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/s/ Jennifer Tannous Deputy Clerk ROBERT L. POLLAK, SBN 083950 DENIS KLAVDIANOS, SBN 225925 GLASSBERG, POLLAK & ASSOCIATES 1000 4th St, Suite 570 San Rafael, CA 94901 3 (415) 291-8320 (415) 291-8111 fax 4 gpa@glassberg-pollak.com 5 Attorneys for Plaintiff 6 Our File No.: 171154 7 8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 9 COUNTY OF SAN MATEO 10 UNLIMITED CIVIL JURISDICTION 11 12 MA LABORATORIES, INC., a corporation, Case No.: 17CIV01484 13 Plaintiff, **DECLARATION OF DENIS KLAVDIANOS** 14 VS. IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR ENTRY 15 OPTIMUS VENTURES LLC, a limited OF JUDGMENT liability company; MEERA E. KAUL, aka 16 MEERA A. KOUL; and DOES 1-50. DATE: November 26, 2019 17 INCLUSIVE, TIME: 9:00 a.m. **DEPT: LAW AND MOTION** 18 Defendants. 19 C.C.P. § 664.6 OPTIMUS VENTURES LLC, a limited 20 liability company, 21 Cross-Complainant, 22 VS. 23 MA LABORATORIES, INC., a corporation. and DOES 1-20, INCLUSIVE, 25 Cross-Defendants. 26 27

I, DENIS KLAVDIANOS, declare that:

1. I am an attorney duly licensed and admitted to practice law before all of the courts of the State of California, and am one of the attorneys for Plaintiff MA LABORATORIES, INC., a corporation ("Plaintiff" or "MA LABS"). I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein, except those matters stated on information and belief. If called as a witness, I could and would be able to competently testify thereto.

Background

- 2. Two Prior Defense Counsel Have Withdrawn From Representation of Defendant MEERA E. KAUL: The Complaint in this matter was filed on April 6, 2017. Since that time, two prior defense counsel have withdrawn from representation of Defendant MEERA E. KAUL ("MEERA") for unknown reasons.
- 3. <u>Defendant Was Aware Of The Default Since Early September 2019</u>:
 As noted in Plaintiff's moving papers, Defendant MEERA and her counsel have been aware of the default since September 5, 2019 and Plaintiff's Motion For Entry of Judgment was filed and served on October 9, 2019
- 4. <u>Defendant Waited Until November 12, 2019 To Contact Plaintiff's</u>

 Counsel Regarding Purported Payment: Despite being aware of the default since early September 2019 and the service of the Motion For Entry of Judgment since early October 2019, MEERA and her attorney waited until November 12, 2019 to contend that payment had previously been made. A true and correct and correct of defense counsel's email of November 12, 2019 is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** and incorporated by reference.

No Payment Has Been Received

5. <u>Plaintiff's Counsel Immediately Checked With The Firm's Bank And Discovered That There Is No Record Of Any Payment By Defendant At Any Time:</u>
On November 12, 2019, I directed the firm's office manager to contact Robert Ostrovsky--the representative of First Republic Bank. On that same day, Mr.

Ostrovsky stated that they have no record of receiving a wire transfer on September 12, 2019 or on any other day relating to this case. ¹ On November 12, 2019, I informed defense counsel that (a) no payment had been received; (b) his client was overdue on payments in the amount of \$15,000.00 as of November 1, 2019, and (c) his client could forward the funds to defense counsel's account, and in turn, defense counsel could forward the funds to our office. A true and correct copy of the November 12, 2019 email I sent to defense counsel is attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and incorporated by reference.

