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IN THE HIGH COURT REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

) Civil Case No. 2014-067
Eigigu Holdings Corporation,)
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) Defendant Leander Leander's
Plaintiff) Motion to for Relief from Entry
v.) Default.
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Leander Leander and Lijun Leander,)
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Comes now Defendant Leander Leander ("Leander") through his Attorney of record,

John E. Masek Esq., and moves this Court for Relief from Entry of Default Judgment under Rule

55(c) & Rules 60(b)(1,6) of the Marshall Islands Rules of Civil Procedure.

Good cause exists for this Motion insofar as Defendant's failure to Answer was not due to any culpable conduct on the part of Defendant, and was the result of his former counsel's failure to file an Answer, and otherwise effectively represent the interests of Defendant Leander in this matter.

Good cause for relief further exists in that Defendant has a meritorious defense, as the lease at issue was signed with the duly authorized representative of Plaintiff and/or the Nauru Local Government Council. Furthermore Defendant's leasehold has been paid in full and he has not defaulted on any rent payment or any other term of his lease. Additionally, the property is

well known, and easily identified, and there is no credible claim that Defendant's lease is invalid due to an inability to identify the property at issue. Finally, Plaintiff's self-serving "claim" that Defendant's lease was "terminated" when the landowners allegedly terminated its lease with the Nauru Council is simply a bad faith attempt to wrongfully terminate Defendant's valid lease. Plaintiff cannot collude in the termination of its lease, then sign a new lease for the same property, and then claim its obligations to it's sub-lessors were terminated. Such an act constitutes unjust enrichment at best, and possibly fraud.

Plaintiffs will not suffer any prejudice as a result of granting this motion. Defendant Lijun Leander has not yet been served with the Summons and Complaint, but has filed an Answer, thus this matter will by necessity proceed to a trial on the merits.

This Application is supported by the Memorandum of Points & Authorities, and the Affidavits of Leander Leander and John E. Masek, attached hereto.

Dated: November 10, 2014.

John E. Masek, Attorney for Defendants

Memorandum of Points & Authorities

I. Statement of Facts

Defendants Leander Leander and Lijun Leander have been doing business in the Eastern Gateway area for the past 14 years. Initially they entered into a lease agreement with the duly authorized Representative of Plaintiff and/or the Nauru Local Government Council in 2001. This

lease was later extended by the parties in 2002. Finally the parties revised and extended the existing lease agreement in 2010. (A true and correct copy of said Lease Agreement is attached hereto as Defendant's Exhibit "A"). Payment was received by Plaintiffs in the amount of \$200,000.00 in 2002, and \$71,000.00 in 2010. (A true and correct copy of a written receipt for such payments is attached hereto as Defendant's Exhibit "B"). At time the parties entered into the various lease agreements, the duly authorized representative of both the Nauru Government Council, and Eigigu Holdings was Mr. Rubin Tsitsi.

Two years after the final revision of Defendants' Lease Agreement, Plaintiff /Nauru Government Council terminated the services of Mr. Tsitsi. (A true and correct copy of said termination is attached hereto as Defendant's Exhibit "C"). However, such termination took place years after Defendants' 2010 lease was signed, and in no manner voided Defendant's sublease. Concurrently, the Nauru Council/Plaintiff was engaged in a dispute with the traditional landowners over the 1990 Lease between said Landowners and the Nauru Local Government Council. Said disputes were eventually resolved, and a 2013 Amendment to the 1990 Lease Agreement for the Eastern Gateway Hotel was signed by Plaintiff and landowner representatives (A true and correct copy is attached hereto as Exhibit "D"). Later in November of 2013, the landowners and Plaintiff entered into second amended ground lease with almost the exact same terms and conditions as the earlier Amendment (Exhibit "D") except for the inclusion of a recital stating that "Tenant and Landlords fully recognize that the termination of the Original Lease terminated any existing subleases or subtenancies on the Premises as a matter of law;" However, such bad faith acts on the part of Plaintiff does not void Defendant's lease. In fact such an act by

¹ Plaintiff's Exhibit 8, at page 1, paragraph 6.

Plaintiff constitutes a breach of its sub-lease with Defendants, and in no manner gives cause for a claim by Plaintiff. Rather such acts by Plaintiff would give rise to a claim by Defendants.

On or about April 7, 2014, Plaintiff's filed their claim in this action. However, Defendant Leander Leander was not served till July 7, 2014. Within 7 days of being served, Defendant retained counsel Russel Kun to represent him. Defendant Leander had been told on numerous occasions by Mr. Kun about all the cases Mr. Kun had won, and he believed Mr. Kun could and would competantly represent him. For reasons unknown, Mr. Kun did not file an Answer on behalf of his client. Due to Mr. Kun's inexplicable failure to protect his client's interests and file an Answer, Plaintiff's filed a request for an Entry of Default Judgment.

On November 7, 2014, Defendants retained John Masek as counsel. This motion for relief from entry of default immediately followed.

II. <u>Factors considered by Courts under Rule 60(b)(1) merit relief from default.</u>

Rule 60(b)(1) allows a Court to relieve a party from final judgment for "mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect..." "Courts apply Rule 60(b)(1) equitably and liberally ... to achieve substantial justice. In cases that have not been heard on the merits, the determination of whether neglect is excusable takes into account the length and reasons for the delay, the impact on the case and judicial proceedings, and whether the movant requesting relief has acted in good faith". *Burrell v. Henderson*, 434 F.3d 826, 832 (6th Cir.2006) [internal quotations omitted].

When considering a motion for relief from a default judgment, courts generally consider three factors in deciding whether relief should be granted on the ground of excusable neglect: (1)

whether the defaulting party engaged in any culpable conduct that caused the default; (2) whether the defaulting party has a meritorious defense; (3) whether there is any prejudice to the non-defaulting party if relief is granted. *Brandt v. American Bankers Ins. Co. of Florida*, 653 F3d 1108, 1111 (9th Cir. 2011); *Burrell v. Henderson*, 434 F.3d 826, 834 (6th Cir.2006); *Gucci America, Inc. v. Gold Ctr. Jewelry*, 158 F3d 631, 634 (2nd Cir. 1998).

