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FILED 0001 1 M NELSON SEGEL, CHARTERED M NELSON SEGEL, ESQUIRE 2 SEP 2 3 2009 Nevada Bar No. 0530 624 South 9th Street 3 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 Telephone: (702) 385-5266 4 Attorneys for Defendants Larry Hahn and Hahn's World of Surplus, Inc. 5 6 DISTRICT COURT OF NEVADA 7 COUNTY OF CLARK 8 CASE NO. A558629 TED R. BURKE; MICHAEL R and LAURETTA 9 L. KEHOE: JOHN BERTOLDO; PAUL BERNARD; EDDY KRAVETZ; JACKIE DEPT. ΧI 10 and FRED KRAVETZ; STEVE FRANKS; PAULA MARIA BARNARD; LEON GOLDEN; 11 C.A. MURFF; GERDA FERN BILLBE; BOB and ROBYN TRESKA; MICHAEL RANDOLPH, and 12 08A558629 FREDERICK WILLIS. 412473 13 Plaintiffs. 14 VS. 15 LARRY L. HAHN, individually, and as President of and Treasurer of Kokoweef, Inc., and former 16 President and Treasurer of Explorations Incorporated of Nevada; HAHN'S WORLD OF SURPLUS, INC., 17 a Nevada corporation; PATRICK C. CLARY, an individual; DOES 1 through 100, inclusive; 18 Defendants, 19 DATE: 10/23/09 20 and In Chambers TIME: 21 KOKOWEEF, INC., a Nevada corporation; 22 EXPLORATIONS INCORPORATED OF NEVADA, a dissolved Nevada corporation; 23 Nominal Defendants. 24 25 DEFENDANTS LARRY HAHN AND HAHN'S WORLD OF SURPLUS, INC.'S **MOTION TO TRANSFER CASE TO DEPARTMENT 13** 26

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27 Ci/C28 Defendants Larry Hahn ("HAHN") and Hahn's World of Surplus, Inc. ("SURPLUS")(HAHN and SURPLUS sometimes collectively referred to herein as "HAHN DEFENDANTS") hereby move

this Court for its order transferring the present case back to Department 13 on the grounds that this 1 2 matter has been pending in said Department for approximately one year and one half (1 ½) years, 3 substantial proceedings have taken place and it would promote judicial economy to return the case 4 to Department 13. This Motion is made and based upon all of the pleadings and papers on file, the 5 points and authorities set forth herein and the declaration of M Nelson Segel, Esquire ("SEGEL") 6 attached hereto as Exhibit "A". DATED this 2009 day of September, 2009. 7 M NELSON SEGEL, CHARTERED 8 9 10 M NELSON SEGEL, ESQUIRE Nevada Bar No. 0530 11 624 South 9th Street 12 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 Attorneys for Defendants Larry Hahn and 13 Hahn's World of Surplus, Inc. 14 15 **NOTICE OF MOTION** TO: 16 PLAINTIFFS; 17 TO: JENNIFER TAYLOR, ESQUIRE, their attorney; 18 TO: PATRICK C. CLARY, Defendant; 19 TO: KOKOWEEF, INC., Defendant; and 20 TO: PATRICK C. CLARY, ESQUIRE, attorney for Clary and Kokoweef. 21 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the hearing on the above and foregoing DEFENDANTS LARRY HAHN AND HAHN'S WORLD OF SURPLUS, INC.'S MOTION TO TRANSFER CASE 22 TO DEPARTMENT 13 will be held in Dept. No. 11 of the above-entitled Court, in the Regional 23 Justice Center, 200 Lewis Avenue, Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada on the 23rd day of October. 24 25 28 26 27 28

2009, in Chambers.

DATED this 2/51 day of September, 2009.

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Attorneys for Defendants Larry Hahn and

Hahn's World of Surplus, Inc.

### MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

### PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The original Verified Derivative Complaint ("ORIGINAL COMPLAINT") in this matter was filed by Plaintiff Ted R. Burke ("BURKE") and the other Plaintiffs (BURKE and the other Plaintiffs collectively referred to herein as "PLAINTIFFS") on or about the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008 as a derivative action pursuant to NRCP 23.1. This matter was randomly assigned to Judge Denton in Department 13.

