### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

Case Nos. 79425 and 79526

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v.

## WEISER ASSET MANAGEMENT, LTD., A BAHAMAS COMPANY AND WEISER (BAHAMAS) LTD., A BAHAMAS COMPANY,

Respondents.

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Appellants,

v.

### ATHANASIOS SKARPELOS, AN INDIVIDUAL,

Respondent.

Appeal from the Judgment of the Second Judicial District Court, Washoe County District Court Case No.: CV15-02259 Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada In and For the County of Washoe

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1	research on, because what I don't want to do is create
2	an issue in the case that causes needless difficulty,
3	but I also don't want Mr. Skarpelos to be able to just
4	now continue to liquidate all of his stock and not take
5	care of his responsibility as the Court has determined.
6	I just want him to get WAM paid back the money I
7	think that they are owed. That's why I'm placing the
8	limitation on his ability to dispose of any of that
9	remaining stock that he identifies he still has. I
10	know he's given away a million and a half or two
11	million shares or something like that. He's given away
12	a good chunk of it was his testimony subsequent to the
13	failed or non-consummated sale to the mysterious
14	Chinese investors, but he still has a significant
15	amount of stock.
16	And what I will do for the first time today
17	is look. I'm just curious. I remember the parties had
18	indicated that Anavex stock was trading at a much
19	higher rate than it had in the past. So let's see what
20	Anavex is trading at today.
21	Anavex Life Science Corporation closed today at
22	\$2.08 a share. So parenthetically and it has no
23	impact on the Court's outcome, because I found that
24	there was no contract at all. I also don't think it
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1	Page 40 would be fair for WAM or Mr. Livadas or Weiser Capital
2	to have the unintended benefit of getting stock that's
3	trading at or near \$2 a share when the sale back in
4	2013 was as we discussed, it was like 8 cents a
5	share is what the parties came to. That wasn't the
6	intention of the parties at all.
7	So that is the Court's finding. The Court finds in
8	favor of Mr. Skarpelos. The Court finds that
9	Mr. Skarpelos owes Mr. Livadas a little under \$250,000.
10	And the Court concludes that Mr. Skarpelos cannot
11	transfer any of his assets in Anavex until he pays
12	Mr. Livadas the money that is due and owing.
13	Do you believe that you would like to brief that
14	final issue, Mr. Anderson?
15	MR. ANDERSON: Yes, Your Honor. I guess I would
16	like to just think about it a little bit. It seems
17	almost like sort of a stay pending appeal. And I
18	haven't had a chance to really consider what the bond
19	implications may be. Normally Mr. Livadas would be
20	required to post some sort of a bond or to receive a
21	stay that Skarpelos not do anything with the stock.
22	In this case at three million shares at \$2 a share
23	we're talking about \$6 million, well in excess of the
24	\$250,000 the Court has ordered. So I don't want to
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<ul><li>2 have a chance to think about</li><li>3 client and my colleagues and</li></ul>	see if that's something
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	m happy to do it on an
4 that needs to be briefed. I'	
5 expedited basis so we can hav	re finality to this, but I
6 would like an opportunity to	consider it.
7 THE COURT: I guess if it	's selling at \$2 and
8 change a share, just go sell	100,000 or 125,000 shares
9 and it's all over with.	
10 Mr. Nork, what are your t	houghts?
11 MR. NORK: That's fine.	I would like to look into
12 that as well. The only thing	I would point out is
13 there was that four-to-one st	ock consolidation.
14 THE COURT: That's right.	So now there's only like
15 800,000 shares.	
16 MR. ANDERSON: And I had	forgotten about that.
17 Mr. Nork is correct.	
18 THE COURT: That is corre	ect, Mr. Nork. I had
19 completely forgotten about th	at. The Court would note
20 that the parties stated in the	eir trial statements that
21 there was what? a four-	to-one stock
22 consolidation.	
23 MR. NORK: Yes, Your Hond	pr.
24 THE COURT: So there are	not as many shares out

1	Page 42 there, but still, even assuming that he has by "he"
2	I mean Mr. Skarpelos has give or take 800,000 shares
3	or 500,000 shares, he can certainly make this good.
4	You know, and it's funny when you raised that
5	issue, Mr. Anderson, I hadn't really thought too much
6	about an appeal. You're right, there's an appeal bond.
7	I don't know if either party wishes to appeal the
8	Court's decision. And I always tell people this: I am
9	never offended if somebody appeals something that I do,
10	because, I mean, that's your job. So if you want to
11	appeal, go ahead and appeal. I'm just concerned that
12	Mr. Skarpelos would liquidate his assets unnecessarily
13	or make it more difficult to reimburse WAM for the
14	money that was forwarded to him on his account.
15	MR. NORK: Your Honor, the other thing that occurs
16	to me is I have a vague recollection that the order
17	dismissing NATCO provides that they are not going to do
18	anything until all appeals have run. So if NATCO I
19	mean, they deposited the stock certificate with Your
20	Honor, but it seems to me to have been contemplated by
21	the parties that nothing was going to happen with the
22	stock until all appeals had run anyway.
23	THE COURT: Well, then maybe I'll just withdraw the
24	caveat that Mr. Skarpelos not dispose of any of his

1	Page 43 shares if that's the case, Mr. Nork.
2	MR. NORK: You know, I would like to take a closer
3	look at that stip, if you don't mind, before that.
4	THE COURT: Okay. I'll let the parties brief that.
5	If that is the stipulation that's in place, then the
6	Court's order regarding the disposition of
7	Mr. Skarpelos's interest in Anavex would be moot
8	anyway, so it would just be creating an issue that I
9	don't want to do. I like solving problems, not
10	creating them.
11	So if that is the case, gentlemen, if NATCO if
12	NATCO is not going to do anything regarding the stock
13	at all with Anavex until all of this is resolved
14	through appeal, then it's probably moot, I think,
15	Mr. Nork, but I'll give you the opportunity to give
16	that a look.
17	MR. NORK: Thank you, Your Honor.
18	THE COURT: So if you could just contact
19	Ms. Mansfield after you look at that and let me know.
20	I'll leave that open.
21	Mr. Anderson, I'll direct you to prepare the
22	findings of fact and conclusions of law and the order
23	for the Court's signature. And if you could wait to do
24	the final draft until Mr. Nork looks at that. So,
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1	Page 44 counsel, if you could just confer with each other.
2	Mr. Nork, if you think it's moot or would just
3	create a bigger issue than is necessary, then just let
4	Mr. Anderson know that and he can eliminate that
5	portion of the Court's decision. If, however, you want
6	to leave it in, Mr. Nork, and, Mr. Anderson, you don't
7	want it in there and you guys want to fight about it,
8	contact me and let me know.
9	I say "fight" in the most civil and professional
10	way as you guys have been throughout these proceedings.
11	If you want to discuss it with me, we can set a brief
12	hearing and resolve it that way.
13	Mr. Anderson, do you need any additional
14	information from the Court to prepare the findings of
15	fact and conclusions of law and the order?
16	MR. ANDERSON: I don't believe so, Your Honor.
17	I'll request a copy of the transcript from the court
18	reporter and get to work.
19	THE COURT: And I would also note that if there are
20	additional legal principles that you have cited in your
21	brief regarding any of the legal issues that I have
22	addressed, you can certainly include those in the
23	findings of fact, because I always review them. You
24	know, I don't just sign what you guys give me. I
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1	actually go back and look at it myself.
2	And so if I think that there's something in there
3	that is an inaccurate statement of the law or that
4	doesn't apply under the circumstances, I will direct
5	that it be removed, but I think I've covered all of the
6	basic legal principles regarding both the contract
7	issues, the implied contract that Mr. Nork raised, oral
8	contract there was no oral contract that the Court
9	found and additionally the equitable principles that
10	we've talked about. So I think I hit on all the main
11	principles, legal principles, and I've also given you
12	the findings regarding the facts in the case.
13	Do you need anything else regarding the facts?
14	MR. ANDERSON: I don't believe so. I think the
15	Court made sufficient facts to support the findings of
16	fact to support the judgment it reached with respect to
17	the claims by Weiser. I think I'm prepared to make the
18	draft according to the Court's finding.
19	THE COURT: Mr. Nork, anything that you would like
20	me to clarify? I know it's funny. I don't expect
21	you to agree with the decision. But regarding the
22	Court's conclusion and the analysis that the Court went
23	through, is there anything that I can clarify for you
24	in order to make Mr. Anderson's job easier? I would

1	Page 46 rather just solve the issue now as we're talking about
2	it rather than Mr. Anderson going to draft it, then
3	there's a dispute, then you've got to call me. I mean,
4	as you sit here is there anything I've identified that
5	you would like me to clarify?
6	MR. NORK: Nothing leaps to mind, Your Honor. I
7	too would like a copy of the transcript, though, so I
8	can view it along with the proposed findings.
9	THE COURT: Okay, gentlemen. Regarding the Stock
10	Certificate 753, we have the original. The Court has
11	the original. However, the Court would also note that
12	actually that doesn't represent the current shares of
13	stock in Anavex. I think the current shares of stock
14	in Anavex are now 975.
15	MR. NORK: That's true, Your Honor.
16	THE COURT: But I'm not just going to get rid of
17	that, just so you know.
18	And, ma'am, I apologize. I know you've been here
19	for the whole proceedings. You're here on behalf of
20	NATCO; correct?
21	MS. CARDINALLI: Yes. I'm Amanda Cardinalli. I'm
22	the president of NATCO.
23	THE COURT: And you're Mr. Walker's sister?
24	MS. CARDINALLI: I am.

1	Page 47 THE COURT: Excellent. Thank you for being here,
2	Ms. Cardinalli.
3	I don't want to do anything with the stock
4	certificate at this moment. At the conclusion of the
5	proceedings, which means all the way through the
6	appeals process or until the parties direct me
7	otherwise, Exhibit 753 will remain in the possession of
8	the court. But as we already know, NATCO issued Stock
9	Certificate 975. So now this additional certificate is
10	out there. It's a problem.
11	Ms. Cardinalli, what would you like to say?
12	MS. CARDINALLI: I would like to say it's in
13	electronic format. It is not in a physical
14	certificate.
15	THE COURT: 975?
16	MS. CARDINALLI: Yes, the replacement shares.
17	THE COURT: Okay.
18	MR. NORK: Your Honor, it adds an additional layer
19	of complication and one that I will have to keep in
20	mind when I review the stipulation signed by NATCO and
21	the other parties to see how that interplays at all.
22	And I will be in touch with Mr. Anderson and with Your
23	Honor about whatever I find.
24	THE COURT: What are your thoughts on that,

1	Page 48 Mr. Anderson?
2	MR. ANDERSON: I think it's proper to be, I guess,
3	pragmatic about how we approach this. I don't disagree
4	with Mr. Nork that I need to revisit the stipulation on
5	how we are going to dispose of the issue of the stock
6	vis-a-vis NATCO. So we have time while we're reviewing
7	the transcript to discuss the issue and figure out how
8	to best approach it from our standpoint and also
9	addressing it with NATCO. So I think we'll just take
10	the time to hash that issue out while we put together
11	the proposed findings of fact for the Court's
12	consideration.
13	THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Anderson.
14	The Court will retain possession of the interpled
15	stock certificate until the Court decides what to do
16	with it once the parties have reached an agreement or
17	until I make a final determination.
18	Ms. Cardinalli, regarding the certificate itself
19	this is just out of curiosity now based on your
20	experience at NATCO. In the end, let's just assume
21	that the Court's determination is that Mr. Skarpelos is
22	entitled to that stock or to those stocks in
23	question and the stock certificate is given back to
24	him. Would he just destroy the stock certificate? I

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1	guess what I'm saying in another way is does that
2	certificate, that piece of paper, have any value?
3	MS. CARDINALLI: It would. He could take it not
4	that he would do this.
5	THE COURT: Theoretically.
6	MS. CARDINALLI: Theoretically he could take it and
7	sell it again. And if that broker didn't contact my
8	office and confirm that it was a valid certificate, it
9	could be sold in the market and a third party, a bona
10	fide purchaser, could be hurt.
11	So I would like at the conclusion of this let's
12	say Mr. Skarpelos does is entitled to the
13	certificate. I would ask Mr. Skarpelos to return it to
14	me to mark it canceled on the books, which it is marked
15	canceled on the books, but the physical certificate
16	would come back and be kept in the records so a third
17	party could not be hurt.
18	THE COURT: Right. That was my concern in a
19	general sense is that it could be negotiated somehow to
20	someone who doesn't know that it has been
21	dematerialized and now it's in the digital form as 975.
22	And then 975 may have been sold in parts over time or,
23	as Mr. Skarpelos testified in this case, I think he's
24	gifted some of it, sold some of it, has some of it. So

Page 50 exactly who owns all the shares is in question. 1 2 So it might be in the end that the Court will not return the stock certificate to Mr. Skarpelos. 3 Ιt might be that the Court returns it to Mr. Anderson 4 5 theoretically to return to NATCO to have NATCO take any action in accordance with the Exhibits 13, 14, 15 and I 6 think 16 which demonstrate the dematerialization -- the 7 reissuance of Stock Certificates No. 660 and No. 753 8 9 and then the issuance of Stock Certificate 975 in the total of amount of 6,725,832 shares of which Mr. Nork 10 11 has already identified we've had a consolidation, so there are not even that many shares left. It's clear 12 13 as mud as they say.

Okay, gentlemen. I would again like to emphasize to the three of you certainly how impressed I have been with the presentation of this case, with your professionalism towards each other and with your collegiality with the Court. I really do truly appreciate that.

The three of you have demonstrated to me that you can disagree without being disagreeable, you can be advocates and strongly advocate on behalf of your clients and it doesn't mean that you have to be unprofessional. So I think that all of you have

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1	handled yourselves in a commendable way in this case
2	and made a complex case both interesting and, dare I
3	say, enjoyable for the Court to listen to. I actually
4	really did enjoy it.
5	That probably is even stranger than Mr. LaForge's
6	comment that he wants to come to talk to me about the
7	hearsay rule. I don't know if Mr. LaForge wants to
8	inform me about the hearsay rule or just to chat. But
9	either way, now that it's over with, Mr. Nork, if you
10	want to tell Mr. LaForge to come on over and we'll talk
11	about hearsay.
12	MR. NORK: I will let him know, Your Honor.
13	THE COURT: I love hearsay. We'll go from there.
14	Counsel, court is in recess. Thank you very much.
15	(The proceedings were concluded at 4:17 p.m.)
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13	I further certify that I am not a relative nor an
14	employee of any attorney or any of the parties, nor am
15	I financially or otherwise interested in this action.
16	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws
17	of the State of Nevada that the foregoing statements
18	are true and correct.
19	DATED: At Reno, Nevada, this 8th day of
20	February, 2019.
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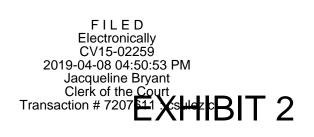
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10	IN AND FOR THE C	OUNTY OF WASHOE
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11	NEVADA AGENCY AND TRANSFER COMPANY, a Nevada corporation,	)
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13	Plaintiff,	)
14	VS.	) Case No. CV15 02259
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15	WEISER ASSET MANAGEMENT, LTD., a Bahamas company, WEISER (BAHAMAS)	)
16	LTD, a Bahamas company, ATHANASIOS	
	SKARPELOS, an individual, and DOES 1	)
17	through 10,	)
18	Defendants.	
19	STIPULATION TO MO	TION FOR DISCHARGE
20	The parties, and each of them, here	by stipulate to the entry of an order granting
21	Plaintiff's Motion for Discharge and the rel	ief sought therein. In that regard, the parties
22	stipulate to an order which:	
23	1. discharges plaintiff Nevada Age	ency and Transfer Company ("NATCO") from
24	this interpleader action;	
25	2. releases and forever discharges h	NATCO from liability related to or arising from
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the competing claims of the defendants to certificate number 753 representing share of the common stock of Anavex Life Sciences Corp.;

- requires Defendant Weiser Asset Management LTD, Defendant Weiser (Bahamas) LTD and Defendant Athanasios Skarpelos to continue to litigate their respective claims to certificate number 753 representing shares of common stock of Anavex Life Sciences Corp. herein without NATCO's participation as a party hereto;
- 4. recognizes the tender of the deposit of certificate number 753, which tender shall be deemed sufficient for any and all interpleader jurisdictional purposes, but requires NATCO to maintain possession of certificate number 753, pending further order of the Court, which order also shall clearly declare the party entitled to possession of certificate 753 and ownership of the shares represented thereby, and which shall provide for delivery of certificate 753 upon the expiration of any date for appeal of final judgment in this matter if no appeal is taken, or the date of final order resulting from an appeal in this matter; and,

awards NATCO its costs of suit incurred herein in the amount of \$260.00, with the defendant deemed the non-prevailing party at trial ordered to pay such costs within 10 days of the entry of a final judgment in this matter.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

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10	IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE		
11 12	NEVADA AGENCY AND TRANSFER COMPANY, a Nevada corporation,	)	
13	Plaintiff,		
14	VS.	Case No. CV15 02259	
15	WEISER ASSET MANAGEMENT, LTD., a	Dept. No. 10	
16	Bahamas company, WEISER (BAHAMAS) LTD, a Bahamas company, ATHANASIOS		
17	SKARPELOS, an individual, and DOES 1 through 10,		
18	Defendants.		
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20			
21	ORDER GRANTED MOT	<b>'ION FOR DISCHARGE</b>	
22			
23	The parties, and each of them, having	stipulated to the entry of an order granting	
24	plaintiff's Motion for Discharge, and plaintif	f having deposited with the Clerk of Court	
25	certificate number 753 representing shares of	the common stock of Anavex Life Sciences	

1	Corp., tł	ne property which is subject of the dispute in this interpleader action, and there	
2	being good cause hereto, it is hereby:		
3	0	RDERED, that plaintiff's Motion for Discharge is granted. It is further ordered	
4	that :		
5	1	Plaintiff Nevada Agency and Transfer Company ("NATCO") is hereby discharged	
6		from this interpleader action;	
7	2	2. Plaintiff Nevada Agency and Transfer Company is released and forever discharged	
8		from liability related to or arising from the competing claims of the defendants to	
9		certificate number 753 representing share of the common stock of Anavex Life	
10		Sciences Corp.;	
11	3	. Defendant Weiser Asset Management LTD, Defendant Weiser (Bahamas) LTD	
12		and Defendant Athanasios Skarpelos shall continue to litigate their respective	
13 14		claims to certificate number 753 representing shares of common stock of Anavex	
15		Life Sciences Corp. herein without NATCO's participation as a party hereto;	
16	4	A. NATCO's tender of the deposit of certificate number 753 is deemed sufficient for	
17		any and all interpleader jurisdictional purposes, but NATCO shall maintain	
18		possession of certificate number 753, pending further order of the Court, which	
19		order also shall clearly declare the party entitled to possession of certificate 753	
20		and ownership of the shares represented thereby, and which shall provide for	
21		delivery of certificate 753 upon the expiration of any date for appeal of final	
22		judgment in this matter if no appeal is taken, or the date of final order resulting	
23		from an appeal in this matter; and,	
24		5. NATCO is awarded its costs of suit incurred herein in the amount of \$260.00, with	
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1	the defendant deemed the non-prevailing party at trial shall pay within 10 days of
2	the entry of a final judgment in this matter.
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Cross-Claimants.
vs.
ATHANASIOS SKARPELOS, an individual, Cross-defendant.

### SKARPELOS' POST-TRIAL BRIEF REGARDING RESTRICTION ON DISPOSITION OF STOCK

### <sup>10</sup> **I**.

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### INTRODUCTION

This interpleader action involved competing claims to ownership of 3,316,666 shares of common stock in Anavex Life Sciences Corp ("Anavex"). On the one hand, Skarpelos claimed he was the owner of the stock. On the other hand, the "Weiser" entities at various times claimed either one or both of them were the owners of the stock. After the lawsuit was filed, Anavex stock was subject to a four-to-one consolidation, such that there were 829,166.5 shares of Anavex stock ultimately in dispute in this case ("the Disputed Stock").

After the conclusion of trial, the Court announced its decision. The Court found in
 favor of Skarpelos, concluding he is the owner of the Disputed Stock. The Court also
 found that Skarpelos owes WAM \$245,464.64 and prohibited Skarpelos from selling or
 otherwise disposing of any of his Anavex stock until he has paid WAM the \$245,464.64.

This brief addresses the injunction portion of the Court's decision, what essentially amounts to granting "Weiser" a stay pending appeal without having to post adequate security. Anavex stock currently is trading near \$3.00 per share. At that price, the Court's award of the Disputed Stock to Skarpelos equates to a \$2,487.499.50 judgment in his favor. Ordinarily, to obtain a stay restricting Skarpelos from selling or disposing of his stock, Weiser would have to post a bond in at least that amount (if not more). In the normal course, Weiser would also have to pursue collection of its judgment pursuant to

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1 law up to the amount owed unless Skarpelos obtained a stay pending appeal. Such a stay 2 would likely also require the posting of security in the amount of the judgment. Here, the 3 imposition of the restriction on all of Skarpelos' Anavex stock amounts to an 4 unreasonable restraint on his right to dispose of the property he was awarded.

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#### II. LAW AND ARGUMENT

Skarpelos is clearly the prevailing party in this matter. This was an interpleader action in which Skarpelos and Weiser asserted competing claims to ownership of the Disputed Stock. The Court declared Skarpelos the owner of the Disputed Stock, currently worth approximately \$2,500,000. Citing its equitable powers, the Court awarded WAM approximately \$245,000.

11 In the normal course, judgment is entered and then either enforced pursuant to law 12 or a stay of enforcement is imposed, typically subject to the posting of adequate security. 13 "The purpose of a supersedeas bond is to protect the prevailing party from loss resulting 14 from a stay of execution of the judgment. Thus, a supersedeas bond posted under NRCP 15 62 should usually be set in an amount that will permit full satisfaction of the judgment. 16 McCulloch v. Jeakins, 99 Nev. 122, 123, 659 P.2d 302, 303 (1983), dismissed, 100 Nev. 17 816, 808 P.2d 18 (1984), and holding modified by Nelson v. Heer, 121 Nev. 832, 122 18 P.3d 1252 (2005).

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If Weiser wishes to appeal the Court's finding that Skarpelos is the owner of the Disputed Stock, Weiser would have to post a bond of at least \$2,500,000-and arguably more if the issue were fully briefed. Here, the Court has effectively granted that relief without requiring Weiser to post a bond. The Court has restricted \$2,500,000 in stock to secure payment of an award less than a tenth of that size. The restriction does not even require Weiser to post security in the amount of \$245,000. The injunction unreasonably restricts Skarpelos' stock ownership without requiring Weiser to post security.

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It may be tempting to suggest that Skarpelos simply sell a portion of the stock and either pay WAM or post security for a stay. However, it must be kept in mind that he is a director of a publicly-traded corporation. His ability to sell, or not, has implications JA2153 -3-

<sup>1</sup> beyond simply using the money to pay Weiser. Skarpelos respectfully contends that the
<sup>2</sup> imposition of any stay on Skarpelos' disposition of the Disputed Stock be the subject of a
<sup>3</sup> proper motion to stay, fully briefed and heard, following the entry of judgment.

