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### DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

O.P.H. OF LAS VEGAS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, DAVE SANDIN, and SANDIN & CO.,

Defendants.

Case No.: A-12-672158-C

Dept. No.: XXVI

DAVE SANDIN AND SANDIN & CO.'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

Defendants Dave Sandin and Sandin & Co. (the "Sandin defendants") move the Court for summary judgment in their favor on O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc.'s ("Plaintiff" or "O.P.H.") claims. Plaintiff has asserted claims for fraud in the inducement (third cause of action), fraud (fourth cause of action), breach of fiduciary duty (fifth cause of action), violations of NRS 686A.310 (sixth cause of action), and negligence (seventh cause of action) against the Sandin defendants. In this action, Plaintiff improperly seeks to impose liability on the Sandin defendants for its own failure to pay its insurance premium, which resulted in the cancellation of its insurance policy and the denial of coverage for a loss that occurred after cancellation of the policy.

The Sandin defendants were hired to procure insurance for Plaintiff. They did so, and not without great difficulty due to Plaintiff's credit history and coverage requirements. In fact,

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it is undisputed that the policy they procured would have provided coverage for the loss Plaintiff complains of had Plaintiff paid its premiums in a timely manner. There are no genuine issues of material fact and the Sandin defendants are entitled to judgment as a matter of law in their favor on Plaintiff's claims.

This motion is based on the papers and pleadings filed herein, NRCP 56, the following points and authorities, the exhibits attached hereto, and any oral argument that may be heard by this Court.

DATED this 174 day of March, 2015.

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### NOTICE OF MOTION

TO: ROBERT L. LANGFORD & MARGARET A. McLETCHIE, attorneys for O.P.H. OF LAS VEGAS INC.; and

TO: ROBERT W. FREEMAN & PRISCILLA L. O'BRIANT, attorneys for OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned will bring DAVE SANDIN AND

SANDIN & CO.'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT before Department XXVI of the above entitled Court in courtroom 3H on the \_21 \_ day of \_APRIL \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2015, at the hour of \_9:30o'clock, \_A\_m.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

DATED this \_17<sup>1</sup> day of March, 2015.

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### MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

### 1. Introduction.

This suit arose as a result of an August 17, 2012 fire that destroyed Plaintiff's restaurant at 4833 West Charleston Boulevard in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Sandin defendants procured insurance for Plaintiff from Oregon Mutual Insurance Company ("Oregon Mutual" or "OMI") for coverage of its restaurant. Plaintiff was to pay all of its premiums directly to Oregon Mutual. Approximately seven months into the policy period, Plaintiff failed to pay the monthly premium due on July 26, 2012. On August 1, 2012, Oregon Mutual sent a notice of cancellation for non-payment to Plaintiff, warning Plaintiff that failure to cure the missed premium would result in cancellation of its policy, effective August 16, 2012. Plaintiff did not make its July premium, and the policy was cancelled accordingly. The fire occurred one day later. Not surprisingly, Oregon Mutual has denied Plaintiff's claim, and Plaintiff has been trying to shift the blame for its lack of coverage ever since.

Plaintiff has asserted claims for fraud in the inducement (third cause of action), fraud (fourth cause of action), breach of fiduciary duty (fifth cause of action), violations of NRS §686A.310 (sixth cause of action), and negligence (seventh cause of action) against the Sandin defendants. Plaintiff can prove no set of facts that would support the claims it has alleged against the Sandin defendants. Indeed, the Sandin defendants are entitled to judgment in their favor as a matter of law on all claims asserted. The Sandin defendants were not notified of Plaintiff's delinquent premium, as Plaintiff admits in its complaint, and were not responsible for ensuring that Plaintiff paid its monthly premiums. They cannot be held responsible for Oregon Mutual's cancellation of Plaintiff's policy and subsequent denial of Plaintiff's claim. This case is simple. Plaintiff did not pay its premium; Oregon Mutual cancelled the policy; Plaintiff's restaurant was destroyed by fire; and Oregon Mutual denied its claim. Although tragic, Plaintiff only has itself to blame. O.P.H.'s president testified as follows regarding the missed premium:

Had I done my work that I'm paying myself to do to make sure that all this stuff gets paid in a timely manner, . . . we wouldn't be sitting here, either. So that is the procedure. I didn't do my job in that moment. That's all I can say about

that. I mean, it's a mishap in the company. There is no, I'm not trying to blame anybody for that payment not being made on July 26th, you know?

Deposition of Stephan Freudenberger, attached hereto as Ex. A, at 120:17 – 121:1.

### 2. Statement of Undisputed Facts.

- 1. O.P.H. operated an Original Pancake House Restaurant at 4833 West Charleston Boulevard in Las Vegas, Nevada (the "Restaurant"). Stephan Freudenberger is the president of O.P.H. and Lynda Snyder is the corporate office manager of O.P.H. and reports to Mr. Freudenberger.
  - 2. Defendant Dave Sandin is an insurance agent or broker based in Oregon.<sup>3</sup>
- 3. In the early 2000s, Dave Sandin and his colleague began working with O.P.H. and other Original Pancake House franchisees. Dave Sandin's colleague was initially the lead agent for O.P.H. and Dave Sandin was his assistant. In or around 2005, David Sandin became the insurance agent for O.P.H. and he has been the insurance agent for O.P.H. through August 2012, except for over two years when O.P.H. was with a different agency.<sup>4</sup>
- 4. Though they are based in Oregon, the Sandin defendants were licenced to sell insurance in Nevada. Dave Sandin first became licensed to sell insurance in Nevada in 2005. Dave Sandin, Anthony Sandin (a non-party), and Sandin & Co. were all licensed in Nevada when Sandin & Co. took over O.P.H.'s account from Dave Sandin's former employer in 2010. Dave Sandin, Anthony Sandin and Sandin & Co. have worked on Plaintiff's account since 2010. Sandin & Co.'s and Anthony Sandin's respective Nevada licences expired on June 1, 2013. Dave Sandin's Nevada license expired on April 1, 2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Plaintiff's Complaint, ¶ 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Plaintiff's Response to Defendants' Oregon Mutual Interrogatories to Plaintiff (Set One), attached hereto as Ex. B, Response No. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Deposition of David Sandin, Vol. I, attached hereto as Ex. C, at 10:11-18, 19:25 – 20:9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Id., at 167:7 – 174:11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Defendant Dave Sandin's Answers to Plaintiff O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc.'s First Set of Interrogatories, attached hereto as Ex. D, Responses No 12; Deposition of David Sandin, Vol. I (Ex. C),

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5. In December 2011, the Sandin defendants had to urgently obtain a new policy to cover the Restaurant. Plaintiff's previous carrier, Fireman's Fund, charged high premiums and Plaintiff expressed to Dave Sandin its displeasure with Fireman's Fund on multiple levels, most notably the cost of its premiums and claims handling policies and procedures. Dave Sandin explained to Plaintiff that Fireman's Fund's premium increases were significant and affected the entire hospitality industry, and that he had successfully moved several clients to Allied Insurance due to Allied Insurance's competitive rates and better long-term fit for Plaintiff's coverage needs. Plaintiff decided to purchase a policy from Allied Insurance.<sup>6</sup>

- 6. Plaintiff had a claim the first week of its policy with Allied Insurance. As a result of this claim, Allied Insurance reviewed Plaintiff's credit history and ultimately cancelled Plaintiff's policy due to Plaintiff's poor credit. Allied Insurance's cancellation of this policy left Oregon Mutual as the next best alternative that was willing to accept Plaintiff at a premium Plaintiff was willing and able to pay and that was available to negotiate terms of the policy during the holiday season. As David Sandin testified, his "top six carriers would not write [O.P.H.'s] insurance because of their loss history and their bad credit." Therefore, in December 2011, the Sandin defendants recommended Oregon Mutual's insurance to Plaintiff based on Plaintiff's coverage needs.7
- 7. Oregon Mutual issued a Businessowner Protector Policy to Plaintiff that covered the Restaurant (the "Policy").8

at 218:13 - 219:7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Defendant Dave Sandin's Answers to Plaintiff O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc.'s First Set of Interrogatories (Ex. D), Responses No 11; Deposition of David Sandin, Vol. I (Ex. C), at 209:11 -212:15.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Id.; 30(b)(6) Deposition of David Sandin, attached hereto as Ex. E, at 38:18-22.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See Businessowner Protector Policy issued by Oregon Mutual Insurance Company, attached hereto as Ex. F (OPH0001POL - OPH0098POL) (authenticated by Deposition of Jerry Masonheimer, attached hereto as Ex. G, at 69:1-25).