From the initial filing of this matter, through January 2009, Judge Denton heard approximately sixteen (16) motions regarding various substantive and procedural matters. He also presided over a one half day evidentiary hearing pursuant to NRS §41.520. There are in excess of thirty (30) substantive documents that have been filed in this matter which were as follows:

- 1. The original Complaint, prepared by the Plaintiffs' former counsel, Neil J. Beller, Esquire, was filed on March 7, 2008, as a so-called derivative stockholders' action.
- 2. On April 11, 2008, prior to filing an Answer to the Complaint, so-called "Nominal Defendants" Kokoweef, Inc. ("Kokoweef") filed a Motion to Require Security from Plaintiffs, which, in a renewed form, was eventually granted by the Court as indicated below.
- 3. On April 29, 2008, Plaintiffs filed their Motion to Disqualify Law Firm and Motion to Strike, both of which were later denied by the Court.
- 4. On May 7, 2008, Defendants' Motion to Continue Hearings was filed, and the

Court's Order granting the Motion was entered on May 12, 2006. 1 5. On May 15, 2008, the Plaintiffs filed their Supplement to Motion to Strike Motion 2 to Require Security from Plaintiffs Or, in the Alternative, Opposition to Motion to 3 Require Security from Plaintiffs. On May 16, 2008, Kokoweef filed the Affidavit of Patrick C. Clary in Support of 6. 4 Motion to Require Security from Plaintiffs and the Affidavit of Reta Van Da Walker 5 in Opposition to Supplement to Motion to Strike Motion to Require Security from Plaintiffs Or, in the Alternative, Opposition to Motion to Require security from 6 Plaintiffs. 7 7. On May 19, 2008, Kokoweef, Inc. filed a Motion for Order Extending Time to File Request for Security. 8 9 8. On June 12, 2008, Kokoweef, Inc. filed its Renewed Motion for Security from Plaintiffs. 10 11 9. On June 18, 2008, the Plaintiffs filed their Motion to Strike Defendant Kokoweef's Renewed Motion for Security from Plaintiffs. 12 10. 13 On June 23, 2008, the Plaintiffs filed their Renewed Motion to Strike Renewed Motion to Require Security from Plaintiffs. 14 15 11. On June 26, 2008, the Court continued the hearing on certain pending Motions including the evidentiary hearing on Kokoweef, Inc.'s Renewed Motion for Security from Plaintiffs. 16 17 12. On July 30, 2008, the Court conducted the evidentiary hearing on Kokoweef, Inc.'s Renewed Motion for Security from Plaintiffs. 18 19 On August 11, 2008, the Court rendered its Decision granting Kokoweef, Inc.'s 13. Renewed Motion for Security from Plaintiffs and requiring the Plaintiffs to post \$75,000 as security (A copy of which is attached to the Declaration of SEGEL as 20 Attachment "1"). 21 14. On August 28, 2008, formal Preliminary Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and 22 Order Granting Kokoweef's Renewed Motion to Require Security from Plaintiffs were entered by the Court. 23 15. On September 12, 2008, a Substitution of Attorneys was filed substituting Roberts 24 & Vick, LLP for Neil J. Beller as Attorneys for the Plaintiffs. 25 16. On September 12, 2008, the Plaintiffs also posted their \$75,000 Bond. 26 17. On September 22, 2008, the Plaintiffs filed their Amended Complaint. 27 18. On October 27, 2008, Defendant Patrick C. Clary filed his Motion for Sanctions 28 under Rule 11 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure. -4-

