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12	FRANKS; PAULA MARIA BARNARD; LEON GOLDEN; C.A. MURFF; GERDA	PLAINTIFFS' SUPPLEMENTAL OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT LARRY
13	FERN BILLBE; BOB and ROBYN TRESKA; MICHAEL RANDOLPH; and FREDERICK	L. HAHN and HAHN'S WORLD OF SURPLUS, INC.'S MOTION FOR
14	WILLIS,	PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT
15	Plaintiffs,	
16	VS.))
17	LARRY H. HAHN, individually, and as President and Treasurer of Kokoweef, Inc., and	
18	former President and Treasurer of Explorations [Incorporated of Nevada; HAHN'S WORLD OF [Incorporated of Nevada]))
19	SURPLUS, INC., a Nevada corporation; PATRICK C. CLARY, an individual; DOES 1))
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23	KOKOWEEF, INC., a Nevada corporation; EXPLORATIONS INCORPORATED OF) }
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Plaintiffs Ted R. Burke; Michael R. And Lauretta L. Kehoe; John Bertoldo; Paul Barnard; Eddy Kravetz; Jackie and Fred Kravetz; Steven Franks; Paula Maria Barnard; Leon Golden; C.A. Murff; Gerda Fern Billbe; Bob and Robyn Treska; Michael Randolph and Frederick Willis (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Plaintiffs"), by and through their undersigned counsel of record, Robertson & Associates LLP, hereby file their Supplemental Opposition to Defendants Larry L. Hahn's (hereafter "Hahn") and Hahn's World of Surplus, Inc.'s (hereafter "HWS") (hereafter collectively the "Hahn Defendants") Motion for Partial Summary Judgment (hereafter the "Motion").

This Opposition is based upon the points and authorities set forth herein, the pleadings and papers on file herein, the exhibits attached hereto, and any oral argument requested of counsel.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES:

I. INTRODUCTION:

The Court is well versed in the facts of this case. It is a shareholder derivative lawsuit against Defendant Hahn, Kokoweef, Inc's ("Kokoweef") president, and his alter-ego, HWS. This shareholder derivative suit seeks damages owed to Kokoweef, and to its predecessor,

Explorations Incorporated of Nevada ("EIN"), as a result of, among other acts of malfeasance, self-dealing, securities fraud, and conversion of corporate assets by the Defendants.1

This Motion is the Hahn Defendants' second attempt at dismissal, but without bringing any new information or facts to the table. The Hahn Defendants' arguments regarding the Fourth and Eighth Causes of Action fail to meet the rigorous standards for obtaining summary judgment, Instead, the Hahn Defendants still rely upon their protestations regarding the sufficiency of Plaintiffs' pleadings despite the January 19, 2011 production of expert reports, which undercut their arguments. Additionally, Plaintiffs maintain that the Hahn Defendants' second general argument regarding the status of this suit as a derivative suit, and the adequacy of the Plaintiffs to bring these claims, has already been unsuccessfully argued in front of Judge Denton. They are, essentially, seeking a Motion for Reconsideration of Judge Denton's ruling well past the permitted time.

Finally, in simply re-noticing their Motion for Summary Judgment, the Hahn Defendants have made significant misrepresentations that, along with Plaintiffs' expert reports, raise questions of fact sufficient to preclude a summary adjudication of these issues. Therefore, Defendants' Motion must be denied.

II. STATEMENT OF FACTS

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A. Procedural History:

The Hahn Defendants' current Motion is part of a long history of law and motion practice in this litigation, including a prior Motion to Dismiss filed on November 4, 2008, by the Hahn Defendants for which they have already received a ruling on their arguments related to the adequacy of Plaintiffs' representations on behalf of Kokoweef. See Ex. 1 to Plaintiffs'

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Plaintiffs are also asserting a claim against Defendant Patrick C. Clary ("Clary") for negligent misrepresentation, which is the subject of a separate Motion for Partial Summary Judgment filed by . To the extent that this re-noticed Motion for Summary Judgment contains overlapping issues of fact or law with the Clary Motion or Plaintiffs' Opposition thereto, or Supplemental Opposition and Counter-Motion for Summary Judgment (collectively the "Oppositions"), Plaintiffs incorporate those Oppositions into the instant Opposition.

Opposition to Defendant Larry L. Hahn and Hahn's World of Surplus, Inc.'s Motion for Partial Summary Judgment filed on March 16, 2009.