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- 8. The Policy's term was from December 26, 2011 through December 26, 2012.9 Sandin & Co. is identified as the agent on the Policy. 10
- Plaintiff received monthly statements for the premiums directly from Oregon Mutual.11
- 10. Oregon Mutual mailed a billing statement directly to Plaintiff for the payment due on or before July 26, 2012, and Plaintiff received the billing statement in July, 2014. 12
  - Plaintiff failed to pay its monthly premium due on July 26, 2012.<sup>13</sup> 11.
- 12. Oregon Mutual sent a cancellation notice to Plaintiff on August 1, 2012, with an effective cancellation date of August 16, 2012.<sup>14</sup>
- On August 13, 2012, prior to the cancellation of the Policy, Plaintiff realized 13. that it did not make the monthly premium for July. Plaintiff, however, did not contact anyone at Oregon Mutual or the Sandin defendants regarding its failure to pay the July premium.<sup>15</sup> In fact, Plaintiff cut a check on August 13, 2012 to Oregon Mutual for the July premium but never mailed it before the Policy was cancelled.16

<sup>9</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> *Id.* (OPH0002POL).

<sup>11</sup> Defendant Dave Sandin's Answers to Plaintiff O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc.'s First Set of Interrogatories (Ex. D), Response No 7; Deposition of Linda Snyder, attached hereto as Ex. H, at 32:16-25; Deposition of Stephan Freudenberger (Ex. A), at 46:19-21.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> See Billing Statement dated July 9, 2012, attached hereto as Ex. I (OPH - 0290); Deposition of Linda Snyder (Ex. H), at 79:23 - 80:22 (authenticating Ex. I).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Deposition of Stephan Freudenberger (Ex. A), at 90:8-23.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> See Notice of Cancellation, attached hereto as Ex. J (OPH0022MSC – OPH0023MSC) (authenticated by Deposition of Deborah Mosher, attached hereto as Ex. K. at 62:25 – 64:4); Listing of Provision Cancel Notices, attached hereto as Ex. L (OPH - 0101 - OPH - 0102) (authenticated by Deposition of Deborah Mosher (Ex. K), at 22:5-45:2).

<sup>15</sup> Deposition of Linda Snyder (Ex. H), at 90:7 – 95:14.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Id.; Payment Record of Check to Oregon Mutual Insurance Group, attached hereto as Ex. M (SAN 000111) (authenticated by Deposition of Linda Snyder (Ex. H), at 90:7 – 95:14).

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14.	The Sandin	defendants	did not	receive a	notice	of cancella	tion 1
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- 15. On August 13, 2012, Plaintiff representative, Linda Snyder, contacted defendant Dave Sandin to report a break-in that occurred at the restaurant overnight between August 10, 2012 and August 11, 2012.<sup>18</sup>
- 16. On August 16, 2012, Ms. Snyder spoke with Dave Sandin to obtain a claim number for the break-in.<sup>19</sup>
- 17. The Sandin defendants did not know about Oregon Mutual's cancellation of Plaintiff's insurance policy for non-payment, and therefore did not inform Ms. Snyder that the Policy had been cancelled or that it was in danger of being cancelled during these conversations.<sup>20</sup>
- 18. There is no agreement between O.P.H. and the Sandin defendants that requires the Sandin defendants to provide notice to O.P.H. of a pending policy cancellation.<sup>21</sup>
  - 19. On August 17, 2012, a fire destroyed the Restaurant.<sup>22</sup>
- 20. On August 17, 2012, after a fire destroyed the Restaurant and after the Policy had already been cancelled, the Sandin defendants became aware that the Policy had been

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> See Defendant Dave Sandin's Answers to Plaintiff O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc's First Set Requests for Admission, attached hereto as Ex. N, Response No. 1.; Defendant Oregon Mutual Insurance Company's Response to David Sandin's First Set of Requests for Admissions, attached hereto as Ex. O, Response Nos. 1 & 2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> See Defendant Dave Sandin's Answers to Plaintiff O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc's First Set Requests for Admission (Ex. N), Response No. 14; Plaintiff's Response to Defendant Oregon Mutual Interrogatories to Plaintiff (Set One) (Ex. B), Response No. 2; Deposition of Linda Snyder (Ex. H), at 87:4-13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> See Defendant Dave Sandin's Answers to Plaintiff O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc's First Set Requests for Admission (Ex. N), Responses Nos. 15 & 16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> See Defendant Dave Sandin's Answers to Plaintiff O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc's First Set Requests for Admission (Ex. N), Response No. 11; Defendant Dave Sandin's Answers to Plaintiff O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc.'s First Set of Interrogatories (Ex. D), Responses Nos. 4 & 10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Deposition of Neal Bordenave, attached hereto as Ex. S, at 72:11-16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Deposition of Linda Snyder (Ex. H), at 129:8-22.

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- On August 17, 2012 after the Sandin defendants became aware that the Policy 21. had been cancelled, Dave Sandin contacted Plaintiff and notified Plaintiff that the Policy had been cancelled.24
- 22. As a result of the cancellation of Plaintiff's Policy for non-payment on August 16, 2012, Oregon Mutual has denied coverage for the loss caused by the fire.<sup>25</sup>
- The sole reason for cancellation of the Policy was due to Plaintiff's failure to 23. pay its July 26, 2012 premium on or before August 15, 2012.26
- 24. Had Plaintiff paid its July 26, 2012 premium by August 15, 2012, the Policy would have been in full force and effect on August 16, 2012 and August 17, 2012.<sup>27</sup>
- 25. Had the Policy not been cancelled, Oregon Mutual would have continued to adjust the claim for the fire and Oregon Mutual would have paid losses covered under the Policy subject to the terms, conditions, exclusions and limitations of the Policy.<sup>28</sup>

<sup>23</sup> Defendant Dave Sandin's Answers to Plaintiff O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc.'s First Set of Interrogatories (Ex. D), Responses Nos. 5 & 9; Deposition of David Sandin, Vol. I (Ex. C), at 254:12 -255:16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Defendant Dave Sandin's Answers to Plaintiff O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc.'s First Set of Interrogatories (Ex. D.), Responses Nos. 6 & 9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> See Letter dated August 20, 2012 from Oregon Mutual Insurance Company to OPH of Las Vegas, Inc., attached hereto as Ex. P (OPH - 0094 - OPH - 0095) (authenticated by Deposition of Linda Snyder (Ex. H), at 84:15 – 85:8 and Deposition of Jerry Masonheimer (Ex. G), at 56:17 – 57:25); Non-Payment Cancellation, attached hereto as Ex. Q (OPH - 0098 - OPH - 0099) (authenticated by Deposition of Linda Snyder (Ex. H), at 100:17 – 101:2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Defendant Oregon Mutual Insurance Company's Response to David Sandin's Second Set of Requests for Admissions, attached hereto as Ex. R, Response No. 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Id., Response No. 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> *Id.*, Response Nos. 9 & 10.