A) Culpable Conduct:

"The usual articulation of the governing standard, oft repeated in our cases, is that "a defendant's conduct is culpable if he has received actual or constructive notice of the filing of the action and intentionally failed to answer." TCI Group Life Ins. Plan v. Knoebber, 244 F.3d 691, 697 (9th Cir. 2001), citing Alan Neuman Prods., Inc. v. Albright, 862 F.2d 1388, 1392 (9th Cir. 1988). "Intentional" in many legal contexts means an act or omission taken by an actor knowing what the likely consequence will be." TCI Group Life Ins. Plan v. Knoebber, 244 F.3d 691, 698, (9th Cir. 2001) (citing Restatement of Torts 2d § 8A cmt. b; Wayne LaFave, Substantive Criminal Law § 3.5). However, the court goes on to state that: "Our cases...have not used the term "intentional" in this sense. Instead, what we have meant is something more like, in the words of a recent Second Circuit opinion addressing the same issue, "willful, deliberate, or evidence of bad faith". TCI Group Life Ins. Plan v. Knoebber, 244 F.3d 691, 697, (9th Cir. 2001).

In the instant action, Defendant Leander Leander retained Counsel within 7 days of being served with the Summons and Complaint. He had every reason to believe that his attorney, Russel Kun, would protect his interests. Mr. Kun had 14 days to file an Answer when he was retained by Leander. Thus Leander has acted promptly and done everything a lay person would

be expected to do; that is retain counsel in a timely manner. The failure Leander's former attorney, Mr. Kun, to act was inexcusable on the part of Mr. Kun. However, it certainly excuses Leander from failing to file an Answer. If there were any pleadings to be filed, Leander rightly believed Russel Kun as his attorney would file any required pleadings such as an Answer. Like most lay persons, Leander simply went about his business undisturbed. He could not imagine that his attorney failed to take the most elementary steps to protect his interests.

"Neglectful failure to answer as to which the defendant offers a credible, good faith explanation negating any intention to take advantage of the opposing party, interfere with judicial decision making, or otherwise manipulate the legal process is not "intentional" under our default cases, and is therefore not necessarily...culpable or inexcusable." *TCI Group Life Ins.*Plan v. Knoebber, 244 F.3d 691, 698, (9th Cir. 2001). Here, Leander's failure to answer was the result of mistaken beliefs that his attorney was adequatly representing him, and would be filing any needed pleadings such as an Answer. Lay persons have a right to place such reliance upon legal counsel and any failure due to counsel's failure to act is thus excusable.

B) Meritorious Defenses:

"A defendant seeking to vacate a default judgment must present specific facts that would constitute a defense. *TCI Group Life Ins. Plan v. Knoebber*, 244 F.3d 691, 700 (9th Cir. 2001), citing *Madsen v. Bumb*, 419 F.2d 4, 6 (9th Cir.1969) (holding that district court had not erred in declining to vacate default judgment when defendant offered "mere general denial without facts to support it"). "But the burden on a party seeking to vacate a default judgment is not extraordinarily heavy." *TCI Group Life Ins. Plan v. Knoebber*, 244 F.3d 691, 700 (9th Cir. 2001), citing, *In re Stone*, 588 F.2d 1316, 1319 n. 2 (10th Cir.1978) (explaining that the movant need

only demonstrate facts or law showing the trial court that "a sufficient defense is assertible").

In the instant case, the Defendant executed three different leases with the duly authorized representative of Plaintiff/Nauru Council, Mr. Rubin Tsitsi. At the time these leases were executed, Mr. Tsitsi had full authority to do so, and Plaintiff is bound by the acts of its duly authorized agent.

Plaintiff attempts to side step Defendant's leases by claiming that such sub-leases were terminated "as a matter of law" when the landowners attempted to terminate the 1990 Lease.

This is false, as set forth in Exhibit "D" the 1990 lease was not terminated, rather it was "Amended." Furthermore, Nauru/Plaintiff still have the property under lease. Under the terms of the sub-lease between Plaintiff/Nauru and Defendants, 'the two parties shall not vacate and abandon the premises at any time during the term of this lease. The lessor cannot cancel the lease with (sic) any reasons." Finally, if the lease between Nauru/Plaintiff and the landowners was terminated, this would give rise to a claim for unjust enrichment and breach of lease by Leander against Plaintiff/Nauru Council. It would not result in the uncompensated termination of Leader's sub-lease.

Plaintiff also attempts to claim Defendant's sub-lease is void due to a lack of description of the the property. This is a false claim. The latest and currently controlling lease³ contains no less then 5 exhibits setting forth in detail the area covered under the lease agreement.

Plaintiff then attempts to invoke 24 MIRC, Chapt. 4, Section 438, and provides an edited quote of the statute. First, this Statute was not enacted till 2003, one year after advance payments were made to Nauru/Plaintiff in 2002, hence the statute is not applicable to such payments.

² See Exhibit A, page 3, Section 8.

³ Lease signed and registered with the Land Registration Authority on July 9, 2014.

Furthermore, such payment shall be "void as against any heirs or successors of the lessor who acquired their interest in the land between the date the rent was paid, and one year before it was due." In the case at hand, the party receiving the advance payments is the same party trying to void the lease because it received advance payments. Section 438 does not provide a remedy for the party receiving the advance payments. Plaintiffs/Nauru Council cannot attempt to void a lease because it was paid in full in advance.

Next, Plaintiff ties to argue that the leases with Defendants were in the name of the "Nauru Council" and such entity does not have authority to enter into any lease or sub-lease. First and foremost, it is Eigigu Holdings that lacks legal standing, as Eigigu Holdings did not have a Foreign Investment Business License till October 3, 2014. Under 36 MIRC Chapter 2, Section 203(a) "no non-citizen shall be permitted to do business in the Republic without first obtaining a Foreign Investment Business License under this Chapter." Plaintiff Eigigu Holdings had no such license, hence it is Eigigu Holdings, and not the Nauru Council that lacked standing.