The Hahn Defendants address the evidentiary hearing of July 30, 2008, and the ruling thereon pursuant to NRS §41.520(2). The Hahn Defendants again represent to this Court that somehow the ruling on the evidentiary hearing should bear on the determination of any other issues, and dictate the conduct of the Plaintiffs. Mot. 3:1-7. However, NRS §41.520(4)(b) specifically prohibits such reliance upon the results of a requested evidentiary hearing: "A determination by the court that security either must or must not be furnished or must be furnished as to one or more defendants and not as to others shall not be deemed a determination of any one or more issues in the action or of the merits thereof".

The Motion to Dismiss, filed by the Hahn Defendants sought to dismiss Plaintiffs' entire Verified Derivative First Amended Complaint, including all the claims against Defendant Patrick Clary. This Motion was ruled upon by Judge Denton on January 29, 2009 (the "January 2009 Decision"). It was not until the Hahn Defendants filed their Motion to Transfer Case to Department 13 in October of 2009, that any Defendant indicated an intent to seek clarification on the January 2009 Decision. At this late date, Defendants are precluded from, essentially, seeking a rehearing or reconsideration of the January 2009 Decision, as set forth in more detail herein.

B. Statement of Facts:

Defendants have failed to provide "a concise statement setting forth each fact material to the disposition of the motion." NRCP 56(c). Instead, the Hahn Defendants have simply claimed Plaintiffs First Amended Complaint is deficient on its face and included unsupported statements of counsel, (Mot. 10:25-28 - 11:1-13, describing the number of shares owned by Plaintiffs, and in particular, Plaintiff Ted Burke), and self-serving unsupported Affidavits of Defendant Larry Hahn, Christina Hahn and the declaration of their counsel. The unsupported Affidavit of Larry Hahn refers to stock records, but produces no documentary evidence to support their statements.

The Hahn Defendants also attach the Affidavit of Christina Hahn. See Mot. Ex. B, Affidavit of Christina Hahn. Ms. Hahn's Affidavit makes a number of factual assertions which Plaintiffs contest. Ms. Hahn states: "KOKOWEF does not have paid employees. Substantially

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all of the work performed at KOKOWEEF is done by investors for NO PAY!." Mot. Ex. B., Affidavit of Christina Hahn, 1:17-18. However, Plaintiffs have identified evidence that contradicts Ms. Hahn. Attached hereto as Ex.1 is the Affidavit of Lauretta Kehoe (hereafter the "L. Kehoe Affidavit"). Ms. Kehoe has spent a significant amount of time analyzing the incomplete records received to date from Kokoweef, and avers that checks have been located demonstrating payment to "employees" of Kokoweef. Ex. 2, 2:7-13.

Further, Ms. Hahn asserts in her Affidavit that "not one of the Plaintiffs participates in the exploration operations of KOKOWEEF." Mot. Ex. B., Affidavit of Christina Hahn, 1:20-21. However, attached hereto as Ex. 2 is the Affidavit of Michael Kehoe (hereafter the "M. Kehoe Affidavit"). In it, Mr. Kehoe describes in detail the significant exploration operations he was involved in prior to being precluded from continuing this work by Defendant Hahn. Ex. 3, 1:11-28 - 2:1-16. Additionally, attached hereto as Ex. 3 is the Affidavit of Plaintiff Ted Burke. As with Mr. Kehoe, Mr. Burke's Affidavit sets forth in detail the vast amount of work he performed in the exploration operations of Kokoweef. This conflicting evidence precludes any grant of summary judgment which might be requested based upon the Christina Hahn Affidavit.²

Additionally, attached hereto as Ex. 4 is the report of Talon Stringham of Sage Forensics detailing the nearly one-million dollars of unsupported expenditures found during Sage Forensics review of the Kokoweef, EIN and HWS documentation. In regard to the Hahn Defendants, Mr. Stringham specifically delineates the mismatches between amounts HWS claims it is owed by Kokoweef and EIN. Ex. 4, p. 9. Specifically, HWS claims to be owed more than Kokoweef or EIN identify as being owed, thus raising an issue of material fact as to whether HWS is being unjustly enriched at the expense of Kokweef and EIN. This discrepancy alone is sufficient to defeat the Hahn Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment.

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NRCP 56(g) states: Should it appear to the satisfaction of the court at any time that any of the affidavits presented pursuant to this rule are presented in bad faith or solely for the purpose of delay, the court shall forthwith order the party employing them to pay to the other party the amount of the reasonable expenses which the filing of the affidavits caused the other party to incur, including reasonable attorney's fees, and any offending party or attorney may be adjudged guilty of contempt. Plaintiffs will leave it for the Court's analysis and determination as to whether the Christina Hahn Affidavit was made in bad faith. However, Plaintiffs find it difficult to conceive that given their long time involvement at the mine site that Ms. Hahn could assert "not one of the Plaintiffs participates in

Further, for the Court's ease of reading, attached hereto as Ex. 5 is the Affidavit of Edwin J. Apenbrink, which was also attached to Plaintiffs' Supplemental Opposition to Defendant Patrick C. Clary's Motion for Summary Judgment Mr. Apenbrink details the numerous violations in the sale of shares conducted at the behest of Patrick C. Clary and the primary controlling board member and majority shareholder, Defendant Larry Hahn.