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Legal Argument. 3.

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### The Summary Judgment Standard.

Summary judgment allows courts to avoid unnecessary trials where no material factual disputes exist. See Northwest Motorcycle Ass'n v. U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, 18 F.3d 1468, 1471 (9th Cir. 1994). Summary judgment under NRCP 56 is appropriate when the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, admissions, and affidavits, if any, that are properly before the court demonstrate that no genuine issue of material fact exists, and the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. See Wood v. Safeway, Inc., 121 Nev. 724, 731, 121 P.3d 1026, 1031 (2005). A genuine issue of material fact is one that affects the outcome of the litigation and requires a trial to resolve differing versions of the truth. See S.E.C. v. Seaboard Corp., 677 F.2d 1297, 1300-01 (9th Cir. 1982). There is no material issue of fact if the evidence is such that a reasonable jury could not return a verdict for the non-moving party. Pegasus v, Reno Newspapers, Inc., 118 Nev. 706, 713, 57 P.3d 82, 87 (2002); see also Wood v. Safeway, 121 Nev. at 731, 121 P.3d at 1031 (abrogating the "slightest doubt" standard).

The Court must view all evidence, facts, and inferences in a light most favorable to the non-moving party. See Sahara Corp. v. Culinary Workers Union Local 226, 115 Nev. 212, 214, 984 P.2d 164, 165 (1999). Although the moving party bears the initial burden of demonstrating the absence of a disputed material fact, the non-moving party must respond by demonstrating the existence of a disputed material fact. Id.; Premiere Digital Access, Inc. v. Central Telephone Co., 360 F. Supp.2d 1161, 1164 (D. Nev. 2005) (requiring a non-moving party to demonstrate "significant probative evidence" to defeat a motion for summary judgment). In this regard, "in order to defeat summary judgment, the nonmoving party must transcend the pleadings, and, by affidavit or other admissible evidence, introduce specific facts that show a genuine issue of material fact." Cuzze v. University & Community College System of Nevada, 123 Nev. 598, 603, 172 P.3d 131, 134 (2007). If the non-moving party fails to satisfy this burden, a court must enter summary judgment and avoid a needless trial. See Sahara Gaming Corp., 115 Nev. at 214, 984 P.2d at 165.

Here, Plaintiff has manufactured five causes of action against the Sandin defendants, which in reality, all arose due to its own failure to pay its premium. Despite its attempts to pass the blame to the Sandin defendants, only Plaintiff was responsible for payment of its policy premium. As a result of Plaintiff's failure to pay its premium to Oregon Mutual, Oregon Mutual cancelled the Policy and denied Plaintiff's claim of loss occurring after the cancellation. Therefore, the Sandin defendants are entitled to summary judgment in their favor on Plaintiff's claims.

- B. The Sandin defendants did not owe a fiduciary duty to O.P.H. Therefore, the Sandin defendants are entitled to judgment as a matter of law on Plaintiff's breach of fiduciary duty claim.
- (1) Under Nevada law, an insurance agent does not owe a fiduciary duty to its client.

In Nevada, insurance agents do not have a fiduciary relationship with their clients. An "insurance agent is obliged to use reasonable diligence to place the insurance and seasonably to notify the client if he is unable to do so." *Keddie v. Beneficial Insurance, Inc.*, 94 Nev. 418, 420, 580 P.2d 955, 956 (1978). The Nevada Supreme Court has further stated that "[a]n insurance agent or broker does not owe the insured any additional duties other than procuring the requested insurance." *Flaherty v. Kelly*, 2013 WL 7155078 (Nev. Dec. 18, 2013) (unpublished). It has been further stated that "no Nevada court has imposed on insurance brokers a fiduciary duty toward insureds." *CBC Financial, Inc. v. Apex Insurance Managers*, *LLC*, 291 Fed.Appx. 30, \*4 (9th Cir. Aug. 14, 2008) (unpublished). The testimony of O.P.H.s expert, Neal Bordenave, supports this. Mr. Bordenave testified as follows:

- Q. Do you know what the articulated legal standard is in Nevada for the duty that an agenty/broker owes to the insured?
- A. The articulated duty, just using reasonable care and judgment in providing coverage.
- Q. In placing coverage?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> See also Havas v. Carter, 89 Nev 497, 499-500, 515 P.2d 397, 399 (1973) ("the general rule [is] that an insurance agent or broker who undertakes to procure insurance for another owes an obligation to his client to use reasonable diligence in attempting to place the insurance and to seasonably notify the client if he, the agent or broker, is unable to obtain the insurance").

A. Placing coverage, yes.

Deposition of Neal Bordenave, attached hereto as Ex. S, at 59:18-24.

The Sandin defendants satisfied their only duty as Plaintiff's insurance broker by procuring a policy for Plaintiff that included (among other things) fire loss coverage. O.P.H.'s expert testified that the Sandin defendant met their duty in placing the Policy with Oregon Mutual:

- Q. Do you agree that the Sandin defendants procured the proper type of insurance that was requested by the insured?
- A. Yes.
- Q. By placing that policy with OMI?
- A. Yes.

Ex. S, at 113:17-22; see also Ex. S, at 109:25 – 110:12; 136:6-11.

There is no evidence that the Oregon Mutual Policy would not have covered its loss if Plaintiff paid its July premium in a timely manner. In fact, Plaintiff's claim was denied solely because of non-payment, not for lack of fire coverage. Oregon Mutual has stated that the sole reason for cancellation of the Policy was due to Plaintiff's failure to pay its July 26, 2012 premium on or before August 15, 2012. *See* Statement of Undisputed Fact, ¶ 23, *supra*. Had Plaintiff paid its July 26, 2012 premium by August 15, 2012, the Policy would have been in full force and effect on August 16, 2012 and August 17, 2012. *Id.*, ¶ 24. Had the Policy not been cancelled, Oregon Mutual would have continued to adjust the claim for the fire and Oregon Mutual would have paid losses covered under the Policy subject to the terms, conditions, exclusions and limitations of the Policy. *Id.*, ¶ 25.30

Because the Sandin defendants recommended an insurer and secured a policy for Plaintiff that met all of its coverage needs, the Sandin defendants satisfied their legal duty to Plaintiff as Plaintiff's broker. Therefore, the Sandin defendants are entitled to summary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> See Deposition of O.P.H.'s expert, Neal Bordenave (Ex. S), at 116:15-21 ("Q. And then the paragraph – two paragraphs down after the one that we just looked at, in the middle there it reads 'The OMI policy was procured and would have covered the fire if the insurance premium payments had been current.' Do you agree with that statement? A. Yes.").

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judgment on Plaintiff's breach of fiduciary duty claim.

The case of GlobalNet Financial. Com, Inc. v. Frank Crystal & Co., 449 F.3d 377 (2d Cir. 2006) is instructive. In GlobalNet, an insured filed claims against the insurance broker for professional negligence, breach of fiduciary duty, and breach of contract based on the broker's alleged failure to notify the insured of the notice of intent to cancel and the cancellation notice for nonpayment of premium. The district court granted the broker's motion for summary judgment on all the claims. On appeal, the Second Circuit affirmed the order by the district court. In stating that the district court properly granted summary judgment to the broker, the appellate court reasoned:

GlobalNet is unable to prevail on its claims because Crystal was not the cause of the cancellation of coverage. The Financing Agreement between AICCO and GlobalNet, which Crystal was not a party to, set forth AICCO's right to cancel GlobalNet's coverage for non-payment of premiums in explicit terms. Thus, GlobalNet was fully aware of the monthly payment schedule, its obligations to make the monthly premium payments, and the consequences of its failure to pay the premiums each month in accordance with the Financing Agreement. The Notice of Intent to Cancel and the Cancellation Notice were both sent to GlobalNet at the address that GlobalNet had requested its mail to be sent to, to wit, the Mizner address. That the mail was not forwarded to GlobalNet at its London office was not Crystal's failure. Indeed, the District Court found that GlobalNet's own concession bolsters the proposition that it was negligent in missing the premium payment: "Global[N]et acknowledges that because of the confusion surrounding the completion of the tender offer, Global[N]et 'inadvertently ... missed premium payment' on its D & O coverage." It was GlobalNet's negligence that caused the cancellation of the insurance coverage.

