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Hearing Date: September 17, 2013
Time: 9:30 a.m.

Objections Due: September 10, 2013
Time: 5:00 p.m.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re:

Chapter 7
Case No.: 09-70660 (DTE)
Substantively Consolidated

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.

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

Plaintiff,

Adv. Pro. No.: 11-08285 (REG)

-against-

STEVEN GAGLIONE,

Defendant.
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**NOTICE OF MOTION TO (I) RE-OPEN ADVERSARY
PROCEEDING; (II) APPROVE A STIPULATION SETTling AND
SATISFYING THE TRUSTEE'S JUDGMENT AGAINST STEVEN GAGLIONE, UNDER
BANKRUPTCY RULE 9019; AND (III) RE-CLOSE THE ADVERSARY PROCEEDING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that upon the application (the "Motion") of 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, the Trustee will move before the Honorable Robert E. Grossman, United States Bankruptcy Judge, at the United States Bankruptcy Court, Courtroom 860, Eastern District of New York at Central Islip, 290 Federal Plaza, Central Islip, New York 11722 on **September 17, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, for entry of an order granting the Trustee's Motion for an

Order to Re-open the Adversary Proceeding, Approve the Stipulation Settling and Satisfying the Trustee's Judgment Against Steven Gaglione, and Close the Adversary Proceeding. A copy of the proposed Order is annexed hereto.

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 Robert E. Grossman, United States Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of New York, Alfonse M. D'Amato Federal Courthouse, 290 Federal Plaza, 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 **5:00 p.m. on September 10, 2013**.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Hearing may be adjourned without further notice other than by announcement of such adjournment in open Court.

Dated: Jericho, New York
August 15, 2013

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Adv. Pro. No.: 11-08285 (REG)

**TRUSTEE'S MOTION TO (I) RE-OPEN ADVERSARY
PROCEEDING; (II) APPROVE A STIPULATION SETTLING AND
SATISFYING THE TRUSTEE'S JUDGMENT AGAINST STEVEN GAGLIONE, UNDER
BANKRUPTCY RULE 9019; AND (III) RE-CLOSE 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 application (the "Application") under 11 U.S.C. §105 and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9019 for entry of an Order (annexed hereto as **Exhibit A**) to re-open adversary proceeding number 11-08285 (REG) (the "Adversary Proceeding"), approve the Stipulation Settling and Satisfying the Trustee's Judgment Against Steven Gaglione (the "Stipulation"), which has been annexed hereto as **Exhibit B**, and close the Adversary

Proceeding. All parties are encouraged to review the annexed Stipulation in its entirety for the specific terms of the proposed 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 (Dkt. 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 Steven Gaglione ("Defendant") received transfers exceeding his deposits into Agape totaling Forty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Six And 42/100 (\$49,426.42) Dollars (the "Net Transfers") that

were made by the Debtors to the Defendant and are avoidable pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§544, 548, 550 and 551, New York Debtor and Creditor Law §§273, 274, 275, 276 and 276-a, and New York common law.

9. On January 28, 2011, the Trustee commenced the Adversary Proceeding against the Defendant by the filing and service of a summons and complaint seeking to, *inter alia*, avoid the Net Transfers pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§544, 548, 550 and 551, New York Debtor and Creditor Law §§273, 274, 275, 276 and 276-a, and New York common law and to recover the Net Transfers from Defendant pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §550(a) (the "Trustee's Claims").

10. On January 19, 2012, the Trustee filed a motion for default judgment (the "Motion") for Defendant's failure to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint.

11. On August 5, 2012, the Court granted the Motion and entered a judgment (the "Judgment") against the Defendant in the amount of the Net Transfers.

12. Thereafter, the Trustee commenced judgment enforcement proceedings by, *inter alia*, serving an information subpoena and restraining notice on New York Community Bank (collectively, the "Subpoena").