III. LEGAL AUTHORITY:

A. STANDARD FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT:

The standard for Summary Judgment is well known: "The judgment sought shall be rendered forthwith if the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions of file, together with the affidavits, if any, show that there is no genuine issue as to any material fact." NRCP 56(c). Plaintiffs' expert reports were only served on January 19, 2011, pursuant to this Court's Order, and those reports provide sufficient evidence to warrant denying the Hahn Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment.

Trial courts should exercise great care in granting summary judgment. Pleadings and documentary evidence must be construed most favorably to the party against whom the motion is made. Copeland v. Desert Inn Hotel, 99 Nev. 823, 673 P.2d 490 (Nev. 1983). Additionally, in determining whether a summary judgment is proper, the nonmoving party is entitled to have the evidence and all inferences therefrom accepted as true. Johnson v. Steel, Inc., 100 Nev. 181, 678 P.2d 676 (Nev. 1984). Further, the trial judge may not, in granting summary judgment, pass upon the credibility or weight of the opposing affidavits or evidence; that function is reserved for the finder of fact at trial. Hidden Wells Ranch, Inc. v. Strip Realty, Inc., 83 Nev. 143, 425 P.2d 599 (Nev. 1967) (Emphasis added). On summary judgment motions the court is obligated to accept as true all evidence favorable to the party against whom the motion is made. Id. In this matter, given the fact that the Hahn Defendants' fail to assert a legal basis for their Motion for Summary Judgment, and because conflicting evidence has been presented by Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' experts, the Hahn Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment must be denied.

B. DEFENDANTS HAVE NOT MET THEIR BURDEN FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF THE FOURTH AND EIGHTH CAUSES OF ACTION.

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1. Defendants are estopped from seeking a renewed dispositive ruling on the Fourth (Negligent Misrepresentation) and Eighth (Unjust Enrichment) Causes of Action.

The Hahn Defendants simply renoticed their Motion for Summary Judgment, which relied substantially on protestations regarding the sufficiency of Plaintiffs' pleadings. To that extent, therefore, the Hahn Defendants' Motion must fail because Plaintiffs' clearly surpass the minimum threshhold requirements for determinations on the pleadings.

In their January 2009 Motion to Dismiss, the Hahn Defendants sought a complete dismissal of the entire First Amended Complaint, including the Fourth (negligent misrepresentation) and Eighth (unjust enrichment) causes of action. Upon review and extensive oral argument, Judge Denton rendered the following decision in regard to Plaintiffs' Fourth Claim for Relief, Negligent Misrepresentation:

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

See Mot., Ex. 2, 2:23-3:1-5. Similarly, Judge Denton concluded that the Motion to Dismiss "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." See Mot., Ex. 2, 3:13-15.

The Motion remains, therefore, nothing more than a renewed attempt to challenge the sufficiency of Plaintiffs' pleadings through the same arguments that had been presented in the Hahn Defendants' Motion to Dismiss. Even if the Hahn Defendants wanted to seek clarification or reconsideration of the rulings on either of these causes of action, the time for doing so has long past. The first mention of an intent to seek clarification on Judge Denton's January 29, 2009 Ruling was in the Hahn Defendants' Motion to Transfer Case, filed in October 2009. Plaintiffs' argument regarding the Hahn Defendants improper attempt to obtain reconsideration is the same as Plaintiffs' argument in October 2009; the Hahn Defendants have no legal basis upon which to seek summary adjudication of the Fourth and Eighth Causes of Action because Judge Denton previously denied their Motion to Dismiss these Causes of Action, and no timely pleading was filed to challenge the ruling.

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The Hahn Defendants are essentially seeking reconsideration of Judge Denton's prior ruling, and "no motion once heard and disposed of may be renewed in the same cause, nor may the same matters therein embraced be reheard, unless by leave of the court." EDCR 2.24(a). Such reconsideration cannot be sought through the MPSJ because pursuant to EDCR 2.24 "such relief must be sought within ten (10) days after service of written notice of the order or judgment unless the time is shortened or enlarged by order", which has not been done in this matter. EDCR 2.24(b).

