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Presentment Date: Time:

August 8, 2014

9:30 a.m.

Objections Due: Time:

August 5, 2014 5:00 p.m.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

In re:

AGAPE WORLD, INC., AGAPE MERCHANT ADVANCE LLC, AGAPE COMMUNITY LLC, AGAPE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT LLC, AGAPE WORLD BRIDGES LLC, AND 114 PARKWAY DRIVE SOUTH LLC,

Chapter 7

Case No.: 09-70660 (AST) Substantively Consolidated

Debtors.

KENNETH P. SILVERMAN, ESQ., as Chapter 7 Trustee of Agape World, Inc., et al.,

Plaintiff,

-against-

Adv. Pro. No.: 09-08491 (AST)

THE LIGHTHOUSE LIGHTING CORP., and 7940 JERICHO TURNPIKE CORP., d/b/a SPERANZA FINE ITALIAN FOOD STUDIO.

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NOTICE OF PRESENTMENT OF AN ORDER **UNDER FEDERAL RULE OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE 9019(a)** SEEKING THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER (I) RE-OPENING THE ADVERSARY PROCEEDING; (II) APPROVING THE STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT PROVIDING FOR THE CONDITIONAL SATISFACTION OF THE TRUSTEE'S JUDGMENT AGAINST THE LIGHTHOUSE LIGHTING CORP.; AND (III) RE-CLOSING THE ADVERSARY PROCEEDING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that upon the annexed motion (the "Motion"), Kenneth P. Silverman, Esq., the chapter 7 trustee (the "Trustee") for the substantively consolidated estate of Agape World, Inc., et al., by his counsel, SilvermanAcampora LLP, will present a proposed order before the Honorable Alan S. Trust, United States Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York, located at the Alfonse M. D'Amato Federal Courthouse, 290 Federal Plaza, Courtroom 960, Central Islip, New York 11722 on August 8, 2014 at 9:30 a.m., seeking entry of an Order under Bankruptcy Rule 9019(a) (I) Re-Opening the Adversary Proceeding; (II) Approving the Stipulation Providing for the Conditional Satisfaction of the Trustee's Judgment against The Lighthouse Lighting Corp.; and (III) Re-Closing the Adversary Proceeding. A copy of the proposed Order is attached to the Motion as Exhibit A.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that objections, if any, to the relief requested in the Motion or the proposed Order must be (i) made in writing; (ii) electronically filed with the Bankruptcy Court; (iii) delivered to Chambers of the Honorable Alan S. Trust, United States Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of New York, Alfonse M. D'Amato Federal Courthouse, 290 Federal Plaza, Courtroom 960, Central Islip, New York 11722; (iv) mailed to SilvermanAcampora LLP, 100 Jericho Quadrangle, Suite 300, Jericho, New York 11753, Attn: David J. Mahoney, Esq.; and (v) mailed to the Office of the United States Trustee, 560 Federal Plaza, Central Islip, New York 11722, no later than August 5, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

PLEASE BE ADVISED, that if an objection is timely filed to the relief requested, or if the Court determines that a hearing is appropriate, the Court will schedule a hearing.

Notice of such hearing will be provided by the applicant.

PLEASE BE ADVISED, that if no objection is received by the Objection Deadline, the order may be signed without a hearing.

By:

Dated: Jericho, New York June 27, 2014 SILVERMANACAMPORA LLP
Attorneys for Kenneth P. Silverman, Esq.,
The Chapter 7 Trustee

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SILVERMANACAMPORA LLP Counsel to Kenneth P. Silverman, Esq., The Chapter 7 Trustee 100 Jericho Quadrangle, Suite 300 Jericho, New York 11753 (516) 479-6300 Anthony C. Acampora, Esq. David J. Mahoney, Esq. UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT In re:

EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

AGAPE WORLD, INC., AGAPE MERCHANT ADVANCE LLC, AGAPE COMMUNITY LLC, AGAPE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT LLC, AGAPE WORLD BRIDGES LLC, AND 114 PARKWAY DRIVE SOUTH LLC,

Debtors.