13. On April 4, 2013, the Trustee filed an abstract of judgment, for the Judgment, with the Clerk of Suffolk County.

14. Thereafter, Defendant, through his counsel, contacted the Trustee's counsel with respect to satisfying the Judgment.

15. Defendant subsequently provided the Trustee with additional information which demonstrated three previously unaccounted for deposits, which made the Defendant a net winner of \$14,926.42.

16. Defendant has offered to remit the total sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 (\$9,500.00) Dollars (the "Settlement Sum") to the Trustee in full and final satisfaction of the Judgment.

17. For all of the reasons set forth herein, the Trustee submits that accepting Defendant's offer of the Settlement Sum in full and final satisfaction of the Judgment is a reasonable exercise of the Trustee's business judgment and is in the best interests of the Debtors' estate.

Settlement

18. The Trustee has determined that settling this matter for the Settlement Sum is the most economical and efficient way to realize a meaningful and beneficial recovery for the benefit of creditors without the need to incur legal fees and risks inherent with enforcing and collecting the Judgment.

19. After consultation with his retained professionals and in the exercise of his business judgment, the Trustee has determined that the Settlement Sum outweighs the potential net recovery to the estate if the Trustee elected to enforce and collect the Judgment.

20. In light of the foregoing and mindful of the costs and risks of enforcing and collecting the Judgment, the Trustee has agreed to accept the Settlement Sum in satisfaction of the Judgment.

Basis for Relief Requested

21. Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9019(a), which governs the approval of compromises and settlement, provides:

(a) Compromise. On motion by the trustee and after notice and 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.

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

[e]ducated estimate of the complexity, expense and likely duration of [any] 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.

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 *American Can Co. v. Herpel (In re Jackson Brewing Co.)*, 624 F.2d 605, 607 (5th Cir. 1980); *Chopin Assoc. v. Smith (In re Holywell Corp.)*, 93 B.R. 291, 294 (Bankr. S.D. Fla. 1988); *In re Arrow Air, Inc.*, 85 B.R. 886, 891 (Bankr. S.D. Fla. 1988); *In re Bell & Beckwith*, 77 B.R. 628, 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. Ill. 1986) ("the law favors compromise").

23. In making its determination, the Court should consider whether the proposed compromise is in the "best interest of the estate". *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). As stated in *Arrow Air*, the "approval of [a] proposed compromise and settlement is a matter of this Court's sound discretion." *Arrow Air*, 85 B.R. at 891. In passing upon a proposed settlement, "the bankruptcy court does not substitute its judgment for that of the Trustee [or debtor in possession]." *Depo*, 77 B.R. at 384 (citations omitted). 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." *Cosoff v. Rodman (In re W.T. Grant Co.)*, 699 F.2d 599, 608 (2d Cir.), *cert denied*, 464 U.S. 822 (1983) (*quoting Newman v. Stein*, 464 F.2d 689, 693 (2d Cir.), *cert denied*, 409 U.S. 1039 (1972)). See *Holywell* 93 B.R. at 294. ("In order to exercise this discretion properly, the Court must consider all the relevant facts and evaluate whether the compromise suggested falls below the 'lowest point in the range of reasonableness'" (*quoting In re Teltronics Services, Inc.*, 762 F.2d 185, 189 (2d Cir. 1985)). In passing upon the reasonableness of a proposed compromise, the Court "may give weight to the opinions of the Trustee [or debtor in possession], the parties and their counsel." *Bell & Beckwith*, 77 B.R. at 512.

24. The factors to be considered by the Court in determining whether to approve a compromise or settlement include (a) probability of success in the litigation, with due consideration for the uncertainty in fact and law, (b) the complexity and likely duration of the litigation and any attendant expense, inconvenience and delay, and (c) all other factors bearing on the wisdom of the compromise. *Arrow Air*, 85 B.R. at 891 (citing *TMT Trailer Ferry*, 390 U.S. at 424-25). See *Jackson Brewing Co.*, 624 F.2d at 507; *Holywell Corp.*, 93 B.R. at 294-95 (citations omitted).