Further, such relief cannot be sought under NRCP 60, because the outside time in which an order can be challenged is six (6) months. NRCP 60(b). The Notice of Entry on Judge Denton's ruling was more than one year ago. Accordingly, the Hahn Defendants should be estopped from seeking summary adjudication on the Fourth and Eighth Causes of Action, and their Motion denied.

2. Defendants cite to irrelevant and incorrect authority in support of their request for Summary Judgment on the claim for Negligent Misrepresentation.

The Hahn Defendants rely upon two cases to obtain the standard for maintenance of a claim for Negligent Misrepresentation: <u>Bill Stremmel Motors, Inc. v. First National Bank of Nevada</u>, 94 Nev. 131, 575 P.2d 938 (Nev. 1978) and <u>Nelson v. Herr</u>, 123 Nev. 217, 163 P.3d 420 (Nev. 2007). Neither of these cases cite the elements for negligent misrepresentation, and, <u>Nelson</u>, in fact analyzes the cause of action for <u>intentional misrepresentation</u>. Plaintiffs are at a loss to understand how the Hahn Defendants can, in good faith, rely on a case addressing a completely different cause of action. Nonetheless, <u>Nelson</u> has no applicability to the instant matter, and therefore, fails to support any of the assertions by the Hahn Defendants related to the elements required to be pled by Plaintiffs. Mot. 6:1-21.

The proper standard is found in <u>Barmettler v. Reno Air</u>, 114 Nev. 441, 956 P.2d 1382 (1998). <u>Barmettler</u> defines negligent misrepresentation as being committed by "[o]ne who, in the course of his business, profession or employment, or in any other action in which he has a pecuniary interest, supplies false information for the guidance of others in their business transactions, is subject to liability for pecuniary loss caused to them by their justifiable reliance

upon the information, if he fails to exercise reasonable care or competence in obtaining or communicating the information." <u>Id.</u> at 1387. The Affidavit of Edwin Apenbrink details statements made by Larry Hahn, as the majority shareholder and the holder of a pecuniary interest, that were relied upon by Plaintiffs to their detriments. Additionally, the report of Talon Stringham demonstrates that a genuine issue of material fact exists as to representations made by Larry Hahn regarding the finances of Kokoweef and/or EIN regarding the legitimate business purposes of the nearly one-million dollars in unsupported expenses, which again, were made to the detriment of Plaintiffs and the remaining Kokoweef shareholders.

3. Plaintiffs Have Adequately Pled Causes of Action for Negligent Misrepresentation.

Should this Court decide to consider the Hahn Defendants' Motion on the Fourth and Eighth Causes of Action, the Hahn Defendants utterly fail to meet their burden to obtain summary judgment on these two causes of action. Additionally, the Hahn Defendants' misapprehend the standards required for pleading on Causes of Action for Negligent Misrepresentation. Nevada is a "notice" pleading state, which, therefore, means that Nevada's courts "liberally construe pleadings to place into issues matters that are fairly noticed to the adverse party". Hay v. Hay, 100 Nev. 196, 198, 678 P.2d 672, 675 (Nev. 1984). Causes of action which require pleading with specificity are contained in NRCP 9(b), and include fraud, mistake or condition of mind. Negligent misrepresentation simply does not fall within the parameters of NRCP 9(b), and does not mandate the level of pleading asserted by the Hahn Defendants.

Nonetheless, the First Amended Complaint (hereafter the "FAC") more than adequately pleads the requisite assertions to support a claim for Negligent Misrepresentation. Paragraph 57, which is the first paragraph in the Fourth Cause of Action for Negligent Misrepresentation incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs, 1-38. A true and correct copy of the First Amended Complaint is attached hereto as Ex. 6. Paragraphs 13 - 18 of the FAC sets forth specific representations including, the date statements were made, the person making the

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statements and the recipient of the statements. Ex. 6, 5:17-28 - 7:1-20. Additionally, the Fourth Cause of Action alleges:

- 66. Defendants supplied false guidance to the Plaintiffs in the sale of the securities of EIN and KOKOWEEF by representing that such sales were exempt from registration under both federal and Nevada securities laws when in fact the sale of these securities were illegal and not exempt from registration under either federal or Nevada securities laws.
- 68. Defendants, and each of them, made these representations negligently, and without any reasonable basis for believing them to be true.
- 69. Plaintiffs were ignorant of the truth of the misrepresentations and concealments made by Defendants and in fact justifiably relied on the misrepresentations made by Defendants.
- 70. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' misstatements and misrepresentations of material facts, Plaintiffs purchased securities from the Defendants in EIN and KOKOWEEF and have suffered damages as more fully set forth herein in an amount to be proved at trial.