KENNETH P. SILVERMAN, ESQ., as Chapter 7 Trustee of Agape World, Inc., et al.,

Plaintiff.

-against-

THE LIGHTHOUSE LIGHTING CORP., and 7940 JERICHO TURNPIKE CORP., d/b/a SPERANZA FINE ITALIAN FOOD STUDIO.

Defendant.

MOTION FOR AN ORDER FEDERAL RULE OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE 9019(a) SEEKING THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER (I) RE-OPENING THE ADVERSARY PROCEEDING: (II) APPROVING THE STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT PROVIDING FOR THE CONDITIONAL SATISFACTION OF THE TRUSTEE'S JUDGMENT AGAINST THE LIGHTHOUSE LIGHTING CORP.; AND (III) RE-CLOSING THE ADVERSARY PROCEEDING

Kenneth P. Silverman, Esq., the chapter 7 trustee (the "Trustee") of the substantively consolidated estate of Agape World, Inc., et al., by his attorneys SilvermanAcampora LLP, respectfully submits this motion (the "Motion") under 11 U.S.C. §105 and Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 9019(a) for entry of an Order (attached as Exhibit A) (I) Re-Opening the Adversary Proceeding; (II) Approving the Stipulation Providing for the Conditional

Chapter 7

Case No.: 09-70660 (AST) Substantively Consolidated

Adv. Pro. No.: 09-08491 (AST)

Satisfaction of the Trustee's Judgment against The Lighthouse Lighting Corp. (the "Defendant"), as memorialized in the Stipulation Providing for the Conditional Satisfaction of the Trustee's Judgment Against The Lighthouse Lighting Corp. (the "Stipulation"), which is attached as **Exhibit B**; and (III) Re-Closing the Adversary Proceeding. All parties are encouraged to review the Stipulation in its entirety for the specific terms of the settlement.

## **Background**

- 1. On February 5, 2009 (the "Petition Date"), an involuntary chapter 7 petition was filed by four petitioning creditors ("the Petitioning Creditors") pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §303(b), against Agape World, Inc. ("AWI"), in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York.
- 2. On February 9, 2008, the Petitioning Creditors filed a motion to appoint an interim chapter 7 trustee under 11 U.S.C. §303(g).
- 3. On February 12, 2009, the Court granted the Petitioning Creditors' motion and entered an order directing the United States Trustee's Office to immediately appoint an interim chapter 7 trustee in the AWI case.
- 4. On February 12, 2009, Kenneth P. Silverman, Esq., was appointed the interim trustee in the AWI case, and has since duly qualified and is now the permanent Trustee in the Debtors' substantively consolidated case.
  - 5. On March 4, 2009, the Court issued an Order for relief in the AWI chapter 7 case.
- 6. On April 14, 2009, the Court issued an Order substantively consolidating AWI, Agape Merchant Advance LLC, Agape Community LLC, Agape Construction Management, LLC, Agape World Bridges LLC, and 114 Parkway Drive South LLC (collectively, "Agape" or the "Debtors").
- 7. Thereafter, pursuant to an Order of this Court dated April 21, 2009 (Docket No. 106), the Trustee retained Navigant Consulting Inc. ("Navigant") to, among other things, conduct

a forensic analysis of Agape's books and records.