25. By offering the Settlement Sum in satisfaction of the Judgment, Defendant has offered to voluntarily return of sixty-three (63%) percent of that portion of the Judgment to which the Trustee is equitably entitled, thereby conferring a net benefit on the Debtors' estate. Moreover, based upon the certified financial information produced by the Defendant it is unlikely that the Trustee to adversarily obtain a greater return on the Judgment.

26. The Trustee submits that considering the costs and uncertainties associated with Judgment enforcement and collection, and the amount of the Judgment, it is unlikely that further Judgment enforcement would result in a "net benefit" to the Debtors' estate in excess of the Settlement Sum. In the sound business judgment of the Trustee, 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.

Notice

27. The Trustee has served the Notice of Hearing, proposed Order, and Motion in support with Exhibit upon: (i) the Office of the United States Trustee; (ii) Nicholas Cosmo, former principal of the Debtors, (iii) Defendant, (iv) Defendant's counsel, (v) the appropriate taxing authorities, 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 www.agapeworldbankruptcy.com. 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.

28. 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 Application authorizing and approving the Stipulation and grant such other further and different relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: Jericho, New York
August 15, 2013

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EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
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**ORDER TO (I) RE-OPEN THE ADVERSARY PROCEEDING;
(II) APPROVE A STIPULATION SETTling AND SATISFYING
THE TRUSTEE'S JUDGMENT AGAINST STEVEN GAGLIONE, UNDER
BANKRUPTCY RULE 9019; AND (III) RE-CLOSE THE ADVERSARY PROCEEDING**

Upon the Notice of Hearing (the "Notice"), dated August 15, 2013, and related application (collectively, the "Application") 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 to re-open adversary proceeding number 11-08285 (REG) (the "Adversary Proceeding"), approve the Stipulation settling and satisfying the Trustee's Judgment against Steven Gaglione, and close the Adversary Proceeding; and upon the Affidavit of Service filed with the Court; and no objections to the Application or the proposed Order having been filed; and the Court having found that the settlement and satisfaction of the Trustee's Judgment against Defendant to be fair, reasonable and in the best interest of the Debtors' estate; and sufficient cause having been shown therefor; and after due deliberation and consideration having been had; and it appearing that sufficient

notice of the Application and proposed Order has been given; and it appearing that good and sufficient cause exists for granting the Application and proposed Order; and no additional notice being necessary or required:

NOW, THEREFORE, upon the Notice and Application of the Trustee and pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §105 and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9019(a) and other applicable law, it is hereby

ORDERED, that service of the Notice and Application and proposed Order, having been provided to: (i) the Office of the United States Trustee; (ii) Nicholas Cosmo, former principal of the Debtors, (iii) Defendant, (iv) Defendant's counsel, (v) the appropriate taxing authorities, 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 www.agapeworldbankruptcy.com 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 Application is granted, and it is further

ORDERED, that the Adversary Proceeding is re-opened; and it is further

ORDERED, that the settlement of the Trustee's Judgment against Defendant as memorialized in the Stipulation is approved; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Trustee's Judgment, filed with the Clerk of Suffolk County on April 4, 2013, is satisfied; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Trustee be, and hereby is authorized and directed to take such steps, execute such documents and expend such funds as may be reasonably necessary to effectuate and implement the terms and conditions of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Adversary Proceeding is re-closed.

SO ORDERED:

EXHIBIT B

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
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**STIPULATION PROVIDING FOR THE CONDITIONAL SATISFACTION OF
TRUSTEE'S JUDGMENT AGAINST STEVEN GAGLIONE**

I. On February 5, 2009 (the "Filing 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.

II. On February 9, 2009, the Petitioning Creditors filed a motion to appoint an interim chapter 7 trustee under 11 U.S.C. §303(g).

III. 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.

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.

V. On March 4, 2009, the Court issued an Order for relief in the AWI chapter 7 case.

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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 Steve Gaglione ("Defendant").