The Affidavit of Mr. Apenbrink demonstrates that EIN and Kokoweef shares were, indeed, sold in violation of Nevada state securities laws, and that Mr. Hahn participated in representations that the shares being offered for sale were legally issued. <u>See</u> Ex. 5.

Finally, the Hahn Defendants argue that each Plaintiff must show that they affirmative relied upon a negligent misrepresentation and were harmed. This argument, however, is contradicted by the specific facts plead in the FAC, as set forth above. More significantly, the Hahn Defendants present this argument without any legal support or authority. The Court has no obligation to even consider, and should summarily reject, the Hahn Defendants' unsupported and flawed arguments on this issue. Quillen v. State, 112 Nev. 1369, 1380, 929 P.2d 893, 900 (Nev. 1996) (concluding that a court may summarily reject a novel legal proposition when no relevant authority is cited)(citing Tahoe Village Realty v. DeSmet, 95 Nev. 131, 136, 590 P.2d 1158, 1162 (1979)).

4. Defendants' argument regarding damages is misplaced.

As noted above, Plaintiffs' have more than sufficiently pled their claim for negligent misrepresentation. However, Defendants also argue that they are entitled to summary judgment because, they assert, Plaintiffs have suffered no damages. The Hahn Defendants base this

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assertion on their flawed interpretation of Goodrich & Pennington Mortgage Fund, Inc. v. J.R. Woolard, Inc., 120 Nev. 777, 101 P.3d 792 (Nev. 2004). Defendants' rely on, and cite to the court, paraphrased and incomplete language for the standard for damages in a negligent misrepresentation case. Mot. 6:22-28 - 7:1-6.

The correct and complete analysis and ruling of the Nevada Supreme Court sets forth the following analysis of damages in negligent misrepresentation cases:

> We join those jurisdictions and embrace the notion that damage awards in connection with negligent misrepresentation cases include (1) the difference between the value of what the plaintiff received in the induced transaction and the value given for it, and (2) pecuniary loss sustained in consequence of the plaintiff's reliance upon the false representation.

Id. at 782, 795-96. Therefore, the Hahn Defendants assertion that Plaintiff has suffered no damages is inaccurate. Specifically, the Hahn Defendants argue that Plaintiffs have suffered no damages because they purchased shares for six-dollars and so did every other shareholder. Mot. 7:15-18. This analysis is utterly misplaced and does not follow the standard set in Goodrich & Pennington.

Defendants negligently misrepresented that the securities were exempt from registration under Nevada securities laws because they fell within an exemption. See Ex. 5. However, that representation was false, and many of the Kokoweef and EIN securities do not qualify for any exemption. Therefore, the value of those illegally issued shares is not six dollars, but zero dollars for every single shareholder holding illegally issued stock. Further, Kokoweef is subject to potential liability to its shareholders to rescind one-hundred percent of the shares sold to Nevada residents in any twelve month period where the number of shares sold exceeded twentyfive. See Ex. 5. Additionally, Kokoweef, and its President and Treasurer, Larry Hahn faces potential civil and criminal penalties for violating state securities laws. Thus, because the stock was sold in violation of securities laws the stock is worthless, and Plaintiffs, along with many other EIN and Kokoweef shareholders, have suffered the loss of the consideration they paid for their shares, as well as "consequential damages", defined as an independent factual analysis of damages "of a kind that might reasonably be expected to result from reliance upon the

misrepresentation." Goodrich & Pennington, 120 Nev. at 784, 101 P.3d at 796-97 (quoting Restatement (Second) of Torts § 549 cmt. d (1977)).

Based on <u>Goodrich & Pennington</u>, and the allegations in the FAC, the Hahn Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment on the Fourth Cause of Action for Negligent Misrepresentation must fail.

5. Plaintiffs Have Adequately Pled Causes of Action for Unjust Enrichment.

Despite the fact that the Hahn Defendants should be barred from seeking any type of summary adjudication on Plaintiffs' Eighth Cause of Action for Unjust Enrichment, should this Court decide to consider the Hahn Defendants' MPSJ on the Eighth Cause of Action, the Hahn Defendants utterly fail to meet their burden to obtain summary judgment on this cause of action as well.