If the Court is inclined to impose the restriction on Skarpelos' disposition of the
Disputed Stock as part of the judgment, it should be limited to that amount of stock
necessary to secure the \$245,464.64 award in favor of WAM. At \$3 per share, that
amount is \$1,821.5 shares. Even then, however, WAM should be required to post at least
\$245,464.64 as security for the stay.

<sup>9</sup> However, Skarpelos maintains that the proper resolution to this issue is by way of
<sup>10</sup> a proper post-judgment motion to stay.

<sup>11</sup> III. CONCLUSION

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Any restriction on Skarpelos' disposition of the Disputed Stock as the prevailing
 party should be the subject of a fully-briefed and heard motion for stay following entry of
 judgment. The restriction should not be included in the Court's judgment.

### AFFIRMATION

The undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding document does not contain the personal information of any person.

DATED: April 8, 2019.

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### FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND JUDGMENT

2 This action came before this Court for a bench trial on January 28, 2019. This is 3 an interpleader action filed by Nevada Agency and Transfer Company ("NATCO"), 4 which was discharged from liability and dismissed from the case prior to trial. The 5 operative pleadings to be resolved by the Court at trial were: (1) the Answer To Amended 6 Complaint and Crossclaim filed by defendant Athanasios Skarpelos ("Skarpelos") on May 7 23, 2016 and (2) the Answer and Cross-Claim filed by defendants Weiser Asset 8 Management, Ltd. ("WAM") and Weiser (Bahamas) Ltd. ("Weiser Capital") (WAM and 9 Weiser Capital are sometimes collectively referred to herein as "Weiser"). As framed by 10 the pleadings, Skarpelos and Weiser asserted competing claims to 3,316,666 shares of 11 stock (the "Disputed Stock") in Anavex Life Sciences Corp. ("Anavex").

During the trial, the Court listened to the testimony of the following people:
 Christos Livadas ("Livadas"), Skarpelos, Alexander Walker ("Walker") and Lambros
 Pedafronimos ("Pedafronimos"). The Court also reviewed and considered documentary
 evidence that was admitted at trial.

Based on the evidence presented at trial, the Court enters the following findings
of fact, conclusions of law and judgment in this matter.

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### FINDINGS OF FACT

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 1. WAM is a Class 1 broker-dealer registered with and regulated by the
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 Financial Services Authority and Securities Commission of the Bahamas. WAM is also a
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 registered foreign broker-dealer in Canada, regulated by the Ontario Securities
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 Commission.

23 2. Weiser Capital is an affiliate entity to WAM and provides investment
24 banking advisory services and deal arrangements as an investor and principal on behalf of
25 WAM and its clients. Basically, Weiser Capital would direct clients to WAM. Livadas is
26 the owner and director of Weiser Capital.

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3. Livadas is also the owner and director of Weiser Holdings, Ltd. ("Weiser
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WAM. Prior to that acquisition, WAM and Weiser Capital were two entirely separate
entities.

4. The prior owner of WAM was Equity Trust Bahamas, Ltd. ("Equity
Trust"). One of the principals of Equity Trust was Howard Daniels ("Daniels"), who later
became one of two contacts that Skarpelos had at WAM in 2011.

5. In 2011, Skarpelos applied for and opened an account with WAM.
Skarpelos funded the account with his Anavex Stock Certificates Nos. 0660 ("Certificate
No. 660") and No. 0753 ("Certificate No. 753"). Certificate 660 represents 92,500 shares
of Anavex stock and was issued to Skarpelos in 2007. Certificate 753 represents
6,633,332 shares of Anavex stock and was issued to Skarpelos in 2009. In opening the
account, Skarpelos was assisted by Daniels and Pedafronimos.

6. Skarpelos withdrew money, or had people withdraw money on his behalf,
from his WAM account. In doing so, Skarpelos took his account balance into a negative
position in the amount of \$153,679.54 as of March 25, 2013.

7. In early 2013, Skarpelos caused NATCO to cancel Stock Certificates No.
60 and No. 753, falsely reporting them as "lost" when in fact he knew the certificates had
been deposited with WAM in 2011.

18 8. On April 2, 2013, there was a sale of 3,316,666 shares of Skarpelos' 19 Anavex stock represented by Certificate 753 to an unidentified third party. Pursuant to 20 this transaction, WAM credited Skarpelos' account in the amount of \$249,580, taking it to 21 a positive balance of \$95,775.46. Thereafter, a substantial portion of that money was 22 withdrawn from Skarpelos' account leaving a balance of \$4,115.36 as of December 31, 23 2013. The withdrawn money was provided from Skarpelos' WAM account to 24 Pedafronimos, and Pedafronimos withdrew that money through transactions in May, July, 25 August and September of 2013 and presumably gave that money to Skarpelos.

9. The Answer and Cross-Claim filed by WAM and Weiser Capital claimed
ownership of the Disputed Stock under the terms of a July 5, 2013 Stock Sale and
Purchase Agreement ("July 2013 PSA"). The July 2013 PSA does not evidence a sale of

any kind to anybody. At trial, Livadas testified he used this document for something other
than its intended purpose and that, contrary to Weiser's claims throughout this case, it is a
meaningless document.

4 10. There is no evidence of a contract between Skarpelos and either WAM or 5 Weiser Capital for the sale of Anavex stock at any time. Although Weiser asserted 6 throughout this case that "it" was the owner of the Disputed Stock by virtue of the July 7 2013 PSA, Livadas and WAM abandoned that claim at trial and instead relied on a new 8 theory that WAM is the owner of the stock by virtue of the April 2, 2013 transaction. 9 However, Livadas also testified that WAM was not even the purchaser of the stock under 10 the April 2, 2013 transaction and that the stock was just transferred through WAM to a 11 third party.

12 11. Weiser Capital had absolutely nothing to do with any sale by Skarpelos of
13 any Anavex stock at any time. At best what happened in this case was that, arguably,
14 WAM was just transferring the stock sold on April 2, 2013 to somebody else. WAM was
15 never intended to be the purchaser of that stock, and there was no such agreement between
16 Skarpelos and WAM.

17 12. No contract was formed for the sale of Anavex stock from Skarpelos to
18 either WAM or Weiser Capital at any time. Because there is no contract between
19 Skarpelos and WAM and/or Weiser Capital, the Weiser claims for declaratory relief,
20 breach of contract and breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing all
21 fail because they all rely entirely upon the existence of a contract.

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<sup>13</sup> Any conclusion of law set forth below which is more appropriately a
<sup>23</sup> finding of fact is hereby incorporated as a finding of fact.

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### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

<sup>25</sup> 14. "Basic contract principles require, for an enforceable contract, an offer and
<sup>26</sup> acceptance, meeting of the minds, and consideration." *Certified Fire Prot. Inc. v.*<sup>27</sup> *Precision Construction, Inc.*, 128 Nev. 371, 378, 283 P.3d 250, 255 (2012), citing *May v.*<sup>28</sup> *Anderson*, 121 Nev. 668, 672, 119 P.3d 1254, 1257 (2005). "A meeting of the minds

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exists when the parties have agreed upon the contract's essential terms." *Id.*, citing *Roth v. Scott*, 112 Nev. 1078, 1083, 921 P.2d 1262, 1296 (1996). "Which terms are essential
depends on the agreement and its context and also on the subsequent conduct of the
parties, including the dispute which arises and the remedy sought." <u>Id.</u>, citing
Restatement (Second) of Contracts § 131 cmt. g (1981). Whether a contract exists is a
question of fact entitled to deference unless clearly erroneous or not based on substantial
evidence. <u>Id.</u>, citing *May v. Anderson*, 121 Nev. at 672-73, 119 P.3d at 1257.

8 15. When the essential terms of a contract have yet to be agreed upon by the
9 parties, a contract cannot be formed. *Certified Fire*, 128 Nev. at 379, 283 P.3d at 255,
10 citing *Nevada Power Co. v. Public Util. Comm'n*, 122 Nev. 821, 839-840, 138 P.3d 486,
11 498-499 (2006).

12 16. Here, there is no evidence of an offer and acceptance between Skarpelos
13 and either WAM or Weiser Capital, nor is there any meeting of the minds as to the
14 relevant and essential terms of any contract. The Court concludes as a matter of law that
15 there was no contract between Skarpelos and either WAM or Weiser Capital for the sale
16 and purchase of any Anavex stock at any time, must less the Disputed Stock.

17 17. In order to establish a claim for breach of contract, the claiming party must
18 establish: (1) the existence of a valid contract; (2) a breach by the defendant; and (3)
19 damage as a result of the breach. *Saini v. Int'l Game Tech.*, 434 F.Supp.2d 913, 919-920
20 (D. Nev. 2006), citing *Richardson v. Jones*, 1 Nev. 405, 405 (Nev. 1865).

18. Because the Court has found that no valid contract existed between
Skarpelos and either WAM or Weiser Capital, Weiser's claim for breach of contract fails.

In order to establish a claim for breach of the implied covenant of good
faith and fair dealing, the claiming party must establish: (1) that the plaintiff and
defendant were parties to an agreement; (2) that defendant owed a duty of good faith to
the plaintiff; (3) the defendant breached that duty by performing in a manner that is
unfaithful to the purpose of the contract; and (4) that plaintiff's justified expectations were

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denied. *Hilton Hotels Corp. v. Butch Lewis Prod., Inc.*, 107 Nev. 226, 234, 808 P.2d 919,
923 (1991).

<sup>3</sup> 20. Because the Court has found that no valid contract existed between
<sup>4</sup> Skarpelos and either WAM or Weiser Capital, Weiser's claim for breach of the implied
<sup>5</sup> covenant of good faith and fair dealing fails.

6 21. Although not raised by Weiser's pleadings, the Court further concludes that 7 there is no contract implied-in-fact between Skarpelos and either WAM or Weiser Capital. 8 Quantum meruit applies in actions based upon contracts implied-in-fact. Certified Fire, 9 128 Nev. at 379, 283 P.3d at 256. "A contract implied-in-fact must be manifested by 10 conduct; it is a true contract that arises from the tacit agreement of the parties." Id. 11 (internal quotations and citations omitted). "To find a contract implied-in-fact, the fact-12 finder must conclude that the parties intended to contract and promises were exchanged, 13 the general obligations for which must be sufficiently clear. Id., 128 Nev. at 379-380, 238 14 P.3d at 257. "It is at that point that a party may invoke quantum meruit as a gap-filer to 15 supply the absent term." Id., 128 Nev. at 380, 238 P.3d at 257. "Where such a contract 16 exists, then, quantum meruit ensures the laborer receives the reasonable value, usually 17 market price, for his services." Id.

18 22. Even if Weiser had timely raised this issue in its pleadings, the Court 19 concludes there is no contract implied-in-fact because there is no evidence that Skarpelos 20 intended to contract with either WAM or Weiser Capital. The Court concludes that the 21 parties to the contract must be identified, and in this case Livadas' testimony was unclear 22 whether WAM or Weiser Capital was the supposed purchaser of the stock. If the Court 23 cannot even establish that basic premise, it cannot find or conclude that there is an oral 24 contract, a written contract, or even an implied-in-fact contract. The Court cannot find or 25 conclude there was a meeting of the minds because neither WAM nor Weiser Capital 26 seems to know who claims to be the owner.

27 23. "When sitting in equity, however, courts must consider the entirety of the
28 circumstances that bear upon the equities." *Shadow Wood Homeowners Ass'n, Inc. v.*

New York Community Bancorp., Inc., 132 Nev. Adv. Op. 5, 366 P.3d 1105, 1114 (2016).
"This includes considering the status and actions of all parties involved, including whether an innocent party may be harmed by granting the desired relief." *Id.*, 366 P.3d at 1115, citing *Smith v. U.S.*, 373 F.2d 419, 424 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1996) ("Equitable relief will not be granted to the possible detriment of innocent third parties.") (other citations omitted). It is a "recognized province" of a court sitting in equity to do "complete justice between the parties." *MacDonald v. Krause*, 77 Nev. 312, 318, 362 P.2d 724, 727 (1961).

8 24. "Interpleader is an equitable proceeding to determine the rights of rival 9 claimants to property held by a third person having no interest therein." Balish v. 10 Farnham, 92 Nev. 133, 137, 546 P.2d 1297, 1299 (1976). "In such a proceeding, each 11 claimant is treated as a plaintiff and must recover on the strength of his own right to title 12 and not upon the weakness of his adversary's. Id., 92 Nev. at 137, 546 P.2d at 1300. In 13 an interpleader action, each claimant must succeed in establishing his right to the property 14 by a preponderance of the evidence. Midland Ins. Co. v. Friedgood, 577 F.Supp. 1407 15 (S.D.N.Y. 1984).

<sup>16</sup> 25. Based on the foregoing, Skarpelos' single cause of action for declaratory
<sup>17</sup> relief is granted. Skarpelos is the owner of all shares of Anavex stock previously
<sup>18</sup> represented by Certificates Nos. 660 and 753 and now represented by Certificate No. 975.

19 26. Neither WAM nor Weiser Capital, nor anyone claiming through WAM or
20 Weiser Capital, has any ownership interest in Anavex stock represented by Certificates
21 Nos. 660, 753 or 975.

22 27. Weiser's claims for declaratory relief, breach of contract and breach of the
23 implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing are all dismissed.

24 28. However, as indicated above, the Court finds that Skarpelos agreed to sell
25 shares on April 2, 2013 to an unknown third party and that, as a result, WAM credited
26 Skarpelos' account \$249,580 pursuant to that transaction. This credit took the account
27 from a balance of negative \$153,679.54 to a positive balance of \$95,775.46. The Court
28 further found that Skarpelos subsequently withdrew and received a substantial portion of

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those funds, eventually leaving a balance of \$4,115.36. Therefore, despite Weiser's failure to plead this claim for relief, the Court concludes it has equitable jurisdiction to enter judgment against Skarpelos and in favor of WAM in the total amount of \$245,464.64. Allowing Skarpelos to retain ownership of the Disputed Stock and the funds he received would result in a windfall. This is an obligation that is separate from and independent of Skarpelos' ownership of stock in Anavex and has no bearing on his ownership.

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29. Any finding of fact set forth above which is more appropriately a conclusion of law is hereby incorporated as a conclusion of law.

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### JUDGMENT

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Athanasios "Tom" Skarpelos
 is the sole, true and rightful owner of all shares of stock in Anavex Life Sciences Corp.,
 previously represented by Certificates Nos. 660 and 753 and now represented by
 Certificate No. 975.

Based on the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law,

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IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that neither Weiser
 Asset Management, Ltd. (referred to above as WAM) nor Weiser (Bahamas) Ltd.
 (referred to above as Weiser Capital) have any claim of ownership to any of the shares
 previously represented by Certificates No. 660 and 753 and now represented by
 Certificate No. 975, nor does any other person or entity claiming any ownership to said
 shares by or through Weiser Asset Management, Ltd. or Weiser (Bahamas) Ltd.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Nevada Agency and Transfer Company shall take such action as is necessary to reflect in Anavex's stock register, corporate books and records that Athanasios "Tom" Skarpelos is the sole, true and rightful owner of all the legal and equitable interest in all the shares previously represented by Certificates No. 660 and 753 and now represented by Certificate No. 975.

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1	IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that judgment is
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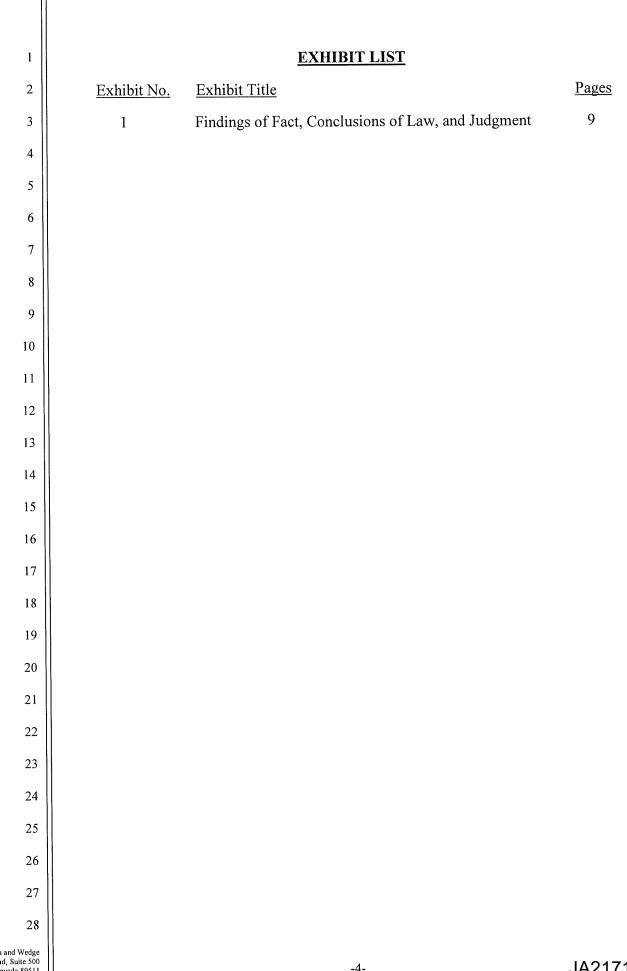
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### FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND JUDGMENT

2 This action came before this Court for a bench trial on January 28, 2019. This is 3 an interpleader action filed by Nevada Agency and Transfer Company ("NATCO"), 4 which was discharged from liability and dismissed from the case prior to trial. The 5 operative pleadings to be resolved by the Court at trial were: (1) the Answer To Amended 6 Complaint and Crossclaim filed by defendant Athanasios Skarpelos ("Skarpelos") on May 7 23, 2016 and (2) the Answer and Cross-Claim filed by defendants Weiser Asset 8 Management, Ltd. ("WAM") and Weiser (Bahamas) Ltd. ("Weiser Capital") (WAM and 9 Weiser Capital are sometimes collectively referred to herein as "Weiser"). As framed by 10 the pleadings, Skarpelos and Weiser asserted competing claims to 3,316,666 shares of 11 stock (the "Disputed Stock") in Anavex Life Sciences Corp. ("Anavex").

During the trial, the Court listened to the testimony of the following people:
 Christos Livadas ("Livadas"), Skarpelos, Alexander Walker ("Walker") and Lambros
 Pedafronimos ("Pedafronimos"). The Court also reviewed and considered documentary
 evidence that was admitted at trial.

Based on the evidence presented at trial, the Court enters the following findings
of fact, conclusions of law and judgment in this matter.

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### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

19 1. WAM is a Class 1 broker-dealer registered with and regulated by the
 20 Financial Services Authority and Securities Commission of the Bahamas. WAM is also a
 21 registered foreign broker-dealer in Canada, regulated by the Ontario Securities
 22 Commission.

23 2. Weiser Capital is an affiliate entity to WAM and provides investment
 24 banking advisory services and deal arrangements as an investor and principal on behalf of
 25 WAM and its clients. Basically, Weiser Capital would direct clients to WAM. Livadas is
 26 the owner and director of Weiser Capital.

27 3. Livadas is also the owner and director of Weiser Holdings, Ltd. ("Weiser
28 Holdings"). Weiser Holdings acquired WAM in 2014 and is now the parent company of

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1 WAM. Prior to that acquisition, WAM and Weiser Capital were two entirely separate 2 entities.

3 4. The prior owner of WAM was Equity Trust Bahamas, Ltd. ("Equity Trust"). One of the principals of Equity Trust was Howard Daniels ("Daniels"), who later 4 5 became one of two contacts that Skarpelos had at WAM in 2011.

6 5. In 2011, Skarpelos applied for and opened an account with WAM. 7 Skarpelos funded the account with his Anavex Stock Certificates Nos. 0660 ("Certificate 8 No. 660") and No. 0753 ("Certificate No. 753"). Certificate 660 represents 92,500 shares 9 of Anavex stock and was issued to Skarpelos in 2007. Certificate 753 represents 10 6,633,332 shares of Anavex stock and was issued to Skarpelos in 2009. In opening the 11 account, Skarpelos was assisted by Daniels and Pedafronimos.

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6. Skarpelos withdrew money, or had people withdraw money on his behalf, 13 from his WAM account. In doing so, Skarpelos took his account balance into a negative 14 position in the amount of \$153,679.54 as of March 25, 2013.

15 7. In early 2013, Skarpelos caused NATCO to cancel Stock Certificates No. 16 660 and No. 753, falsely reporting them as "lost" when in fact he knew the certificates had 17 been deposited with WAM in 2011.

18 8. On April 2, 2013, there was a sale of 3,316,666 shares of Skarpelos' 19 Anavex stock represented by Certificate 753 to an unidentified third party. Pursuant to 20 this transaction, WAM credited Skarpelos' account in the amount of \$249,580, taking it to 21 a positive balance of \$95,775.46. Thereafter, a substantial portion of that money was 22 withdrawn from Skarpelos' account leaving a balance of \$4,115.36 as of December 31, 23 2013. The withdrawn money was provided from Skarpelos' WAM account to 24 Pedafronimos, and Pedafronimos withdrew that money through transactions in May, July, 25 August and September of 2013 and presumably gave that money to Skarpelos.

26 9. The Answer and Cross-Claim filed by WAM and Weiser Capital claimed 27 ownership of the Disputed Stock under the terms of a July 5, 2013 Stock Sale and 28 Purchase Agreement ("July 2013 PSA"). The July 2013 PSA does not evidence a sale of

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any kind to anybody. At trial, Livadas testified he used this document for something other
than its intended purpose and that, contrary to Weiser's claims throughout this case, it is a
meaningless document.

4 10. There is no evidence of a contract between Skarpelos and either WAM or 5 Weiser Capital for the sale of Anavex stock at any time. Although Weiser asserted 6 throughout this case that "it" was the owner of the Disputed Stock by virtue of the July 7 2013 PSA, Livadas and WAM abandoned that claim at trial and instead relied on a new 8 theory that WAM is the owner of the stock by virtue of the April 2, 2013 transaction. 9 However, Livadas also testified that WAM was not even the purchaser of the stock under 10 the April 2, 2013 transaction and that the stock was just transferred through WAM to a 11 third party.

11. Weiser Capital had absolutely nothing to do with any sale by Skarpelos of
any Anavex stock at any time. At best what happened in this case was that, arguably,
WAM was just transferring the stock sold on April 2, 2013 to somebody else. WAM was
never intended to be the purchaser of that stock, and there was no such agreement between
Skarpelos and WAM.

17 12. No contract was formed for the sale of Anavex stock from Skarpelos to
18 either WAM or Weiser Capital at any time. Because there is no contract between
19 Skarpelos and WAM and/or Weiser Capital, the Weiser claims for declaratory relief,
20 breach of contract and breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing all
21 fail because they all rely entirely upon the existence of a contract.

22 13. Any conclusion of law set forth below which is more appropriately a
23 finding of fact is hereby incorporated as a finding of fact.