As set forth above, Defendant's have a binding sub-lease, and they have committed no breach of such sub-lease. Hence, not only does Defendant have a 'meritorious defense' but a very strong case, and is likely to prevail in any trial on the merits.

C) Prejudice to the Plaintiff:

"To be prejudicial, the setting aside of a judgment must result in greater harm than simply delaying resolution of the case. Rather, "the standard is whether [plaintiff's] ability to pursue his claim will be hindered." *TCI Group Life Ins. Plan v. Knoebber*, 244 F.3d 691, 701 (9th Cir. 2001), citing *Falk v. Allen*, 739 F.2d 461, 463 (9th Cir. 1984). "[T]o be considered prejudicial, the

⁴ 24 MIRC Chapt. 4, Section 438(2).

delay must result in tangible harm such as loss of evidence, increased difficulties of discovery, or greater opportunity for fraud or collusion." *TCI Group Life Ins. Plan v. Knoebber*, 244 F.3d 691,701 (9th Cir. 2001) [internal citations omitted].

In the instant case, no prejudice will inure to the Plaintiff. In particular, no default has been entered against Defendant Lijun Leander, hence a trial on the merits will be conducted in this case. Furthermore, there is no lost evidence or any other tangible harm. Rather the parties will both be able to go forward and have the case decided on the merits.

III. Trials on the merits are favored over default judgments.

"It is axiomatic that the law favors fair trials on the merits of the cases." *Crosby v. Avon Products, Inc.*, 474 So. 2d 642, 644 (Ala. 1985). "We, therefore, emphatically hold that a trial court, in determining whether to grant or deny a motion to set aside a default judgment, should exercise its broad discretionary powers with liberality and should balance the equities of the case with a strong bias toward allowing the defendant to have his day in Court." *Williams v. Colonial Bank*, 626 So. 2d 1247, 1249 (Ala. 1993).

In the instant case there is ample evidence to be tested at trial. A trial on the merits is warranted in order to test the competing claims of the parties. The Court should have the opportunity to examine all relevant facts and render a decision based upon the evidence.

Here Defendant humbly requests that the Court exercise its discretion in favor of allowing this matter to proceed, and a decision rendered on the merits of the case.

IV. Conclusion.

Based upon the forgoing it is respectfully requested that the Court vacate the Entry of Default in this case, and grant Defendant Leander Leander leave to file an Answer.

Dated: November 10, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Masek, Attorney for

Defendants.

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LEASE AGREEMENT FOR EXTENSION AND REVISION OF A PORTION OF EASTERN GATEWAY HOTEL BUILDING AND SURROUNDING PREMISES

Remjon Weto, Delap Island, Majuro Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands 96960.

THIS LEASE AGREEMENT (hereinafter referred to as this "Lease") is duly made and entered on July 09, 2010, between the two Parties so named in this Agreement, Leander Leander Jr & Li Jun Leander, owners of MAJI/MAP VISION, whose address is P.O. Box 1342, Delap Island, Majuro Atoll, MH 96960 (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Lessee") and the Nauru Council, by and through their Authorized Representative, Rubin Tsitsi, whose address is P.O. Box 106, Delap Island, Majuro Atoll, MH 96960 (hereinafter referred to as "Lessor").

RECITALS

The Parties recite and acknowledge the following intentions under this Lease

WHEREAS the Lessor constructed the Eastern Gateway Hotel Building located on Remjon Weto, Delap Island, Majuro Atoll, MH 96960, hereinafter referred to as the "Premises" to which also refers to the real property and to any developments and improvements located on the Premises, and that all portions of the Premises duly belongs to Nauru Council as the Lessor.

WHEREAS the two parties are desirous of extension and revising the existing Lease, to look into and confirm certain portions and measurements on and around the Premises and to consolidate all the previous leases on the Premises on which the Lessee are leasing from the Lessor, as are described in Section 2 of this Lease.

WHEREAS the parties have executed this AGREEMENT FOR EXTENSION AND REVISION OF LEASE to continue the lease without interruption and supersedes. the lease agreements entered in 2002. Lessee are currently leasing the Premises and have made advance and full payments for this Lease of the all Premises they leased until February 28, 2040. as set out in Sections 4 and 5 of this Lease.

IN CONSIDERATION of the covenants duly contained in this Lease, the Parties mutually agree as follows:

SECTION 1. Grant of Leasehold Interests, Subject to terms and conditions set forth in this Lease, the Lessor lease to Lesson and the Lessee hereby from Lessor the leasehold

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interest to portions of the Eastern Gateway Hotel Building and surrounding premises and portions of Remjon Weto, Delap Island, Majuro Atoll, and particularly described in Section 2.

SECTION 2. <u>Description of Premises</u>. As provided in this Lease, the use of the term <u>"Premises"</u> refers to the real property and to any improvements located on the real property from time to time during the term of this Lease. An overview description of the Premises so surveyed and measured are shown as follows:

- (i) A sketched map of the overall Premises under this Lease. The measuring at the premises are 248ft long and the width of the premises is 195ft. Attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- (ii) A sketched map of the Eastern Gateway Hotel Building refers to the First Floor, the Second Floor include the Cocktail & Bar area located in the middle of the left stairways (facing towards the public highway) and the Third Floor. Exhibit include the middle and right stairways and all rooms between the middle and right stairways in the First, Second and Third Floors of the Eastern Gateway Hotel Building, Attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- (iii) A sketched map referring to a portion of the Premises adjacent to the main public highway and measuring at 165ft x 85ft. Attached hereto as Exhibit C.
- (iv) A sketched map referring to a portion of the Premises adjacent to the Exhibit B and C portion and the main public highway and measuring at 83ft x 95ft. Attached hereto as Exhibit D.
- (v) A sketched map referring to a portion of the Premises adjacent to the Exhibit B portion and located at the back and right side of the Eastern Gateway Hotel Building (facing towards the public highway) and measuring at 135ft x 43ft. Attached hereto as Exhibit E.

