FILED A STATE OF DISTRICT COURT 2 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 3 4 TED R. BURKE; MICHAEL R. and LAURETTA L. KEHOE; JOHN BERTOLDO; PAUL BARNARD; EDDY KRAVETZ; JACKIE A558629-B & FRED KRAVETZ; STEVE FRANKS; PAULA) CASE NO. DEPT. NO. MARIA BARNARD; PETE T. and LISA A. IIIX FREEMAN; LEON GOLDEN; C.A. MURFF; GERDA FERN BELLBE; BOB and ROBYN TRESKA; MICHAEL RANDOLPH; and FREDERICK WILLIS, January 12 and Date: January 26, 2009 9 Plaintiff(s), 9:00 a.m. Time: 10 vs. A STATE OF THE STA LARRY H. HAHN, individually, and as 12 President and Treasurer of Kokoweef, Inc., and former 13 President and Treasurer of Explorations Incorporated of Nevada; HAHN'S WORLD OF SURPLUS, INC., a Nevada corporation; PATRICK 15 C. CLARY, an individual; 16 Defendant(s). 17 AND ALL RELATED CLAIMS. 18 19 DECISION AND ORDER 20

THIS MATTER having come before the Court on January 12, 2009 and January 26, 2009 on the motions referenced hereinbelow, and the Court, having considered the papers submitted in connection with such item(s) and heard the arguments made on 25 | behalf of the parties and then taken the matter under advisement 26 for further consideration;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Court decides the submitted issues

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A. <u>Defendant Hahn's Motion to Dismiss Amended</u>
<u>Complaint, with Joinder by Defendants Kokoweef,</u>
<u>Inc. And Clary (1/12/09).</u>

The Countermotion to strike the Joinder is DENIED. The Motion is GRANTED as to the First Cause of Action. According to Plaintiffs' allegations preceding the First Cause of Action, Defendants Hahn and Clary did not "issue" securities. The issuer would be the corporation. In addition, NRS 90.640 does not provide a civil remedy to anyone other than the "administrator." Thus, the First Cause of Action is DISMISSED with prejudice.

In that the Second Cause of Action does not provide particularized statements of fraud (NRCP 9(b)) regarding the respective Plaintiffs, and in that the alleged misrepresentations to Plaintiff Burke occurred after the stock purchases outlined in paragraphs 19-32 of the First Amended Complaint, the Motion is GRANTED, and the Second Cause of Action is DISMISSED.¹

The Motion is GRANTED as to the Third Cause of Action, as it is also devoid of particularity regarding the representations made to each Plaintiff. The Third Cause of Action is thus DISMISSED.

The Court is not of the view that negligent

¹Paragraph 49 alleges that the fraud is found in the "making of false representations," but nothing is alleged regarding what was represented to each Plaintiff and by whom at the time each purchased securities.

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misrepresentation requires the same particularity in pleading as Therefore, the Court cannot say that the Fourth Cause of fraud. Action fails to state a claim on which relief can be granted, and the Motion is thus DENIED as to such cause of action.

The Motion is GRANTED AS TO THE Fifth Cause of Action |for the reasons discussed relative to the other fraud-based causes of action, and such cause of action is DISMISSED.

The Sixth Cause of Action suffers from the same lack of 10 particularity as the other fraud-based causes of action, and the 11 Motion is thus GRANTED as to such cause of action, and the same 12 is DISMISSED.

The Motion is DENIED as to the Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Causes of Action, as they do not fail to state claims upon which relief can be granted.2

> В. Plaintiff's Application for TRO/Preliminary Injunction and Motion for Appointment of a Receiver. (1/12/09).

The Court has dismissed the First and Second Causes of Action which contain the predicate for Plaintiffs' effort to obtain injunctive relief and appointment of a receiver.

 $^{^{2}\}mathrm{The}$ Eighth and Tenth Causes of Action are the only ones that appear to be derivative. In this regard, all of the other causes of action seek monetary recovery by the Plaintiffs themselves for their own benefit; and, although the alternative remedy of rescission is sought in the Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Causes of Action, the subject corporations are named only as "Nominal Defendants."

The Court agrees with Plaintiffs that they have adequately pleaded futility of demand on the directors to sue on behalf of the corporation.

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DEPARTMENT THIRTEEN LAS VEGAS, NV 89155 In any event, the Court is not persuaded that the Motion, insofar as it seeks injunctive relief, has merit relative to the stock and asset issues. Shares of stock and assets have a determinable value and all of Plaintiff's causes of action regarding the stock and assets are amenable to monetary relief. Therefore, the Motion is DENIED IN PART relative to those issues.

Defendants maintain that they are not utilizing corporate funds for payment of costs of defense. The Court will accept counsel's representation to that effect and will also DENY the Motion IN PART regarding that issue, without prejudice to renewal if discovery demonstrates that corporate funds are being so used.

Even though injunctive relief is not specifically sought in connection with any of the causes of action besides the Second, the Court will proceed to entertain the Motion for injunctive relief relative to destruction or alteration of corporate records, and the same is GRANTED to that extent; and, since the Court is only enjoining something that should not be done anyway, it considers that security in the sum of \$250.00 should suffice.

Again, beyond the fact that the Court has dismissed the First and Second Causes of Action, the Court does not agree that NRS 90.640 provides for appointment of a receiver at the behest of a private litigant. Instead, subsection 1 of the statute

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specifically states as a premise a "...showing by the administrator..."

Furthermore, with respect to seeking appointment of a receiver under NRS 32.010, the Court is not inclined at this juncture to appoint a general receiver that would take over operation of the business, and it is not persuaded that what Plaintiff seeks to inform himself about concerning corporate financial matters could not be obtained through discovery. Therefore, the Motion is DENIED IN PART insofar as it seeks appointment of a receiver, limited or otherwise.

Defendant Clary's Motion for Sanctions.

The Court is not in a position to determine whether sanctions are to be imposed until the underlying pleading purporting to assert causes of action against Defendant Clary is viable for purposes of further proceedings. In this regard, although certain causes of action have been dismissed against Defendant Clary, the Court considers a sanction motion to be However, in making this ruling, the Court in no way intimates a view that there is a basis for Plaintiffs' contentions or that sanctions will not be appropriate.

Therefore, the sanction Motion is DENIED without prejudice to renewal after the viability of the remaining cause 25 of action pleaded against Defendant Clary (the Fourth Cause of 26 Action) is determined.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED. 3 COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFFS IS DIRECTED TO PROVIDE PROMPT 4 WRITTEN NOTICE OF ENTRY HEREOF. day of January, DATED this 6 7 MARK R. DENTON 8 DISTRICT JUDGE 9 10 CERTIFICATE 11 I hereby certify that on the date filed, I placed a 12 copy of the foregoing in the attorney's folder in the Clerk's 13 Office or mailed a copy to: 14 PATRICK CLARY, ESQ. 15 M. NELSON SEGAL, ESQ. 16 ROBERTSON & VICK 17 Attn: Jennifer L. Taylor, Esq. 18 LORRAINE TASHIRO 19 Judicial Executive Assistant Dept. No. XIII 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 6 28

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