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### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

14. "Basic contract principles require, for an enforceable contract, an offer and
acceptance, meeting of the minds, and consideration." *Certified Fire Prot. Inc. v. Precision Construction, Inc.*, 128 Nev. 371, 378, 283 P.3d 250, 255 (2012), citing *May v. Anderson*, 121 Nev. 668, 672, 119 P.3d 1254, 1257 (2005). "A meeting of the minds

exists when the parties have agreed upon the contract's essential terms." *Id.*, citing *Roth v. Scott*, 112 Nev. 1078, 1083, 921 P.2d 1262, 1296 (1996). "Which terms are essential
depends on the agreement and its context and also on the subsequent conduct of the
parties, including the dispute which arises and the remedy sought." <u>Id.</u>, citing
Restatement (Second) of Contracts § 131 cmt. g (1981). Whether a contract exists is a
question of fact entitled to deference unless clearly erroneous or not based on substantial
evidence. <u>Id.</u>, citing *May v. Anderson*, 121 Nev. at 672-73, 119 P.3d at 1257.

8 15. When the essential terms of a contract have yet to be agreed upon by the
9 parties, a contract cannot be formed. *Certified Fire*, 128 Nev. at 379, 283 P.3d at 255,
10 citing *Nevada Power Co. v. Public Util. Comm'n*, 122 Nev. 821, 839-840, 138 P.3d 486,
11 498-499 (2006).

12 16. Here, there is no evidence of an offer and acceptance between Skarpelos
13 and either WAM or Weiser Capital, nor is there any meeting of the minds as to the
14 relevant and essential terms of any contract. The Court concludes as a matter of law that
15 there was no contract between Skarpelos and either WAM or Weiser Capital for the sale
16 and purchase of any Anavex stock at any time, must less the Disputed Stock.

17 17. In order to establish a claim for breach of contract, the claiming party must
18 establish: (1) the existence of a valid contract; (2) a breach by the defendant; and (3)
19 damage as a result of the breach. Saini v. Int'l Game Tech., 434 F.Supp.2d 913, 919-920
20 (D. Nev. 2006), citing Richardson v. Jones, 1 Nev. 405, 405 (Nev. 1865).

18. Because the Court has found that no valid contract existed between
Skarpelos and either WAM or Weiser Capital, Weiser's claim for breach of contract fails.

19. In order to establish a claim for breach of the implied covenant of good
faith and fair dealing, the claiming party must establish: (1) that the plaintiff and
defendant were parties to an agreement; (2) that defendant owed a duty of good faith to
the plaintiff; (3) the defendant breached that duty by performing in a manner that is
unfaithful to the purpose of the contract; and (4) that plaintiff's justified expectations were

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1 denied. Hilton Hotels Corp. v. Butch Lewis Prod., Inc., 107 Nev. 226, 234, 808 P.2d 919, 2 923 (1991).

3 20. Because the Court has found that no valid contract existed between 4 Skarpelos and either WAM or Weiser Capital, Weiser's claim for breach of the implied 5 covenant of good faith and fair dealing fails.

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21. Although not raised by Weiser's pleadings, the Court further concludes that 7 there is no contract implied-in-fact between Skarpelos and either WAM or Weiser Capital. 8 Quantum meruit applies in actions based upon contracts implied-in-fact. Certified Fire, 9 128 Nev. at 379, 283 P.3d at 256. "A contract implied-in-fact must be manifested by 10 conduct; it is a true contract that arises from the tacit agreement of the parties." Id. 11 (internal quotations and citations omitted). "To find a contract implied-in-fact, the fact-12 finder must conclude that the parties intended to contract and promises were exchanged, 13 the general obligations for which must be sufficiently clear. Id., 128 Nev. at 379-380, 238 14 P.3d at 257. "It is at that point that a party may invoke quantum meruit as a gap-filer to 15 supply the absent term." Id., 128 Nev. at 380, 238 P.3d at 257. "Where such a contract 16 exists, then, quantum meruit ensures the laborer receives the reasonable value, usually 17 market price, for his services." Id.

18 Even if Weiser had timely raised this issue in its pleadings, the Court 22. 19 concludes there is no contract implied-in-fact because there is no evidence that Skarpelos 20 intended to contract with either WAM or Weiser Capital. The Court concludes that the 21 parties to the contract must be identified, and in this case Livadas' testimony was unclear 22 whether WAM or Weiser Capital was the supposed purchaser of the stock. If the Court 23 cannot even establish that basic premise, it cannot find or conclude that there is an oral 24 contract, a written contract, or even an implied-in-fact contract. The Court cannot find or 25 conclude there was a meeting of the minds because neither WAM nor Weiser Capital 26 seems to know who claims to be the owner.

27 "When sitting in equity, however, courts must consider the entirety of the 23. 28 circumstances that bear upon the equities." Shadow Wood Homeowners Ass'n, Inc. v.

New York Community Bancorp., Inc., 132 Nev. Adv. Op. 5, 366 P.3d 1105, 1114 (2016).
"This includes considering the status and actions of all parties involved, including whether
an innocent party may be harmed by granting the desired relief." Id., 366 P.3d at 1115,
citing Smith v. U.S., 373 F.2d 419, 424 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1996) ("Equitable relief will not be
granted to the possible detriment of innocent third parties.") (other citations omitted). It is
a "recognized province" of a court sitting in equity to do "complete justice between the
parties." MacDonald v. Krause, 77 Nev. 312, 318, 362 P.2d 724, 727 (1961).

8 24. "Interpleader is an equitable proceeding to determine the rights of rival 9 claimants to property held by a third person having no interest therein." Balish v. Farnham, 92 Nev. 133, 137, 546 P.2d 1297, 1299 (1976). "In such a proceeding, each 10 11 claimant is treated as a plaintiff and must recover on the strength of his own right to title 12 and not upon the weakness of his adversary's. Id., 92 Nev. at 137, 546 P.2d at 1300. In 13 an interpleader action, each claimant must succeed in establishing his right to the property 14 by a preponderance of the evidence. Midland Ins. Co. v. Friedgood, 577 F.Supp. 1407 15 (S.D.N.Y. 1984).

<sup>16</sup> 25. Based on the foregoing, Skarpelos' single cause of action for declaratory
 <sup>17</sup> relief is granted. Skarpelos is the owner of all shares of Anavex stock previously
 <sup>18</sup> represented by Certificates Nos. 660 and 753 and now represented by Certificate No. 975.

<sup>19</sup> 26. Neither WAM nor Weiser Capital, nor anyone claiming through WAM or
<sup>20</sup> Weiser Capital, has any ownership interest in Anavex stock represented by Certificates
<sup>21</sup> Nos. 660, 753 or 975.

22 27. Weiser's claims for declaratory relief, breach of contract and breach of the
23 implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing are all dismissed.

24 28. However, as indicated above, the Court finds that Skarpelos agreed to sell
25 shares on April 2, 2013 to an unknown third party and that, as a result, WAM credited
26 Skarpelos' account \$249,580 pursuant to that transaction. This credit took the account
27 from a balance of negative \$153,679.54 to a positive balance of \$95,775.46. The Court
28 further found that Skarpelos subsequently withdrew and received a substantial portion of

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those funds, eventually leaving a balance of \$4,115.36. Therefore, despite Weiser's failure to plead this claim for relief, the Court concludes it has equitable jurisdiction to enter judgment against Skarpelos and in favor of WAM in the total amount of \$245,464.64. Allowing Skarpelos to retain ownership of the Disputed Stock and the funds he received would result in a windfall. This is an obligation that is separate from and independent of Skarpelos' ownership of stock in Anavex and has no bearing on his ownership.

8 29. Any finding of fact set forth above which is more appropriately a
9 conclusion of law is hereby incorporated as a conclusion of law.

### **JUDGMENT**

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Based on the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Athanasios "Tom" Skarpelos
 is the sole, true and rightful owner of all shares of stock in Anavex Life Sciences Corp.,
 previously represented by Certificates Nos. 660 and 753 and now represented by
 Certificate No. 975.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that neither Weiser
Asset Management, Ltd. (referred to above as WAM) nor Weiser (Bahamas) Ltd.
(referred to above as Weiser Capital) have any claim of ownership to any of the shares
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Certificate No. 975, nor does any other person or entity claiming any ownership to said
shares by or through Weiser Asset Management, Ltd. or Weiser (Bahamas) Ltd.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Nevada Agency and Transfer
 Company shall take such action as is necessary to reflect in Anavex's stock register,
 corporate books and records that Athanasios "Tom" Skarpelos is the sole, true and rightful
 owner of all the legal and equitable interest in all the shares previously represented by
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IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that judgment is entered against Athanasios "Tom" Skarpelos and in favor of WAM in the total amount of \$245,464.64. Dated this 22 day of April, 2019. DISTRICT JUDGE -9-

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COURT PRESENT	APPEARANCES-HEARING
4/22/19	CONFERENCE CALL
HONORABLE	10:30 a.m. – Court convened in chambers.
ELLIOTT A.	Jeremy Nork, Esq., was present telephonically on behalf of Cross-Claimants Weiser
SATTLER	(Bahamas) Ltd., and Weiser Asset Management, Ltd.
DEPT. NO. 10	Dane Anderson, Esq., was present telephonically on behalf of Cross-Claimant
M. Merkouris	Anthanasios Skarpelos.
(Clerk)	<b>COURT</b> advised respective counsel that he scheduled this conference call to discuss the
Not reported	proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law submitted by counsel Anderson, and
	counsel Nork's objections.
	<b>COURT</b> addressed the limited objections first, noting the following: the language
	regarding an unidentified third party is accurate, and shall remain; the Court intended to
	use the word "presumably" not "presumptively"; the language contained on page 4, line
	9, shall remain as proposed by counsel Anderson; and on page 4, line 15, the language
	shall remain as "purchaser" not "final purchaser".
	<b>COURT</b> further found that the final paragraph is unnecessary, and counsel Nork's request to leave it in is denied.
	<b>COURT</b> directed counsel Anderson to prepare the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of
	Law as proposed, and submit it to Ms. Mansfield.
	Counsel Anderson indicated that he will finalize the document and send it to counsel
	Nork for approval, and then he will submit it to Ms. Mansfield in Word and PDF format.
	10:39 a.m. – Court adjourned.
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## **SKARPELOS' MOTION TO ALTER OR AMEND JUDGMENT**

<sup>9</sup> Cross-Claimant Athanasios Skarpelos ("Skarpelos") moves this Court pursuant to
 <sup>10</sup> NRCP 59(e) for an amendment of Court's judgment entered on April 22, 2019, removing
 <sup>11</sup> that portion of the judgment awarding cross-claimant Weiser Asset Management, Ltd.
 <sup>12</sup> ("WAM") the sum of \$245,464.64. This motion is based on the following memorandum
 <sup>13</sup> of points and authorities, the entire file, and the testimony and documentary evidence
 <sup>14</sup> presented at trial.

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# INTRODUCTION

16 Skarpelos asks the Court to amend its judgment to remove the award of 17 \$245,4654.54 to WAM for three reasons: (1) Skarpelos was denied due process because 18 the award was outside the scope of the pleadings and Skarpelos was never provided fair 19 notice that an award would be based on an April 2013 transaction rather than the July 20 2013 Stock Sale and Purchase Agreement ("July 2013 PSA") that was Weiser's sole basis 21 of relief throughout this lawsuit; (2) the award to WAM was based on the Court's 22 equitable powers even though WAM had an adequate legal remedy it chose not to 23 pursue-that Skarpelos breached his account agreement related to an April 2013 24 transaction involving a sale of his stock to another WAM customer; and (3) the Court 25 lacked subject matter jurisdiction to make the award to WAM because that award did not 26 involve Weiser's claim to ownership of the Disputed Stock that was the subject of this 27 equitable interpleader proceeding.

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Therefore, Skarpelos requests the Court amend its judgment by removing the
 monetary award to WAM.

II.

# **RELEVANT BACKGROUND**

On April 22, 2019, the Court entered its judgment in this matter. The Court's judgment was that Skarpelos was the owner of the Disputed Stock. The Disputed Stock was the "fund" or "res" put in issue by NATCO in filing this interpleader action. Interpleader of the Disputed Stock was NATCO's only claim for relief in its Amended Complaint filed on April 29, 2016.

Both Skarpelos and WAM filed answers and cross-claims against each other, each claiming to be the owner of the Disputed Stock.<sup>1</sup> WAM's claim to ownership was based on the July 2013 PSA pursuant to which Skarpelos allegedly agreed to sell the Disputed Stock to "Weiser." <u>See</u> Weiser's Answer and Cross-claim filed on May 24, 2016, pp. 10-11, ¶¶ 3-5, 9-11, 13, 18. Indeed, all of Weiser's claims are based solely on the July 2013 PSA. <u>Id</u>. It is the only contract identified in Weiser's cross-claim and the only contract Skarpelos is alleged to have breached.<sup>2</sup>

During this lawsuit "Weiser" rotated between WAM and Weiser Capital as the claimed owner of the Disputed Stock. However, whether WAM or Weiser Capital was the soup de jour, Weiser consistently maintained that the basis of ownership for both was the July 2013 PSA. For instance, WAM initially claimed to be the owner pursuant to the July 2013 PSA. See Trial Exhibit 3. However, in opposing summary judgment, Weiser claimed that the July 2013 PSA "memorialized" a transaction that occurred in April 2013, by which Weiser Capital—not WAM—became the owner of the Disputed Stock. See Weiser's Opposition To Skarpelos' Motion for Summary Judgment, p. 1:6-8, and the supporting Declaration of Christos Livadas, ¶ 13. Weiser claimed that WAM and Weiser

<sup>As documented in other briefs, WAM and Weiser (Bahamas) Ltd. (aka "Weiser Capital"), referring to themselves collectively as "Weiser" both claimed to be the owner. See Weiser's Answer and Cross-Claim filed on May 24, 2016 at p. 1, lines 27-28; p. 5, ¶¶ 3-5, 9-11.</sup> 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This is consistent with WAM's October 30, 2015 demand letter to NATCO, in which it claimed Skarpelos sold the Disputed Stock to WAM "[o]n or about July 12, 2013."

Capital "had already performed their part by crediting Skarpelos's [sic] account...in April 2013." Weiser Opposition at 1:16-22; Livadas Declaration at ¶ 15.

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In other words, Weiser's position in April 2018 was that there was only one transaction—the sale of the Disputed Stock to Weiser Capital—and that the July 2013 PSA documented that transaction. Id. at 1:18-19, 4:23-24. This continued to be Weiser's position at Livadas' deposition in October 2018 in Athens, Greece. Livadas confirmed at trial that his deposition testimony was that the July 2013 PSA (Trial Exhibit 30) was intended to memorialize the April 2013 sale to Weiser Capital-not WAM. That Weiser Capital was the owner of the Disputed Stock remained Weiser's position up to the week before trial, as it stated in its Trial Statement: "Skarpelos agreed to sell 3,316,666 shares in WAM's possession to Weiser Capital for \$250,000 (minus a \$420 processing fee)." Weiser's Trial Statement, filed on January 23, 2019, at 4:17-18.

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13 Nevertheless, at trial Livadas testified there were two transactions. First, the April 2013 transaction was the sale of the Disputed Stock to WAM (not Weiser 15 Capital) and that the July 2013 PSA, which purports to sell the stock to Weiser 16 Capital, was for another transaction that never occurred and so Livadas used the 17 July 2013 PSA for something other than its intended purpose. At the hearing on 18 February 6, 2019, the Court found Weiser's use of that document to assert claims and 19 make representations to NATCO to be "very troubling." See Transcript of Proceedings, 20 February 6, 2019, attached hereto as Exhibit 1, at 6:18-7:11. The Court also noted 21 Livadas' testimony that neither WAM nor Weiser Capital was the owner of the Disputed 22 Stock and that the stock was really just to be transferred through them to somebody else. 23 Id. at 21:21-22:2; 23:11-13.

In other words, at trial Weiser completely abandoned its pleadings and prior representations that the July 2013 PSA was the basis of its claims in this lawsuit and attempted a completely new theory that WAM (not Weiser Capital) was the owner of the Disputed Stock by virtue of the April 2013 transaction. Livadas testified that the July

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2013 PSA that had been the basis of Weiser's claims both before trial and throughout 3
years of litigation was essentially a "meaningless" document.

After trial, the Court concluded that the July 2013 PSA "does not demonstrate a sale of any type to anyone in this case" and that there was "no evidence that I can use to conclude that there was in fact a contract for the sale of shares of stock to either Weiser Asset Management or to Weiser Capital." <u>Id</u>. at pp. 19-20. Based on the absence of such a contract, the Court ruled against WAM and Weiser Capital and dismissed their claims for declaratory relief, breach of contract and breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing. <u>Id</u>. at pp. 22-23, 35.

<sup>10</sup> Nevertheless, the Court awarded WAM \$245,464.64 for money the Court found
 <sup>11</sup> WAM paid Skarpelos pursuant to the April 2013 transaction, in which Livadas claimed
 <sup>12</sup> Skarpelos sold stock to an unidentified third-party client of WAM. It appears the basis for
 <sup>13</sup> the Court's award is the account agreement it found existed between Skarpelos and
 <sup>14</sup> WAM. The Court found Skarpelos had an account with WAM, that he was in negative
 <sup>15</sup> cash position on that account, and that "something occurred" such that his account was
 <sup>16</sup> credited \$249,480, and that money presumably was given to Skarpelos. <u>Id</u>. at 35-36.

However, WAM never pleaded a claim that Skarpelos had breached the account agreement related to the April 2013 transaction and therefore WAM was entitled to \$249,480 in damages. Weiser's only pleaded claims were related to the July 2013 PSA. While Weiser Capital at one point asserted it was the owner of the Disputed Stock by virtue of the April 2013 transaction, the basis of its claim still was the July 2013 PSA that "documented" that transaction. Skarpelos had no notice of any claim by Weiser that it was requesting damages related to an April 2013 sale of stock to another WAM customer. As the Court pointed out, WAM's theory at trial that it was the owner of the Disputed Stock pursuant to the April 2013 transaction was different than the theory it had pleaded and argued all along in this lawsuit. <u>Id</u>. at 21:6-22:5. Skarpelos objected to this claim being raised for the first time at trial. Nevertheless, citing its equitable powers, the Court awarded WAM substantial damages based on the April 2013 transaction.

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As set forth below, Skarpelos respectfully submits that the award to WAM was manifest error and requests that the Court amend its judgment to remove that portion awarding WAM \$245,464.64.

### II. LAW AND ARGUMENT

NRCP 59(e) provides that a motion to alter or amend a judgment must be filed no later than 28 days after the entry of judgment. "Among the basic grounds for a Rule 59(e) motion are correcting manifest errors of law or fact, newly discovered or previously unavailable evidence, the need to prevent manifest injustice, or a change in controlling law. *Id.* at 124–27, 976 P.2d 518. *AA Primo Builders, LLC v. Washington*, 126 Nev. 578, 582, 245 P.3d 1190, 1193 (2010). Rule 59(e) provides an opportunity to seek correction at the trial court level of an erroneous order or judgment, thereby initially avoiding the time and expense of appeal. *Chiara v. Belaustegui*, 86 Nev. 856, 859, 477 P.2d 857, 858 (1970). Rule 59(e) provides the remedy that, where the issues have been litigated and resolved, a motion may be made to alter or amend a judgment. *Id*.

A motion to alter or amend judgment under Rule 59(e) is "an extraordinary remedy which should be used sparingly." *Stevo Design, Inc. v. SBR Mktg. Ltd.*, 919 F.Supp.2d 1112, 1117 (D. Nev. 2013). However, "[s]ince Rule 59(e) does not itself provide standards for granting or denying a motion to alter or amend, the district court enjoys considerable discretion in granting or denying the motion." *Id.* 

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For three reasons, Skarpelos believes this case presents an extraordinary circumstance justifying the use of this extraordinary remedy. First, the award was outside the scope of the pleadings and Skarpelos was never provided fair notice that an award would be based on an April 2013 transaction as opposed to the July 2013 PSA. Second, the award to WAM was based on the Court's equitable powers even though WAM had an adequate legal remedy it chose not to pursue—that Skarpelos breached his account agreement with WAM and that WAM sustained damages. Third, while the Court's equitable powers are broad with respect to resolving the *equities* involved, the equity the Court attempted to fashion here—awarding WAM \$245,464.64 for money the Court  $_{-6-}$  JA2188

1 found Skarpelos received from WAM pursuant to the April 2013 transaction-does not 2 relate to the property that was the subject of this equitable interpleader proceeding, the 3 Disputed Stock, and therefore the Court lacked subject matter jurisdiction to make the 4 award to WAM.

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#### WAM never pleaded damages for breach of an April 2013 transaction. (1)

The Court found that "something occurred" in April 2013 for which Skarpelos account was credited \$249,480. Exhibit 1 at 35:10. The Court also found that Skarpelos then received that money. It appears the Court's award was based on the account agreement the Court found existed between Skarpelos and WAM. Yet nowhere in Weiser's pleadings is a breach of that contract alleged. The only contract Weiser alleges was entered into and breached by Skarpelos is the July 2013 PSA. See Weiser's Cross-Claim at ¶¶ 3-5, 13 and 18.

13 Nevada is a notice-pleading jurisdiction and liberally construes pleadings to place into issue matter which is fairly noticed to the adverse party. Chavez v. Robberson Steel Co., 94 Nev. 597, 599, 584 P.2d 159, 160 (1978). Here, there was no fair notice of any 16 claim by WAM for damages based on its brokerage account agreement with Skarpelos. Weiser's cross-claim identifies only the July 2013 PSA, which the Court found "has little 18 to no meaning whatsoever in this case." Exhibit 1 at 18:22-19:4.

There was no pleading that fairly gave Skarpelos notice that WAM was claiming damages based on an alleged breach of the WAM brokerage account agreement. The only notice Weiser gave was that its ownership claims were specifically and entirely based on the July 2013 PSA, a theory it abandoned at trial when Livadas testified he used that document for another purpose. Skarpelos was ambushed at trial with a new theory and objected accordingly. Skarpelos was never given fair notice of the nature and basis of the claim or the relief requested. Therefore, the award to WAM was manifest error and resulted in manifest injustice to Skarpelos.

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As the Court pointed out at trial, the true nature of Weiser's claim is that it was exposed to liability, for which the appropriate remedy would be damages-not ownership

1 of the Disputed Stock—had WAM actually pleaded that claim and produced evidence to 2 support it. That did not happen. Weiser misled Skarpelos, the Court and NATCO both 3 prior to and throughout the entirety of this litigation as to the nature of its claims. The 4 Court's award of money damages to Weiser is inequitable given Weiser's failure to plead 5 such a claim. Skarpelos was denied due process.

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#### WAM had an adequate legal remedy it chose not to pursue. (2)

7 For equitable relief to be appropriate, there must generally be no adequate legal 8 remedy. Cont'l Airlines, Inc. v. Intra Brokers, Inc., 24 F.3d 1099, 1104 (9th Cir. 1994), citing Orantes-Hernandez v. Thornburgh, 919 F.2d 549, 558 (9th Cir.1990). Here, the 10 Court's award to WAM appears to have been based on the account agreement the Court 11 found existed between Skarpelos and WAM, and pursuant to which WAM credited 12 Skarpelos' account. WAM had an adequate legal remedy against Skarpelos-it could 13 have and should have asserted a claim against Skarpelos' for breach of the account 14 agreement and corresponding damages related to the April 2013 transaction. Instead, 15 Weiser's pleadings identify only the July 2013 PSA pursuant to which Skarpelos allegedly 16 sold the Disputed Stock to Weiser.