- 6. Defense Counsel Then Forwarded A Letter That Purports to Be From Defendant's Bank, But Which Does Not Appear To Be Authentic: On Sunday November 17, 2019, defense counsel apparently sent an email to me that I only received on November 18, 2019. The email included a letter dated November 16, 2019 that purports to be from Defendant's bank. A true and correct copy of the email and letter is attached hereto as **Exhibit "C"** and incorporated by reference.
- 7. Plaintiff's Counsel Instructed The Firm's Bank To Again Contact
 Defendant's Bank Regarding The Purported Payment As Well as The Authenticity of
 the Letter: On November 18 2019, I directed the firm's bank to contact Defendant's
 bank (the National Bank of Abu Dhabi) to determine if a payment had in fact been
 made and to determine whether the November 16, 2019 letter forwarded by
 defense counsel was authentic. ² In addition, I requested that defense counsel
 (together with his client) contact their bank again to verify payment, and defense
 counsel agreed to do so. True and correct copies of various email exchanges
 between myself and defense counsel dated November 18, 2019 are attached hereto
 as Exhibits "D" through "J" and incorporated by reference.

DECL'OF DENIS KLAVDIANOS IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR ENTRY OF JUGMENT

On November 20, 2019, Plaintiff's counsel will supplement's its reply by submitting the declaration of Mr. Ostrovsky stating that no evidence of a transaction was found, as well as other details regarding possible fraud.

On November 20, 2019, Plaintiff's counsel will submit a supplemental declaration regarding this second attempt.

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Exhibit "A"

From: Kevin Martin <calendar.martinapc@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 12:07 PM

To: Denis Klavdianos

Subject: Wire Info

Attachments: ATT00001.htm; SCREENSHT-PORTAL-11112019_Redacted.pdf; ATT00002.htm; Swift =

Glassberg Sept_Redacted.pdf; ATT00003.htm

Denis-

According to my client, the monies were wired from their bank in Dubai, to intermediary New York Mellon, and then on to First Republic Bank, beneficiary Glassberg Pollak & Associates, beneficiary account number ending in 845. Please let me know what you find.

Kevin R. Martin, Esq.
MARTIN APC
1939 Harrison Street, Suite 910
Oakland, CA 94612
kevin@martinapc.com
510-444-7600

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From: calendar.martinapc@gmail.com

You received this message because the sender is on your allow list.

From:

Kevin Martin <calendar.martinapc@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 12:18 PM

To:

Denis Klavdianos

Subject: Attachments:

Account Ledger ATT00001.htm; Transaction_Summary_30sept2019_125945_Redacted.pdf; ATT00002.htm

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Exhibit "B"

From:

Denis Klavdianos

Sent:

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 12:50 PM

To: Cc: 'Kevin Martin'

CC.

Robert Pollak

Subject:

Optimus (Ma Labs and Microland)

Attachments:

2019 Wire Transfer Instructions.pdf

Kevin,

As noted in our conversation today:

- 1. We have not received the funds.
- 2. As of November 1, 2019, Meera Kaul is overdue on payments for the Ma Labs and Microland cases in the total amount of \$15,000.00.
- 3. Your client can forward you the funds and you can forward the funds to us. This is the easiest remedy.
- 4. I have enclosed another copy of the wire transfer instructions.
- 5. This is not an opportunity to delay matters, and I sincerely hope that your client is not using you to perpetuate a fraud.

Sincerely,

DENIS KLAVDIANOS GLASSBERG, POLLAK & ASSOCIATES 1000 4th Street, Suite 570 San Rafael, California 94901-3118 (415) 291-8320 (415) 291-8111 fax

From: Denis Klavdianos

Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 12:15 PM

To: 'Kevin Martin' <calendar.martinapc@gmail.com>
Cc: Robert Pollak <rlpollak@glassberg-pollak.com>

Subject: RE: Wire Info

Dear Kevin,

As I noted in our conversation,

- 1. will have the office manager double check, but we have not received anything.
- 2. I hope your client is not using you to perpetuate a fraud. I know you are a reputable attorney.

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From:

Kevin Martin < krmartin_5000@icloud.com>

Sent:

Sunday, November 17, 2019 7:50 AM

To:

Denis Klavdianos

Subject:

Bank Letter Scan-AkramHPScanner.pdf

Attachments:

Bank Letter Scan-AkramHPScanner.pdf; ATT00001.txt

Denis- i received this today from my clients. Is there any way First Republic Bank can check in with National Bank of Abu Dhabi?