As noted above, the Hahn Defendants' misapprehend the standards required for pleading on Causes of Action for Unjust Enrichment. Nevada is a "notice" pleading state, which, therefore, means that Nevada's courts "liberally construe pleadings to place into issues matters that are fairly noticed to the adverse party". Hay v. Hay, 100 Nev. 196, 198, 678 P.2d 672, 675 (Nev. 1984). Causes of action which require pleading with specificity are contained in NRCP 9(b), and include fraud, mistake or condition of mind. Unjust enrichment is a claim in equity which precludes a person from having and retaining a benefit which in equity and good conscience belongs to another. Unionamerica Mortgage and Equity Trust v. McDonald, 97 Nev. 210, 212, 626 P.2d 1272, 1273 (Nev. 1981). As such, unjust enrichment, does not fall within the parameters of NRCP 9(b), and does not mandate the level of pleading asserted by the Hahn Defendants. The Hahn Defendants have no legal support for this novel proposition, and, therefore, the Court may summarily reject this argument. Quillen v. State, 112 Nev. 1369, 1380, 929 P.2d 893, 900 (Nev. 1996) (concluding that a court may summarily reject a novel legal proposition when no relevant authority is cited)(citing Tahoe Village Realty v. DeSmet, 95 Nev. 131, 136, 590 P.2d 1158, 1162 (1979)).

Nonetheless, the First Amended Complaint (hereafter the "FAC") more than adequately pleads the requisite assertions to support a claim for Unjust Enrichment. Paragraph 99 of the

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FAC states: "Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and therein allege, that Defendants HAHN, HAHN'S WORLD, and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, were unjustly enriched by the illegal transactions and activities of HAHN in the sale on unregistered securities and the diversion of corporate funds and assets for the personal use of HAHN and HAHN'S WORLD." Ex. 6, ¶ 99.

Additionally, the expert report produced by Talon Stringham, belies the Hahn Defendants' claims that: "All funds received by HAHN'S WORLD from KOKOWEEF and EIN were provided for the payment of goods and materials delivered to KOKOWEEF and EIN. If any funds were received by LARRY from KOKOWEEF or EIN, they were for reimbursement of advances made by LARRY for KOKOWEEF. Neither LARRY nor HAHN'S WORLD have received payment of any funds or transfer of any property, that was not given for payment fort advances made, goods supplied or reimbursement." See Mot., Ex. B., Affidavit of Christina Hahn, 2:1-7. As noted above, weighing the credibility of such conflicting evidence falls to the province of the finder of fact and is not appropriate for summary adjudication.

C. DEFENDANT'S REQUEST FOR AN ADVISORY OPINION AS TO WHETHER THE PENDING ACTION WAS PROPERLY BROUGHT UNDER §41.520 FAILS TO MEET THE STANDARD FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

1. Defendants' are improperly seeking reconsideration of a prior ruling.

Defendants appear to be seeking some type of improper advisory ruling from the Court on a question, that they claim was not properly addressed by Judge Denton at the time of the ruling on their Motion to Dismiss. The Hahn Defendants assert that they do not believe that the FAC constitutes a derivative action, as set forth in NRCP 23.1. Mot. 10:8. While the Hahn Defendants admit raising this in their December 2008 Motion to Dismiss, they then state that they "do not believe Judge Denton addressed the issue." Mot. 10:6-8. The time for questioning Judge Denton's ruling on the Motion to Dismiss has long since past, and the Hahn Defendants have no legal basis upon which to request this Court reconsider this previously ruled upon issue.

Judge Denton's Order was entered more than one year ago. Mot., Ex. A, Attachment 3. Such clarification cannot be sought pursuant to a motion for reconsideration under EDCR 2.24 because "such relief must be sought within ten (10) days after service of written notice of the order or judgment unless the time is shortened or enlarged by order", which has not been done in

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this matter. EDCR 2.24(b). Further, such relief cannot be sought under NRCP 60, because the outside time in which an order can be challenged is six (6) months. NRCP 60(b). Therefore, Defendants' complaint that they "do not believe Judge Denton addressed the issue", is an utterly inappropriate and unsupported attempt to circumvent the clear dictates in the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure and the Eighth Judicial District Court Rules, and should be disregarded by this Court.

Further, Judge Denton's ruling was clear and unequivocal. He stated: "The Eighth and Tenth Causes of Action are the only ones that appear to be derivative." Mot. Ex. A, Attachment 2, 3:22-24 n.2. Therefore, it is clear that Judge Denton did address the issue, and found that Plaintiffs' claims were derivative under NRCP 23.1.

2. Judge Denton has already determined that Plaintiffs' have a proper derivative action.

The argument submitted by the Hahn Defendants in their Motion is, with the exception of different numbers of identified shareholders and new allegations about the status of Ted Burke as a shareholder, the <u>exact</u> same argument presented in their Motion to Dismiss. Ex. 1. Judge Denton read this argument, read Plaintiffs Opposition and ruled upon issue.

For this Court's benefit, following is Plaintiffs' response to the Hahn Defendant's recapitulation of their year-old argument.