17 Because WAM had an adequate legal remedy for breach of contract against 18 Skarpelos related to the April 2, 2013 transaction, but failed to pursue that remedy, there 19 can be no equitable relief based on that claim. Had that legal claim been asserted, 20 Skarpelos would have had the right to demand a jury trial to resolve it. But because the 21 only claims at issue dealt with ownership of the Disputed Stock pursuant to the July 2013 22 PSA—and not damages based on the WAM brokerage account agreement related to the 23 April 2013 transaction—this issue was never properly presented. Skarpelos has been 24 deprived of his constitutional right to a jury trial on that claim.

WAM had an adequate legal remedy but failed to properly present and pursue it. Therefore, it was manifest error for the Court to award WAM equitable relief.

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# The award to WAM is entirely unrelated to the property that was the subject of this equitable interpleader and therefore the Court lacked subject matter jurisdiction to make that award.

"Interpleader is an equitable proceeding to determine the rights of rival claimants to property held by a third person having no interest therein." *Balish v. Farnham*, 92 Nev. 133, 137, 546 P.2d 1297, 1299 (1976). It proposes to protect the stakeholder from a double vexation in regard to one liability. *Id.* An essential element of the equitable basis of interpleader is that two or more persons have made claims against each other for the same thing. *Rutherford v. Union Land & Cattle Co.*, 47 Nev. 21, 213 P. 1045, 1047–48 (1923). This equitable power includes bringing in parties that may have an interest in the "subject matter of the lawsuit" to achieve the "very essence of an interpleader suit" which is to protect a party from double vexation in respect to one liability. *Id.* 

Here, the "essential element" of the Court's equitable jurisdiction in interpleader was the competing claims of Skarpelos and Weiser to *ownership* of the Disputed Stock. As discussed above, Weiser's claims in this case all are centered on its allegation that, in July 2013, Weiser and Skarpelos entered into a contract by which Skarpelos agreed to sell the Disputed Stock to Weiser.

However, the Court's award to WAM was based on its finding that something occurred such that Skarpelos' account was credited \$249,580. Exhibit 1, 35:10. It appears the Court based this award on the account agreement the Court found existed between Skarpelos and WAM, and that the award related to the April 2013 sale from Skarpelos to another WAM customer. That April 2013 transaction is an entirely separate issue that, as the Court found, did not involve WAM's claim to ownership of the Disputed Stock upon which this Court's equity jurisdiction was based.

The April 2013 sale was a "pass through" transaction in which, as the Court noted, Weiser did not even claim to be the owner of the Disputed Stock. <u>Id</u>. at 21:21-22:2. Thus, as admitted by Mr. Livadas, that transaction had nothing to do with WAM's claim <sup>1</sup> to ownership of the Disputed Stock and therefore was entirely unrelated to the Court's
<sup>2</sup> equitable jurisdiction in interpleader over the Disputed Stock.

When sitting in equity, courts must consider the entirety of the circumstances that bear upon the *equities*. *Shadow Wood HOA v. N.Y. Cmty. Bancorp.*, 132 Nev. Adv. Op. 5, 366 P.3d 1105, 1114 (2016) (emphasis added). Generally, a party may assert a crossclaim where the claim arises out of the same transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the original action or of a counterclaim, or if the claim relates to any property that is the subject matter of the original action. NRCP 13(g).

9 Cross-claims may be asserted pursuant to Rule 13 to attack other parties' claims 10 against the common fund, "but for no other purpose." Allstate Ins. Co. v. McNeill, 382 11 F.2d 84, 87 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1967). Interpleader "may not be used as the arena for resolution of 12 claims of the defendants inter se, except insofar as they have adversity in their demands 13 upon the fund." *Id.* Where the respective claimants' entitlement to the stake is the sole is 14 the sole contested issue, "[t]he stake marks the outer limits of the controversy." Hartford 15 Casualty Ins. Co. v. Lexington Ins. Co., 2016 WL 1267801 at \*3 (S.D.N.Y. 2016), citing 16 Lee v. W. Coast Life Ins. Co., 688 F.3d 1004, 1011 (9th Cir. 2012).

Here, the Court's award to WAM involves a transaction that, by Livadas' own admission, did not relate to WAM's claim to ownership of the Disputed Stock. He admitted WAM was not the owner by way of the April 2013 transaction. <u>Id</u>. at 21:21-22:2. The Court's award is based on the Court's finding that Skarpelos was paid \$249,480 for the April 2013 sale but did not deliver the stock to the third party WAM customer, and WAM was exposed to liability and had to cover the loss. Any such breach of contract by Skarpelos is a breach of an agreement that has nothing to do with WAM's claim to *ownership* of the Disputed Stock. The competing claims of Skarpelos and Weiser (whose claim was always based on the July 2013 PSA) to such ownership were the sole contested issues in this case as framed by the pleadings. As such, ownership of the Disputed Stock marked the "outer limits of the controversy."

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3	III. CONCLUSION		
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1	RENO, NEVADA; WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019; 3:04 P.M.
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3	THE COURT: We will go back on the record in
4	CV15-02259, Weiser entities versus Skarpelos. Mr. Nork
5	is here on behalf of Weiser Asset Management, Ltd., and
6	Weiser Bahamas, Ltd.
7	Good afternoon, Mr. Nork.
8	MR. NORK: Good afternoon, Your Honor.
9	THE COURT: Mr. LaForge is not joining us today?
10	MR. NORK: I've got him busy running around doing
11	other things, Your Honor.
12	THE COURT: Good for you. That's what associates
13	are for.
14	MR. NORK: That's right.
15	THE COURT: So it's nice to see you again. The
16	Court would note that Mr. Livadas is not present. I
17	assume that Mr. Livadas is in warmer climates.
18	MR. NORK: I would hope so, Your Honor, yes.
19	THE COURT: Mr. Anderson and Mr. Adams are here as
20	well as Mr. Murtha. Good afternoon to all of you
21	gentlemen. They're here on behalf of Mr. Skarpelos.
22	Mr. Skarpelos, I assume, is also in a warmer climate at
23	this point.
24	MR. ANDERSON: I certainly hope so, Your Honor.

And I tried to send Mr. Adams somewhere else, but he wanted to come anyway.

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THE COURT: Poor Mr. Adams, he couldn't even get shooed away.

We are here, gentlemen, for the Court to put its findings of fact, conclusions of law and order on the record regarding the bench trial that took place last week. The Court heard arguments of counsel on Friday, and then the matter was submitted to the Court for consideration.

It was my hope to be able to come back and put the findings of fact, conclusions of law and the order on the record Friday, but I thought it was more prudent to go back and review my notes again, review all of the other documents and exhibits that had been admitted in the case, look at some of the case law that was cited by the parties and refresh my mind with that again, and then come back and make an informed decision while the issues were still fresh in my mind, but at the same time after having given it appropriate consideration.

Counsel, just so you both know how I -- or all of you three know how I approach bench trials, I really try and be mindful of the instructions that we give jurors in how to judge the credibility of witnesses,

the application of direct versus circumstantial evidence, and all the other things that we tell juries all the time. When I'm the finder of fact, I don't just sit here and think, "Well, this is what I think or this is what I would do." I really try and place myself into the position of what would the jury be instructed on any given issue.

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This case is particularly difficult because the credibility of the witnesses is so important. And before I put the findings of fact on the record, I want the parties to understand something about how I reviewed -- or how I viewed the credibility of all of the witnesses. And I don't say this in a dismissive way towards either Mr. Anderson or Mr. Nork, but in the closing arguments I certainly got the impression that both counsel were arguing in essence my client is free from all responsibility and blame, my client is clean, shall we say, or lily white, and this other guy is sullied.

And, frankly, I found the testimony of all of the witnesses, Mr. Livadas, Mr. Skarpelos and Mr. Pedafronimos, to be troubling. And troubling only in the sense that there were some just large inconsistencies in what they said versus what they did

and in some of the things that they testified to that they wanted me to believe. Let's put it that way. It was not exclusive to one side or the other.

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I don't think I have an obligation to put on the record every single inconsistency that I saw or every single issue that I took note of, because I don't think a jury has a responsibility to do that either. I'm just going to tell you what my findings of fact are, but it is informed by my review of all of the exhibits, my judgment of the credibility of the witnesses as they testified, frankly, the believableness or unbelievableness of a number of things that all three of them said.

As we also know, I heard from Mr. Walker. I'm not trying to pump Mr. Walker up, but he was uninterested in the process and frankly came across as the most credible witness out of everybody.

You know, one of the glaring examples of difficulty in credibility and believing some of the things that people said were just, for example, Mr. Livadas choosing to take the document that was admitted as exhibit --

I should have had this at my fingertips. I apologize. I apologize, counsel, for having to leaf

through my exhibit binder again. I had all this in my head. Oh, here it is.

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It's Exhibit 30, the Stock Sale and Purchase Agreement, which I found was submitted to him for one reason, and then Mr. Livadas testified that he just converted it to something that was entirely different. He just changed the meaning of the entire document. And then that document was used to establish legal claims or at least to make representations to NATCO about actions that were done on behalf of some entity. I found that very troubling.

Regarding Mr. Skarpelos, the testimony that he's never received any money whatsoever from any of these transactions, frankly, based on the circumstantial evidence in the case, I find that very difficult to believe.

The testimony of Mr. Pedafronimos about the sheer coincidence that all of the transactions that are referenced in Exhibit No. 44 -- or strike that. I think it's 40. There it is. No, it was 44. I had it right.

In Exhibit 44, it was just a mere coincidence that he was having interaction with Mr. Livadas, he was getting exactly that amount of money at or near the

time that all of these transactions took place, and Mr. Pedafronimos wants me to believe that that's all because he was getting money from his Birnbaum account that there's absolutely no evidence of.

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I don't -- jurors are not supposed to judge the credibility of witnesses nor to make any determination in the case simply by counting the number of witnesses on one side and the side with the more witnesses is the prevailing party. And I certainly didn't do that. But I just -- I found Mr. Pedafronimos's testimony regarding specifically those financial transactions to be unbelievable. It just -- there was no credibility to that.

Maybe if there was just one -- I mean, if something happens once, you look at it and go, okay, well, maybe that's just a coincidence. But as I listened to his testimony, I judged his credibility, I considered the evidence that was offered, and certainly the cross-examination of Mr. Nork of Mr. Pedafronimos on those issues, I just found his testimony regarding the financial issues to be unpersuasive I guess would be the best way to put it.

So I consider all of those things. I think that there are a number of issues in the case. And rather

than sit here and just talk about them in a general sense, I'll make my determinations about the case.

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The Court would note, as I stated a moment ago, that I have reviewed all of the exhibits that have been admitted. What I do during a bench trial is I have my court clerk remove all of the unadmitted exhibits from my binder so I only have the things that are admitted during the course of the trial in the binder that I eventually review. So I've reviewed all of the admitted exhibits.

I have reviewed the relevant portions of the transcripts from the depositions. I don't go back and review the entire deposition, because that's not relevant for my consideration. I only review those portions that are used to either impeach or refresh the witness's recollection.

So I've reviewed those exhibits as well, and I've also considered the pleadings in the case. The pleadings themselves that bring the matter to the Court's attention are the Amended Complaint filed by Nevada Agency & Transfer Company file stamped April 29th of 2016, the Answer to the Amended Complaint and the Crossclaim filed by Mr. Skarpelos on May 23rd of 2016, and the Answer and Crossclaim filed by

Weiser Asset Management, Ltd., and Weiser Bahamas, Ltd., on May 24th of 2016.

For ease of the parties, I will refer to Weiser Asset Management, Ltd., from this point forward as WAM, the acronym W-A-M. And I will refer to Weiser Bahamas, Ltd., and Bahamas is parenthetical, as Weiser Capital from this point forward, because that's how the parties really identified them and spoke about them during the course of the trial and I think that is much easier for the parties to understand the Court's analysis.

I also apologize. I think I'm coming down with a little bit of a cold. So forgive me, gentlemen, if my voice starts to go out.

The Court makes the following findings of fact regarding the evidence presented at the trial. And just so you know, I am referring to some of the notes that I've made regarding your trial statements and also regarding the suggested findings of fact, conclusions of law and order that the parties have submitted. I'm not using either of your suggested findings of fact, conclusions of law and order, but I've used them to inform my analysis.

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The Court finds that WAM is a Class 1 broker-dealer maintaining custody of client assets of over \$250,000,000. Strike that. The Court does not make the finding of fact regarding the amount of assets that WAM has.

The Court would note that WAM does have a significant number of clients. I believe that Mr. Livadas testified that after his purchase of WAM he increased their client roster from approximately 100 customers to approximately 2,000 customers now. So the Court would make that note.

I should say before I go any further that the findings of fact are all based on a preponderance of the evidence. So the Court is making all of these determinations based on a preponderance of the evidence.

So the Court does find that WAM is a Class 1 dealer-broker and that it does have customers of approximately 2,000 customers currently. Additionally, the Court does find based on the testimony that WAM is a registered and regulated Class 1 broker by the Financial Services Authority and Securities Commission of the Bahamas and is a registered foreign

broker-dealer in Canada regulated by the Ontario Securities Commission.

The Court further finds that Weiser Capital is an affiliate entity to WAM and provides investment banking advisory services and deal arrangements as an investor and principal on behalf of WAM and its clients.

The Court does finds that Christos Livadas is the owner and director of Weiser Holdings, Ltd. Weiser Holdings, Ltd., now is the parent company of WAM. The Court finds that WAM was acquired by Weiser Holdings, Ltd. Additionally, the Court does find that Mr. Livadas is the owner and director of Weiser Capital.

The Court finds that the prior owner of WAM was Equity Trust Bahamas, Ltd. The Court also notes that one of the principals of Equity Trust Bahamas, Ltd., was Howard Daniels. The Court finds that there is evidence by a preponderance of the evidence that Mr. Daniels was one of the two contacts that Mr. Skarpelos had at WAM and was Mr. Skarpelos's prior previous -- was Mr. Skarpelos's previous contact at WAM in 2011.

The Court does also find that WAM and Weiser Capital, prior to Mr. Livadas purchasing WAM and

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creating Weiser Holdings, Ltd., were two separate entities. Based on the testimony of Mr. Livadas, he would direct clients to WAM. And so the name Weiser in both probably assists in marketing. However, they were two entirely separate entities at the relevant times that the Court will discuss in these proceedings. Mr. Livadas was the owner and director of Weiser Capital at the times discussed by the Court.

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The Court does find that Mr. Skarpelos did apply for and did open an account with WAM in 2011. There is -- there has been a significant amount of discussion by the attorneys and a large amount of questioning both of Mr. Livadas and Mr. Skarpelos and Mr. Pedafronimos about whether or not an account was opened by Mr. Skarpelos.

The Court finds that by a preponderance of the evidence there was an account opened. The Court finds that Mr. Skarpelos funded that account with his Anavex stock certificates, which are Exhibit No. 2, that primarily being Exhibit -- excuse me -- the Stock Certificate 753.

Stock Certificate 753 is in the name of Athanasios Skarpelos. It is for Anavex stock in the amount of 6,633,332 shares. Those shares were issued to

Mr. Skarpelos on October 29th of 2009.

The Court finds that Mr. Skarpelos did open the account with WAM, not with Weiser Capital but with WAM, through the assistance of Mr. Daniels and Mr. Pedafronimos in May of 2011. There was some discussion about whether or not Mr. Skarpelos ever received a notification that his account was officially opened or whether he was receiving statements about his account.

Mr. Skarpelos's testimony that he didn't think that he had an account with WAM simply was unpersuasive. The Court finds that the evidence does exist and does support the conclusion that there was an account.

The Court would note that in Exhibit No. 2 there is an application in place that describes what Mr. Skarpelos's desires are for his WAM account. And certainly a number of things that were testified to during the course of the trial were inconsistent with Exhibit No. 2, but the Court also finds that it is reasonable to conclude based on the evidence that it heard that the parties were simply doing things outside of the application.

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that, as it says in the report, Mr. Skarpelos wanted to run a cash only account, he didn't want to trade on the margins, he didn't want to let anybody else have access to his account or to make trades or access his money in the account, the Court finds that it is more likely than not by a preponderance of the evidence that Mr. Livadas, Mr. Skarpelos and Mr. Pedafronimos simply were doing things that weren't contemplated by the application. But that doesn't mean in my mind that there wasn't an account there.

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Mr. Skarpelos did deposit the disputed stock certificate, and the Court finds that Mr. Skarpelos did withdraw money or had people withdraw money on his behalf from the account. The Court finds that there's no reason to believe that the account didn't have a negative balance at the time of the April sale or at the time that Exhibit 44 is referencing about -- I want to say July, if I remember correctly. As of December 31st of 2013 it showed that there was a negative account balance on February 1st of 2013 of \$140,000, and then the transfers began to take place.

The Court finds that it's reasonable -- it is a reasonable conclusion based on the preponderance of the evidence that the account existed, that the shares were

in place and that Mr. Skarpelos was withdrawing money against those shares. And the Court finds that the testimony of Mr. Livadas regarding allowing Mr. Skarpelos to get into that position was reasonable.

The Court does note that Mr. Livadas testified that he really wasn't familiar with WAM's bookkeeping or records at the time he purchased WAM in 2013 or 2014.

When did he purchase WAM, gentlemen? Help me with that.

MR. ANDERSON: Your Honor, I believe his declaration testimony said December of 2014. And he gave perhaps slightly different testimony, but I think that's what his declaration says.

MR. NORK: I think the year is correct, 2014. There was some dispute about which month.

THE COURT: So the Court does -- I don't think the exact month is determinative of any of the issues that the Court is considering, but the Court does find that based on the circumstantial evidence that I heard that it's reasonable to conclude that Mr. Skarpelos did have a negative account balance when WAM was purchased by Mr. Livadas, and so the Court believes that that account existed in the state that it was.

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The Court also finds that Mr. Skarpelos did contact

Nevada Agency & Transfer Company, NATCO, and indicated that his Stock Certificates No. 660 and 753 were lost. The Court finds that Mr. Skarpelos's explanation for why he stated that those documents -- or those stock certificates were lost was unpersuasive.

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It is clear in the exhibits, which are 13, 14 and 15, specifically with Exhibit No. 14, that being lost is one of the possible explanations for filing an Affidavit of Lost Stock Certificate. It indicates in Exhibit No. 14, quote, "That the present status of the certificate is as follows," parenthetically, "please describe, i.e., lost, misplaced or stolen." So lost, misplaced or stolen are mere suggestions of why something is lost or it's not available.

Mr. Skarpelos testified that he knew exactly where the stock certificate was. There was never a question about the stock certificate itself or its location, because Mr. Skarpelos knew that he had deposited it with WAM to open his account.

So the statement to NATCO that the stock certificate was lost is simply not true. The Court would also note that that was signed under a notary from Greece. So he's swearing to the authenticity of that allegation. And he testified that he knew it just

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wasn't true.

Additionally, Mr. Skarpelos testified that the reason he identified "lost" was because it was one of the three things that he saw there and his attorney told him to do it or words to that effect. And the Court just doesn't find that to be persuasive at all. I have no idea why Mr. Skarpelos took the actions that he did with NATCO, but he took them. So now we've got the lost stock certificate.

The Court also finds that there was a sale of 3,316,666 shares of Anavex stock in April of 2013, specifically on April 2nd of 2013. The Court finds that by a preponderance of the evidence that sale took place. Additionally, the Court finds that the documents that I referenced earlier --

I keep doing this. I keep getting lost in my exhibit binder. The actual sale document was what, counsel?

MR. ANDERSON: Your Honor, I believe Exhibit 30 was the Purchase and Sale Agreement.

THE COURT: There it is.

The Court finds that Exhibit 30, which purports to be a July 5th, 2013, sale of the stock to Weiser Capital, is simply not what it purports to be. The

Court finds that that document has little to no meaning whatsoever in the case other than evidencing that Mr. Livadas is willing to just change a document from one thing to something else. So the Court doesn't put any significant weight in Exhibit 30 beyond what I'll comment on in a minute, but the Court would note that Exhibit 30 does not demonstrate a sale of any type to anyone in this case.

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Further, the Court does find that the money was provided to Mr. Pedafronimos as identified in the trial, that he withdrew the money in May, July, August and September in the amounts stated as well as the \$20,000 in medical expenses as were identified in Exhibit No. 44. The Court does find that that actually took place and that that money was provided to Mr. Pedafronimos presumptively to be given to Mr. Skarpelos.

The Court finds that Mr. Skarpelos based on the evidence that I have before me has really no bank accounts of any type, and so I find that circumstantially it's reasonable to conclude that Mr. Pedafronimos was contacting Mr. Livadas and asking Mr. Livadas to forward money to Mr. Pedafronimos. And that money would then logically be given to

Mr. Skarpelos for some reason. Again, it's based on circumstantial evidence, but circumstantial evidence is just as compelling as direct evidence. And based on what was demonstrated during the course of the trial through all of the exhibits and the cross-examination of Mr. Nork, the Court simply finds that it's reasonable to conclude that that money was being sent from WAM to Mr. Pedafronimos for Mr. Skarpelos's benefit.

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Now, with that in mind, the Court has to turn to the allegations in the competing crossclaims. And the Court first turns to the crossclaim for the Weiser entities, both WAM and Weiser Capital.

As we know, WAM and Weiser Capital are asserting both a request for equitable relief and a request for a breach of contract and a breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

The Court must determine whether or not there was in fact a contract. Mr. Nork on behalf of the Weiser entities has to demonstrate to the Court that a contract existed between Weiser Capital or Weiser Asset Management and Mr. Skarpelos.

The Court finds that there is no evidence that I can use to conclude that there was in fact a contract

for the sale of the shares of stock to either Weiser Asset Management or to Weiser Capital. It's just unclear based on the testimony that that agreement between either one of those entities and Mr. Skarpelos ever took place.

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With all respect to Mr. Nork, the testimony at the trial was inconsistent with the testimony identified -or, excuse me -- the anticipated testimony identified in the trial statement, it was different than the testimony that was demonstrated in relevant parts from Mr. Livadas's depositions and, telling, it was different than the anticipated evidence that would be offered as purported -- or as propounded in the two causes of action in the crossclaim.

It was identified all along that somehow this contract, the Stock Sale and Purchase Agreement that is Exhibit No. 30, was an agreement between someone, either Weiser Capital or WAM, and Mr. Skarpelos. But the Court finds that it has not been demonstrated that the parties had a contract at all based on what I see.

The Court finds that Mr. Livadas has testified that WAM wasn't even the owner of the stock. I was going through my notes, and during Mr. Livadas's testimony I actually made a note that Mr. Livadas testified that

Weiser Capital and WAM don't own the stock, because the stock really was just to be transferred through them. And so the Court finds that there was no contract between either Weiser Asset Management or Weiser Capital and Mr. Skarpelos to do anything.

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The Court notes that Mr. Livadas testified that there was a large amount of documentary evidence that may exist and may be in either Weiser Asset Management or Weiser Holdings' possession at this point, but the Court can't base its determination on any of those things. I can only base my decision on what I see here in court. And what I see in court shows me that there was no contract specifically for the sale.

I want to make an important distinction. I'm not saying that there wasn't an account that Mr. Skarpelos had. I've already made that finding. I think he did have an account.