- 8. Based upon Navigant's analysis, the Trustee determined that Defendant received certain transfers totaling Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fourteen and 11/100 (\$8,414.11) Dollars (the "Transfers") from the Debtors.
- 9. On October 14, 2009, the Trustee commenced this adversary proceeding against Defendant by the filing of a complaint (Adv. Pro. No. 09-08491) (the "Adversary Proceeding"), asserting that the Transfers are avoidable pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§105, 502, 544, 548, 550, and 551, New York Debtor and Creditor Law §§273. 274, 275, 276, and 276-a, and New York common law (the "Trustee's Claims").
- 10. On January 13, 2010, the Trustee filed a motion for a default judgment against Defendant (the "Default Motion") for Defendant's failure to interpose an answer or otherwise respond in the Adversary Proceeding.
- 11. On April 27, 2010, the Court granted the Default Motion, and, on July 26, 2012, the Court entered a default judgment (the "Judgment") against Defendant.
- 12. Thereafter, the Trustee commenced judgment enforcement proceedings by, *inter alia*, serving an information subpoena and restraining notice (collectively, the "Subpoena") on JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (the "Bank").
- 13. In response to the Trustee's Subpoena, the Bank restrained an account owned by Defendant (the "Bank Account").
- 14. Thereafter, Defendant's counsel contacted the Trustee's counsel with respect to satisfying the Judgment. The parties engaged in informal discovery related to the Trustee's Claims, the Judgment, and the defenses asserted by the Defendant, including the Defendant's assertion that it was not an investor, but that it provided light fixtures and lighting services to the Debtor.
  - 15. Defendant has offered to pay \$1,500.00 (the "Settlement Sum") to the Trustee in

full and final settlement of the Judgment Trustee's Claim.1

- 16. Based upon the Trustee's review of all documentation related to the Net Transfers and his investigation of all attendant factors, the Trustee has, in his business judgment, agreed to accept Defendant's voluntary return of the Settlement Sum in full and final satisfaction of the Trustee's Judgment.
- 17. For all the reasons set forth herein, the Trustee submits that accepting Defendant's offer to remit the Settlement Sum in full and final settlement of the Judgment is a reasonable exercise of the Trustee's business judgment and is in the best interest of the Debtors' estate.

### **Settlement**

The Trustee has determined that settling this matter for the Settlement Sum and is the most economical and efficient way to realize a meaningful recovery for the creditors' benefit without incurring additional legal fees and the risks inherent with collecting on the Judgment.

#### **Basis for Relief Requested**

19. Rule 9019(a) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules") governs the approval of compromises and settlements, and provides as follows:

On motion by the trustee and after notice and a hearing, the court may approve a compromise or settlement. Notice shall be given to creditors, the United States trustee, the debtor, and indenture trustees as provided in Rule 2002 and to any other entity as the court may direct.

FED. R. BANKR. P. 9019(a).

20. In approving the compromise and settlement, the Court is required to make an "informed and independent judgment" as to whether the compromise and settlement is fair and equitable based on an:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Settlement Sum has been received by the Trustee and is in the "Estates' Earnest Monies" account, pending the Court approval of the Settlement.

[e]ducated estimate of the complexity, expense, and likely duration of such litigation, the possible difficulties of collecting on any judgment which might be obtained, and all other factors relevant to a full and fair assessment of the wisdom of the proposed compromise. Basic to this process in every instance, of course, is the need to compare the terms of the compromise with the likely rewards of litigation.<sup>2</sup>

- 21. In making its determination on the "propriety of the settlement", the Court should consider whether the proposed settlement is in the "best interest of the estate." As stated in *Arrow Air*, the "approval of [a] proposed compromise and settlement is a matter of this Court's sound discretion." In passing upon a proposed settlement, "the bankruptcy court does not substitute its judgment for that of the trustee". The bankruptcy court is not required "to decide the numerous questions of law and fact raised by [objectors] . . . . [R]ather [the Court should] canvass the issues and see whether the settlement falls below the lowest point in the range of reasonableness." In passing upon the reasonableness of a proposed compromise, the Court "may give weight to the opinions of the Trustee, the parties and their counsel."
- 22. The Second Circuit in *re Iridium Operating LLC* <sup>7</sup> outlined the following seven factors (the "Iridium Criteria") to be considered by a court in deciding whether to approve a compromise or settlement:
  - i. the balance between the litigation's possibility of success