VIII. On January 28, 2011, the Trustee commenced this adversary proceeding against Defendant by the filing of a complaint, wherein the Trustee asserted that certain transfers totaling Forty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Six And 42/100 (\$49,426.42) Dollars (the "Net Transfers") made by the Debtors to the Defendant prior to the Filing Date were avoidable pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§544, 548, 550 and 551 and New York Debtor and Creditor Law §§273 through 276-a and New York Common Law (the "Trustee's Claims").

IX. On January 19, 2012, the Trustee filed a motion for default judgment (the "Motion") for Defendant's failure to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint.

X. On August 5, 2012, 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 on New York Community Bank (collectively, the "Subpoena").

XII. Thereafter, Defendant through his counsel, contacted the Trustee's counsel with respect to satisfying the Judgment.

XIII. The parties engaged in informal discovery related to the Claim and the defenses asserted by Defendant.

XIV. The Trustee was subsequently provided with additional information which demonstrated three previously unaccounted for deposits, which makes the Defendant a net winner of \$14,926.42.

XV. In the spirit of compromise, Defendant has offered to voluntarily remit the sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred And 00/100 (\$9,500.00) Dollars (the "Settlement Sum") to the Trustee in full and final satisfaction of the Trustee's Judgment (the "Stipulation").

XVI. Based upon his 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 settle the Judgment 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.

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 \$9,500.00 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. The Trustee will withhold from further judgment enforcement efforts until September 1, 2013. In the event that the Trustee does not receive the Settlement Sum by September 1, 2013, 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 "Earnest Money" account until the Approval Order becomes final and non-appealable under 28 U.S.C. §158(c)(2) and Bankruptcy Rule 8002.

5. Upon the Approval Order becoming final and non-appealable, the fourteenth day after the date of the entry of the Approval Order, the Trustee will transfer the Settlement Sum being held in the segregated "Earnest Money" account into the Debtors' estate account. If the Bankruptcy Court denies the entry of the Approval Order, the Trustee will return the Settlement Sum to Defendant's counsel without undue delay.

6. If the Court does not enter the Approval Order, this Stipulation will be null and void and none of the terms herein shall be usable as evidence by either party.

No Admission of Criminal or Civil Liability

7. It is understood and agreed that this Stipulation is entered into to avoid costly and protracted litigation. Neither the execution of this Stipulation, nor the payment of the Settlement Sum shall be construed as an admission of any criminal or civil liability on Defendants' part. For clarification, this paragraph is not intended and shall not be deemed to affect Defendants' obligation to make timely payment of the Settlement Sum or adversely affect the Trustee's rights and remedies under paragraph 2 in the event that Defendants fail to make timely payment of the Settlement Sum.

Effect of Settlement upon Timely-Filed Proofs of Claim

8. The parties to the Stipulation acknowledge and agree that notwithstanding the release language contained herein, the Stipulation and the settlement memorialized herein are not intended, and should not be interpreted to otherwise release, waive or discharge either parties' rights, defenses, claims or objections with respect to any proof of claim that was timely-filed by Defendant in the Debtors' substantively-consolidated case. For the purposes of clarification, by entering into this Stipulation, the Trustee has not, is not intending and shall not be deemed to have validated, approved or otherwise allowed any proof of claim previously filed by Defendant.

9. Upon execution of this Stipulation and the Trustee's receipt and clearance of the Settlement Sum, the Trustee and the estate specifically release, discharge and waive the Second Claim for Relief to disallow any proof of claim timely filed by Defendant pursuant to Bankruptcy Code §502(d).

Releases

10. Upon execution of this Stipulation and the Trustee's receipt and clearance of the Settlement Sum, the Trustee and the estate release and forever discharge Defendant, his 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).

11. 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.

Miscellaneous

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. This Stipulation may not be altered, modified, or changed unless in writing, signed by the parties or their counsel.

15. 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.

16. The Trustee and Defendant are each responsible for their own costs and attorneys' fees incurred in connection with this proceeding.

Dated: Jericho, New York
August , 2013

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August 8, 2013

Defendant, Steven Gaglione

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