GlobalNet, 449 F.3d at 388 (emphasis added).

### (2)The Sandin defendants did not have an affirmative duty to remind plaintiff to pay its monthly premium.

The Sandin defendants had no duty to Plaintiff above and beyond procuring the underlying insurance policy. The Sandin defendants certainly had no affirmative duty to ensure that Plaintiff paid its monthly premium in accordance with its contractual obligations with Oregon Mutual. It is not the duty of the broker to ensure that the insurer (Oregon Mutual) and the insured (Plaintiff) are complying with the terms of their contract, to which the broker is not even a party.

Nothing in the history of the relationship between O.P.H. and Dave Sandin altered the

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duty owed by the Sandin defendants to O.P.H (i.e., imposed on Dave Sandin an affirmative duty to ensure that Plaintiff paid its monthly premium in accordance with its contractual obligations with Oregon Mutual). In her deposition, Linda Snyder testified that Dave Sandin had previously notified O.P.H. on three different occasions (in 2006, 2008, and then again in 2009) that O.P.H. was late paying a premium and, accordingly, O.P.H. paid the premium prior to the policy being cancelled.<sup>31</sup> O.P.H.'s response to an interrogatory further states that "Dave Sandin informed Plaintiff on or about March 23, 2006 that Plaintiff's February 2006 payment was late and/or outstanding, and on or around May 13, 2008 that Plaintiff's May 2008 payment was late and/or outstanding. In addition, Dave Sandin set up Plaintiff's account with Fireman's Fund Insurance (a previous insurance policy) for auto-pay beginning in May 2009 until December 2011."32 These statements by Ms. Snyder and O.P.H. are false. Between February 2006 and October 2008, it is undisputed that Dave Sandin was employed by Heffernan Insurance Brokers and was subject to a non-compete agreement. During this time, Dave Sandin was not the broker for O.P.H. Therefore, he could not have notified O.P.H. of late or missed payments or anything related to O.P.H.'s insurance policy. Dave Sandin did not broker any policies for O.P.H. during this time period either.<sup>33</sup> Furthermore, after O.P.H. missed a payment to Fireman's Fund, Fireman's Fund required that O.P.H. be set up for automatic payments.34

Even if this purported duty did exist, it would only arise upon the Sandin defendants' receipt of notice from Oregon Mutual that the Policy was in danger of cancellation for nonpayment. As noted above, the Sandin defendants were never notified of the foregoing, as

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Deposition of Linda Snyder (Ex. H), at 85:10-86:3; 118:11-119:21; 152:11-153:17; 164:24-165:22.

<sup>32</sup> Plaintiff O.P.H of Las Vegas, Inc.'s Answers to Defendant Dave Sandin's First Set of Interrogatories, Response No. 1, attached hereto as Ex. T.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Deposition of Daye Sandin, Vol. II, attached hereto as Ex. U at 292:25 – 293:16; 314:1-17.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Deposition of David Sandin, Vol. I (Ex. C), at 183:4 – 193:18.

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Plaintiff admits in its complaint: "Defendant OREGON MUTUAL did not send a cancellation notice to Defendant DAVE SANDIN" and "Defendant DAVE SANDIN did not receive a cancellation notice." See Complaint, ¶ 27 and 28. Absent this notice, any purported duty to inform Plaintiff of its failure to pay never arose. To this point, Mr. Freudenberger testified as follows:

O. If Dave Sandin did not actually receive notice of the late payment and pending cancellation, did you still expect him to notify you?

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THE WITNESS: It's a foolish question. How could be inform me about something he doesn't know about?

- Q. Do you not have that expectation if Mr. Sandin doesn't have the information about the late payment? Does that expectation go out the window?
- A. How can he inform me about something he doesn't know about? How can you ask that question? If I find out that a man doesn't know something, then how can I expect him to tell me about it? You cannot seriously ask me that?
- Q. Yes, I am asking you that.
- A. I don't, it's a foolish question. He cannot inform me about something he doesn't know about.
- Q. That –
- A. So how could I have the expectation he's going to tell me about something that he doesn't know about?

Ex. A, at 90:25 – 92:6. Linda Snyder further testified that "no notice was given, not only to us, but to Dave Sandin as well." Ex. H, at 174:11-12. O.P.H.'s expert further testified that the Sandin defendants did not have actual notice of the provisional policy cancellation and if an agent does not have notice of a pending cancellation, the agent cannot inform the insured of the pending cancellation. Ex. S, at 60:11-17; 76:18-23.

Plaintiff's claim for breach of fiduciary duty is partly based on the allegation that the Sandin defendants had a duty "to ensure that PLAINTIFF was warned regarding notices of cancellation." Complaint, ¶ 69 & 70. However, Plaintiff's claim, to use Mr. Freudenberger's own words, is "foolish" because Plaintiff presumes the Sandin defendants were notified of

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Plaintiff's delinquency but in the same pleading Plaintiff admits that the Sandin defendants had no notice. Complaint, ¶¶ 27 &28. The Sandin defendants lack of notice of the pending cancellation absolves them of any liability for any breach of the manufactured "affirmative duty to inform" Plaintiff of impending cancellation for non-payment,

In short, the Sandin defendants had no affirmative duty to ensure that Plaintiff continually paid its monthly premium to preserve its status as an insured under its Policy with Oregon Mutual. Even if an insurance broker had an affirmative duty to advise an insured of pending cancellation for non-payment, such duty would arise only on the broker's receipt of notice by the insurer. This precondition never occurred. Therefore, no such duty existed. Accordingly, the Sandin defendants are entitled to judgment as a matter of law on Plaintiff's breach of fiduciary duty claim.

### C. The Sandin defendants are entitled to judgment as a matter of law on Plaintiff's claim for violation of NRS 686A.310.

Plaintiff has asserted a claim against the Sandin defendants for violation of NRS 686A.310, contending that "Defendant Dave Sandin engaged in unfair insurance practices, for example, when he misrepresented to Plaintiff facts relating to coverage at issue, including whether Defendant Oregon Mutual would provide the notice required." Complaint, ¶75. NRS 686A.310(1) provides:

- 1. Engaging in any of the following activities is considered to be an unfair practice:
  - (a) Misrepresenting to insureds or claimants pertinent facts or insurance policy provisions relating to any coverage at issue.
  - (b) Failing to acknowledge and act reasonably promptly upon communications with respect to claims arising under insurance policies. (c) Failing to adopt and implement reasonable standards for the prompt
  - investigation and processing of claims arising under insurance policies. (d) Failing to affirm or deny coverage of claims within a reasonable time after proof of loss requirements have been completed and submitted by
  - the insured. (e) Failing to effectuate prompt, fair and equitable settlements of claims in which liability of the insurer has become reasonably clear.
  - (f) Compelling insureds to institute litigation to recover amounts due under an insurance policy by offering substantially less than the amounts ultimately recovered in actions brought by such insureds, when the insureds have made claims for amounts reasonably similar to the amounts ultimately recovered.

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(g) Attempting to settle a claim by an insured for less than the amount to which a reasonable person would have believed he or she was entitled by reference to written or printed advertising material accompanying or made part of an application.