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In re Iridium Operating LLC, 478 F.3d 452, 462 n.15 (2d Cir. 2007) (quoting Protective Committee for Independent Stockholders of TMT Trailer Ferry, Inc. v. Anderson, 390 U.S. 414, 424-425, reh'g denied, 391 U.S. 909 (1968)). See In re Arrow Air, Inc., 85 B.R. 886, 891 (Bankr. S.D. Fla. 1988); In re Bell & Beckwith, 77 B.R. 606, 611 (Bankr. N.D.Ohio), aff'd, 87 B.R. 472 (N.D.Ohio 1987); Cf. Magill v. Springfield Marine Bank (In re Heissinger Resources Ltd.), 67 B.R. 378, 383 (C.D. III. 1986) ("the law favors compromise").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Handler v. Roth (In re Handler), 386 B.R. 411, 420 (Bankr. E.D.N.Y. 2007)(quoting In re Adelphia Communications Corp., 327 B.R. 143, 158 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2005)); Depo v. Chase Lincoln First Bank, N.A. (In re Depo), 77 B.R. 381, 383 (N.D.N.Y. 1987), aff'd, 863 F.2d 45 (2d Cir. 1988).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Arrow Air, supra, 85.B.R. at 891.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> In re Depo, 77 B.R. at 384 (citations omitted).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Bell & Beckwith, 77 B.R. at 612; see also In re Handler, 386 B.R. at 421.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 478 F.3d 452, 462 (2d Cir. 2007).

and the settlement's present and future benefits;

- ii. the likelihood of complex and protracted litigation, with its attendant expense, inconvenience, and delay, including the difficulty in collecting on the judgment if the settlement is not approved;
- iii. the paramount interest of the creditors, including the proportion of class members who do not object to or who affirmatively support the settlement;
- iv. whether other parties in interest support the settlement;
- v. the competency and experience of the counsel who support the proposed settlement;
- vi. the relative benefits to be received by individuals or groups within the class; and
- vii. the extent to which the settlement is the product of arm's length bargaining.8
- 23. The Stipulation is a product of extensive arm's length bargaining and exceeds the lowest range of reasonableness consistent with the applicable law.
- 24. The Settlement Sum represents a guaranteed recovery of a significant portion of the Net Transfers for which the Trustee believes Defendant is equitably liable in satisfaction of the Judgment and the Trustee's Turnover Claim.
  - 25. The Parties are represented by competent and experienced counsel.
- 26. The Trustee does not anticipate that any of the Debtors' creditors will object to Stipulation or the relief requested in this Motion.
- 27. The Trustee submits that considering the costs and uncertainties associated with enforcing the Judgment against Defendant, it is unlikely that further collection efforts would result in a "net benefit" of the Debtors' estate in excess of the Settlement Sum. In the Trustee's sound business judgment, the proposed settlement is both appropriate and warranted. The Trustee believes that the settlement is fair and equitable and in the best interest of the estate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See In re Iridium Operating LLC, 478 F.3d at 462; See also In re Handler, 386 B.R. at 421.

### **Notice**

28. The Trustee has served the Notice of Motion, proposed Order, and Motion in support (with Exhibits) upon: (i) the Office of the United States Trustee; (ii) Nicholas Cosmo, Debtors' former principal; (iii) Defendant; (iv) Defendant's counsel; (v) the Internal Revenue Service and other governmental agencies to the extent required by the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules; and (vi) all parties having filed a Notice of Appearance in this case, and copies have been posted on the Trustee's website located at <a href="https://www.agapeworldbankruptcy.com">www.agapeworldbankruptcy.com</a>. The Trustee respectfully submits that the proposed service complies with this Court's Order Establishing Noticing Procedures entered on July 8, 2009 and is otherwise sufficient.

