.: SX-2014-CV-278
ACTION FOR DEBT AND CONVERSION
JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

# **DISC OF EXHIBITS**

# ATTACHMENTS AND EXHIBITS TO EXHIBIT B2 BATES JVZ 148-1730

RE: HAMED'S NOTICE OF PARTNERSHIP CLAIMS AND OBJECTIONS TO YUSUF'S POST-JANUARY 1, 2012 ACCOUNTING

ALSO PROVIDED FOR YOUR EASY DOWNLOAD AT:

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