The Court is called upon to decide whether or not there was a contract to sell 3,336,000 shares to anyone, either -- well, not anyone -- to either Weiser Capital or Weiser Asset Management. The Court finds that it simply has not been demonstrated to the Court that those -- or that that agreement was reached by the parties.

Therefore, as we've previously discussed, if the Court finds that there is no contract between either Weiser Asset Management -- or WAM, I should say, and Weiser Capital, there's no contract. There can also be no breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing. And, additionally, if there is no contract, there can be no request for declaratory relief.

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The Weiser entities are not entitled to declaratory relief, because they have no interest in the shares of stock themselves. At best what happened in this case was that arguably Weiser Asset Management, WAM, was just transferring the stock to somebody else. They were never purchasing the stock. That was never the agreement between Mr. Skarpelos and WAM.

The Court also finds that Weiser Capital had absolutely nothing to do with the sale. At best the argument -- or what the Court would look at it is whether or not there was an agreement between WAM and Mr. Skarpelos. And based on the confusion in the bookkeeping, the questionable way that the case has been demonstrated to the Court and the testimony of Mr. Livadas, I just can't come to the conclusion that there was a contract between either Weiser Capital or

WAM and Mr. Skarpelos. Therefore, the Court rules against those entities in their claims for compensatory -- or, excuse me -- declaratory relief, their contract claim and their claim for the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

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The Court will make the following conclusions of law that inform my decision. And these deal with both contract issues and equity issues.

Counsel, I apologize if I kind of mangle them all up, but I trust, Mr. Anderson, you'll be able to clarify them and make them in a cogent order when you prepare the Court's final order.

Okay. The Court finds that Certified Fire Protection, Incorporated, versus Precision Construction, Incorporated, 128 Nevada 371, 283 P.3d 250, a 2012 case, is particularly instructive in determining what a contract is in the state of Nevada and the terms that that contract must contain.

Both parties cite to Certified Fire Protection, Incorporated, in their pleading. At page 378 of the Nevada Reporter and page 255 of the Pacific Third Reporter, the Nevada Supreme Court says the following regarding an express contract: Quote, "Basic contract principles require, for an enforceable contract, an

offer and an acceptance, a meeting of the minds, and consideration," close quote, citing May versus Anderson, 121 Nevada 688, at page 672, 119 P.3d 1254, at page 1257, a 2005 case.

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The Certified Fire Protection court goes on to say, "A meeting of the minds exists when the parties have agreed upon the contract's essential terms," citing Roth versus Scott, 112 Nevada 1078, at page 1083, 921 P.2d 1262, at page 1265, a 1996 case.

The Certified Fire Protection court goes on to state, "Which terms are essential," quote, "depends on the agreement and its context and also on the subsequent conduct of the parties, including the dispute which arises and the remedies sought," close quote, citing the Restatement (Second) of Contracts at Section 131 from 1981.

Quote, "Whether a contract exists is a question of fact requiring this court," that being the supreme court, "to defer to the district court's findings unless they are clearly erroneous or not based on substantial evidence," close quote, citing back to May versus Anderson at page 672 to 673 of the Nevada Reporter and at page 1257 of the Pacific Third Reporter.

The Certified Fire Protection court goes on to state at page 379 of the Nevada Reporter and at page 255 of the Pacific Third Reporter, quote, "When essential terms such as these have yet to be agreed upon by the parties, a contract cannot be formed," close quote, citing to Nevada Power Company versus Public Utility Commission, 122 Nevada 821, at 839 to 840, 138 P.3d 46, at page 498 to 499, a 2006 case.

So in order to have a contract, you need to have those basic principles. You need to have offer and acceptance, a meeting of the minds and consideration.

The Court finds that in this case it simply has not been demonstrated that there actually was an offer and an acceptance between Mr. Skarpelos and WAM. It simply is not there. Further, the Court finds that there is no meeting of the minds as to the relevant terms or essential terms of the contract.

The testimony of the parties was certainly inconsistent, but the Court finds that the Weiser entities and WAM specifically have failed to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that there was in fact a contract that existed between them and Mr. Skarpelos.

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Mr. Livadas testified that he had repeated contact with Mr. Skarpelos. There is an exhibit with multiple screen shots of interaction between Mr. Skarpelos and Mr. Livadas. I have no idea what the contents of those are. The screen shot itself wasn't offered to support the truth of the matter asserted, that is, that there are conversations, it's just this is what he says the screen shot looked like. So I just don't know. It just hasn't been demonstrated.

Regarding Mr. Livadas's testimony that there was evidence there, it just couldn't be admitted for privacy or for privilege reasons, the Court would say that that is not necessarily accurate. As we discussed earlier, there are ways that you can redact or edit or seal information.

So the fact that Mr. Livadas simply chose not to provide documents that he says he has because it's privileged information frankly is not persuasive. Either the discovery commissioner or I could have

worked with the parties if in fact that became an issue. But as I sit here right now, the Court finds simply that those basic contract principles as identified in the Certified Fire Protection case are not present.

In order to establish a breach of contract cause of action the parties need to demonstrate the following: Number one, that there is the existence of a valid contract. Number two, that that contract had been breached by the defendant in this case, Mr. Skarpelos. And, number 3, that damage resulted as -- there were damages as a result of the breach.

Mr. Nork cites Saini versus International Game Technology, 434 F.Supp.2d 913, at page 919 to 920, a 2006 case, from the Federal District of Nevada. I think that is an accurate statement of the law and the Court does adopt it. However, there is no breach of contract in this case because the Court finds there is not -- it has not been demonstrated that there is a valid contract between the parties. Therefore, the Court finds that the breach of contract cause of action fails.

In order to succeed on a breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, Mr. Nork

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accurately cites to the following elements for that cause of action: Number one, that the plaintiff and the defendant were parties to an agreement. Number two, the defendant owed a duty of good faith to the plaintiff. Number three, the defendant breached that duty by performing in a manner that was unfaithful to the purpose of the contract. And, number four, that the plaintiffs' justified expectations were denied. That is a citation basically back to Hilton Hotels versus Butch Lewis Productions, Incorporated, which is 808 P.2d 919, at page 923.

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Additionally, the Court notes that in the Certified Fire Protection case it can be argued that there was a contract based upon -- or a contract implied-in-fact. Beginning at page 379 of the Nevada Reporter and page 256 of the Pacific Third Reporter, the Nevada Supreme Court says the following: Quote, "Thus, quantum meruit's first application is in actions based upon contracts implied-in-fact. A contract implied-in-fact

must be," quote, "manifested by conduct," close quote, citing to Smith versus Recrion, R-e-c-r-i-o-n, Corporation, 91 Nevada 666, at page 668, 541 P.2d 663, at page 664, a 1975 case, and Hay versus Hay, 100 Nevada 196, at page 198, 678 P.2d 672, at page 674, a 1984 case.

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Then the Nevada Supreme Court goes on to state, quote, "It is a true contract that arises from the tacit agreement of the parties. To find a contract implied-in-fact, the fact-finder must conclude that the parties intended to contract and promises were exchanged, the general obligations for which must be sufficiently clear. It is at that point that a party may invoke quantum meruit as a gap-filler to supply the absent term," citing a number of cases in other treatises.

The Court goes on to say, "Where such a contract exists, then, quantum meruit ensures that the laborer receives the reasonable value, usually the market price, for his services," citing to Restatement (Third) of Restitution and Unjust Enrichment.

However, the Court in this case, I'm saying I, cannot find that there is a contract implied-in-fact, because I cannot conclude that the parties intended to

contract with each other and that promises were exchanged based on the evidence that has been presented in this case.

We already know based on the testimony it's not exactly clear who allegedly even purchased the stock. Was it WAM or was it Weiser Capital? I appreciate the argument Mr. Nork makes that it really doesn't matter which one. I'm just paraphrasing there. But I think it does matter. I think that the parties have to be identified. It has to be at least clear in the Court's mind who it is that Mr. Skarpelos allegedly was contracting with.

If we can't even establish that basic premise, then the Court doesn't find that you can get to an oral contract, a contract implied-in-fact or an actual contract. And certainly the parties can't -- if we can't get to that point, we can't get over that hurdle and we can't even address whether or not there was a meeting of the minds or what the terms were. But as I stated earlier, I can't even conclude that there was a meeting of the minds in the first place.

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-- regarding equity and what courts should look at when sitting in courts of equity. In Shadow Wood Homeowners Association versus New York Community BanCorp, which is 132 Nevada Advance Opinion 5, 366 P.3d 1105, at page 1114, a 2016 case, the Nevada Supreme Court states, quote, "When sitting in equity, however, courts must consider the entirety of the circumstances that bear upon the equities." And I'll omit the citations there.

The Court goes on to state, "This includes considering the status of action of all parties involved, including whether an innocent party may be harmed by granting the desired relief," citing Smith versus United States, 373 F.2d 419, at page 424, a Fourth Circuit case from 1966, wherein the Fourth Circuit concluded, quote, "Equitable relief will not be granted to the possible detriment of an innocent third party."

Additionally, the Court notes when it sits in equity, according to a case by the name of MacDonald versus Krause, K-r-a-u-s-e, 77 Nevada 312, at page 318, 362 P.2d 724, at page 727, a 1961 case, the Nevada

Supreme Court stated that "It is a recognized province of the courts of equity to do complete justice between the parties."

In Landex, L-a-n-d-e-x, versus the State, 94 Nevada 469, at page 477, 582 P.2d 786, at page 791, a 1978 case, the Nevada Supreme Court acknowledged, quote, "A court has the inherent power ancillary to its general equity jurisdiction to order restitution in an appropriate case."

Additionally, the parties acknowledged in their trial statements accurately that simply because the Court denies equitable relief for one party doesn't mean that the other party, in this case Mr. Skarpelos, ipso facto wins or prevails totally. Each party with their declaratory relief has an obligation to demonstrate to the Court it is entitled to relief.

Mr. Nork accurately cites to Balish, B-a-l-i-s-h, versus Farnham, F-a-r-n-h-a-m, 92 Nevada 133, at page 137, 546 P.2d 1297, at page 1299, a 1976 case, for the proposition, quote, "Interpleader is an equitable proceeding to determine the rights of rival claimants to property held by a third person having no interest therein."

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Then he goes on to state, and the Court agrees, "In

an interpleader action," quote, "each claimant is treated as a plaintiff and must recover on the strength of his own right to title and not upon the weakness of his adversaries." That is citing back to page -- the same page of the Balish case.

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"Further, each claimant must succeed in establishing his right to the property by a preponderance of the evidence." That is citing to Midland Insurance Company versus Friedgood, F-r-i-e-d-g-o-o-d, 577 F.Supp.1047 -- strike that --1407 at 1411, a 1984 case, from the Southern District of New York.

In looking at Mr. Anderson's pleadings and also his trial statement, he basically offers the same analysis regarding the interpleader action and, that is, that each side really must establish its right or interest in the property.

The Court would also note that the parties have agreed and both acknowledge that the Court is able to fashion a remedy that isn't solely Mr. Skarpelos having the stock back and WAM or Mr. Livadas or Weiser Capital receiving nothing. I don't just simply put the parties back in the position that they were which was what Mr. Anderson's suggestion was in his trial statement

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and in his argument.

The Court does acknowledge that because there is no contract of sale between WAM and Mr. Skarpelos, the shares themselves when they were sold and, therefore, Mr. Skarpelos's interest in Stock Certificate 753 has not changed based on the Court's determination that no contract existed. However, the Court has also noted that it does believe that Mr. Skarpelos had an account with Weiser Asset Management or WAM, that he was in a negative balance position, that something occurred and that he was credited \$249,480.

Therefore, it is the order of the Court as follows: That Weiser Asset Management or WAM and Weiser Capital, their claims for contract, for declaratory relief and for the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing are dismissed as having not been proven by a preponderance of the evidence.

It is an additional order of the Court that Mr. Skarpelos's single cause of action for declaratory relief is granted. The Court finds that Mr. Skarpelos is the owner of the disputed shares of stock that have been interpled by NATCO in this proceeding.

The Court also pursuant to its equitable jurisdiction resolves the issue between the parties as

follows: The Court finds that as an additional determination, sitting as a court of equity, that Mr. Skarpelos does in fact owe Weiser Asset Management \$250,000 -- I shouldn't say 250 -- I should say \$249,580, because the Court does conclude based on the testimony that even though there wasn't a contract between WAM and Mr. Skarpelos, WAM did give that money to Mr. Skarpelos, either directly, as demonstrated by Exhibit No. 44, or through the findings that the Court has made that the money was going to Mr. Pedafronimos and then presumably Mr. Pedafronimos is giving it somehow to Mr. Skarpelos.

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So the Court fashions a remedy that I believe is appropriate under the circumstances and, that is, that Mr. Skarpelos should be disgorged of those funds that were given to him from his account.

The Court notes that the initial portion of the funds were a liquidation of his negative balance with Weiser Asset Management in the amount of \$153,679.54. Correct that, because there was a wire transfer fee as well. So the actual negative balance as of March 25th of 2013 was \$153,804.54. Then when there is the credit of \$249,580, that brings him to a positive account balance of \$95,775.46.

There was no testimony at the trial that disputed that at the end of the last withdrawal, which was the \$7,500 Euro withdrawal and a \$125 transaction fee on September 18th of 2013, Mr. Skarpelos wound up having a cash positive balance of \$4,115.36.

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So one moment. Let me do some quick math here on the bench.

I hadn't taken that cash balance into consideration at the time that I had made my conclusion regarding the actual amount of restitution or disgorgement, I should say, that Mr. Skarpelos must pay. So when I subtract the balance of \$4,115.36, because I heard no testimony to the contrary and I assume that balance still exists, I come up with \$245,464.64. That's the 249,580 less \$4,115.36.

If I did the math incorrectly, I apologize, gentlemen, but it's my intention that he, Mr. Skarpelos, return to Weiser Asset Management those funds, because the Court finds that it has at least been demonstrated to me that although there was no contract in place, he certainly was advanced those sums.

Additionally, the Court finds that allowing Mr. Skarpelos to both retain the stock and to have no

responsibility regarding the monies that were forwarded to him is an unreasonable windfall to Mr. Skarpelos. As I said, I just simply did not find his statements to be credible that throughout all of these transactions with Mr. Livadas he never received a dime, no money ever came to him, that he has no idea why these debits were being placed on his account, that he never raised any of these issues with Mr. Livadas. I just found it to be frankly unconvincing.

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And so he shouldn't be entitled to both the windfall of keeping the stock, because the Court finds 11 that there was no contract whatsoever, and the associated benefit of simply saying, "Oh, and, by the 13 way, I get to keep the \$250,000 that you forwarded to me on my account." And, therefore, the Court finds that it is the equitable thing to do under the circumstances to force Mr. Skarpelos to disgorge those funds.

Additionally, the Court orders that Mr. Skarpelos shall not transfer, sell, gift, bequest, or in any other way dispose of or liquidate any of his Anavex stock until he has paid WAM the money back. And that is the only portion of the Court's judgment that, counsel, I would allow you to give me some additional

research on, because what I don't want to do is create an issue in the case that causes needless difficulty, but I also don't want Mr. Skarpelos to be able to just now continue to liquidate all of his stock and not take care of his responsibility as the Court has determined.

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I just want him to get WAM paid back the money I think that they are owed. That's why I'm placing the limitation on his ability to dispose of any of that remaining stock that he identifies he still has. I know he's given away a million and a half or two million shares or something like that. He's given away a good chunk of it was his testimony subsequent to the failed or non-consummated sale to the mysterious Chinese investors, but he still has a significant amount of stock.

And what I will do for the first time today is look. I'm just curious. I remember the parties had indicated that Anavex stock was trading at a much higher rate than it had in the past. So let's see what Anavex is trading at today.

Anavex Life Science Corporation closed today at \$2.08 a share. So parenthetically -- and it has no impact on the Court's outcome, because I found that there was no contract at all. I also don't think it

would be fair for WAM or Mr. Livadas or Weiser Capital to have the unintended benefit of getting stock that's trading at or near \$2 a share when the sale back in 2013 was -- as we discussed, it was like 8 cents a share is what the parties came to. That wasn't the intention of the parties at all.

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So that is the Court's finding. The Court finds in favor of Mr. Skarpelos. The Court finds that Mr. Skarpelos owes Mr. Livadas a little under \$250,000. And the Court concludes that Mr. Skarpelos cannot transfer any of his assets in Anavex until he pays Mr. Livadas the money that is due and owing.

Do you believe that you would like to brief that final issue, Mr. Anderson?

MR. ANDERSON: Yes, Your Honor. I guess I would like to just think about it a little bit. It seems almost like sort of a stay pending appeal. And I haven't had a chance to really consider what the bond implications may be. Normally Mr. Livadas would be required to post some sort of a bond or to receive a stay that Skarpelos not do anything with the stock.

In this case at three million shares at \$2 a share we're talking about \$6 million, well in excess of the \$250,000 the Court has ordered. So I don't want to

extend this longer than necessary, but I do want to 1 have a chance to think about it and discuss with my 2 client and my colleagues and see if that's something 3 that needs to be briefed. I'm happy to do it on an 4 expedited basis so we can have finality to this, but I 5 would like an opportunity to consider it. 6 7 THE COURT: I quess if it's selling at \$2 and 8 change a share, just go sell 100,000 or 125,000 shares 9 and it's all over with. Mr. Nork, what are your thoughts? 10 MR. NORK: That's fine. I would like to look into 11 12 that as well. The only thing I would point out is 13 there was that four-to-one stock consolidation. THE COURT: That's right. So now there's only like 14 800,000 shares. 15 16 MR. ANDERSON: And I had forgotten about that. Mr. Nork is correct. 17 THE COURT: That is correct, Mr. Nork. 18 I had 19 completely forgotten about that. The Court would note 20 that the parties stated in their trial statements that 21 there was -- what? -- a four-to-one stock consolidation. 22 23 MR. NORK: Yes, Your Honor. 24 THE COURT: So there are not as many shares out

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there, but still, even assuming that he has -- by "he" I mean Mr. Skarpelos -- has give or take 800,000 shares or 500,000 shares, he can certainly make this good.

You know, and it's funny when you raised that issue, Mr. Anderson, I hadn't really thought too much about an appeal. You're right, there's an appeal bond. I don't know if either party wishes to appeal the Court's decision. And I always tell people this: I am never offended if somebody appeals something that I do, because, I mean, that's your job. So if you want to appeal, go ahead and appeal. I'm just concerned that Mr. Skarpelos would liquidate his assets unnecessarily or make it more difficult to reimburse WAM for the money that was forwarded to him on his account.

MR. NORK: Your Honor, the other thing that occurs to me is I have a vague recollection that the order dismissing NATCO provides that they are not going to do anything until all appeals have run. So if NATCO -- I mean, they deposited the stock certificate with Your Honor, but it seems to me to have been contemplated by the parties that nothing was going to happen with the stock until all appeals had run anyway.

THE COURT: Well, then maybe I'll just withdraw the caveat that Mr. Skarpelos not dispose of any of his

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shares if that's the case, Mr. Nork.

MR. NORK: You know, I would like to take a closer look at that stip, if you don't mind, before that.

THE COURT: Okay. I'll let the parties brief that. If that is the stipulation that's in place, then the Court's order regarding the disposition of Mr. Skarpelos's interest in Anavex would be moot anyway, so it would just be creating an issue that I don't want to do. I like solving problems, not creating them.

So if that is the case, gentlemen, if NATCO -- if NATCO is not going to do anything regarding the stock at all with Anavex until all of this is resolved through appeal, then it's probably moot, I think, Mr. Nork, but I'll give you the opportunity to give that a look.

MR. NORK: Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: So if you could just contact Ms. Mansfield after you look at that and let me know. I'll leave that open.

21 Mr. Anderson, I'll direct you to prepare the 22 findings of fact and conclusions of law and the order 23 for the Court's signature. And if you could wait to do 24 the final draft until Mr. Nork looks at that. So,

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counsel, if you could just confer with each other.

Mr. Nork, if you think it's moot or would just create a bigger issue than is necessary, then just let Mr. Anderson know that and he can eliminate that portion of the Court's decision. If, however, you want to leave it in, Mr. Nork, and, Mr. Anderson, you don't want it in there and you guys want to fight about it, contact me and let me know.

I say "fight" in the most civil and professional way as you guys have been throughout these proceedings. If you want to discuss it with me, we can set a brief hearing and resolve it that way.

Mr. Anderson, do you need any additional information from the Court to prepare the findings of fact and conclusions of law and the order?

MR. ANDERSON: I don't believe so, Your Honor. I'll request a copy of the transcript from the court reporter and get to work.

THE COURT: And I would also note that if there are additional legal principles that you have cited in your brief regarding any of the legal issues that I have addressed, you can certainly include those in the findings of fact, because I always review them. You know, I don't just sign what you guys give me. I

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actually go back and look at it myself.

And so if I think that there's something in there that is an inaccurate statement of the law or that doesn't apply under the circumstances, I will direct that it be removed, but I think I've covered all of the basic legal principles regarding both the contract issues, the implied contract that Mr. Nork raised, oral contract -- there was no oral contract that the Court found -- and additionally the equitable principles that we've talked about. So I think I hit on all the main principles, legal principles, and I've also given you the findings regarding the facts in the case.

Do you need anything else regarding the facts?

MR. ANDERSON: I don't believe so. I think the Court made sufficient facts to support the findings of fact to support the judgment it reached with respect to the claims by Weiser. I think I'm prepared to make the draft according to the Court's finding.

THE COURT: Mr. Nork, anything that you would like me to clarify? I know -- it's funny. I don't expect you to agree with the decision. But regarding the Court's conclusion and the analysis that the Court went through, is there anything that I can clarify for you in order to make Mr. Anderson's job easier? I would

rather just solve the issue now as we're talking about it rather than Mr. Anderson going to draft it, then there's a dispute, then you've got to call me. I mean, as you sit here is there anything I've identified that you would like me to clarify?

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MR. NORK: Nothing leaps to mind, Your Honor. I too would like a copy of the transcript, though, so I can view it along with the proposed findings.

THE COURT: Okay, gentlemen. Regarding the Stock Certificate 753, we have the original. The Court has the original. However, the Court would also note that actually that doesn't represent the current shares of stock in Anavex. I think the current shares of stock in Anavex are now 975.

MR. NORK: That's true, Your Honor.

THE COURT: But I'm not just going to get rid of that, just so you know.

And, ma'am, I apologize. I know you've been here for the whole proceedings. You're here on behalf of NATCO; correct?

21 MS. CARDINALLI: Yes. I'm Amanda Cardinalli. I'm 22 the president of NATCO.

THE COURT: And you're Mr. Walker's sister? MS. CARDINALLI: I am.

1	THE COURT: Excellent. Thank you for being here,
2	Ms. Cardinalli.
. 3	I don't want to do anything with the stock
4	certificate at this moment. At the conclusion of the
5	proceedings, which means all the way through the
6	appeals process or until the parties direct me
7	otherwise, Exhibit 753 will remain in the possession of
8	the court. But as we already know, NATCO issued Stock
9	Certificate 975. So now this additional certificate is
10	out there. It's a problem.
11	Ms. Cardinalli, what would you like to say?
12	MS. CARDINALLI: I would like to say it's in
13	electronic format. It is not in a physical
14	certificate.
15	THE COURT: 975?
16	MS. CARDINALLI: Yes, the replacement shares.
17	THE COURT: Okay.
18	MR. NORK: Your Honor, it adds an additional layer
19	of complication and one that I will have to keep in
20	mind when I review the stipulation signed by NATCO and
21	the other parties to see how that interplays at all.
22	And I will be in touch with Mr. Anderson and with Your
23	Honor about whatever I find.
24	THE COURT: What are your thoughts on that,

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Mr. Anderson?