(FORGED LETTER CONFIRMING TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITH BANK CLIP ART ADDED)



Date: 16.11.2019

Dear Mr. Sharma

We have investigated the transfer of funds to Glassberg Pollack and Associates.

ACCOUNT #: 80007554845 SWIFT CODE: FRBBUS6S with First Republic Bank for the international transfer we executed from your corporate Bank Account ending in 6708.

We have successful transmission report of the transfer and have not received the transaction back in error at any time before the signing of this letter.

Signed

Branch MOE

M. Ali Ashram

Exhibit "D"

From:

Denis Klavdianos

Sent:

Monday, November 18, 2019 11:21 AM

To: Cc: 'MARTIN APC'

Subject:

Robert Pollak RE: Optimus Cases

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From: MARTIN APC [mailto:calendar.martinapc@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 11:16 AM

To: Denis Klavdianos <dklavdianos@glassberg-pollak.com>

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From:

MARTIN APC <calendar.martinapc@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, November 18, 2019 11:44 AM

To: Subject:

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Sent:

Monday, November 18, 2019 11:58 AM

To:

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I will have our bank attempt to contact the Abu Dabi Bank.

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From: MARTIN APC [mailto:calendar.martinapc@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 12:06 PM

To: Denis Klavdianos <dklavdianos@glassberg-pollak.com>

Subject: Re: Optimus Cases

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From:

Denis Klavdianos

Sent:

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 11:54 AM

To:

kevin@martinapc.com

Cc:

Robert Pollak

Subject:

FW: Optimus Cases

Kevin,

1. I am filing a reply to your Opposition today and will supplement it as more information and documents are discovered.

- 2. Have you (in conjunction with your client) fulfilled your explicit promise to contact your client's bank <u>directly</u> by telephone regarding (a) whether the payment was actually made and (b) whether the letter you forwarded me dated 11/16/19 is in fact a valid letter. You explicitly stated in your email of November 18, 2019 that if the 11/16/19 letter is a forgery, you would withdraw it. I presume that you are looking into this as you would want to be involved in passing along an invalid letter.
- 3. I request a response today. There is no reason for you to delay this matter as the hearing on the motion is early next week.
- 4. You have a duty not to simply forward bogus information/documents (a) when you know that your client has a suspect history, (b) I specifically and repeatedly told you that you should not participate in any potential fraud; (b) you are aware that 3 separate attorneys withdrew from representation of your client, and (d) you and your client waited over 2 months to contact our office with your purported evidence of payment. The motion for entry of judgment was served on October 9, 2019, but the first time that you contacted our office regarding the motion was November 12, 2019. There is no explanation for this in your opposition.
- 5. Your Opposition is very misleading in that you failed to provide any context to this case, nor did you verify any of the information or documents. Who is Shashi Sharma? There is nothing in the declaration you submitted that identifies the relationship of Shashi Shama to Meera Kaul. You submitted a very brief declaration on Shashi's behalf. My guess is that (a) you have no idea who Shashi Shama is: (b) you never talked to Shashi; (c) you never asked Shashi who she was; (d) you have not spoken to your client (Meera Kaul) by telephone in the past 3 months, if ever; and (e) the November 16, 2019 is not a valid letter.
- 6. My client reserves all rights if the letter you forwarded turns out to be fraudulent, including but not limited to requesting appropriate sanctions for requiring our office as well as our bank to conduct an investigation into the purported payment and the 11/16/19 letter you forwarded.
- 8. Yesterday, I directed our bank to attempt to contact your client's bank regarding the transaction. Our bank's Fraud Unit is currently looking into the matter.
- 9. I await your response by the end of the day today.

Sincerely,

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From: Denis Klavdianos

Sent: Monday, **November 18**, 2019 12:56 PM

To: kevin@martinapc.com Subject: FW: Optimus Cases

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Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 12:55 PM

To: Denis Klavdianos < dklavdianos@glassberg-pollak.com>

Subject: Re: Optimus Cases

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Exhibit "J"

From:

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Sent:

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 2:18 PM

To: Cc: 'Kevin Martin'

Subject:

Robert Pollak RE: Optimus Cases

Mr. Martin,

I will append your email Plaintiff's reply.