On November 4, 2008, Defendants Hahn and Hahn's World of Surplus, Inc. filed 19. 1 their Motion to Dismiss Amended Complaint, a substantial portion of which was 2 granted. 3 20. On November 4, 2008, Kokoweef, Inc. and Defendant Patrick C. Clary filed their Joinder in Defendants Hahn's and Hahn's World of Surplus, Inc.'s Motion to Dismiss Amended Complaint. 4 On November 17, 2008, the Plaintiffs filed their Motion for Temporary Restraining 21. 5 Order, Appointment or Receiver, and for Preliminary Injunction, which was substantially denied by the Court. 6 On November 24, 2008, the Plaintiffs also filed their Opposition to Defendants Hahn 22. 7 and Hahn's World of Surplus Inc., Motion to Dismiss Amended Complaint and their Counter-motion to Strike the Joinder in the said Motion by Kokoweef, Inc. and 8 Defendant Patrick C. Clary 9 On December 4, 2008, there was filed the Reply to Plaintiffs' Opposition to 23. 10 Defendants Hahn and Hahn's World of Surplus, Inc.'s Motion to Dismiss Amended Complaint. 11 On December 4, 2008, there was also filed the Memorandum of Points and 24. 12 Authorities of Kokoweef, Inc. and Defendant Patrick C. Clary in Support of Defendants Hahn and Hahn's World of Surplus, Inc.'s Motion to Dismiss Amended 13 Complaint and in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Counter-motion to Strike Kokoweef, Inc.'s Joinder. 14 25. On December 24, 2008, Oppositions to Plaintiffs' Motion for Temporary Restraining 15 Order, Preliminary Injunction, and Appointment of Receiver were filed by the Defendants. 16 26. After conducting hearings on January 12 and 26, 2009, on January 29, 2009, the 17 Court entered its Decision and Order dismissing the First, Second, Third, Fifth, and Sixth Causes of Action in the Amended Complaint, denying the Motion for 18 Temporary Restraining Order, Preliminary Injunction, and Appointment of Receiver, except that injunctive relief was granted relative to destruction or alteration of 19 corporate records, denving Defendant Patrick C. Clary's Motion for Sanctions "without prejudice to renewal after the viability of the remaining cause of action 20 pleaded against Defendant Clary (the Fourth Cause of Action) [for negligent misrepresentation] is determined." (A copy of the Decision and Order is attached to 21 SEGEL's Declaration as Attachment "2".) 22 23 27. On February 23, 2009, the Defendants' Answers were filed, and on March 16, 2009, their Amended Answers were filed. 24 28. On April 28, 2009, Defendant Hahn and Hahn's World of Surplus, Inc. filed a 25 Motion to Quash improper, ex parte Subpoenas, and Kokoweef, Inc. and Defendant Patrick C. Clary filed a Joinder in the Motion. 26 29. On May 29, 2009, Defendant Patrick C. Clary filed a Motion for Partial Summary 27 Judgment on my behalf on the Fourth Cause of Action (for negligent 28 misrepresentation) in the Amended Complaint. The hearing on that Motion was - 5 -

continued and has not yet been reset by me.

30. On June 26, 2009, a hearing was held on the Motion to Quash before the Discovery Commissioner, who recommended to the Court that the Motion be granted and the Subpoenas be quashed.

Most of the documents filed by Plaintiffs contained in excess of Fifty (50) pages. In addition, Plaintiffs presented an exhibit book at the evidentiary hearing that was approximately four (4) inches thick. The exhibit book for Defendants was three (3) inches thick.

Effective July 1, 2009, Judge Delaney became a Business Court Judge to assist Judge Denton and Judge Gonzalez with their enormous caseloads. This resulted in a reassignment of cases. This case is now before Judge Gonzalez. As set forth herein, there has been a substantial amount of activity in this case. Numerous motions have been heard by Judge Denton, some of which he only partially ruled and opened the door to return for further proceedings.

While the HAHN DEFENDANTS are confident that Judge Gonzalez has sufficient experience and can deal with the issues set forth in this matter, they believe that requiring her to spend the time to comb through the enormous amount of pleadings that have been filed would be burdensome and a waste of judicial resources. What Judge Gonzalez cannot gain from the review of the pleadings and other filings in this case, is the veracity of the witnesses who have testified or the atmosphere in which this case revolves.