(h) Attempting to settle claims on the basis of an application which was altered without notice to, or knowledge or consent of, the insured, or the representative, agent or broker of the insured.

(I) Failing, upon payment of a claim, to inform insureds or beneficiaries of the coverage under which payment is made.

(i) Making known to insureds or claimants a practice of the insurer of appealing from arbitration awards in favor of insureds or claimants for the purpose of compelling them to accept settlements or compromises less than the amount awarded in arbitration.

(k) Delaying the investigation or payment of claims by requiring an insured or a claimant, or the physician of either, to submit a preliminary claim report, and then requiring the subsequent submission of formal proof of loss forms, both of which submissions contain substantially the same information.

(I) Failing to settle claims promptly, where liability has become reasonably clear, under one portion of the insurance policy coverage in order to influence settlements under other portions of the insurance policy coverage.

(m) Failing to comply with the provisions of NRS 687B.310 to 687B.390, inclusive, or 687B.410.

(n) Failing to provide promptly to an insured a reasonable explanation of the basis in the insurance policy, with respect to the facts of the insured's claim and the applicable law, for the denial of the claim or for an offer to settle or compromise the claim.

(o) Advising an insured or claimant not to seek legal counsel.

(p) Misleading an insured or claimant concerning any applicable statute of limitations.

Importantly, NRS 686A.310(2) provides that "an insurer is liable to its insured for any damages sustained by the insured as a result of the commission of any act set forth in subsection I as an unfair practice." (Emphasis added).

In filing a claim for violation of NRS 686A.310 against the Sandin defendants, Plaintiff ignores the clear language of subsection 2 that provides that "an insurer is liable to its insured." Pursuant to the plain terms of the subject statute, an insurance agent cannot be held liable to its clients for violation of NRS 686A.310. Indeed, the Nevada Supreme Court has held that only an insurer can be liable for unfair claims practices proscribed in NRS 686A.310. See Albert H. Wohlers & Co. v. Bartgis, 114 Nev. 1249, 969 P.2d 949 (1998).

In *Bartgis*, the plaintiff filed a claim for violations of the Nevada Unfair Claims Practices Act proscribed in NRS 686A.310 against the medical insurer and the policy

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administrator. Id. at 1257, 969 P.2d at 955. At trial, the jury found both the insurer and policy administrator liable for violations of NRS 686A.310. Id. On appeal, the policy administrator argued "that it is not an insurer within the meaning of the applicable statutory definition and, thus, it cannot be held liable for alleged unfair claims practices proscribed under NRS 686A.310 because the statute applies only to insurance companies." Id. at 1263, 969 P.2d at 959. The Nevada Supreme Court agreed with this argument and reversed the jury's determination that the policy administrator was liable for violating NRS 686A.310. Specifically, the Court "conclude[d] that NRS 686A.310 does not apply to [the administrator of the policy] because it is not an insurer or company within the meaning of the applicable statutory law." Id. at 1264, 969 P.2d at 960. The Court also reasoned that "there is no indication that the legislature intended NRS 686A.310 to apply to other entities beyond insurers." Id. at 1263, 969 P.2d at 959.

Like the policy administrator in *Bartgis*, the Sandin defendants are not insurers. Rather, they are insurance agents and cannot be liable for violation of NRS 686A.310 pursuant to the statute's plain terms and the Supreme Court's holding in Bartgis. Accordingly, the Sandin defendants are entitled to judgment as a matter of law on Plaintiff's claim for violation fo NRS 686A.310.

Whether or not Dave Sandin was licensed in Nevada is not the proximate cause of D. Oregon Mutual's cancellation of Plaintiff's Policy and subsequent refusal to cover Plaintiff's claim of loss; rather, it was solely and exclusively Plaintiff's failure to pay its premium that caused its loss as set forth in the complaint.

The Sandin defendants are entitled to judgement as a matter of law on Plaintiff's claims for fraud in the inducement, fraud, and negligence because there is no connection between defendant Daye Sandin's failure to be licensed as a non-resident procurer of insurance and Plaintiff's resulting damages. For every cause of action Plaintiff pleaded, there must be a nexus between the alleged bad act (Dave Sandin's lack of an appropriate non-resident license) and the damages alleged. See Nelson v. Heer, 123 Nev. 217, 225-26, 163 P.3d 420, 426 (2007) ("Proximate cause limits liability to foreseeable consequences that are reasonably connected to both the defendant's misrepresentation or omission and the harm that the misrepresentation or

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omission created."); see also Foster v. Dingwall, 126 Nev. Adv. Op. 6, 227 P.3d 1042, 1052 (2010) ("[B]oth intentional and negligent misrepresentation require a showing that the claimed damages were caused by the alleged misrepresentations,"); Yamaha Motor Co., USA v. Arnoult, 114 Nev. 233, 238, 955 P.2d 661, 664 (1998) ("This court has long recognized that to establish proximate causation 'it must appear that the injury was the natural and probable consequence of the negligence or wrongful act, and that it ought to have been foreseen in the light of the attending circumstances.") (internal citations omitted). Here, this nexus is lacking as Dave Sandin's licensee status did not cause or contribute to Plaintiff's alleged damages, nor did any alleged misrepresentations concerning his licensing status result in Plaintiff's failure to pay its policy premium, Oregon Mutual's subsequent cancellation of Plaintiff's policy, and Oregon Mutual's denial of Plaintiff's claim of loss based on the cancellation. See Equity Diamond Brokers, Inc. v. Transnational Insurance Co., 785 N.E.2d 816, 822 (Ohio Ct. App. 2003) ("[A]ny alleged negligence by appellees in failing to obtain the proper licenses was not the proximate cause of EDB's loss and the trial court did not err in granting summary judgment in favor of appellees.").

Plaintiff's damages would have occurred regardless of whether Dave Sandin had an appropriate insurance broker license. Oregon Mutual's denial of Plaintiff's claim was based solely on Plaintiff's failure to pay its premium, O.P.H.'s expert testified that "OMI cancelled for nonpayment." Ex. S, at 117:3-7. There is no connection between Dave Sandin's lapsed Nevada license and Plaintiff's own failure to pay its policy premium.<sup>35</sup> There can also be no logical or reasonable connection between Dave Sandin's licensing status and Oregon Mutual's failure to abide by the clear contract terms requiring it to properly notify both the Sandin defendants and Plaintiff of Plaintiff's late payment of its premium.

E. Plaintiff's claim for negligence fails as a matter of law because an insured is not granted a private right of action against an agent for failure to be licensed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> See Deposition of O.P.H.'s expert, Neal Bordenave (Ex. S), at 93:3-7 ("Q. Is it your professional opinion that Mr. Sandin's failure to renew his non-resident's agent license in Nevada caused O.P.H. to be damaged. A. No.").

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As stated above, Plaintiff has asserted a claim against the Sandin defendants for negligence, asserting that "DAVE SANDIN conducted business in Nevada as an insurance agent without being licensed as such, in violation of Nev. Rev. Stat. § 683A.201." Complaint, ¶ 84. Plaintiff also asserts that Dave Sandin's failure to comply with the license statute constitutes negligence per se. Id., ¶ 88. Although it is true that Dave Sandin's Nevada license expired at the time the Oregon Mutual policy was issued, Anthony Sandin and Sandin & Co's Nevada licenses were still valid. Indeed, the Policy identifies Sandin & Co. as the agent for the O.P.H., not Dave Sandin. See Ex. F (OPH0002POL). Additionally, NRS 683A.201 does not provide for a private right of action. NRS 683A.201(1) & (3) states,

- 1. A person shall not sell, solicit or negotiate insurance in this state for any class of insurance unless the person is licensed for that class of insurance.
- 3. A person required to be licensed in this state who transacts insurance without a license is subject to an administrative fine of not more that \$1,000 for each

Therefore, Plaintiff's negligence claim must be dismissed as a matter of law because NRS 683A.201 does not provide for a private right of action.<sup>36</sup> Rather, it provides for an administrative fine. Cf. Hinegardner v. Marcor Resorts, L.P.V., 108 Nev. 1091, 1095-96, 844 P.2d 800, 803 (1992) ("[W]e note that in the absence of evidence of legislative intent to impose civil liability, a violation of a penal statute is not negligence per se.").