MR. ANDERSON: I think it's proper to be, I guess, pragmatic about how we approach this. I don't disagree with Mr. Nork that I need to revisit the stipulation on how we are going to dispose of the issue of the stock vis-a-vis NATCO. So we have time while we're reviewing the transcript to discuss the issue and figure out how to best approach it from our standpoint and also addressing it with NATCO. So I think we'll just take the time to hash that issue out while we put together the proposed findings of fact for the Court's consideration.

THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Anderson.

The Court will retain possession of the interpled stock certificate until the Court decides what to do with it once the parties have reached an agreement or until I make a final determination.

Ms. Cardinalli, regarding the certificate itself -this is just out of curiosity now based on your experience at NATCO. In the end, let's just assume that the Court's determination is that Mr. Skarpelos is entitled to that stock -- or to those stocks in question and the stock certificate is given back to him. Would he just destroy the stock certificate? I

1 guess what I'm saying in another way is does that certificate, that piece of paper, have any value? 2 MS. CARDINALLI: It would. He could take it -- not 3 4 that he would do this. 5 THE COURT: Theoretically. 6 Theoretically he could take it and MS. CARDINALLI: 7 sell it again. And if that broker didn't contact my 8 office and confirm that it was a valid certificate, it 9 could be sold in the market and a third party, a bona fide purchaser, could be hurt. 10 11 So I would like at the conclusion of this -- let's 12 say Mr. Skarpelos does -- is entitled to the 13 certificate. I would ask Mr. Skarpelos to return it to 14 me to mark it canceled on the books, which it is marked 15 canceled on the books, but the physical certificate 16 would come back and be kept in the records so a third 17 party could not be hurt.

THE COURT: Right. That was my concern in a general sense is that it could be negotiated somehow to someone who doesn't know that it has been dematerialized and now it's in the digital form as 975. And then 975 may have been sold in parts over time or, as Mr. Skarpelos testified in this case, I think he's gifted some of it, sold some of it, has some of it. So

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exactly who owns all the shares is in question.

So it might be in the end that the Court will not return the stock certificate to Mr. Skarpelos. It might be that the Court returns it to Mr. Anderson theoretically to return to NATCO to have NATCO take any action in accordance with the Exhibits 13, 14, 15 and I think 16 which demonstrate the dematerialization -- the reissuance of Stock Certificates No. 660 and No. 753 and then the issuance of Stock Certificate 975 in the total of amount of 6,725,832 shares of which Mr. Nork has already identified we've had a consolidation, so there are not even that many shares left. It's clear as mud as they say.

Okay, gentlemen. I would again like to emphasize to the three of you certainly how impressed I have been with the presentation of this case, with your professionalism towards each other and with your collegiality with the Court. I really do truly appreciate that.

The three of you have demonstrated to me that you can disagree without being disagreeable, you can be advocates and strongly advocate on behalf of your clients and it doesn't mean that you have to be unprofessional. So I think that all of you have

handled yourselves in a commendable way in this case and made a complex case both interesting and, dare I say, enjoyable for the Court to listen to. I actually really did enjoy it.

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That probably is even stranger than Mr. LaForge's comment that he wants to come to talk to me about the hearsay rule. I don't know if Mr. LaForge wants to inform me about the hearsay rule or just to chat. But either way, now that it's over with, Mr. Nork, if you want to tell Mr. LaForge to come on over and we'll talk about hearsay.

MR. NORK: I will let him know, Your Honor. THE COURT: I love hearsay. We'll go from there. Counsel, court is in recess. Thank you very much. (The proceedings were concluded at 4:17 p.m.)

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vs.
ATHANASIOS SKARPELOS, an individual, Cross-defendant.

# **MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES**

9 Cross-Claimant Athanasios Skarpelos ("Skarpelos") moves this Court pursuant to 10 NRS 18.010(2)(b) for an award of attorneys' fees against cross-defendants Weiser Asset 11 Management Ltd. ("WAM") and Weiser (Bahamas) Ltd. ("Weiser Capital") (sometimes 12 collectively referred to as ("Weiser"). Weiser's cross-claims against Skarpelos were 13 brought and maintained without reasonable grounds or to harass Skarpelos, as were 14 Weiser's defenses to Skarpelos' cross-claims. This motion is based on the following 15 memorandum of points and authorities, the Declaration of Dane W. Anderson filed 16 concurrently ("Anderson Declaration"), the entire file in this matter, and the evidence 17 presented at trial.

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# INTRODUCTION

19 This interpleader action involved competing claims to ownership of certain shares 20 of stock ("the Disputed Stock") in Anavex Life Sciences Corp ("Anavex"). On the one 21 hand, Skarpelos claimed he was the owner of the stock. On the other hand, the "Weiser" 22 entities at various times claimed either one or both of them were the owners of the stock. 23 Weiser's sole basis of their claim of ownership was a July 2013 contract pursuant to 24 which Skarpelos allegedly agreed to sell the Disputed Stock to "Weiser" (the "July 2013 25 PSA"). See Weiser's Answer and Cross-claim filed on May 24, 2016, pp. 10-11, ¶¶ 3-5, 26 9-11, 13, 18. However, Weiser's cross-claim did not identify which "Weiser" entity was 27 the purchaser under the July 2013 PSA. Id., p. 1:27-28, p. 10, ¶¶ 3, 13, 19.

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1 Which Weiser entity claimed to be the owner of the Disputed Stock pursuant to the 2 July 2013 PSA was a conundrum over the 3 years this matter was litigated. Of course, it 3 all started with WAM's October 30, 2015 letter to NATCO in which it claimed Skarpelos 4 sold the Disputed Stock to WAM "[o]n or about July 12, 2013." See Trial Exhibit 3. 5 Weiser's attorney repeated this claim in his letter to NATCO of November 13, 2015, 6 again claiming the "July 12, 2013 sale transaction whereby Mr. Skarpelos sold 3,316,666 7 shares of Anavex common stock (the "Stock") to Weiser)." See Trial Exhibit 52.

8 As testified by Mr. Livadas, these demand letters were sent with his knowledge 9 and authorization. Of course, WAM's demand letters (and Skarpelos' response disputing 10 WAM's claims) caused NATCO to file this lawsuit on November 18, 2015, naming only 11 WAM and Skarpelos as Defendants. However, as testified by Alex Walker, WAM's 12 counsel subsequently advised him that Weiser Capital may be the owner of the Disputed 13 Stock pursuant to Trial Exhibit 30. See Exhibit 1, attached hereto. Therefore, NATCO 14 filed an Amended Complaint on April 29, 2016 naming Weiser Capital as an additional 15 defendant, alleging that Weiser Capital had asserted a claim "similar to, or identical to," 16 that of WAM's claim. See NATCO's Amended Complaint at ¶¶ 31-32. Again, the basis 17 of WAM's claim to ownership was the July 2013 PSA. Id. at  $\P$  16(a).

18 Skarpelos proceeded with written discovery in an effort to determine which of the Weiser entities actually claimed to be the owner of the Disputed Stock under the alleged July 2013 PSA. On February 6, 2018, in response to requests for admissions, Weiser stated under oath that both WAM and Weiser Capital claimed to own the Disputed Stock. 22 See Exhibit 2, RFA Nos. 5 and 7, and supporting Declaration of Christos Livadas attached thereto.

Ultimately, Skarpelos filed a Motion for Summary Judgment on March 12, 2018. Weiser filed its opposition brief and supporting declaration of Christos Livadas ("Livadas") on April 12, 2018, in which it claimed Skarpelos had agreed to sell the Disputed Stock to Weiser Capital, not WAM, and that the sale to Weiser Capital occurred in April 2013. See Weiser's Opposition To Skarpelos' Motion for Summary Judgment, p.

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1 1:6-8, and the supporting Declaration of Christos Livadas, ¶ 13. Weiser claimed 2 Skarpelos and Weiser Capital "memorialized the transaction in July 2013 in a fully 3 executed purchase-and-sale agreement and power of attorney" and argued that WAM and 4 Weiser Capital "had already performed their part by crediting Skarpelos's account...in 5 April 2013." Weiser Opposition at 1:16-22; Livadas Declaration at ¶ 15. At that point, in 6 April 2018, Weiser still relied on the July 2013 PSA as the contract by which "Weiser" 7 (but apparently Weiser Capital and not WAM) obtained ownership of the Disputed Stock. 8 Id. at 1:18-19, 4:23-24.

This continued to be Weiser's position at Livadas' deposition in October 2018 in Athens, Greece. Livadas confirmed at trial that his deposition testimony was that the July 2013 PSA (Trial Exhibit 30) was intended to memorialize the April 2013 sale to Weiser 12 Capital—not WAM. That Weiser Capital was the owner of the Disputed Stock continued 13 to be Weiser's position up to the week before trial: "Skarpelos agreed to sell 3,316,666 14 shares in WAM's possession to Weiser Capital for \$250,000 (minus a \$420 processing 15 fee)." Weiser's Trial Statement, filed on January 23, 2019, at 4:17-18.

Nevertheless, at trial Livadas testified that the April 2013 transaction was for the sale of the Disputed Stock to WAM and that the July 2013 PSA, which purports to sell the stock to Weiser Capital, was for another transaction that never occurred and so Livadas used the July 2013 PSA for a something other than its intended purpose. At the hearing on February 6, 2019, the Court found Weiser's use of that document to assert claims and make representations to NATCO to be "very troubling." See Exhibit 3, Transcript of Proceedings at 6:18-7:11.

In other words, at trial Weiser completely abandoned its pleadings and prior representations that the July 2013 PSA was the basis of its claim of ownership and adopted a completely new theory that WAM (not Weiser Capital), by virtue of the April 2013 transaction and not the July 2013 PSA, was the owner of the stock. Livadas testified that the July 2013 PSA that had been the basis of Weiser's claims throughout 3 years of litigation was essentially a "meaningless" document.

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At the pronouncement of its ruling, the Court made several findings regarding the July 2013 PSA that was basis of Weiser's claim to ownership of the Disputed Stock all along, as well as Weiser's new theory of ownership presented for the first time at trial:

• The Court found that Exhibit 30, the July 2013 PSA, "is simply not what it purports to be." Exhibit 3 at 18:22-24. The Court found Exhibit 30 to have "little to no meaning whatsoever in the case other than evidencing that Mr. Livadas is willing to just change a document from one thing to something else." Id. at 19:1-4. The Court found that Exhibit 30, which was Weiser's basis for its ownership claim to NATCO and throughout the litigation, "does not demonstrate a sale of any type to anyone in this case." Id. at 19:7-8.

• The Court found "there is no evidence that I can use to conclude that there was in fact a contract for the sale of shares of stock to either Weiser Asset Management or to Weiser Capital." <u>Id</u>. at 20:23-21:2.

• The Court noted that Livadas' testimony at trial was inconsistent with Weiser's trial statement, different from his testimony at deposition, and different from the allegations in Weiser's cross-claim. <u>Id</u>. at 21:6-20

• The Court found that Livadas testified that neither WAM nor Weiser Capital was the owner of the stock and that WAM was just transferring the stock to "somebody else." Id. at 21:21-22:2; 23:11-13.

• The Court found it was "never the agreement" that Skarpelos would sell the stock to Weiser. Id. at 23:9-13.

• The Court found that Weiser Capital had "absolutely nothing to do with the sale." Id. at 23:16-17.

• The Court concluded that Weiser had failed to even establish the "basic premise" of which Weiser entity was the alleged purchaser of the Disputed Stock. Id. at 31:4-21. In other words, after 3 years of litigation

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and 5 days of trial, the Court still was "not exactly clear who allegedly even purchased the stock. Was it WAM or was it Weiser Capital?" <u>Id</u>.

The Court's findings demonstrate that Weiser's claims (and defenses) as pleaded and as argued throughout the case were not supported by any credible evidence at trial. After 3 years of litigation the Court still was unsure of which Weiser entity claimed to be the purchaser of the Disputed Stock. Weiser's failure to produce any credible evidence to establish even that basic premise—let alone an actual contract to support it—strongly supports the award of attorneys' fees requested by Skarpelos.

As the Court pointed out at trial, the true nature of Weiser's claim is that WAM
was exposed to liability, for which the appropriate remedy would be damages—not
ownership of the Disputed Stock. But WAM never asserted that claim. Instead, Weiser
misled the Court and the parties about the nature of its claims.

<sup>13</sup> Skarpelos is clearly the prevailing party and had to spend \$216,900.50 defending
 <sup>14</sup> and prosecuting against Weiser's frivolous claims and defenses. See Anderson
 <sup>15</sup> Declaration. He should be awarded that amount against WAM and Weiser Capital, jointly
 <sup>16</sup> and severally, pursuant to NRS 18.010(2)(b).

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# II. LAW AND ARGUMENT

NRS 18.010(2)(b) provides:

In addition to the cases where an allowance is authorized by specific statute, the court may make an allowance of attorney's fees to a prevailing party:

(b) Without regard to the recovery sought, when the court finds that the claim, counterclaim, cross-claim or third-party complaint or defense of the opposing party was brought or maintained without reasonable ground or to harass the prevailing party. The court shall liberally construe the provisions of this paragraph in favor of awarding attorney's fees in all appropriate situations. It is the intent of the Legislature that the court award attorney's fees pursuant to this paragraph and impose sanctions pursuant to <u>Rule 11</u> of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure in all appropriate situations to punish for and deter frivolous or vexatious claims and defenses because such claims and defenses overburden limited judicial resources, hinder the timely resolution of meritorious claims and increase the costs of engaging in business and providing professional services to the public.

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A claim or defense is groundless if the allegations upon which they are based are not supported by any credible evidence at trial. Semenza v. Caughlin Crafted Homes, 111 Nev. 1089, 1095, 901 P.2d 684, 688 (1995).

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As discussed above, Weiser's cross-claims and defenses were based entirely on the allegation that Skarpelos agreed to sell the Disputed Stock to "Weiser" pursuant to the July 6 2013 PSA. There was no credible evidence at trial to support this allegation. In fact, Weiser completely abandoned that allegation at trial and instead tried to persuade the Court that 8 WAM was the owner of the Disputed Stock pursuant to the April 2013 transaction. However, as the Court noted, Livadas testified that WAM was not the owner of the stock but just an 10 intermediary. Weiser presented no credible evidence at trial to support the allegations of its cross-claims or defenses to Skarpelos' cross-claims.

12 In Nevada, "district courts have great discretion to award attorney fees, and this 13 discretion is tempered only by reason and fairness." Haley v. Dist. Ct., 128 Nev. 171, 178, 14 273 P.3d 855, 860 (2012). In determining the amount of fees to award, the court is not 15 limited to one specific approach; its analysis may begin with any method rationally designed 16 to calculate a reasonable amount, as long as the requested amount is reviewed in light of the 17 factors set forth in Brunzell v. Golden Gate National Bank." Id. The "Brunzell factors" to 18 determine the reasonableness of attorneys' fees are: (1) the qualities of the attorney, (2) the 19 character of the work to be done, (3) the actual work performed by the attorney, and (4) the 20 case's result. Id.

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Skarpelos requests an award of fees in the amount of \$216,900.50. The Court determined him to be the owner of the Disputed Stock, which was the sole issue in this case under the pleadings. The character of the work was made difficult by Weiser's "musical chairs" claim to ownership of the Disputed Stock. The Court had an opportunity to observe the qualities of Skarpelos' counsel and can evaluate that factor as it sees fit. Skarpelos submits that the actual work performed was reasonably and necessary in light of Weiser's frivolous claims to ownership of the Disputed Stock. Skarpelos submits that an award of \$216,900.50 is reasonable under the circumstances of this case.

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# CONCLUSION **|| III.**

2	Weiser's cross-claims against Ska	rpelos and its defenses against Ska	arpelos' cross-
3	claims were brought without reasonabl	e grounds or to harass Skarpelo	s. Skarpelos
4	requests an award of attorneys' fees a	gainst WAM and Weiser Capita	l, jointly and
5	severally, in the reasonable amount of \$2	16,900.50.	
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# **EXHIBIT 1**

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From: Jeremy Nork JNork@hollandhart.com @ Subject: RE: Skarpelos/Weiser Date: February 22, 2016 at 5:12 PM To: Alex Walker Alex@awalkerlaw.com Cc: Frank LaForge fzlaforge@hollandhart.com



Thank you, Alex.

In preparing the response to your complaint, I was made aware of the attached two documents, both of which seem to indicate that the proper party is Weiser (Bahamas) Ltd., and not Weiser Asset Management Ltd. Please let me know if, after reviewing the attached, you are inclined to amend your complaint to substitute Weiser (Bahamas) Ltd. in the place of Weiser Asset Management Ltd. If not, we will respond to the complaint as it is written. Thank you.



From: Alex Walker [mailto:Alex@awalkerlaw.com] Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 12:52 PM To: Jeremy Nork Subject: Re: Skarpelos/Weiser

Jeremy:

Perhaps I have it scheduled incorrectly, but filing per you schedule is fine. I just wanted to check with you.

Alex

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On Feb 22, 2016, at 10:38 AM, Jeremy Nork <<u>JNork@hollandhart.com</u>> wrote:

We have calendared our response as being due 2/29. I will double check; but yes, we intend to respond.

Jeremy J. Nork 775-327-3043 <image001.gif>

From: Alex Walker [mailto:Alex@awalkerlaw.com] Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 9:37 AM To: Jeremy Nork Subject: Skarpelos/Weiser

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Jeremy:

My calendar shows the Weiser response to the complaint due. Do you plan to file a response?

Alex

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## STOCK SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENT

THIS STOCK SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENT (this Agreement ) is dated as of , 2013, and is made and entered into by and among , 2013, and is made and entered into by and among , 2013, and is made and entered into by and among , 2013, and is made and entered into by and among , 2013, and is made and entered into by and among facts:

A.

Seller owns 3,316,666 shares of common stock of Anavex Life Sciences Corp., a Nevada corporation (the Company ).

B.

Seller desires to sell to Buyer, and Buyer desires to purchase from Seller, 3,316,666 shares of the Company's common stock upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

Accordingly, for and in consideration of the premises, the mutual promises, covenants and agreements hereafter set forth, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Seller and Buyer, intending to be legally bound, do hereby agree as follows:

# ARTICLE I

## SALE AND PURCHASE

Section 1.1

Sale and Purchase of Shares. On and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, effective as of the Closing Date, Buyer shall purchase from Seller, and Seller shall sell to Buyer, Three Million Three Hundred and Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Six (3,316,666) shares of common stock (the Shares ) of the Company registered in the name of Seller for the consideration specified in Section 1.2 and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

# Section 1.2

Purchase Price. The purchase price for the Shares (the Purchase Price ) is Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand dollars (\$250,000.00). The Purchase Price shall be paid to the Seller at the Closing, in cash.

## Section 1.3

<u>Closing Date: Deliveries</u>. The closing shall occur on <u>Some CR 30,2013</u> or such other date as the parties hereto may agree to (the <u>Closing Date</u>). On the Closing Date, Buyer shall deliver a check in the amount of the Purchase Price to Seller, and Seller shall deliver to Buyer a share certificate representing the Shares issued in the name of the Seller.

## ARTICLE II

REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS OF SELLER

To induce Buyer to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement, Seller hereby represents and warrants to Buyer, and covenants with Buyer, as follows:

# Section 2.1

<u>Authority and Capacity</u>. Seller has all requisite power, authority and capacity to enter into this Agreement. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by Seller does not, and the consummation of the transaction contemplated hereby will not, result

in a breach of or default under any agreement to which Seller is a party or by which Seller is bound.

Section 2.2

Binding Agreement. This Agreement has been duly and validly executed and delivered by Seller and constitutes Seller's valid and binding agreement, enforceable against Seller in accordance with and subject to its terms.

## Section 2.3

<u>Title to Shares.</u> Seller is the lawful, record and beneficial owner of all of the Shares, free and clear of any liens, claims, agreements, charges, security interests and encumbrances whatsoever. The sale, conveyance, assignment, and transfer of the Shares in accordance with the terms of this Agreement transfers to Buyer legal and valid title to the Shares, free and clear of all liens, security interests, hypothecations or pledges.

# **ARTICLE III**

## **REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF BUYER**

To induce Seller to enter into and perform their obligations under this Agreement, Buyer represents and warrants to Seller as follows:

# Section 3.1

<u>Authority and Capacity</u>. Buyer has all requisite power, authority and capacity to enter into this Agreement. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by Buyer does not, and the consummation of the transaction contemplated hereby will not, result in a breach of or default under any agreement to which Buyer is a party or by which Buyer is bound.

## Section 3.2

Disclosure. Buyer has reviewed the SEC Reports and is aware of the Company's business and financial condition.

# Section 3.3

Investment Representations. Buyer is acquiring the Shares for Buyer's own account and is not acquiring the Shares with a view to or for sale in connection with any distribution thereof within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

# **ARTICLE IV**

# MISCELLANEOUS

# Section 4.1

Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any and all prior understandings, agreements, negotiations and discussions, both written and oral, between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof.

## Section 4.2

Governing Law. This Agreement shall be construed, interpreted and enforced in accordance with, and shall be governed by, the laws of the State of California without reference to, and regardless of, any applicable choice or conflicts of laws principles.

## Section 4.3

<u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the several parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which together shall constitute one and the same Agreement.

# Section 4.4

<u>Further Assurances</u>. Each of the parties hereto shall from time to time at the request of any other party hereto, and without further consideration, execute and deliver to such other party such further instruments of assignment, transfer, conveyance and confirmation and take such other action as such other party may reasonably request in order to more effectively fulfill the purposes of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been signed by the parties hereto as of the date first above written.

**Buyer**:

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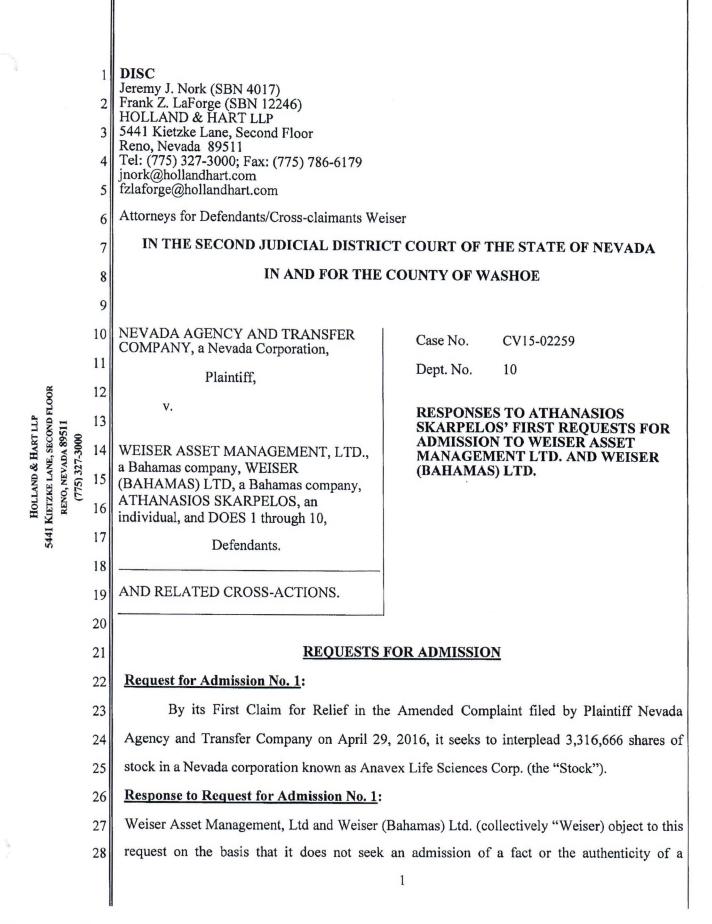
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# **EXHIBIT 2**

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document. Rather, it asks Weiser to interpret or characterize another party's legal claims, which 1 is outside the scope of NRCP 36 requests for admission. Weiser further objects that the pronoun 2 "it" in this request is ambiguous. Last, Weiser objects that the Amended Complaint speaks for 3 4 itself.