Defendants argue that Plaintiffs fail to meet the requirements for a derivative action, as provided by NRCP 23.1. However, Defendants' assertions regarding Plaintiffs' FAC in relation to NRCP 23.1 includes unsupported, novel legal arguments, and inapplicable analysis, and therefore, should be denied. As discussed below, Plaintiffs sufficiently meet the requirements for a derivative action, and therefore, Defendants' Motion must be denied.

a. Plaintiffs Fairly and Adequately Represent the Interests of the Shareholders:

The Hahn Defendants first argue that Plaintiffs do not fairly and adequately represent the interests of the remaining Kokoweef shareholders. The two flawed bases in the Motion for this claim are that: 1) Plaintiffs do not represent a sufficient number of shares and shareholders; and 2) Plaintiffs interests are different than the majority of Kokoweef shareholders and their claim for

relief, allegedly, is only for their own benefit. Both of these arguments lack factual and legal support, and therefore, must fail.

First, the Hahn Defendants make a stretched argument that Plaintiffs do not mathematically represent a sufficient number of issued shares of the corporation to maintain this action. Defendants cite no authority for this non-existent criteria, and such a technical requirement is not found in NRCP 23.1 or in NRS 41.520. The Hahn Defendants fail to grasp the basis for Plaintiffs' FAC. Regardless of the number of shares held by Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs' claim asserts that the Kokoweef and EIN stock was not exempt from registration. And, now that Plaintiffs have been able to review stock records and ledgers, and shareholder information to prove that the stock did not fall under any exemption, it is clear that a large percentage of shareholders are holding invalid stock. See Ex. 5. This question, therefore, affects all of the shareholders, and could have adequately been raised by a shareholder owning and holding only one share of stock.

Additionally, the Hahn Defendants claim that Plaintiff Burke is not an actual shareholder. However, the extent of this evidence is the affidavit of Larry Hahn and the declaration of his counsel. Mr. Burke, however, has presented, along with his affidavit, copies of his receipts showing that he is indeed a shareholder. See Ex. 3.

EDCR 2.20(e) requires that a memorandum of points and authorities contain more than bare citations to statutes, rules of case authority, or the court may decline to consider it.

Additionally, the Nevada Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled that the court may disregard novel legal arguments, which are unsupported by legal authority. See Quillen v. State, 112 Nev. 1369, 1380 (1996); Citti v. State, 107 Nev. 89, 91 (1991); Tahoe Village Realty v. DeSmet, 95 Nev. 131 (1979) (overruled on other grounds). Without a shred of legal authority, Defendants' contention that Plaintiffs do not own a significantly significant portion of Kokoweef stock to "fairly and adequately" represent the interests of the remaining shareholders should be disregarded.

Notwithstanding Defendants' lack of legal authority for this claim, <u>Larson v. Dumke</u>, 900 F.2d 1363 (9th Cir. 1990), the very case Defendants rely upon to argue that Plaintiffs interests are

different than the majority of the shareholders, provides contrary authority. In Larson, the court stated: "[W]e are persuaded that a single shareholder may bring a derivative suit". Id. at 1368 (citing Lewis v. Curtis, 671 F.2d 779, 788-89 (3d Cir. 1982) (holding that one plaintiff who owned 100 shares in a corporation with nearly 8 million shares outstanding was considered an adequate representative under Rule 23.1) (distinguished on other grounds)). See also Simon v. Mann, 373 F. Supp. 2d 1196 (D. Nev. 2005). In Simon, a case where the allegations are very similar to the instant case, the Court found that the interests of justice may best be served by applying the closely-held corporation exception, which allows a minority shareholder to file a direct or individual action against another shareholder for wrongs which would normally have to be brought derivatively on behalf of the corporation. Simon, 373 F. Supp 2d at 1198. Kokoweef, Inc. is a closely held corporation run by one majority shareholder who Plaintiffs allege, and their expert reports demonstrate, is guilty of many wrongs.

Defendants next claim that Plaintiffs do not fairly and adequately represent the interests of the shareholders because, among other perceived deficiencies, Plaintiffs' interests are "different than the majority of the shareholders of KOKOWEEF." Mot. 7:12-14. The basis for this claim is the prayer for relief pled by Plaintiffs and a list of factors set forth in <u>Larson v. Dumke</u>, 900 F. 2d 1363, 1367 (9th Cir. 1990), which Defendants claim describe the standards by which a court should determine if Plaintiffs fairly and adequately represent the interests of the shareholders.