This case was originally filed in March 2008. Judge Denton has heard, and ruled on approximately sixteen (16) motions, including holding an evidentiary hearing that took in excess of Three (3) hours. These motions included Motions to Dismiss filed by Defendants and a document entitled Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Application for Temporary Appointment of a Receiver; Motion for Preliminary Injunction and Motion for Appointment of Receiver filed by Plaintiffs.

Judge Denton granted a substantial portion of Defendants' Motion to Dismiss, but withheld rulings on certain aspects of said motion. The only claim for relief in the Verified Amended Complaint ("Amended Complaint") which added alleged violations of securities laws that was not granted was the Fourth Claim for Relief for Negligence Misrepresentations. Defendant Patrick C. Clary had filed a Motion for Partial Summary Judgment relating to the Fourth Claim for Relief that

was added by the Amended Complaint. However, he caused said Motion to be taken off calendar due to the expectation that the HAHN DEFENDANTS would be filing a Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on said claim, as well as other claims for relief. As set forth in the declaration of SEGEL, he has been unable to file said motion based upon business and professional obligations. The motion will also include a request for clarification of portions of the Court's January 29, 2009 Decision and Order that does not appear to have addressed issues set forth. A copy of said Decision and Order is attached to SEGEL's Declaration as Attachment ("2"). However, it is anticipated that 8 said motion will be filed once the Court rules on the present motion. 9

Judge Denton denied substantially all of the requests in the Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Application for Temporary Appointment of a Receiver; Motion for Preliminary Injunction and Motion for Appointment of Receiver filed by Plaintiffs. The only portion of said motion that was granted as the issuance of an injunction was set forth on page 4, line 14 and stated:

Even though injunctive relief is not specifically sough in connection with any of the causes of action besides the Second<sup>1</sup>, the Court will proceed to entertain the Motion for injunctive relief relative to the 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.

Essentially, all of the relief sought by Plaintiffs was denied. More significantly, the Court found under NRS §41.520(3)(a) that Kokoweef, Inc. met its burden as the moving Defendant to show that there is "... no reasonable possibility that the prosecution of the cause of action... will benefit the

corporation or its security holders." This was the result of a half day evidentiary hearing!

The HAHN DEFENDANTS are not aware of any rule of court exists to address the present situation. However, EDCR 1.60 provides, in pertinent part:

(a) The Chief Judge shall have the authority to assign or reassign all cases pending in the district. Unless otherwise provided in these rules, all cases must be distributed on a random basis.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The court granted the dismissal of the Second Cause of Action in the Decision and Order; therefore, there was no pleading basis for the entry of this injunction. However, all Defendants had stipulated that no documents would be destroyed; therefore, they did not take any action regarding this portion of the Decision and Order.

(d) Judges who disqualify themselves from hearing a case must direct the entry of an appropriate minute order for the reassignment on a random basis.

This is a Business Court case. There are three (3) Business Court Judges; Judge Gonzalez, Judge Denton and Judge Delaney. Judge Denton had this case until Judge Delaney became a Business Court Judge and the case was reassigned. Judge Delaney was challenged and is not able to sit as the Judge in this matter. If Judge Gonzalez agrees that it would be appropriate to recuse or have this case reassigned, Judge Denton is the only Judge who could properly preside over this matter.

It is a common rule that actions that affect judicial economy and expediency may be utilized to obtain a desired result. See *Las Vegas Taxpayer Accountability Committee v. City Council*, 125 Nev. 17, 208 P.3d 429 (Nev. 2009). In this case, not only would judicial economy be served, but Judge Gonzalez would be relieved of the burden of pouring through reams of pleadings and numerous decisions by Judge Denton regarding prior proceedings. This would also require the parties to expend time to educate Judge Gonzalez regarding the prior proceedings and could result in rulings that are contrary to the prior rulings of Judge Denton. Since the parties have conducted themselves based upon the rulings of Judge Denton, this would be prejudicial to them; Plaintiffs and Defendants.

Based upon the foregoing, the HAHN DEFENDANTS request Judge Gonzalez transfer this case back to Judge Denton to enable him to hear the remaining motions and hold the trial of this matter.