## 5 **Request for Admission No. 2:**

The Stock was evidenced by Anavex Life Sciences Corp. certificate no. 0753 issued on 6 7 October 29, 2009, in the amount of 6,633,332 shares ("Stock Cert. 753").

## 8 **Response to Request for Admission No. 2:**

Weiser objects that the term "evidence" is ambiguous and subjective and subject to 9 differing meanings. Without waiving this objection, Weiser answers as follows: Admit. 10

### 11 **Request for Admission No. 3:**

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Paragraph 3 of WAM's and Bahama's Cross-Claim against Skarpelos dated May 23, 12 2016 ("Cross-Claim"), states: "In July 2013, Weiser and Skarpelos entered into a contract for the sale of a certain amount of stock."

### 15 **Response to Request for Admission No. 3:**

Weiser objects to this request on the basis that it does not seek an admission of an 16 external fact relevant to this case. Rather, it asks Weiser for an admission about the nature of its 17 own pleadings. Weiser further objects that its Cross-Claim speaks for itself. 18

### 19 **Request for Admission No. 4:**

The "certain amount of stock" referenced in Paragraph 3 of the Cross-Claim is the Stock 20 which Nevada Agency and Transfer Company wishes to interplead in this action. 21

## **Response to Request for Admission No. 4:** 22

Weiser objects that this request is compound. See San Diego Unified Port Dist. v. Nat'l 23 Union Fire Ins. Co. of Pittsburg, PA, 2017 WL 3877731, at \*2 (S.D. Cal. Sept. 5, 2017) 24 ("Requests for admission 'may not contain compound, conjunctive, or disjunctive (e.g., 25 "and/or") statements.""). Without waiving this objection, Weiser answers as follows: Admit. 26

### 27 **Request for Admission No. 5:**

WAM claims to own the Stock.

# Response to Request for Admission No. 5:

Weiser objects to the extent that this request presumes that Weiser's claim is based on a
single legal theory. Without waiving that objection, Weiser responds as follows: Admit.

# 4 Request for Admission No. 6:

5 WAM's claim of ownership of the Stock is based upon a purported Stock Sale and
6 Transfer Agreement dated July 5, 2013, wherein Skarpelos was the seller and Weiser Ltd was
7 the buyer ("Purported Contract"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

# 8 <u>Response to Request for Admission No. 6</u>:

9 Weiser objects to the extent that this request presumes that Weiser's claim is based on a 10 single legal theory. Weiser also objects to this request on the basis that it does not seek an 11 admission of a fact or the authenticity of a document. Rather, it asks Weiser to interpret or 12 characterize its own legal claims, which is outside the scope of NRCP 36 requests for admission. See, e.g., Morgan v. Demille, 799 P.2d 561, 564 (Nev. 1990) ("The purpose of 13 14 procedural statutes such as NRCP 36 is to obtain admission of facts which are in no real dispute 15 and which the adverse party can admit cleanly, without qualifications."); id. (concluding that requests that "called for either crucial facts central to the lawsuit or legal concessions" were 16 improper). Weiser further objects that this request is compound. See San Diego Unified, 2017 17 WL 3877731, at \*2 ("Requests for admission 'may not contain compound, conjunctive, or 18 disjunctive (e.g., "and/or") statements.""). 19

20 Request for Admission No. 7:

21 Bahamas claims to own the stock.

# 22 Response to Request for Admission No. 7:

Weiser objects to the extent that this request presumes that Weiser's claim is based on a
single legal theory. Without waiving that objection, Weiser responds as follows: Admit.

# 25 Request for Admission No. 8:

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Bahama's claim of ownership of Stock is based upon the Purported Contract.

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#### **Response to Request for Admission No. 8:** 1

Weiser objects to the extent that this request presumes that Weiser's claim is based on a 2 single legal theory. Weiser also objects to this request on the basis that it does not seek an 3 admission of a fact or the authenticity of a document. Rather, it asks Weiser to interpret or 4 characterize its own legal claims, which is outside the scope of NRCP 36 requests for 5 admission. See, e.g., Morgan, 799 P.2d at 564 ("The purpose of procedural statutes such as 6 NRCP 36 is to obtain admission of facts which are in no real dispute and which the adverse 7 party can admit cleanly, without qualifications."); id. (concluding that requests that "called for 8 either crucial facts central to the lawsuit or legal concessions" were improper). Weiser further 9 objects that this request is compound. See San Diego Unified, 2017 WL 3877731, at \*2 10 ("Requests for admission 'may not contain compound, conjunctive, or disjunctive (e.g., 11 12 "and/or") statements."").

# **Request for Admission No. 9:**

Bahamas is the same entity identified in the Purported Contract as Weiser Ltd.

## **Response to Request for Admission No. 9:** 15

Deny.

## **Request for Admission No. 10:** 17

The contract referenced in Paragraph 3 of the Cross-Claim is the Purported Contract 18 19 attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

**Response to Request for Admission No. 10:** 20

Weiser admits Exhibit 1 comprises part of the parties' contract as referenced in 21 22 Paragraph 3.

## **Request for Admission No. 11:** 23

WAM's and Bahama's First Claim for Relief in the Cross-Claim seeks a declaration that 24

WAM and/or Bahama are the rightful owner of the Stock. 25

**Response to Request for Admission No. 11:** 26

Weiser objects to this request on the basis that it does not seek an admission of a fact or 27 the authenticity of a document. Rather, it asks Weiser to interpret or characterize its own legal 28

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claims, which is outside the scope of NRCP 36 requests for admission. See, e.g., Morgan, 799 1 2 P.2d at 564 ("The purpose of procedural statutes such as NRCP 36 is to obtain admission of 3 facts which are in no real dispute and which the adverse party can admit cleanly, without 4 qualifications."); id. (concluding that requests that "called for either crucial facts central to the 5 lawsuit or legal concessions" were improper). Weiser also objects that the Cross-Claim speaks 6 for itself.

## 7 **Request for Admission No. 12:**

WAM's and Bahama's First Claim for Relief in the Cross-Claim is based upon the 8 Purported Contract.

### 10 **Response to Request for Admission No. 12:**

Weiser objects to this request on the basis that it does not seek an admission of a fact or 11 the authenticity of a document. Rather, it asks Weiser to interpret or characterize its own legal 12 claims, which is outside the scope of NRCP 36 requests for admission. See, e.g., Morgan, 799 13 P.2d at 564 ("The purpose of procedural statutes such as NRCP 36 is to obtain admission of 14 facts which are in no real dispute and which the adverse party can admit cleanly, without 15 qualifications."); id. (concluding that requests that "called for either crucial facts central to the 16 lawsuit or legal concessions" were improper). Weiser also objects that the Cross-Claim speaks 17 for itself. 18

19 **Request for Admission No. 13:** 

WAM's and Bahama's Second Claim for Relief in the Cross-Claim is for breach of 20 contract against Skarpelos related to the Purported Contract. 21

**Response to Request for Admission No. 13:** 22

Weiser objects to this request on the basis that it does not seek an admission of a fact or 23 the authenticity of a document. Rather, it asks Weiser to interpret or characterize its own legal 24 claims, which is outside the scope of NRCP 36 requests for admission. See, e.g., Morgan, 799 25 P.2d at 564 ("The purpose of procedural statutes such as NRCP 36 is to obtain admission of 26 facts which are in no real dispute and which the adverse party can admit cleanly, without 27 qualifications."); id. (concluding that requests that "called for either crucial facts central to the 28

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lawsuit or legal concessions" were improper). Weiser also objects that the Cross-Claim speaks
 for itself.

# **Request for Admission No. 14**:

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WAM's and Bahama's Third Claim for Relief in the Cross-Claim is for breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing against Skarpelos related to the Purported Contract.

# 6 Response to Request for Admission No. 14:

7 Weiser objects to this request on the basis that it does not seek an admission of a fact or the authenticity of a document. Rather, it asks Weiser to interpret or characterize its own legal 8 claims, which is outside the scope of NRCP 36 requests for admission. See, e.g., Morgan, 799 9 P.2d at 564 ("The purpose of procedural statutes such as NRCP 36 is to obtain admission of 10 facts which are in no real dispute and which the adverse party can admit cleanly, without 11 qualifications."); id. (concluding that requests that "called for either crucial facts central to the 12 lawsuit or legal concessions" were improper). Weiser also objects that the Cross-Claim speaks 13 14 for itself.

# Request for Admission No. 15:

The Purported Contract was drafted by WAM, Bahamas or someone acting on their behalf.

# 18 Response to Request for Admission No. 15:

Weiser objects to this request as compound. See San Diego Unified, 2017 WL 3877731,
at \*2 ("Requests for admission 'may not contain compound, conjunctive, or disjunctive (e.g.,
"and/or") statements."). Without waiving this objection, Weiser answers as follows: Deny.

# 22 Request for Admission No. 16:

23 Pursuant to Section 1.2 of the Purported Contract, the purchase price for the Stock was

to have been \$250,000 ("Purchase Price").

# 25 Response to Request for Admission No. 16:

Weiser objects to this request on the basis that it does not seek an admission of a fact or the authenticity of a document. Rather, it asks Weiser to interpret or characterize a written document, which is outside the scope of NRCP 36 requests for admission. *See, e.g., Morgan,* 

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1 799 P.2d at 564 ("The purpose of procedural statutes such as NRCP 36 is to obtain admission of 2 facts which are in no real dispute and which the adverse party can admit cleanly, without 3 qualifications."); id. (concluding that requests that "called for either crucial facts central to the 4 lawsuit or legal concessions" were improper). Weiser also objects that the document at issue 5 speaks for itself.

6 Request for Admission No. 17:

Pursuant to Section 1.3 of the Purported Contract, closing for the sale of the Stock was
to have occurred on September 30, 2013.

# 9 Response to Request for Admission No. 17:

Weiser objects to this request on the basis that it does not seek an admission of a fact or 10 the authenticity of a document. Rather, it asks Weiser to interpret or characterize a written 11 document, which is outside the scope of NRCP 36 requests for admission. See, e.g., Morgan, 12 799 P.2d at 564 ("The purpose of procedural statutes such as NRCP 36 is to obtain admission of 13 facts which are in no real dispute and which the adverse party can admit cleanly, without 14 qualifications."); id. (concluding that requests that "called for either crucial facts central to the 15 lawsuit or legal concessions" were improper). Weiser also objects that the document at issue 16 17 speaks for itself.

# 18 Request for Admission No. 18:

Pursuant to Section 1.3 of the Purported Contract, Weiser Ltd was to deliver a check in
the amount of the Purchase Price to Skarpelos at closing.

# 21 Response to Request for Admission No. 18:

Weiser objects to this request on the basis that it does not seek an admission of a fact or the authenticity of a document. Rather, it asks Weiser to interpret or characterize a written document, which is outside the scope of NRCP 36 requests for admission. *See, e.g., Morgan, 799 P.2d at 564* ("The purpose of procedural statutes such as NRCP 36 is to obtain admission of facts which are in no real dispute and which the adverse party can admit cleanly, without qualifications."); *id.* (concluding that requests that "called for either crucial facts central to the lawsuit or legal concessions" were improper). Weiser also objects that the document at issue

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# 2 Request for Admission No. 19:

Neither WAM nor Bahamas delivered a check in the amount of \$250,000 to Skarpelos on or any time after September 30, 2013, as payment of the Purchase Price.

# **Response to Request for Admission No. 19:**

Weiser objects to this request as compound. See San Diego Unified, 2017 WL 3877731,
at \*2 ("Requests for admission 'may not contain compound, conjunctive, or disjunctive (e.g.,
"and/or") statements.""). Without waiving this objection, Weiser answers as follows: Admit.

# 9 Request for Admission No. 20:

Neither WAM nor Bahamas wire transferred \$250,000 to Skarpelos on or any time after
September 30, 2013, as payment of the Purchase Price.

# 12 **Response to Request for Admission No. 20:**

Weiser objects to this request as compound. *See San Diego Unified*, 2017 WL 3877731, at \*2 ("Requests for admission 'may not contain compound, conjunctive, or disjunctive (e.g., "and/or") statements.""). Weiser also objects to the term "wire transfer" in that it is ambiguous and susceptible to more than one reasonable interpretation. Without waiving these objections, Weiser answers as follows: Admit.

# 18 Request for Admission No. 21:

Neither WAM nor Bahamas tendered the Purchase Price to Skarpelos in any form as
 payment of the Purchase Price for the Stock on or any time after September 30, 2013.

# 21 Response to Request for Admission No. 21:

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Weiser objects to this request as compound. See San Diego Unified, 2017 WL 3877731,

23 at \*2 ("Requests for admission 'may not contain compound, conjunctive, or disjunctive (e.g.,

24 "and/or") statements.""). Without waiving this objection, Weiser answers as follows: Deny.

# 25 Request for Admission No. 22:

Neither WAM nor Bahamas delivered a check in the amount of \$250,000 to any one purporting to be an agent of Skarpelos on or any time after September 30, 2013, as payment of the Purchase Price. 1 <u>Response to Request for Admission No. 22</u>:

Weiser objects to this request as compound. See San Diego Unified, 2017 WL 3877731,
at \*2 ("Requests for admission 'may not contain compound, conjunctive, or disjunctive (e.g.,
"and/or") statements."). It also objects to the extent that Skarpelos has not identified his
purported agents. Without waiving these objections, Weiser answers as follows: Admit.

6 Request for Admission No. 23:

7 Neither WAM nor Bahamas wire transferred \$250,000 to anyone purporting to be an
8 agent of Skarpelos on or any time after September 30, 2013, as payment of the Purchase Price.

# 9 <u>Response to Request for Admission No. 23</u>:

Weiser objects to this request as compound. *See San Diego Unified*, 2017 WL 3877731, at \*2 ("Requests for admission 'may not contain compound, conjunctive, or disjunctive (e.g., "and/or") statements.""). Weiser also objects to the term "wire transfer" in that it is ambiguous and susceptible to more than one reasonable interpretation. It further objects to the extent that Skarpelos has not identified his purported agents. Without waiving these objections, Weiser answers as follows: Admit.

# 16 Request for Admission No. 24:

Neither WAM nor Bahamas tendered \$250,000 in any form to any one purporting to be
an agent of Skarpelos as payment of the Purchase Price for the stock on or any time after
September 30, 2013.

# 20 Response to Request for Admission No. 24:

Weiser objects to this request as compound. *See San Diego Unified*, 2017 WL 3877731, at \*2 ("Requests for admission 'may not contain compound, conjunctive, or disjunctive (e.g., "and/or") statements.""). It also objects to the extent that Skarpelos has not identified his purported agents. Without waiving these objections, Weiser answers as follows: Deny.

# 25 Request for Admission No. 25:

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No agent of WAM or Bahamas has ever delivered a check in the amount of \$250,000 to
Skarpelos as payment of the Purchase Price.

### **Response to Request for Admission No. 25:** 1

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### 3 **Request for Admission No. 26:**

No agent of WAM or Bahamas has ever wire transferred \$250,000 to Skarpelos as 4 5 payment of the Purchase Price.

### 6 **Response to Request for Admission No. 26:**

Weiser objects to the term "wire transfer" in that it is ambiguous and susceptible to more 7 than one reasonable interpretation. Without waiving this objection, Weiser responds as follows: 8 9 Admit.

## Request for Admission No. 27: 10

No agent of WAM or Bahamas has ever tendered the Purchase Price to Skarpelos in any form.

# **Response to Request for Admission No. 27:**

Deny.

# **Request for Admission No. 28:**

No agent of WAM or Bahamas has ever delivered a check in the amount of \$250,000 to any one purporting to be an agent of Skarpelos as payment of the Purchase Price.

## **Response to Request for Admission No. 28:** 18

Weiser objects to this request as compound. See San Diego Unified, 2017 WL 3877731, 19 at \*2 ("Requests for admission 'may not contain compound, conjunctive, or disjunctive (e.g., 20 "and/or") statements.""). It also objects to the extent that Skarpelos has not identified his 21 purported agents. Without waiving these objections, Weiser answers as follows: Admit. 22

## **Request for Admission No. 29:** 23

No agent of WAM or Bahamas has ever wire transferred \$250,000 to anyone purporting 24 to be an agent of Skarpelos as payment of the Purchase Price. 25

## Response to Request for Admission No. 29: 26

Weiser objects to this request as compound. See San Diego Unified, 2017 WL 3877731, 27 at \*2 ("Requests for admission 'may not contain compound, conjunctive, or disjunctive (e.g., 28

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"and/or") statements.""). Weiser also objects to the term "wire transfer" in that it is ambiguous
and susceptible to more than one reasonable interpretation. It further objects to the extent that
Skarpelos has not identified his purported agents. Without waiving these objections, Weiser
answers as follows: Deny.

# 5 Request for Admission No. 30:

No agent of WAM or Bahamas has ever tendered \$250,000 in any form to any one
purporting to be an agent of Skarpelos as payment of the Purchase Price.

# 8 <u>Response to Request for Admission No. 30</u>:

Weiser objects to this request as compound. See San Diego Unified, 2017 WL 3877731,
at \*2 ("Requests for admission 'may not contain compound, conjunctive, or disjunctive (e.g.,
"and/or") statements.""). It also objects to the extent that Skarpelos has not identified his
purported agents. Without waiving these objections, Weiser answers as follows: Deny.

# 13 Request for Admission No. 31:

Neither WAM nor Bahamas ever requested an extension of the Closing Date for the saleof the Stock beyond September 30, 2013.

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**Response to Request for Admission No. 31**:

Weiser objects to this request to the extent that the phrase "requested an extension" is ambiguous and susceptible to more than one reasonable interpretation. Without waiving this objection, Weiser answers as follows: Deny.

# 20 Request for Admission No. 32:

Pursuant to Section 4.1 of the Purported Contract, the entire understandings of the
parties to the Purported Contract relating to the subject matter thereof were contained within the
Purported Contract.

# 24 Response to Request for Admission No. 32:

Weiser objects to this request on the basis that it does not seek an admission of a fact or the authenticity of a document. Rather, it asks Weiser to interpret or characterize a written document, which is outside the scope of NRCP 36 requests for admission. *See, e.g., Morgan, 799 P.2d at 564* ("The purpose of procedural statutes such as NRCP 36 is to obtain admission of

1 facts which are in no real dispute and which the adverse party can admit cleanly, without 2 qualifications."); *id.* (concluding that requests that "called for either crucial facts central to the 3 lawsuit or legal concessions" were improper). Weiser also objects that the document at issue 4 speaks for itself.

# 5 Request for Admission No. 33:

Pursuant to Section 4.2 of the Purported Contract, it is to be construed, interpreted and
enforced in accordance with California law.

# 8 <u>Response to Request for Admission No. 33</u>:

Weiser objects to this request on the basis that it does not seek an admission of a fact or 9 the authenticity of a document. Rather, it asks Weiser to interpret or characterize a written 10 document, which is outside the scope of NRCP 36 requests for admission. See, e.g., Morgan, 11 799 P.2d at 564 ("The purpose of procedural statutes such as NRCP 36 is to obtain admission of 12 facts which are in no real dispute and which the adverse party can admit cleanly, without 13 qualifications."); id. (concluding that requests that "called for either crucial facts central to the 14 lawsuit or legal concessions" were improper). Weiser also objects that the document at issue 15 speaks for itself. 16

# 17 Request for Admission No. 34:

18 The Purported Contract does not provide for or allow facsimile or copies of signature to19 be effective.

# 20 Response to Request for Admission No. 34:

Weiser objects to this request on the basis that it does not seek an admission of a fact or 21 the authenticity of a document. Rather, it asks Weiser to interpret or characterize a written 22 document, which is outside the scope of NRCP 36 requests for admission. See, e.g., Morgan, 23 799 P.2d at 564 ("The purpose of procedural statutes such as NRCP 36 is to obtain admission of 24 facts which are in no real dispute and which the adverse party can admit cleanly, without 25 qualifications."); id. (concluding that requests that "called for either crucial facts central to the 26 lawsuit or legal concessions" were improper). Weiser also objects that the document at issue 27 28 speaks for itself.

# 1 Request for Admission No. 35:

WAM caused Ernesto Alvarez, Esq. of Montello Law, Aventura, Florida, to send a letter
to Nevada Agency and Transfer Company on October 30, 2015, demanding that transfer
3,316,666 shares of Stock Cert. 753 to WAM based upon the Purported Contract, copy of which
is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

# 6 <u>Response to Request for Admission No. 35</u>:

Weiser objects to this request as compound. See San Diego Unified, 2017 WL 3877731,
at \*2 ("Requests for admission 'may not contain compound, conjunctive, or disjunctive (e.g.,
"and/or") statements."). Weiser also objects that Exhibit 2 speaks for itself.

# 10 Request for Admission No. 36:

On November 19, 2015, Bill Simonitsch, Esq. of the law firm of K&L Gates sent an email to Alvarez, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 3 in which he asked "Do you also have proof that you can provide me showing that the purchase price was paid an received?

# Response to Request for Admission No. 36:

Weiser objects to this request as compound. See San Diego Unified, 2017 WL 3877731, at \*2 ("Requests for admission 'may not contain compound, conjunctive, or disjunctive (e.g., "and/or") statements.""). Weiser also objects that Exhibit 3 speaks for itself.

# 18 Request for Admission No. 37:

Mr. Alvarez never provided Mr. Simonitsch with proof that the Purchase Price for theStock was ever paid to and received by Skarpelos.

# 21 Response to Request for Admission No. 37:

Weiser objects to this request as argumentative. Weiser also objects that the term "proof" is ambiguous and subjective and subject to differing interpretations.

# 24 Request for Admission No. 38:

Mr. Alvarez never provided Mr. Simonitsch with proof that the Purchase Price for the
Stock was ever paid to and received by any one purporting to be an agent of Skarpelos.

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# 1 <u>Response to Request for Admission No. 38</u>:

Weiser objects to this request as argumentative. Weiser also objects that the term "proof" is ambiguous and subjective and subject to differing interpretations. Weiser further objects that it does not know whom Skarpelos's agents may be.

# 5 Request for Admission No. 39:

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To date, neither WAM nor Bahamas has produced any documentary evidence during
discovery that the Purchase Price was ever paid to Skarpelos on or after September 30, 2013.