SECTION 3. <u>Use of Premises</u>. The Parties agree that the Lessee may use the Premises for any lawful purposes without restriction or limitation by the Lessor.

SECTION 4. <u>Term.</u> The Lessee currently have and hold the leasehold interest on the Premises for a <u>term period</u> of 25 years, to which commenced from the 25th day of September, 2002 and ending on the 24th day of September, 2027, and it shall continue for another term period of 13 years, without any notice and additional payment to Lessor, from the 24th day of September, 2027 and shall end on the 28th day of February, 2040, at midnight, as the two Parties have agreed.



SECTION 5. <u>Rent.</u> The two Parties recognize and acknowledge that the Lessee have made the advance and full payments in the amount of <u>US\$271,000.00</u> for the term of this Lease and to the Lessor at the office of Nauru Council at Majuro, Marshall Islands 96960, upon the execution of this Lease from the 25th day of September, 2002 until 28th day of February, 2040.

Both Parties have entered into a covenant that, the Lessee shall not be responsible for any form of payments to the Landowners, such as the Iroij (Chief), Alap and Dri Jerbal titleholders on and over the Remion Weto, including the Lessor, upon the full payment of the \$271,000.00 at anytime throughout this Lease. The Lessor shall responsible for any payment to the Landowners throughout this Lease.

SECTION 6. Warranties of Title and Quiet Possession. The Lessor covenants to the Lessee that, with respect to Remjon Weto for which they are executing this Lease, the Lessor represent all persons having an interest in the said Weto under the laws of the Marshall Islands, and have the right and authority to make this Lease.

- (a) The Lessor warrants that, the Lessee shall be granted peaceable and quiet enjoyable of the Premises, duly free from eviction or interference by the Lessor, so long as the Lessee perform the terms and conditions of this Lease.
- (b) The Lessor warrants that, the rights of the Lessee to the Premises shall be defended against the claims, demands, and suits of any persons, so long as the Lessee perform the terms and conditions of this Lease.
- (c) The Lessor warrants that, the Lessee shall lawfully, peacefully, and quietly occupy, use, hold, possess and enjoy the Premises during the full term of this Lease without hindrance, eviction, ejection or interruption, as long as the Lessee perform the terms and conditions of this Lease.
- (d) The Lessor warrants that, during the term of this Lease, the Lessor may execute any necessary documents and or perform any necessary act in respect of ensuring that the Lessee have full use and enjoyment of the Premises or to enforce any term or provision of this Lease.

SECTION 7. <u>Assignment or Sublease</u>. The Lessee may assign or sublease its interest in this Lease or any right or interest in the Premises to any other person(s) or entity(s) in whole or in part without the consent of the Lessor and without any additional payment to the Lessor.

SECTION 8. <u>Abandonment.</u> The two parties shall not vacate and abandon the premises at any time during the term of this lease. The lessor can not cancel the lease with any reasons.

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SECTION 9. <u>Construction</u>, <u>Alterations and Improvements</u>. The Lessee have free and right to construct new and additional building, alter and or improvements on, in or around the leased Premises without approval and additional fees or costs to the Lessor.

SECTION 10. Repairs and Maintenance. The Lessee shall, throughout the term of this Lease, at their own cost and without expense of the Lessor, keep and maintain the premises and improvements thereto, in good, sanitary, and neat order.

SECTION 11. Utility Fees and Taxes. The Lessee shall pay as they become due all charges incurred for utility services supplied to the premises, such as electricity, water, sewer, telephone, and internet, but not property taxes. The Lessor shall be obligated to pay property taxes and assessments levied on the Premises by any authorized agency, and shall have no responsibilities to cover utility fees concerning the portions of the Premises used by the Lessee.

SECTION 12. <u>Easements, Agreements and Encumbrances</u>. The Parties shall be bound by all existing easements, agreements and encumbrances of record relating to the Premises.

SECTION 13. <u>Indemnity</u>. The both parties shall indemnify the against all expenses, liability, claims, loss, damages or expenses or on behalf of any person or entity arising out of either.

- (a) A failure of both parties to perform any of the terms or conditions of this lease.
- (b) Any damage or injury happening on or in the premises.
- (c) If the Lessor failure to comply with any acts and or regulations of any Local and National Governmental Entities of the Republic of the Marshall Islands that involves the Premises, the Lessor shall indemnify the lessee against all cost.

SECTION 14. <u>Force Majeure</u>. In the event of damage and or destruction to any leased portions of the Premises as a result of an event or effect that the Lessee could not have anticipated or beyond their control, the Lessee may be liable for the repair or restoration of any construction or improvement build during their use of the Premises.

- (a) Where certain portions of the Premises are destroyed, the Lessee shall have right for repair or restoration of the damaged or destructed portions on the Premises.
- (b) Where the entire Premises is destroyed, the Lessee shall have the right to construct a new building as they deem fit, and the Lessor shall waive their right to compel the Lessee to construct any buildings for their business operations on the Premises.

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- (c) The events or effects would include natural acts such as, tsunamis, earthquakes, fire, floods and include all natural acts and also include man generated obstacles such as, war, riot and strike.
- (d) The building collapse cause of old, shown as Exhibit B as premises, the lessee shall not response for any damages and payments.

SECTION 15. Condemnation. The rights and duties of the parties in the event of condemnation as follow.

- (a) If a portion of the premises is taken or condemned, this lease shall not terminate, the parties have agreed.
- (b) If the portion of the premises is taken or condemned, Lessor shall pay back to lessee all cost include the US\$271,000.00 dollars.