### <u>CONCLUSION</u>

EDCR 1.60 provides a mechanism for the assignment, or reassignment of cases by the Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial District Court. Based upon this authority, Judge Richie reassigned the present case. As set forth above, the HAHN DEFENDANTS request that Judge Gonzalez allow this matter to be transferred to Department 13 to enable Judge Denton to complete this case. Doing so will benefit the parties and the Court. The parties will be benefitted since they will not have to present all of the prior Court documents to Judge Gonzalez for review. Additionally, it will benefit the Court since Judge Gonzalez will not have to spend the numerous hours necessary to educate herself regarding the voluminous pleadings and numerous hearings and rulings made by Judge

1	Denton in this matter. Justice would be promoted by granting of the foregoing motion.
2	DATED this 215 day of September, 2009.
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7	624 South 9th Street Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
8	Attorneys for Defendants Larry Hahn and Hahn's World of Surplus, Inc.
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12	<u>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</u>
13	The undersigned hereby certifies that on the <u>aan</u> day of September, 2009, she served the
14	foregoing DEFENDANTS LARRY HAHN AND HAHN'S WORLD OF SURPLUS, INC.'S
15	MOTION TO TRANSFER CASE TO DEPARTMENT 13 by causing true and correct copies to be
16	placed in the United States Mail, postage fully prepaid thereon and addressed as follows:
17	Jennifer Taylor, Esquire Patrick Clary, Esquire
18	ROBERTSON & VICK, LLP.   7201 West Lake Mead Drive, Suite 410   401 North Buffalo Drive, Suite 202   Las Vegas, Nevada 89128
19	Las Vegas, Nevada 89145   Facsimile Number (702) 382-7277   Facsimile Number (702) 247-6227
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23	An employee of M NELSON SEGEL, CHARTERED
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# EXHIBIT "A"

**DECLARATION OF M NELSON SEGEL** 

2 STATE OF NEVADA ) ss:
3 COUNTY OF CLARK )

I, M NELSON SEGEL, being first duly sworn, state as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney at law duly licensed to practice in this Court; make this declaration in support of Defendants' Motion to Transfer; this declaration is made from my own knowledge; and I am competent to testify to the matters set forth herein.
- 2. I was retained by the HAHN DEFENDANTS to represent them in this manner. I participated in all hearings that have been held, as well as the evidentiary hearing held on or about the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.
- 3. Numerous motions have been filed and hearings held in this matter. Judge Denton heard each of the motions and rendered decisions on the request for security, which is attached hereto as **Attachment "1"** and his decision on Defendants' Motion to Dismiss and the Motion for Appointment of Receiver which is attached hereto as **Attachment "2"**.
- 4. Judge Denton has heard, and ruled on approximately sixteen (16) motions, including holding an evidentiary hearing that took in excess of Three (3) hours. Judge Gonzalez would be required to expend a substantial amount of time to become educated on what has transpired in the case.
- 5. While I am confident that Judge Gonzalez can deal with the issues in this case, it would be a waste of judicial resources to require her to expend the time to learn the intricacies of this case.
- 6. Each of the parties has taken action, or not taken action, based upon the various rulings of Judge Denton. It is possible that inconsistent rulings would result if Judge Gonzalez had to deal with this case.
- 7. Judge Denton has made partial rulings on various aspects of this case. An example was the Motion to Dismiss. Judge Denton did not grant dismissal of the Fourth Cause of Action, Negligent Misrepresentation, on the basis that the standard was less than those of fraud in the other dismissed causes of action. However, his order left the door open to revisit this issue.

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8. In a similar fashion, Judge Denton granted a surety of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000), but put language in his decision to enable the parties to return and revisit the issue. Granting the motion will benefit everyone involved. The Court will be benefitted by 9. not having to review the voluminous pleadings in this case. The parties will benefit by not having to present all of the prior pleadings and arguments to the Court. Most importantly, judicial economy will be achieved by granting the motion. 10. I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. DATED this 21st day of September, 2009.

ATTACHMENT"1"

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Plaintiffs,

vs.