# **Response to Request for Admission No. 39:**

9 Weiser objects that this request is outside the scope of NRCP 36 requests for admissions 10 as it concerns litigation conduct rather than underlying facts. It also objects to this request as 11 argumentative. Weiser further objects that the term "evidence" is ambiguous and subjective and 12 subject to differing interpretations.

# **Request for Admission No. 40:**

To date, neither WAM nor Bahamas has produced any documentary evidence during discovery that the Purchase Price was ever paid to anyone purporting to be an agent o Skarpelos on or after September 30, 2013.

# 17 Response to Request for Admission No. 40:

Weiser objects that this request is outside the scope of NRCP 36 requests for admissions as it concerns litigation conduct rather than underlying facts. It also objects to this request as argumentative. Weiser further objects that the term "evidence" is ambiguous and subjective and subject to differing interpretations.

DATED this 6th day of February, 2018. By

Jeremy J: Nork (SBN 4017) Frank Z. Laborge (SBN 12246) HOLLAND & HART LLP 5441 Kietzke Lane, Second Floor Reno, NV 89511

Attorneys for Defendants/Cross-claimants

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Pursuant to NRS 53.370, Christos Livadas, declares as follows:

1. I am the authorized representative of Weiser Asset Management, Ltd., and a director of Weiser (Bahamas) Ltd.

2. I have read the foregoing RESPONSES TO ATHANASIOS SKARPELOS'
FIRST REQUESTS FOR ADMISSION TO WEISER ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD.
AND WEISER (BAHAMAS) LTD., and know the contents thereof; and that the matters
stated therein are true of my own personal knowledge and upon information and belief.

3. I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the State of Nevada that the
foregoing is true and correct, and that I am physically located outside the geographic
boundaries of the United States, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands and any territory
or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

By

Executed on February 05, 2018.

WEISER ASSET MANAGEMENT, LTD. WEISER (BAHAMAS) LTD.

Christos Livadas

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		CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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	2	I, Martha Hauser, certify:
	3	I am employed in the City of Reno, County of Washoe, State of Nevada by the law offices of Holland & Hart LLP. My business address is 5441 Kietzke Lane, Second Floor, Reno, Nevada 89511. I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action.
	5	On February 6, 2018, I served <b>RESPONSES TO ATHANASIOS SKARPELOS'</b> <b>FIRST REQUESTS FOR ADMISSION TO WEISER ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD.</b> <b>AND WEISER (BAHAMAS) LTD.</b> , by electronic mail and by placing a true copy in Holland & Hart LLP's outgoing mail in a sealed envelope addressed as follows:
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## **EXHIBIT 3**

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1	RENO, NEVADA; WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019; 3:04 P.M.
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3	THE COURT: We will go back on the record in
4	CV15-02259, Weiser entities versus Skarpelos. Mr. Nork
5	is here on behalf of Weiser Asset Management, Ltd., and
6	Weiser Bahamas, Ltd.
7	Good afternoon, Mr. Nork.
8	MR. NORK: Good afternoon, Your Honor.
9	THE COURT: Mr. LaForge is not joining us today?
10	MR. NORK: I've got him busy running around doing
11	other things, Your Honor.
12	THE COURT: Good for you. That's what associates
13	are for.
14	MR. NORK: That's right.
15	THE COURT: So it's nice to see you again. The
16	Court would note that Mr. Livadas is not present. I
17	assume that Mr. Livadas is in warmer climates.
18	MR. NORK: I would hope so, Your Honor, yes.
19	THE COURT: Mr. Anderson and Mr. Adams are here as
20	well as Mr. Murtha. Good afternoon to all of you
21	gentlemen. They're here on behalf of Mr. Skarpelos.
22	Mr. Skarpelos, I assume, is also in a warmer climate at
23	this point.
24	MR. ANDERSON: I certainly hope so, Your Honor.

And I tried to send Mr. Adams somewhere else, but he wanted to come anyway.

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THE COURT: Poor Mr. Adams, he couldn't even get shooed away.

We are here, gentlemen, for the Court to put its findings of fact, conclusions of law and order on the record regarding the bench trial that took place last week. The Court heard arguments of counsel on Friday, and then the matter was submitted to the Court for consideration.

It was my hope to be able to come back and put the findings of fact, conclusions of law and the order on the record Friday, but I thought it was more prudent to go back and review my notes again, review all of the other documents and exhibits that had been admitted in the case, look at some of the case law that was cited by the parties and refresh my mind with that again, and then come back and make an informed decision while the issues were still fresh in my mind, but at the same time after having given it appropriate consideration.

Counsel, just so you both know how I -- or all of you three know how I approach bench trials, I really try and be mindful of the instructions that we give jurors in how to judge the credibility of witnesses,

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the application of direct versus circumstantial evidence, and all the other things that we tell juries all the time. When I'm the finder of fact, I don't just sit here and think, "Well, this is what I think or this is what I would do." I really try and place myself into the position of what would the jury be instructed on any given issue.

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This case is particularly difficult because the credibility of the witnesses is so important. And before I put the findings of fact on the record, I want the parties to understand something about how I reviewed -- or how I viewed the credibility of all of the witnesses. And I don't say this in a dismissive way towards either Mr. Anderson or Mr. Nork, but in the closing arguments I certainly got the impression that both counsel were arguing in essence my client is free from all responsibility and blame, my client is clean, shall we say, or lily white, and this other guy is sullied.

And, frankly, I found the testimony of all of the witnesses, Mr. Livadas, Mr. Skarpelos and Mr. Pedafronimos, to be troubling. And troubling only in the sense that there were some just large inconsistencies in what they said versus what they did

and in some of the things that they testified to that they wanted me to believe. Let's put it that way. It was not exclusive to one side or the other.

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I don't think I have an obligation to put on the record every single inconsistency that I saw or every single issue that I took note of, because I don't think a jury has a responsibility to do that either. I'm just going to tell you what my findings of fact are, but it is informed by my review of all of the exhibits, my judgment of the credibility of the witnesses as they testified, frankly, the believableness or unbelievableness of a number of things that all three of them said.

As we also know, I heard from Mr. Walker. I'm not trying to pump Mr. Walker up, but he was uninterested in the process and frankly came across as the most credible witness out of everybody.

You know, one of the glaring examples of difficulty in credibility and believing some of the things that people said were just, for example, Mr. Livadas choosing to take the document that was admitted as exhibit --

I should have had this at my fingertips. Iapologize. I apologize, counsel, for having to leaf

through my exhibit binder again. I had all this in my head. Oh, here it is.

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It's Exhibit 30, the Stock Sale and Purchase Agreement, which I found was submitted to him for one reason, and then Mr. Livadas testified that he just converted it to something that was entirely different. He just changed the meaning of the entire document. And then that document was used to establish legal claims or at least to make representations to NATCO about actions that were done on behalf of some entity. I found that very troubling.

Regarding Mr. Skarpelos, the testimony that he's never received any money whatsoever from any of these transactions, frankly, based on the circumstantial evidence in the case, I find that very difficult to believe.

The testimony of Mr. Pedafronimos about the sheer coincidence that all of the transactions that are referenced in Exhibit No. 44 -- or strike that. I think it's 40. There it is. No, it was 44. I had it right.

In Exhibit 44, it was just a mere coincidence that he was having interaction with Mr. Livadas, he was getting exactly that amount of money at or near the

time that all of these transactions took place, and Mr. Pedafronimos wants me to believe that that's all because he was getting money from his Birnbaum account that there's absolutely no evidence of.

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I don't -- jurors are not supposed to judge the credibility of witnesses nor to make any determination in the case simply by counting the number of witnesses on one side and the side with the more witnesses is the prevailing party. And I certainly didn't do that. But I just -- I found Mr. Pedafronimos's testimony regarding specifically those financial transactions to be unbelievable. It just -- there was no credibility to that.

Maybe if there was just one -- I mean, if something 14 happens once, you look at it and go, okay, well, maybe 15 that's just a coincidence. But as I listened to his 16 17 testimony, I judged his credibility, I considered the 18 evidence that was offered, and certainly the cross-examination of Mr. Nork of Mr. Pedafronimos on 19 those issues, I just found his testimony regarding the 20 financial issues to be unpersuasive I guess would be 21 22 the best way to put it.

So I consider all of those things. I think that there are a number of issues in the case. And rather

than sit here and just talk about them in a general sense, I'll make my determinations about the case.

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The Court would note, as I stated a moment ago, that I have reviewed all of the exhibits that have been admitted. What I do during a bench trial is I have my court clerk remove all of the unadmitted exhibits from my binder so I only have the things that are admitted during the course of the trial in the binder that I eventually review. So I've reviewed all of the admitted exhibits.

I have reviewed the relevant portions of the transcripts from the depositions. I don't go back and review the entire deposition, because that's not relevant for my consideration. I only review those portions that are used to either impeach or refresh the witness's recollection.

So I've reviewed those exhibits as well, and I've also considered the pleadings in the case. The pleadings themselves that bring the matter to the Court's attention are the Amended Complaint filed by Nevada Agency & Transfer Company file stamped April 29th of 2016, the Answer to the Amended Complaint and the Crossclaim filed by Mr. Skarpelos on May 23rd of 2016, and the Answer and Crossclaim filed by

Weiser Asset Management, Ltd., and Weiser Bahamas, Ltd., on May 24th of 2016.

For ease of the parties, I will refer to Weiser Asset Management, Ltd., from this point forward as WAM, the acronym W-A-M. And I will refer to Weiser Bahamas, Ltd., and Bahamas is parenthetical, as Weiser Capital from this point forward, because that's how the parties really identified them and spoke about them during the course of the trial and I think that is much easier for the parties to understand the Court's analysis.

I also apologize. I think I'm coming down with a little bit of a cold. So forgive me, gentlemen, if my voice starts to go out.

The Court makes the following findings of fact regarding the evidence presented at the trial. And just so you know, I am referring to some of the notes that I've made regarding your trial statements and also regarding the suggested findings of fact, conclusions of law and order that the parties have submitted. I'm not using either of your suggested findings of fact, 20 conclusions of law and order, but I've used them to inform my analysis.

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The Court finds that WAM is a Class 1 broker-dealer maintaining custody of client assets of over \$250,000,000. Strike that. The Court does not make the finding of fact regarding the amount of assets that WAM has.

The Court would note that WAM does have a significant number of clients. I believe that Mr. Livadas testified that after his purchase of WAM he increased their client roster from approximately 100 customers to approximately 2,000 customers now. So the Court would make that note.

I should say before I go any further that the findings of fact are all based on a preponderance of the evidence. So the Court is making all of these determinations based on a preponderance of the evidence.

So the Court does find that WAM is a Class 1 dealer-broker and that it does have customers of approximately 2,000 customers currently. Additionally, the Court does find based on the testimony that WAM is a registered and regulated Class 1 broker by the Financial Services Authority and Securities Commission of the Bahamas and is a registered foreign

broker-dealer in Canada regulated by the Ontario Securities Commission.

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The Court further finds that Weiser Capital is an affiliate entity to WAM and provides investment banking advisory services and deal arrangements as an investor and principal on behalf of WAM and its clients.

The Court does finds that Christos Livadas is the owner and director of Weiser Holdings, Ltd. Weiser Holdings, Ltd., now is the parent company of WAM. The Court finds that WAM was acquired by Weiser Holdings, Ltd. Additionally, the Court does find that Mr. Livadas is the owner and director of Weiser Capital.

The Court finds that the prior owner of WAM was Equity Trust Bahamas, Ltd. The Court also notes that one of the principals of Equity Trust Bahamas, Ltd., was Howard Daniels. The Court finds that there is evidence by a preponderance of the evidence that Mr. Daniels was one of the two contacts that Mr. Skarpelos had at WAM and was Mr. Skarpelos's prior previous -- was Mr. Skarpelos's previous contact at WAM in 2011.

The Court does also find that WAM and Weiser Capital, prior to Mr. Livadas purchasing WAM and

creating Weiser Holdings, Ltd., were two separate entities. Based on the testimony of Mr. Livadas, he would direct clients to WAM. And so the name Weiser in both probably assists in marketing. However, they were two entirely separate entities at the relevant times that the Court will discuss in these proceedings. Mr. Livadas was the owner and director of Weiser Capital at the times discussed by the Court.

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The Court does find that Mr. Skarpelos did apply for and did open an account with WAM in 2011. There is -- there has been a significant amount of discussion by the attorneys and a large amount of questioning both of Mr. Livadas and Mr. Skarpelos and Mr. Pedafronimos about whether or not an account was opened by Mr. Skarpelos.

The Court finds that by a preponderance of the evidence there was an account opened. The Court finds that Mr. Skarpelos funded that account with his Anavex stock certificates, which are Exhibit No. 2, that primarily being Exhibit -- excuse me -- the Stock Certificate 753.

Stock Certificate 753 is in the name of Athanasios Skarpelos. It is for Anavex stock in the amount of 6,633,332 shares. Those shares were issued to

Mr. Skarpelos on October 29th of 2009.

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The Court finds that Mr. Skarpelos did open the account with WAM, not with Weiser Capital but with WAM, through the assistance of Mr. Daniels and Mr. Pedafronimos in May of 2011. There was some discussion about whether or not Mr. Skarpelos ever received a notification that his account was officially opened or whether he was receiving statements about his account.

Mr. Skarpelos's testimony that he didn't think that he had an account with WAM simply was unpersuasive. The Court finds that the evidence does exist and does support the conclusion that there was an account.

The Court would note that in Exhibit No. 2 there is an application in place that describes what Mr. Skarpelos's desires are for his WAM account. And certainly a number of things that were testified to during the course of the trial were inconsistent with Exhibit No. 2, but the Court also finds that it is reasonable to conclude based on the evidence that it heard that the parties were simply doing things outside of the application.

So while the application itself exists, and the Court has no reason to believe that it does not, and

that, as it says in the report, Mr. Skarpelos wanted to run a cash only account, he didn't want to trade on the margins, he didn't want to let anybody else have access to his account or to make trades or access his money in the account, the Court finds that it is more likely than not by a preponderance of the evidence that Mr. Livadas, Mr. Skarpelos and Mr. Pedafronimos simply were doing things that weren't contemplated by the application. But that doesn't mean in my mind that there wasn't an account there.

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Mr. Skarpelos did deposit the disputed stock certificate, and the Court finds that Mr. Skarpelos did withdraw money or had people withdraw money on his behalf from the account. The Court finds that there's no reason to believe that the account didn't have a negative balance at the time of the April sale or at the time that Exhibit 44 is referencing about -- I want to say July, if I remember correctly. As of December 31st of 2013 it showed that there was a negative account balance on February 1st of 2013 of \$140,000, and then the transfers began to take place.

The Court finds that it's reasonable -- it is a reasonable conclusion based on the preponderance of the evidence that the account existed, that the shares were

in place and that Mr. Skarpelos was withdrawing money against those shares. And the Court finds that the testimony of Mr. Livadas regarding allowing Mr. Skarpelos to get into that position was reasonable.

The Court does note that Mr. Livadas testified that he really wasn't familiar with WAM's bookkeeping or records at the time he purchased WAM in 2013 or 2014.

When did he purchase WAM, gentlemen? Help me with that.

MR. ANDERSON: Your Honor, I believe his declaration testimony said December of 2014. And he gave perhaps slightly different testimony, but I think that's what his declaration says.

MR. NORK: I think the year is correct, 2014. There was some dispute about which month.

THE COURT: So the Court does -- I don't think the exact month is determinative of any of the issues that the Court is considering, but the Court does find that based on the circumstantial evidence that I heard that it's reasonable to conclude that Mr. Skarpelos did have a negative account balance when WAM was purchased by Mr. Livadas, and so the Court believes that that account existed in the state that it was.

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The Court also finds that Mr. Skarpelos did contact

Nevada Agency & Transfer Company, NATCO, and indicated that his Stock Certificates No. 660 and 753 were lost. The Court finds that Mr. Skarpelos's explanation for why he stated that those documents -- or those stock certificates were lost was unpersuasive.

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It is clear in the exhibits, which are 13, 14 and 15, specifically with Exhibit No. 14, that being lost is one of the possible explanations for filing an Affidavit of Lost Stock Certificate. It indicates in Exhibit No. 14, quote, "That the present status of the certificate is as follows," parenthetically, "please describe, i.e., lost, misplaced or stolen." So lost, misplaced or stolen are mere suggestions of why something is lost or it's not available.

Mr. Skarpelos testified that he knew exactly where the stock certificate was. There was never a question about the stock certificate itself or its location, because Mr. Skarpelos knew that he had deposited it with WAM to open his account.

So the statement to NATCO that the stock certificate was lost is simply not true. The Court would also note that that was signed under a notary from Greece. So he's swearing to the authenticity of that allegation. And he testified that he knew it just

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wasn't true.

Additionally, Mr. Skarpelos testified that the reason he identified "lost" was because it was one of the three things that he saw there and his attorney told him to do it or words to that effect. And the Court just doesn't find that to be persuasive at all. I have no idea why Mr. Skarpelos took the actions that he did with NATCO, but he took them. So now we've got the lost stock certificate.

The Court also finds that there was a sale of 3,316,666 shares of Anavex stock in April of 2013, specifically on April 2nd of 2013. The Court finds that by a preponderance of the evidence that sale took place. Additionally, the Court finds that the documents that I referenced earlier --

I keep doing this. I keep getting lost in my exhibit binder. The actual sale document was what, counsel?

MR. ANDERSON: Your Honor, I believe Exhibit 30 was the Purchase and Sale Agreement.

THE COURT: There it is.

The Court finds that Exhibit 30, which purports to be a July 5th, 2013, sale of the stock to Weiser Capital, is simply not what it purports to be. The

Court finds that that document has little to no meaning whatsoever in the case other than evidencing that Mr. Livadas is willing to just change a document from one thing to something else. So the Court doesn't put any significant weight in Exhibit 30 beyond what I'll comment on in a minute, but the Court would note that Exhibit 30 does not demonstrate a sale of any type to anyone in this case.

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Further, the Court does find that the money was provided to Mr. Pedafronimos as identified in the trial, that he withdrew the money in May, July, August and September in the amounts stated as well as the \$20,000 in medical expenses as were identified in Exhibit No. 44. The Court does find that that actually took place and that that money was provided to Mr. Pedafronimos presumptively to be given to Mr. Skarpelos.

The Court finds that Mr. Skarpelos based on the evidence that I have before me has really no bank accounts of any type, and so I find that circumstantially it's reasonable to conclude that Mr. Pedafronimos was contacting Mr. Livadas and asking Mr. Livadas to forward money to Mr. Pedafronimos. And that money would then logically be given to

Mr. Skarpelos for some reason. Again, it's based on circumstantial evidence, but circumstantial evidence is just as compelling as direct evidence. And based on what was demonstrated during the course of the trial through all of the exhibits and the cross-examination of Mr. Nork, the Court simply finds that it's reasonable to conclude that that money was being sent from WAM to Mr. Pedafronimos for Mr. Skarpelos's benefit.

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Now, with that in mind, the Court has to turn to the allegations in the competing crossclaims. And the Court first turns to the crossclaim for the Weiser entities, both WAM and Weiser Capital.

As we know, WAM and Weiser Capital are asserting both a request for equitable relief and a request for a breach of contract and a breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

The Court must determine whether or not there was in fact a contract. Mr. Nork on behalf of the Weiser entities has to demonstrate to the Court that a contract existed between Weiser Capital or Weiser Asset Management and Mr. Skarpelos.

The Court finds that there is no evidence that I can use to conclude that there was in fact a contract

for the sale of the shares of stock to either Weiser Asset Management or to Weiser Capital. It's just unclear based on the testimony that that agreement between either one of those entities and Mr. Skarpelos ever took place.

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With all respect to Mr. Nork, the testimony at the trial was inconsistent with the testimony identified -or, excuse me -- the anticipated testimony identified in the trial statement, it was different than the testimony that was demonstrated in relevant parts from Mr. Livadas's depositions and, telling, it was different than the anticipated evidence that would be offered as purported -- or as propounded in the two causes of action in the crossclaim.

It was identified all along that somehow this contract, the Stock Sale and Purchase Agreement that is Exhibit No. 30, was an agreement between someone, either Weiser Capital or WAM, and Mr. Skarpelos. But the Court finds that it has not been demonstrated that the parties had a contract at all based on what I see.

The Court finds that Mr. Livadas has testified that WAM wasn't even the owner of the stock. I was going through my notes, and during Mr. Livadas's testimony I actually made a note that Mr. Livadas testified that

Weiser Capital and WAM don't own the stock, because the stock really was just to be transferred through them. And so the Court finds that there was no contract between either Weiser Asset Management or Weiser Capital and Mr. Skarpelos to do anything.

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The Court notes that Mr. Livadas testified that there was a large amount of documentary evidence that may exist and may be in either Weiser Asset Management or Weiser Holdings' possession at this point, but the Court can't base its determination on any of those things. I can only base my decision on what I see here in court. And what I see in court shows me that there was no contract specifically for the sale.

I want to make an important distinction. I'm not saying that there wasn't an account that Mr. Skarpelos had. I've already made that finding. I think he did have an account.

The Court is called upon to decide whether or not there was a contract to sell 3,336,000 shares to anyone, either -- well, not anyone -- to either Weiser Capital or Weiser Asset Management. The Court finds that it simply has not been demonstrated to the Court that those -- or that that agreement was reached by the parties.

Therefore, as we've previously discussed, if the Court finds that there is no contract between either Weiser Asset Management -- or WAM, I should say, and Weiser Capital, there's no contract. There can also be no breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing. And, additionally, if there is no contract, there can be no request for declaratory relief.

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The Weiser entities are not entitled to declaratory relief, because they have no interest in the shares of stock themselves. At best what happened in this case was that arguably Weiser Asset Management, WAM, was just transferring the stock to somebody else. They were never purchasing the stock. That was never the agreement between Mr. Skarpelos and WAM.

The Court also finds that Weiser Capital had absolutely nothing to do with the sale. At best the argument -- or what the Court would look at it is whether or not there was an agreement between WAM and Mr. Skarpelos. And based on the confusion in the bookkeeping, the questionable way that the case has been demonstrated to the Court and the testimony of Mr. Livadas, I just can't come to the conclusion that there was a contract between either Weiser Capital or

WAM and Mr. Skarpelos. Therefore, the Court rules against those entities in their claims for compensatory -- or, excuse me -- declaratory relief, their contract claim and their claim for the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

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The Court will make the following conclusions of law that inform my decision. And these deal with both contract issues and equity issues.

Counsel, I apologize if I kind of mangle them all up, but I trust, Mr. Anderson, you'll be able to clarify them and make them in a cogent order when you prepare the Court's final order.

Okay. The Court finds that Certified Fire Protection, Incorporated, versus Precision Construction, Incorporated, 128 Nevada 371, 283 P.3d 250, a 2012 case, is particularly instructive in determining what a contract is in the state of Nevada and the terms that that contract must contain.

Both parties cite to Certified Fire Protection, Incorporated, in their pleading. At page 378 of the Nevada Reporter and page 255 of the Pacific Third Reporter, the Nevada Supreme Court says the following regarding an express contract: Quote, "Basic contract principles require, for an enforceable contract, an