29. No previous application for the relief requested herein has been made to this or any other Court.

WHEREFORE, the Trustee respectfully requests that this Court grant this Motion approving the Stipulation and grant such other further and different relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: Jericho, New York June 27, 2014 **SILVERMANACAMPORA LLP**Attorneys for Kenneth P. Silverman, Esq.,
The Chapter 7 Trustee

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# Exhibit A

In re: Cha	apter 7 estantively Consolidated	
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AGAPE WORLD, INC., AGAPE MERCHANT ADVANCE LLC, AGAPE COMMUNITY LLC, AGAPE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT LLC, AGAPE WORLD BRIDGES LLC, AND 114 PARKWAY DRIVE SOUTH LLC,		
Debtors. x		
KENNETH P. SILVERMAN, ESQ., as Chapter 7 Trustee of Agape World, Inc., et al.,		
Plaintiff,	Adv. Pro. No.: 09-08491 (AST)	
-against-	, ,	
THE LIGHTHOUSE LIGHTING CORP., and 7940 JERICHO TURNPIKE CORP., d/b/a SPERANZA FINE ITALIAN FOOD STUDIO,		
Defendant. x		

ORDER UNDER FEDERAL RULE OF BANKRUPTCY
PROCEDURE 9019(a) (I) RE-OPENING THE ADVERSARY PROCEEDING;
(II) APPROVING THE STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT PROVIDING FOR THE
CONDITIONAL SATISFACTION OF THE TRUSTEE'S JUDGMENT AGAINST THE
LIGHTHOUSE LIGHTING CORP.; AND (III) RE-CLOSING THE ADVERSARY PROCEEDING

Upon the Notice of Motion (the "Notice"), dated June 27, 2014, and related documents (collectively, the "Motion") of Kenneth P. Silverman, Esq., the chapter 7 trustee (the "Trustee") of the substantively consolidated estate of Agape World, Inc., *et al.*, by his counsel, SilvermanAcampora LLP, seeking the entry of an Order (I) Re-Opening The Adversary Proceeding; (II) Approving The Stipulation Providing For The Conditional Satisfaction Of The Trustee's Judgment Against The Lighthouse Lighting Corp.; and (III) Re-Closing The Adversary Proceeding; and upon the Affidavit of Service filed with the Court; and no objections to the Motion or the proposed Order having been filed; and the Court having found that settling the Trustee's claims and judgment arising under 11 U.S.C. §§105, 502, 544, 548, 550, and 551,

New York Debtor and Creditor Law §§273, 274, 275, 276, and 276-a, and New York common law, is reasonable and in the best interest of the Debtors' estate; and sufficient cause having been shown therefor; and after due deliberation and consideration; and it appearing that sufficient notice of the Motion and proposed Order has been given; and it appearing that good and sufficient cause exists for granting the Motion and proposed Order; and no additional notice being necessary or required:

NOW, THEREFORE, upon the Trustee's Notice and Motion and pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9019(a) and other applicable law, it is hereby

ORDERED, that service of the Notice and Motion and proposed Order, having been provided to: (i) the Office of the United States Trustee; (ii) Nicholas Cosmo, Debtors' former principal; (iii) Defendant; (iv) Defendant's counsel; (v) the Internal Revenue Service and other governmental agencies to the extent required by the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules; and (vi) all parties having filed a Notice of Appearance in this case, and copies have been posted on the Trustee's website located at <a href="www.agapeworldbankruptcy.com">www.agapeworldbankruptcy.com</a> complies with this Court's Order Establishing Noticing Procedures entered on July 8, 2009 and is otherwise sufficient; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Motion is granted, and it is further

**ORDERED,** that the proposed satisfaction of judgment against Defendant, as memorialized in the Stipulation, is approved, and it is further

ORDERED, that the Trustee is authorized to take all actions necessary to have the Judgment marked satisfied against The Lighthouse Lighting Corp., including, but not limited to, filing this Order with the New York County Clerk's Office, lifting the restraint on any bank account of The Lighthouse Lighting Corp., and dismissing the Special Proceeding; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that the Trustee is authorized to take such steps, execute such documents and expend such funds as may be reasonably necessary to implement the terms of this Order.