- 1. I note your last sentence: "If I cannot conclude to some satisfaction on my own that the letter is authentic then, again like I said, I will be moving to withdraw from this case prior to the hearing."
- 2. No explanation was given by your client as why they waited until November 12, 2019 to bring it to your attention that they believed the payment was made. The motion was filed and served on October 9, 2019 and a default letter was sent in early September 2019.
- 3. I have directed our bank's fraud unit to attempt to contact your client's bank directly and also attempt to determine whether the November 16, 2019 letter is authentic. I will advise you when I receive their response and will supplement my submission to the Court.

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To: Denis Klavdianos <dklavdianos@glassberg-pollak.com>

Subject: Re: Optimus Cases

Denis- i am not in my office today but wanted to respond to your email. I have been practicing law in the San Francisco Bay Area for over twenty years and pride myself on straightforwardness. I have a solid reputation and the tenor in your message is not appreciated. Like I said during our first conversation not more than a week ago, i am not interested in stretching this situation out. That said, I have a duty to my client, while she is my client, to put the best case forward on her behalf. Not that I need to explain anything to you, but contrary to your suggestion, i have had multiple conversations with Ms. Kaul over the past months, including several in person meetings with her in my office. I have also had many email exchanges with Mr. Sharma on these issues and know him to work with Meera Kaul. That said, I have been trying to confirm the authenticity of the letter I forwarded to you on November 16. I tried contacting the bank but without success. If I cannot conclude to some satisfaction on my own that the letter is authentic then, again like I said, I will be moving to withdraw from this case prior to the hearing.

On Nov 19, 2019, at 11:54 AM, Denis Klavdianos < dklavdianos@glassberg-pollak.com> wrote:

Kevin,

- 1. I am filing a reply to your Opposition today and will supplement it as more information and documents are discovered.
- 2. Have you (in conjunction with your client) fulfilled your explicit promise to contact your client's bank <u>directly</u> by telephone regarding (a) whether the payment was actually made and (b) whether the letter you forwarded me dated 11/16/19 is in fact a valid letter. You explicitly stated in your email of November 18, 2019 that if the 11/16/19 letter is a forgery, you would withdraw it. I presume that you are looking into this as you would want to be involved in passing along an invalid letter.
- 3. I request a response today. There is no reason for you to delay this matter as the hearing on the motion is early next week.
- 4. You have a duty not to simply forward bogus information/documents (a) when you know that your client has a suspect history, (b) I specifically and repeatedly told you that you should not participate in any potential fraud; (b) you are aware that 3 separate attorneys withdrew from representation of your client, and (d) you and your client waited over 2 months to contact our office with your purported evidence of payment. The motion for entry of judgment was served on October 9, 2019, but the first time that you contacted our office regarding the motion was November 12, 2019. There is no explanation for this in your opposition.
- 5. Your Opposition is very misleading in that you failed to provide any context to this case, nor did you verify any of the information or documents. Who is Shashi Sharma? There is nothing in the declaration you submitted that identifies the relationship of Shashi Shama to Meera Kaul. You submitted a very brief declaration on Shashi's behalf. My guess is that (a) you have no idea who Shashi Shama is: (b) you never talked to Shashi; (c) you never asked Shashi who she was; (d) you have not spoken to your client (Meera Kaul) by telephone in the past 3 months, if ever; and (e) the November 16, 2019 is not a valid letter.
- 6. My client reserves all rights if the letter you forwarded turns out to be fraudulent, including but not limited to requesting appropriate sanctions for requiring our office as well as our bank to conduct an investigation into the purported payment and the 11/16/19 letter you forwarded.
- 8. Yesterday, I directed our bank to attempt to contact your client's bank regarding the transaction. Our bank's Fraud Unit is currently looking into the matter.
- 9. I await your response by the end of the day today.

Sincerely,

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