An adequate representative must have the capacity to vigorously and conscientiously prosecute a derivative suit and be free from economic interests that are antagonistic to the interests of the class. Other courts have stated certain factors to determine adequacy of representation: "(1) indications that the plaintiff is not the true party in interest; (2) the plaintiff's unfamiliarity with the litigation and unwillingness to learn about the suit; (3) the degree of control exercised by the attorneys over the litigation; (4) the degree of support received by the plaintiff from other shareholders; (5) the lack of any personal commitment to the action on the part of the representative plaintiff; (6) the remedy sought by plaintiff in the derivative action; (7) the relative magnitude of plainiff's personal interests as compared to his interest in the derivative action itself; and (8) plaintiff's vindictiveness toward the defendants. These factors are "intertwined or interrelated, and its frequently a combination of factors which leads a court to conclude that the plaintiff does not fulfill the requirements of 23.1.

(Citations omitted). However, despite citing to this case, Defendants provide no analysis of these factors, and simply assert that Plaintiffs do not meet them. In fact, pursuant to <u>Larson</u>, Plaintiffs more than fairly and adequately represent the interests of the shareholders. NRCP 23.1.

First, in regard to Defendants' argument that Plaintiffs' interests are different than the other Kokoweef shareholders, Defendants fail to appreciate that no direct cause of action has been alleged by the Plaintiffs against the corporation. Plaintiffs have prayed for rescission, because the Defendants illegally issued Kokoweef stock, committing hundreds upon hundreds of securities violations, rendering all the violating stock illegal, and not just the Plaintiffs' stock. This request is not to simply obtain damages for the individual Plaintiffs, but to provide a benefit to Kokoweef and all its shareholders. Rescinding the illegal stock, and re-issuing it to all of Kokoweef's shareholders will benefit the corporation and all of the shareholders. A rescission and legal re-issuance of the stock to all shareholders will clean up the past securities fraud upon all impacted shareholders and mitigate against potential criminal and civil penalties, as well as potential third party claims for monetary damages by the shareholders.

Plaintiffs also meet many of the other factors set forth in Larson. The facts underlying Plaintiffs' Complaint began in June 2007, when Plaintiff Burke discovered that Defendant Hahn was not complying with corporate by-laws, including the completion of a financial audit. Plaintiffs also discovered that Defendant Hahn was using corporate funds for his personal financial obligations. Finally, Plaintiffs discovered that Kokoweef's shares had been illegally issued. Ex. Curing any and all of these offending and illegal behaviors by Defendants remains the primary goal of Plaintiffs so that Kokoweef is operated legally, and with the duty of care and loyalty owed to all shareholders. Therefore, the true party in interest, regardless of Defendants' interpretation of the pleadings is Kokoweef. See First Amended Complaint.

Other <u>Larson</u> factors examine components of the Plaintiffs' vigorous and conscientious prosecution of the derivative suit. These include the Plaintiffs' familiarity with the litigation and willingness to learn about the suit, the degree of control of the Plaintiffs, the personal commitment of the Plaintiffs to this action. <u>Id.</u> at 1367. By any measure, the Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately represent the class under these factors. As has been demonstrated throughout this

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litigation, the Plaintiffs, have vigorously and conscientiously prosecuted this action. They have taken time off work and traveled from out of state to attend the majority of the hearings. They have provided numerous affidavits in support of endless law and motion work. They have kept in regular contact with non-Plaintiff shareholders to apprise them of the status of the litigation.

Defendants further claim that Plaintiffs' prayer for relief and manner of pleading indicates that the Plaintiffs are not acting for the benefit of the corporation. However, again in violation of EDCR 2.20, the Hahn Defendants assert this theory with no legal support whatsoever. As has been described above, this is simply not the case, and Defendants have provided no legal authority in support of this claim. Instead, Plaintiffs have properly pled their requests for relief and properly named Kokoweef as a nominal defendant, even though the fruits of the litigation will be for the benefit of Kokoweef. In a derivative suit, any recovery the suing shareholder obtains goes to the corporation because, "'[I]n reality the corporation is the plaintiff, the stockholder being only a nominal plaintiff." Sobba v. Elmen, 462 F. Supp. 2d 944 (E.D. Ark. 2006). "' Although the corporation is named in the complaint as a defendant, its interests are not necessarily adverse to those of the plaintiff since it will be the beneficiary of any recovery." "Id. at 947 (quoting 13 William Meade Fletcher Et Al., Fletcher Cyclopedia of the Law of Private Corporations § 5997 (perm. ed., rev. vol. 2004)). Additionally, Plaintiffs' have prayed for damages which will inure to the benefit of Kokoweef and its shareholders. See First Amended Complaint, Prayer for Relief ¶ 1,2,9,11 and 13. These requests for relief are more than sufficient under NRCP 8(f) which requires that pleadings be construed as to do substantial justice.

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IV. CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, the Hahn Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment should be denied.

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