LARRY L. HAHN; HAHN'S WORLD OF SURPLUS, INC.,

Defendant(s).

and

KOKOWEEF, INC.; EXPLORATIONS INCORPORATION OF NEVADA,

Nominal Defendants.

A558629 ) CASE NO. ) DEPT. NO. IIIX

Date: July 30, 2008 Time: 9:00 a.m.

### DECISION

THIS MATTER having come before the Court on July 30, 2008 for evidentiary hearing regarding Nominal Defendant's INC.] Renewed Motion to Require Security from [KOKOWEEFE, Plaintiffs, and the Court having taken the matter under advisement after presentation of evidence and having now fully considered the evidence adduced and the post-hearing briefs submitted by counsel and being fully advised in the premises;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Court decides the submitted issues as

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Under the relevant statute, NRS 41.520(3)(a), it is clear that the burden is upon the moving Defendant to show that there is "...no reasonable possibility that the prosecution of the cause of action ... will benefit the corporation or its security holders." Of course, this is a more stringent burden than would, by analogy, be applicable on a preliminary injunction motion, which would implicate "probability," not "possibility."

Even so, the Court is persuaded that Defendant has made a prima facia showing on the point and that the same has not been rebutted. Therefore, the Court will require a modicum of security appears to be the likely consequences of given what continuation of this litigation on the well-being the corporation.

However, the Court is not persuaded that the security required should be of the magnitude sought at this point by Defendant. Instead, the Court will order security in the sum of In this regard, the Court takes some comfort in the \$75,000.00. language of subsection 4(b) of the statute which provides that the Court can revisit its determination one way or the other as the case progresses.

Counsel for Defendant is directed to promptly submit 25 proposed preliminary Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and a proposed order consistent with the foregoing. Such proposed order

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should provide for the posting of security within 15 days from and after notice of entry of the order.

This Decision sets forth the Court's intended disposition on the subject but anticipates further order of the Court to make such disposition effective as an order or judgment.

DATED this \_

day of August 2008.

MARK R. DENTON DISTRICT JUDGE

#### CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that on the date filed, I placed a copy of the foregoing in the attorney's folder in the Clerk's Office or mailed a copy to:

NEIL J. BELLER, ESQ.

M. NELSON SEGEL, ESQ.

CLARY CANNON

Attn: PATRICK C. CLARY, ESQ

LORRAINE TASHIRO

Judicial Executive Assistant

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ATTACHMENT"2"

1 DISTRICT COURT 2 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 3 4 TED R. BURKE; MICHAEL R. and LAURETTA L. KEHOE; JOHN BERTOLDO; PAUL BARNARD; EDDY KRAVETZ; JACKIE & FRED KRAVETZ; STEVE FRANKS; PAULA ) А558629-В MARIA BARNARD; PETE T. and LISA A. DEPT. NO. XIII FREEMAN; LEON GOLDEN; C.A. MURFF; GERDA FERN BELLBE; BOB and ROBYN TRESKA; MICHAEL RANDOLPH; and FREDERICK WILLIS, Date: January 12 and 9 January 26, 2009 Plaintiff(s), Time: 9:00 a.m. 10 vs. 11 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, 21 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; 27 NOW, THEREFORE, the Court decides the submitted issues

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

The Countermotion to strike the Joinder is DENIED. 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. 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Paragraph 49 alleges that the fraud is found in the "making 26 of false representations, " but nothing is alleged regarding what was represented to each Plaintiff and by whom at the time each purchased securities.

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

> 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.

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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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>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 25 Sixth Causes of Action, the subject corporations are named only as "Nominal Defendants."

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 25 NRS 90.640 provides for appointment of a receiver at the behest 26 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 premature. 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 of action pleaded against Defendant Clary (the Fourth Cause of 26 Action) is determined.

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND 2 DECREED. 3 COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFFS IS DIRECTED TO PROVIDE PROMPT 4 WRITTEN NOTICE OF ENTRY HEREOF. DATED this 6 day of January. MARK R. DENTON DISTRICT JUDGE 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

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