# Exhibit B

	UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK					
In re:  AGAPE WORLD, INC., AGAPE MERCHANT ADVANCE LLC, AGAPE COMMUNITY LLC, AGAPE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT LLC, AGAPE WORLD BRIDGES LLC, AND 114 PARKWAY DRIVE SOUTH LLC,		Chapter 7 Case No.: 09-70660 (DTE) Substantively Consolidated				
					Debtors.	
	KENNETH P. SILVERMAN, ESQ., as Chapter 7 Trustee of Agape World, Inc., et al.,					
	Plaintiff,	Adv. Pro. No.: 09-08491 (AST)				
	-against-					
	THE LIGHTHOUSE LIGHTING CORP., and 7940 JERICHO TURNPIKE CORP., d/b/a SPERANZA FINE ITALIAN FOOD STUDIO,					
	Defendants.					
	STIPULATION PROVIDING FOR THE CONDITIONAL SATISFACTION OF TRUSTEE'S JUDGMENT AGAINST THE LIGHTHOUSE LIGHTING CORP.					
	I. On February 5, 2009 (the "Filing Date"), an involuntary chapter 7 petition wa					
	filed by four petitioning creditors (the "Petitioning Creditors") pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §303(b					

- ıs against Agape World, Inc. ("AWI"), in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York.
- On February 9, 2009, the Petitioning Creditors filed a motion to appoint an II. interim chapter 7 trustee under 11 U.S.C. §303(g).
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- IV. On February 12, 2009, Kenneth P. Silverman, Esq., was appointed the interim trustee in the AWI case, and has since duly qualified and is now the permanent Trustee in the Debtors' substantively consolidated case.
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- VI. On April 14, 2009, the Court issued an Order substantively consolidating AWI, Agape Merchant Advance LLC, Agape Community LLC, Agape Construction Management, LLC, Agape World Bridges LLC, and 114 Parkway Drive South LLC (collectively, the "Debtors").

## The Trustee's Adversary Proceeding

- VII. The Trustee and his counsel have investigated the financial affairs of the Debtors, including a detailed analysis of the extent and validity of certain transfers made by Agape to The Lighthouse Lighting Corp. ("Defendant").
- VIII. On October 14, 2009, the Trustee commenced this adversary proceeding (the "Adversary Proceeding") against Defendant by filing a complaint, wherein the Trustee asserted that: (i) certain transfers totaling \$8,414.11 (the "Transfers") made by the Debtor to the Defendant are avoidable pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§105, 502, 544, 548, 550, and 551, New York Debtor and Creditor Law §§273, 274, 275, 276, and 276-a, and New York common law, (the "Trustee's Claims").
- IX. On January 13, 2010, the Trustee filed a motion for default judgment (the "Motion") for Defendant's failure to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint.
- X. On April 27, 2010, the Court granted the Trustee's Motion and entered a judgment (the "Judgment") against the Defendant.
- XI. Thereafter, the Trustee commenced judgment enforcement proceedings by, *inter alia*, serving an information subpoena and restraining notice (collectively, the "Subpoena") on J.P.Morgan Chase (the "Bank").
- XII. In response to the Trustee's Subpoena, The Bank restrained an account (the "Bank Account").