Further, in order to prevail on a cause of action for negligence per se, the injury must be of the type against which the statute was intended to protect. See Anderson v. Baltrusaitis, 113 Nev. 963, 944 P.2d 797 (1997); Sagebrush Ltd. v. Carson City, 99 Nev. 204, 660 P.2d 1013 (1983) ("[V]iolation of a statute may constitute negligence per se only if the injured party belongs to the class of persons that the statute was intended to protect, and the injury is of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> See Deposition of O.P.H.'s expert, Neal Bordenave (Ex. S), at 93:8-12; 108:15-23 ("Q. Do you know whether or not there's a private right of action? Do you know what I mean when I say that, 'private right of action' in Nevada against agent/brokers for failing to maintain their state - nonresident state license? A. I think it's an administrative action.").

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type that the statute was intended to prevent."). "Whether a legislative enactment provides a standard of conduct in the particular situation presented by the plaintiff is a question of statutory interpretation and construction for the court." Sagebrush, 99 Nev. at 208, 660 P.2d at 1015. Oregon Mutual's cancellation of Plaintiff's insurance policy due to Plaintiff's failure to pay the premium is not the type of injury that NRS 683A.201 is intended to prevent. See Equity Diamond Brokers, Inc. v. Transnational Insurance Co., 785 N.E.2d 816, 822 (Ohio Ct. App. 2003) ("Further, even if we were to hold that appellees' alleged violations of Ohio's insurance licensing statutes were negligence per se, EDB was still not entitled to judgment as a matter of law. Proof of negligence per se is not proof of liability per se. EDB was still required to demonstrate that the appellees' negligence was the proximate cause of its damages.").

Ultimately, the Sandin defendants – licensed or otherwise – procured a policy that, but for Plaintiff's failure to pay, would have been in effect at the time of the fire. Therefore, the Sandin defendants are entitled to judgment as a matter of law on Plaintiff's negligence claim.<sup>37</sup>

### The Sandin defendants did not misrepresent Dave Sandin's license status to F. O.P.H.

Plaintiff's claims for fraud and fraud in the inducement against the Sandin defendants fail as a matter of law because there is no evidence that the Sandin defendants misrepresented anything to Plaintiff. Although Dave Sandin's Nevada licensed had expired at the time Oregon Mutual issued the Policy to Plaintiff, Sandin & Co. and Anthony Sandin were licensed in Nevada at all relevant times. Thus, Sandin & Co. was authorized to broker insurance for its Nevada clients, including O.P.H., in December 2011. As stated above, the Policy identifies Sandin & Co. as the agent for the O.P.H., not Dave Sandin. See Ex. F (OPH0002POL). In short, there was no misrepresentation.

Plaintiff also asserts that "SANDIN INSURANCE, by and through its agent Defendant DAVE SANDIN, misrepresented that Defendant OREGON MUTUAL was a reliable and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> See Ashwood v. Clark Cnty., 113 Nev. 80, 87, 930 P.2d 740, 744 (1997) (holding that the district court properly granted summary judgment to the defendants on the negligence claim because the plaintiff was not a member of the class of persons the provision of the building code was meant to protect).

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appropriate insurance company for PLAINTIFF'S needs . . . ." Complaint, ¶ 63. Plaintiff, however, is incorrect. In December 2011, the Sandin defendants had to scramble to find an insurance carrier for Plaintiff after its prior carrier cancelled the policy due to Plaintiff's poor credit and loss history. See Statement of Undisputed facts, ¶¶ 5 & 6, supra. As David Sandin testified, his "top six carriers would not write [O.P.H.'s] insurance because of their loss history and their bad credit." Therefore, in December 2011, the Sandin defendants recommended Oregon Mutual's insurance to Plaintiff based on Plaintiff's coverage needs. Id; Ex. E, at 38:18-22.

Additionally, Oregon Mutual met Plaintiff's needs as an insurance carrier until Plaintiff failed to pay the July premium. The sole reason for cancellation of the Policy was due to Plaintiff's failure to pay its July 26, 2012 premium on or before August 15, 2012. Had Plaintiff paid its July 26, 2012 premium by August 15, 2012, the Policy would have been in full force and effect on August 16, 2012 and August 17, 2012 when the fire occurred. Had the Policy not been cancelled, Oregon Mutual would have continued to adjust the claim for the fire and Oregon Mutual would have paid losses covered under the Policy subject to the terms, conditions, exclusions and limitations of the Policy.

Because a necessary element of the fraud and fraudulent inducement<sup>38</sup> claims is missing, namely a misrepresentation, these claims fail as a matter of law and the Sandin defendants are entitled to judgment in their favor.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> See Franchise Tax Bd. of Cal. v. Hyatt, 130 Nev. Adv. Op. 71, 335 P.3d 125, 144 (2014), reh'g denied (Nov. 25, 2014) ("To prove a fraud claim, the plaintiff must show that the defendant made a false representation that the defendant knew or believed was false, that the defendant intended to persuade the plaintiff to act or not act based on the representation, and that the plaintiff had reason to rely on the representation and suffered damages."); J.A. Jones Const. Co. v. Lehrer McGovern Bovis, Inc., 120 Nev. 277, 290 91, 89 P.3d 1009, 1018 (2004) ("To establish fraud in the inducement, Jones must prove by clear and convincing evidence each of the following elements: (1) a false representation made by LMB, (2) LMB's knowledge or belief that the representation was false (or knowledge that it had an insufficient basis for making the representation), (3) LMB's intention to therewith induce Jones to consent to the contract's formation, (4) Jones's justifiable reliance upon the misrepresentation, and (5) damage to Jones resulting from such reliance.").

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### Conclusion.

For the foregoing reasons, defendants Dave Sandin and Sandin & Co. respectfully request that this Honorable Court enter an order granting summary judgment in their favor on Plaintiff's claims of fraud in the inducement (third cause of action), fraud (fourth cause of action), breach of fiduciary duty (fifth cause of action), violations of NRS 686A.310 (sixth cause of action), and negligence (seventh cause of action).

DATED this \_/7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

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4. Although factually distinguishable, *Keddie* is instructive because it stands for the proposition that had the insured done what it was supposed to do, the insurance policy would have covered its loss and, therefore, the broker obtained coverage that "met the insured's needs" and is not liable for the resulting loss.

In *Keddie*, Keddie sought to obtain insurance through the defendant broker for his boat, but failed to tell the broker that the boat would be used for commercial fishing purposes. *See Keddie v. Beneficial Ins., Inc.*, 94 Nev. 418, 419, 580 P.2d 955 (1978). No insurance was ever procured, and in the mean time, the boat was destroyed by fire during a commercial fishing expedition. The *Keddie* Court found that had insurance been procured pursuant to the application Keddie submitted, it would never have covered the loss anyway. *Id.* Therefore, the broker/agent would not be held liable. As noted by the *Keddie* Court, the agreement to procure the insurance must be for a policy of insurance that would have covered the loss incurred. *Id.*, internal citations omitted.