<u>SECTION 16. Liability of Lessor and Lessee.</u> The Lessee shall have exclusive control and possession of the Premises, during the term of this Lease, the Lessor and assigns, successors in interest or of any person acting under direction or control shall not be liable for any injury or damages on the Premises.

SECTION 17. Surrender of the Premises. The Lessee shall, at the expiration of this Lease, to peacefully and quietly surrender and deliver the Premises to the Lessor, including fixed additions and other improvements constructed thereon, except for moveable trade fixtures. Upon such expiration of the Lessee shall peacefully and quietly surrender to the Lessor the Premises.

SECTION 18. <u>Insurance</u>. The Lessee shall, throughout the term of this lease, obtain and maintain at their own expense, of any appropriate type and amount of insurance, including fire, casualty, and liability insurance. The Lessor shall have their own insurance on the Premises also.

SECTION 19. <u>Nuisance or Unlawful Activity</u>. The Lessee shall not commit or suffer to be committed, any waste on the Premises or any nuisance.

SECTION 20. Right of Access to Premises. The Lessee and its agents, employees or invited and authorized guests shall have the right to access to the premises at all times. The Lessee shall have exclusive and unrestricted control of the premises, subject to the right of Lessor to enter the premises upon relation of the lessee.

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SECTION 21. <u>Compliance with Laws</u>. Both parties shall comply with the law of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

SECTION 22. <u>Lessees' Option to Terminate</u>. At any time during the term of this Lease, the Lessee may elect, at its own discretion and for any reason, to terminate this Lease upon the Lessee issuing two (2) year's notice to the Lessor. Upon termination of this Lease, the Lessees' liability hereunder shall cease and possession of the Premises shall be surrendered to the Lessor.

SECTION 23. Grounds for Termination. Where the Lessee vacates, surrenders and abandons the premises in violation of Section 22;

<u>SECTION 24. Waiver</u>. The waiver of any breach of the provisions of this Lease by the Lessor shall not constitute a continuing waiver or a waiver of any subsequent breach the Lessee, either of the same or of any other provision of this Lease.

SECTION 25. Notices. Any notice, approval, consent, waiver or other communication required or permitted to be given or to be served upon any person in connection with this Lease shall be in writing. Such notices shall be addressed to the party to whom such notice is to be given at the party's address set forth herein:

Rubin Tsitsi/Nauru Council PO Box 106 Delap Island, Majuro Atoll MH 96960 Leander Leander Jr & Li jun Leander PO Box 1342 Delap Island, Majuro Atoll MH 96960

SECTION 26. <u>Binding Effect of Lease</u>. This Lease shall, including all of its terms and conditions, shall apply to and be binding on the Heirs, Successors, Executors, Administrators and Assigns of the two Parties hereto.

SECTION 27. Governing Law. The language in all provisions of this Lease shall be interpreted simply, and according to its fair meaning, and not strictly for or against the Lessor and or the Lessee. This Lease shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

SECTION 28. <u>Survivability</u>. If any provision of this lease is held invalid, it shall not affect the other provision of this lease and this lease shall remain in full force and effect without such provision.

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SECTION 29. Merger. This Lease constitutes the entire Agreement between the Lessor and Lessee respecting the Premises or the leasing of the Premises to the Lessee and correctly sets forth the obligations of the Lessor and Lessee to each other as of its date of signing, and can only be altered, amended or replaced only by a duly written Instrument.

SECTION 30. Time is of the Essence. Time is expressly declared to be the essence in all provisions of this Lease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have signed this AGREEMENT FOR EXTENSION AND REVISION OF LEASE in July 9th, 2010, on the dates shown with respect to each of the signatures below.

Nauru Council as Lessor:

Rubin Tsitsi

Authorized Representative

Dated:

Lessee:

Leander Leander Jr & Li Jun Leander

Dated:

Sworn and subscribed before me:

Notary Public



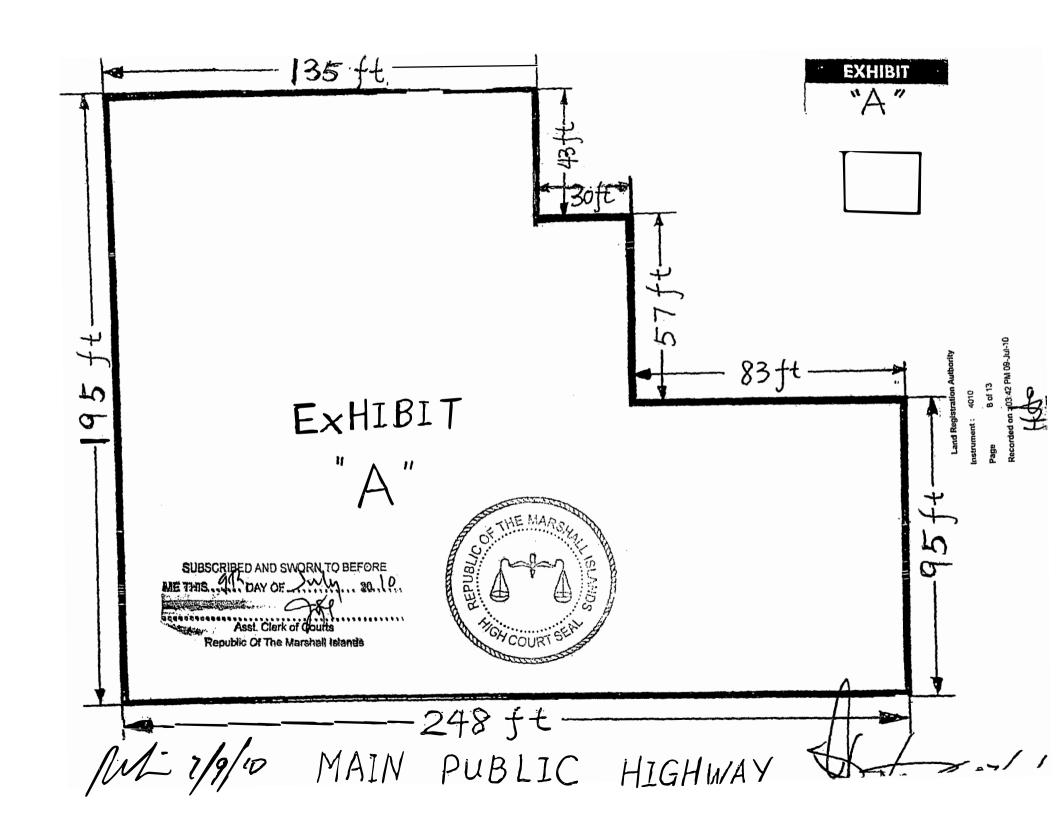
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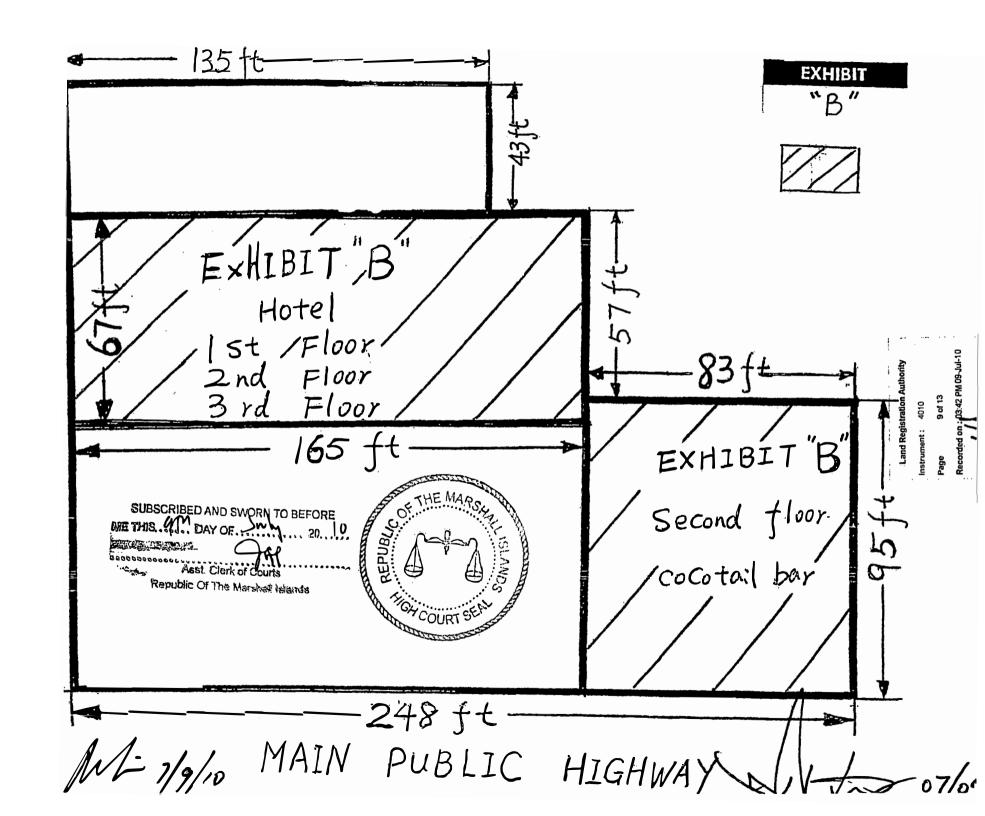
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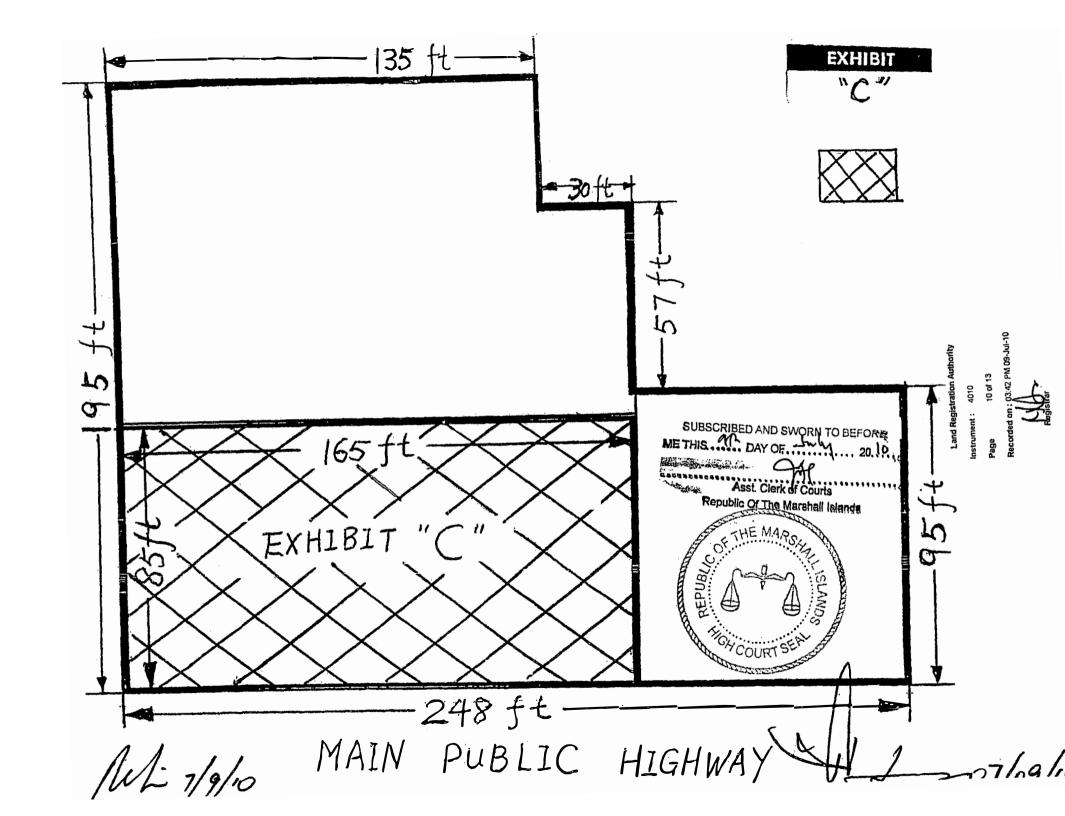
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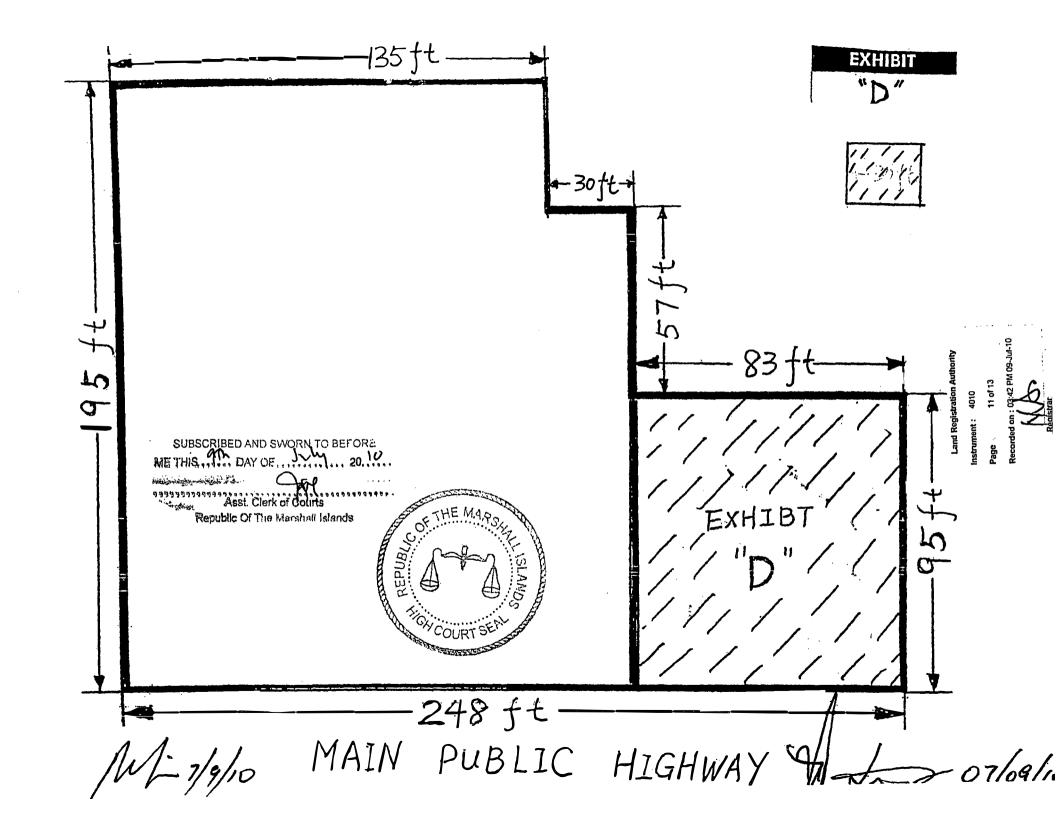
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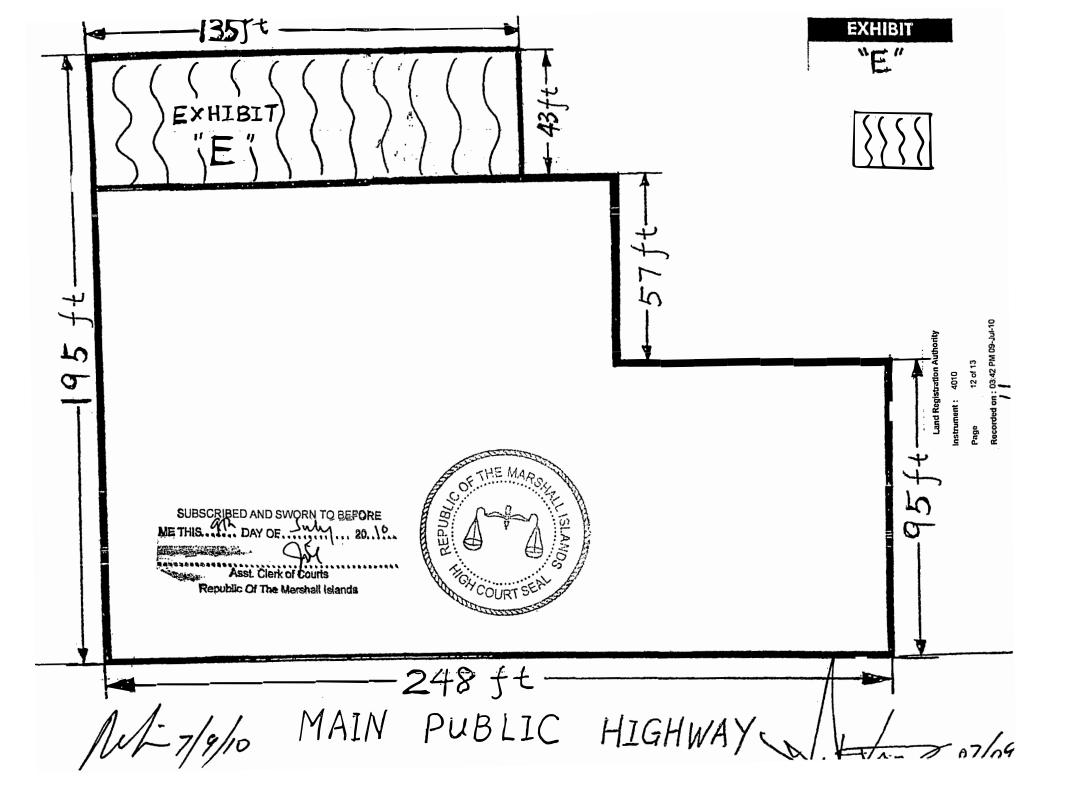
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I, Rubin Tsitsi as Nauru Council representative in Majuro, Marshall islands 96960 have received the amount of USD\$271,000.00 (Two hundred seventy one thousand and 00/100 US Dollars) from Leander Leander Jr and Li Jun Leander. The payments are the advance and full payment for all lease agreement between the Nauru Council, (the Lessor) and Leander Leander Jr and Li Jun Leander (the Lessee). The USD \$271,000.00 is for payment for all lease agreement entered into years 2002. and extension and revision the lease agreement entered into years 2010. The amount US \$271,000.00 is complete payment for the lease agreement from 25th day of September 2002 until 28th day of February, 2040. This amount include the payment USD \$200,000.00 in October 01, 2002.