- XIII. Thereafter, Defendant, through its counsel, contacted the Trustee's counsel with respect to satisfying the Judgment.
- XIV. The parties engaged in informal discovery related to the Judgment and the defenses asserted by Defendant, including the Defendant's assertion that it was not an investor, but that it provided light fixtures and services to the Debtors.
- XV. In the spirit of compromise, and without any admission of liability Defendant has offered to voluntarily remit the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred And 00/100 (\$1,500.00) Dollars (the "Settlement Sum") to the Trustee, in full and final of the Trustee's Claims (the "Stipulation").
- XVI. Based upon his review of all documentation related to the Transfers and his investigation of all attendant factors, the Trustee has, in his business judgment, agreed to settle the Trustee's Claims upon the following terms and conditions, which the Trustee believes are fair and reasonable, especially in light of the costs and uncertainty associated with enforcing the Judgment and the Defendant's notarized affidavit.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and among the parties hereto, that the Trustee's Judgment be resolved upon the terms and conditions set forth herein as follows:

# **Defendant's Obligation to Pay the Settlement Sum**

- 1. This Stipulation (the "Stipulation") is subject to the approval of the United States

  Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York (the "Approval Order").
- 2. Upon the execution of this Stipulation, the Defendant will remit a check, in the amount of \$1,500.00, made payable to "Kenneth P. Silverman, Esq., as Chapter 7 Trustee", by delivering the check to Trustee's counsel at SilvermanAcampora LLP, 100 Jericho Quadrangle, Suite 300, Jericho, New York, 11753, Attention: Linda Tumino.
- 3. The Trustee's proposed satisfaction of the Judgment is expressly conditioned upon his timely receipt of the Settlement Sum. In consideration for Defendant's promise to pay

the Settlement Sum, the Trustee will withhold from further judgment enforcement efforts until July 1, 2014. In the event that the Trustee does not receive the Settlement Sum by July 1, 2014, the Trustee shall be relieved of his duty to satisfy the Judgment under this Stipulation and he shall retain all of his rights and remedies as a judgment creditor under New York law.

- 4. The Settlement Sum shall be held by the Trustee in a segregated account until the Approval Order becomes final and non-appealable under 28 U.S.C. §158(c)(2) and Bankruptcy Rule 8002.
- 5. Except as expressly provided herein, Defendant releases, discharges and waives any and all claims against the Debtor's estate, the Trustee and the Trustee's agents, attorneys, assigns and successors-in-interest from any and all claims, proofs of claim, claims for relief, demands, costs, expenses, damages, liabilities, and obligations of any nature.

### Releases

- 6. Upon execution of this Stipulation and the Trustee's receipt and clearance of the entire Settlement Sum, the Trustee and the estate release and forever discharge Defendant, its affiliated entities, agents, representatives, attorneys, assigns and successors-in-interest from any and all claims, claims for relief, demands, costs, expenses, damages, liabilities, and obligations of any nature arising out of or relating to the Trustee's Claims. For purposes of clarification, nothing contained herein shall be construed to be a release by the Trustee of any claims that the Trustee may have or subsequently discover under 11 U.S.C. §550(a)(2) and the Trustee is specifically not releasing any claims under 11 U.S.C. §550(a)(2).
- 7. Upon the Trustee's receipt and clearance of the Settlement Sum, the Trustee and the estate will authorize The Bank to lift the pending restraint on Defendant's Bank Account, cease further efforts to enforce the Judgment and the Trustee will file a satisfaction of Judgment on the docket of this Adversary Proceeding.

**Miscellaneous** 

This Stipulation may be executed in one or more counterparts, with each part

being deemed a part of the original document, and facsimile or other electronic signatures shall

be deemed an original signature.

9. The person executing this Stipulation warrants and represents that she or he is

authorized and empowered to execute and deliver this Stipulation on behalf of such party.

10. This Stipulation may not be altered, modified, or changed unless in writing,

signed by the parties or their counsel.

11. This Stipulation shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York, except

with respect to matters as to which federal law is applicable without regard to any conflicts of

law principles.

12. The Trustee and Defendant are each responsible for their own costs and

attorneys' fees incurred in connection with this proceeding.

Dated: Jericho, New York

June 10, 2014 SILVERMANACAMPORA LLP

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The Chapter 7 Trustee

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Dated: Valley Stream, New York

June 6, 2014

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