Here, the Sandin defendants obtained appropriate insurance for plaintiff which, had plaintiff paid its premium, would have covered the loss. Under *Keddie*, the insured is still responsible for its actions, which is what the Sandin defendants argue here. They could not have possibly foreseen that Oregon Mutual would not comply with Nevada law or its contract with plaintiff, and there was no indication that Oregon Mutual would fail to properly notify plaintiff or the Sandin defendants that the plaintiff's policy was in danger of being cancelled. The Sandin defendants obtained insurance for plaintiff that, had plaintiff paid its premium, would have covered the loss. Therefore, under *Keddie*, the Sandin defendants are not liable under a "failure to procure" theory.

### 5. <u>Dave Sandin's expired license is not the proximate cause of plaintiff's failure to pay its premium and Oregon Mutual's cancellation of the policy.</u>

As explained, *supra*, the Sandin defendants procured insurance that, but for plaintiff's failure to pay its premium, would have covered plaintiff's loss. Therefore, all of plaintiff's claims against the Sandin defendants based on its allegation that the Sandin defendants failed to procure coverage that met plaintiff's needs, must be dismissed. This includes plaintiff's claims based on Dave Sandin's licensing status. The Sandin defendants could not have known that Oregon Mutual would not comply with his contractual and legal duties to plaintiff during

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the course of their relationship and cannot be charged with knowledge of something that had not occurred at the time the policy was procured. In any case, plaintiff failed to show how Dave Sandin's licensing status is in any way connected to Oregon Mutual's improper notice practices. Had Dave Sandin's Nevada license not lapsed at the time the policy with Oregon Mutual was brokered for plaintiff, Oregon Mutual would have still failed to properly notify the Sandin defendants and plaintiff of the missed premium payment. Plaintiff fails to show how Dave Sandin's licensing status is in anyway connected to Oregon Mutual's improper notice practices.

All of plaintiff's claims based on Dave Sandin's licensing status must therefore similarly fail because the Sandin defendants had no legal duty to police Oregon Mutual's compliance with Nevada law once a policy that met plaintiff's coverage needs was properly procured. The status of Dave Sandin's licensure does not change this fact, either. Therefore, all of plaintiff's claims against the Sandin defendants based on Dave Sandin's licensing status must be dismissed because the Sandin defendants procured insurance that met plaintiff's needs and thus had no continued duty to police plaintiff and Oregon Mutual's relationship, and even if they did, plaintiff has not properly pleaded the required nexus between Dave Sandin's lapsed Nevada license and Oregon Mutual's improper notice and plaintiff's resulting damages.

### Conclusion

Ultimately, every argument plaintiff makes in its opposition merely buttresses its claims that, allegedly, Oregon Mutual violated Nevada law and the terms of the insurance policy. Nothing in its opposition demonstrates how the Sandin defendants can be liable under any theory of this case. Once the Sandin defendants procured an insurance policy that provided the coverage plaintiff required, it had no duty to then ensure that Oregon Mutual and plaintiff complied with the terms of that policy. "[Plaintiff] was entitled to expect that Oregon Mutual would comply with its obligation to provide notice of cancellation to the Sandin defendants and that the Sandin defendants would in turn warn them so they avoided a lapse in insurance." Oregon Mutual never supplied the Sandin defendants with notice of the impending cancellation, which plaintiff explicitly alleged in its complaint and must therefore be accepted

as true for purposes of this motion. Absent this notice, and absent a legal duty to do so (which plaintiff has not and cannot demonstrate exists under Nevada law), the Sandin defendants cannot be held responsible for Oregon Mutual's failure to cover plaintiff's loss and must be dismissed from this suit.

DATED this 24 day of January, 2013.

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### A-12-672158-C

### DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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A-12-672158-C	O.P.H. of Las Vegas, I vs. Oregon Mutual Insura	nc., Plaintiff(s) nce Company, Defendant(	(s)	
February 13, 2013 9:00 AM Defendants David Sandin and Sandin & Company's Motion to Dismiss				
HEARD BY: Sto	ırman, Gloria	COURTROOM	I: RJC Courtroom 03H	
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RECORDER: Rosalyn Navara				
PRESENT: 1	Branson, Z. Kathryn Lee, Patricia McLetchie, Margaret A.	Attorney for San Attorney for San Attorney for Plai	din Defendants	

### JOURNAL ENTRIES

Attorney Kristin Meredith (Bar No. 11655) appearing for Attorney Vincent Cass, on behalf of Defendant, Oregon Mutual Insurance Company.

Arguments by counsel regarding duty of insurance broker, cancellation of policy, and licensing issue of insurance broker. Court FINDS, Nevada has a low pleading standard, Plaintiff should have an opportunity to conduct Discovery. COURT ORDERED, motion DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

Ms. McLetchie to prepare proposed Order.

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OPH's complaint on file herein. This Offer of Judgment should not be construed as either an

admission that any individual or entity is liable in this action, or that OPH has suffered any

specific damages. Accordingly, and pursuant to the foregoing rules and statutes, judgment against the offering defendants may not be entered unless specifically ordered by the District Court.

Pursuant to NRCP 68 and NRS 17.115, this offer will expire ten (10) days after the date of its service on OPH.

DATED this May of February, 2013.

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### DISTRICT COURT

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O.P.H. OF LAS VEGAS, INC., Plaintiff,	) Case No.: A-12-672158-C ) Dept. No.: XXVII
v.  OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, DAVE SANDIN, and SANDIN & CO.,  Defendants.	NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER DENYING THE SANDIN DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS

EBY GIVEN that an ORDER DENYING THE SANDIN N TO DISMISS was entered in the above-entitled matter on March ler is attached hereto.

ay of March, 2013.

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Defendants.

Case No.: A-12-672158-C

Dept. No.: XXVII

ORDER DENYING THE SANDIN DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS

Defendants Dave Sandin and Sandin & Co's (the "Sandin defendants") motion to dismiss came on for hearing before this Court on February 13, 2013. Patricia Lee and Z. Kathryn Branson of Hutchison & Steffen, LLC appeared on behalf of the Sandin defendants. Margaret A. McLetchie of Langford McLetchie, LLC appeared on behalf of plaintiff, O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc. The Court, having considered the respective papers and submissions of each party, having heard the arguments of counsel at the hearing, and good cause appearing:

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Plaintiff,	Dept. No.: XXVII
v.  OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, DAVE SANDIN, and SANDIN & CO.,  Defendants.	DAVE SANDIN AND SANDIN & CO.'S ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

Defendants Dave Sandin and Sandin & Co. (together the "Sandin defendants") hereby respond to plaintiff O.P.H. of Las Vegas Inc.'s ("OPH" or "plaintiff") complaint as follows:

## **JURISDICTION**

1. The Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 1 and therefore deny the same.

## **PARTIES**

- 2. The Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 2 and therefore deny the same.
- 3. The Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 3 and therefore deny the same.
  - 4. The Sandin defendants admit that defendant Sandin & Co. is also known as

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Sandin Insurance Group. The Sandin defendants deny the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 4.

- 5. The Sandin defendants admit the allegations contained in paragraph 5.
- 6. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 6 to the extent that this paragraph calls for a legal conclusion. As to the remainder of the allegations contained in paragraph 6, the Sandin defendants deny the same.
  - 7. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 7.
- 8. The Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 8 and therefore deny the same.
- 9. The Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 9 and therefore deny the same.
- 10. The Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 10 and therefore deny the same.

## **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 11. The Sandin defendants admit that Dave Sandin has worked with plaintiff on and off for the past ten years. The Sandin defendants deny the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 11.
- 12. The Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 12 and therefore deny the same.
  - 13. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 13.
- 14. The Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 14 and therefore deny the same.
- 15. The Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 15 and therefore deny the same.
- 16. The Sandin defendants admit that Oregon Mutual was one of many insurance companies that Dave Sandin recommended to plaintiff. The Sandin defendants deny the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 16.
  - 17. The Sandin defendants admit that in December of 2011 defendant Oregon

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Mutual issued a Businessowner Protector Policy to plaintiff, and that plaintiff and defendant Oregon Mutual thereby entered an insurance contract which protected OPH and the Original Pancake House restaurant located at 4170 South Fort Apache Road, Las Vegas, Nevada (the "Contract"). The Sandin defendants deny the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 17.