Rubin <u>Tsitsi as Nauru Council</u>

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Republic of Nauru Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade

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13 July 2012

Mr. Rubin Tsitsi Majuro, Marshall Islands 96960

Dear Sir,

This is to remind you that in accordance with Cabinet Resolution 128/2012 on 23rd April 2012, Cabinet decided to:

- 1. Terminate your services as the Eigigu Holdings Cooperation representative to the Marshall Islands with immediate effect.
- 2. Terminate your tenure as a representative of the Nauru Government to the Republic of Marshall Islands with immediate effect.

Further it was decided that Mr. David Aingimea will act as the representative of the Nauru Government to the Republic of the Marshall Islands and has full authority to represent the Government of Nauru and Eigigu Holdings Cooperation during this interim period.

The Department would appreciate your kind assistance and cooperation in facilitating the necessary arrangements to give effect to this decision.

Yours Sincerely,

Michael Aroi

Acting Secretary for Foreign Affairs

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2013 AMENDMENT TO THE 1990 LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE EASTERN GATEWAY HOTEL

This amendment to the 1990 Lease Agreement for the Eastern Gateway Hotel ("original lease") recorded in the Land Registration Authority on September 13, 2006, as Instrument No. 489 is made and entered into or or about May, 2013, by and between Eigigu Holdings Corporation (hereinafter the "Tenant") and the owners and holders of the rights, titles, and interests according to Marshallese custom and tradition in Wotje and Remejon (Remjon) wetos, Delap, Majuro Atoll (hereinafter the "Landowners").

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2012, the Landowners notified Tenant that they were terminating the original lease as of April 6, 2012, for the Tenant's failure to cure its defaults listed in a February 15, 2012 Notice;

WHEREAS, The Termination of the 1990 Eastern Gateway Lease on Remejon and Wotje Wetos was recorded in the Land Registration Authority on May 8, 2012, as Instrument No. 4429; and

WHEREAS, Tenant has removed its representative at Landowners' request and desires to restore its relations with the Landowners and continue the original lease, as amended herein.

Witness that in consideration of the covenants hereinafter set forth and the benefits to be derived therefrom, the parties mutually agree as follows:

1. Section 3 of the original lease is amended and replaced to read as follows:

Section 3. Rent. Tenant shall pay the Landowners rent for the premises at the rate of \$15,000.00 per quarter for the term of the lease commencing with the quarter starting July 1, 2013. Tenant shall pay the Iroij 33.3% of the total quarterly rental payment; the Alap and Senior Dri-Jerbal of Remejon Weto 20.3% each of the total quarterly rental payment; and the Alap and Senior Dri-Jerbal of Wotje Weto 13% each of the total quarterly rental payment; or as otherwise directed by the particular Landowners.

2. Section 6 of the original lease is amended and replaced to read as follows:

Section 6. Waste and Nuisance Prohibited. Tenant shall not commit, or suffer to be committed, any waste on the premises, or any nuisance. Tenant shall arrange for schedule removal of all garbage and trash from the premises and adjoining beach area and shall keep the premises and adjoining beach area free and clear of garbage, waste, and vermin. As of May, 2013, the premises and adjoining beach area

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are in a dilapidated condition and have not been maintained for many years. Tenant shall commence maintaining and beautifying the premises and adjoining beach area as is consistent with the originally envisioned hotel complex.

3. Section 10 of the original lease is amended and replaced to read as follows:

Section 10. Subletting and Assignment. Following the expiration of the current subleases on the premises, Tenant may sublease or assign the premises in whole or in part after first notifying the Landowners in writing, and Landowners have 30 days to file a written objection to the proposed sublease or assignment with Tenant. It is intended that the Landowners will not unreasonably object to a proposed sublease or assignment unless such involves illegal or immoral use. The Landowners will not object to such sublease or assignment so long as it is reasonably related to the improvement of the premises and the furtherance of developing the originally envisioned hotel complex.

4. A new Section 30 is added to the original lease to read as follows:

Section 30. Annual Meeting. Tenant and Landowners shall meet at least one time each year commencing June, 2014, or such other time as is convenient for the parties. The purpose of this annual meeting is for the parties to keep each other apprised of any anticipated changes or plans regarding the premises, requests of the opposite party, or complaints. The annual meeting is not intended to be a confrontational meeting, but, rather a further method of communication between the Tenant and Landowners.



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In witness whereof, the parties hereto have signed this amended lease agreement on the dates shown with respect to each of the signatures below.

Landowners: Tenant: Dated: May 2, 2013. Dated: May 20, 2013. David Aingimea, Chairman Jurelang Zedkaia, Iroij Remejon and Wotje Wetos Eigigu Holdings Corporation Dated: 447 07, 2013. Dated: May 2013. Hilda Samuel by Emtin M. Jorun Alap and Senior Dri-Jerbal, Remejon Weto Riddel Akua Minister for Eigigu Holdings Corporation Dated: May 27,2013. Francis Langinbit by Barbara Laninbit-Lobin Alap, Wotje Weto Dated: May 27, 2013.

Barbara Laninbit-Lobju Senior Dri-Jerbal, Wotje Weto