- 18. The Sandin defendants admit the allegations contained in paragraph 18.
- 19. The Sandin defendants admit the allegations contained in paragraph 19.
- 20. The Sandin defendants admit the allegations contained in paragraph 20.
- 21. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 21.
- 22. The Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 22 and therefore deny the same.
- The Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form 23. a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 23 and therefore deny the same.
- 24. The Sandin defendants admit that plaintiff failed to pay one month's premium due on July 26, 2012. The Sandin defendants deny the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 24.
  - 25. The Sandin defendants admit the allegations contained in paragraph 25.
  - 26. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 26.
  - 27. The Sandin defendants admit the allegations contained in paragraph 27.
  - 28. The Sandin defendants admit the allegations contained in paragraph 28.
  - 29. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 29.
- 30. The Sandin defendants admit that Linda Snyder reported an alleged break-in to defendant Dave Sandin of Sandin Insurance. The Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 30 and therefore deny the same.
  - 31. The Sandin defendants admit the allegations set forth in paragraph 31.
  - 32. The Sandin defendants deny the allegation contained in paragraph 32.
  - 33. The Sandin defendants admit the allegations contained in paragraph 33.
  - 34. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 34.

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- 36. The Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 36 and therefore deny the same.
  - The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 37. 37.
- 38. The Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 38 and therefore deny the same.
  - 39. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 39.
- 40. The Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 40 and therefore deny the same.
  - 41. The Sandin defendants admit the allegations contained in paragraph 41.
  - 42. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 42.

## FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION **Breach of Contract** (Against defendant Oregon Mutual)

- 43. The Sandin defendants repeat and reallege their answers to the preceding paragraphs of the complaint as though fully set forth herein and incorporate the same by reference.
- 44. This paragraph calls for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 44 and therefore deny the same.
- 45. The Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 45 and therefore deny the same.

## SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION Breach of the Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing / Bad Faith (Against Oregon Mutual)

- 46. The Sandin defendants repeat and reallege their answers to the preceding paragraphs of the complaint as though fully set forth herein and incorporate the same by reference.
  - This paragraph calls for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To 47.

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the extent a response is required, the Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 47 and therefore deny the same.

- 48. The Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 48 and therefore deny the same.
- 49. This paragraph calls for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 49 and therefore deny the same.
- 50. The Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 50 and therefore deny the same.

## THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION Fraud in the Inducement (Against all defendants)

- 51. The Sandin defendants repeat and reallege their answers to the preceding paragraphs of the complaint as though fully set forth herein and incorporate the same by reference.
  - 52. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 52.
  - 53. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 53.
  - 54. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 54.
- 55. The Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 55 and therefore deny the same.
- 56. The Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 56 and therefore deny the same.
- 57. The Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 57 and therefore deny the same.
  - The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 58. 58.
- 59. The Sandin defendants admit that plaintiff purchased an Oregon Mutual policy from the Sandin defendants for its business insurance needs. The Sandin defendants deny the

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remaining allegations contained in paragraph 59.

60. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 60.

## FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION Fraud (Against the Sandin defendants)

- 61. The Sandin defendants repeat and reallege their answers to the preceding paragraphs of the complaint as though fully set forth herein and incorporate the same by reference.
  - 62. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 62.
  - 63. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 63.
  - 64. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 64.
  - 65. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 65.
  - 66. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 66.
  - 67. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 67.

## <u>FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION</u> **Breach of Fiduciary Duty** (Against Sandin defendants)

- 68. The Sandin defendants repeat and reallege their answers to the preceding paragraphs of the complaint as though fully set forth herein and incorporate the same by reference.
  - 69. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 69.
  - 70. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 70.
  - 71. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 71.

## SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION Violations of Nev. Rev. Stat. § 686A.310 (Against all defendants)

- 72. The Sandin defendants repeat and reallege their answers to the preceding paragraphs of the complaint as though fully set forth herein and incorporate the same by reference.
- 73. This paragraph calls for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in

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- 74. This paragraph calls for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 74 and therefore deny the same.
  - 75. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 75.
  - 76. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 76.
- 77. This paragraph calls for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 77 and therefore deny the same.
  - 78. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 78.

## **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION** Negligence (Against all defendants)

- 79. The Sandin defendants repeat and reallege their answers to the preceding paragraphs of the complaint as though fully set forth herein and incorporate the same by reference.
- 80. This paragraph calls for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the Sandin defendants deny the allegations set forth in paragraph 80.
- 81. This paragraph calls for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 81.
- 82. This paragraph calls for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 82.
- This paragraph calls for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To 83. the extent a response is required, the Sandin defendants are without knowledge or information

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sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 83 and therefore deny the same.

- 84. This paragraph calls for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 84.
  - 85. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 85.
  - 86. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 86.
  - 87. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 87.
  - 88. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 88.
  - 89. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 89.
  - 90. The Sandin defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 89.

## **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

## FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's complaint fails to state a claim on which relief may be granted.

## SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's complaint, and each cause of action or claim for relief asserted therein, is barred by the doctrine of laches and/or unclean hands.

## THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Any damages suffered by plaintiff, if any, were caused by the acts and/or omissions of plaintiff itself.

## FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Any damages suffered by plaintiff, if any, were caused by the acts and/or omissions of third parties over whom defendant had no control.

## FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

By its own conduct, plaintiff is estopped from maintaining this action.

## SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff has waived its rights to bring this action.

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## SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff has suffered no damages and is therefore entitled to no relief.

## **EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Plaintiff has not pleaded any valid claim upon which an award of attorneys' fees or costs could be based.

## **NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claims against the Sandin defendants are not premised on any cognizable duty owed by the Sandin defendants under the law and therefore the Sandin defendants are not legally responsible for any of plaintiff's damages as alleged herein.

## TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

There is no nexus between plaintiff's alleged damages and the Sandin defendants' actions and/or omissions as alleged herein.

## **ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Pursuant to NRCP 11, as amended, all possible affirmative defenses may not have been alleged herein insofar as sufficient facts were not available after reasonable inquiry upon filing the Answer, and therefore, the Sandin defendants reserves the right to amend its Answer to allege additional affirmative defenses if subsequent investigation warrants.

## TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

NRS 683A.201 does not provide a private right of action to plaintiff.

## THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Sandin defendants hereby incorporate by reference those affirmative defenses enumerated in Rule 8 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure as if fully set forth herein. In the event further investigation or discovery reveals the applicability of any such defenses, the Sandin defendants reserve the right to seek leave of Court to amend this answer to specifically assert any such defense. Such defenses are herein incorporated by reference for the specific purpose of not waiving any such defense.

## FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Sandin defendants deny each and every allegation of plaintiff's complaint not

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specifically admitted or otherwise pleaded to herein. WHEREFORE, the Sandin defendants pray as follows:

- 1. That plaintiff take nothing by way of its complaint;
- 2. That plaintiff's complaint and all causes of action against the Sandin defendants be dismissed with prejudice;
- 3. For attorneys' fees, costs, and interest accrued; and
- 4. For such other and further relief that the Court deems just and proper.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2013.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of HUTCHISON & STEFFEN, LLC. and that on this 3rd day of April, 2013, I caused the above and foregoing document entitled DAVE SANDIN AND SANDIN & CO.'S ANSWER TO COMPLAINT to be served as follows:

- by placing same to be deposited for mailing in the United States Mail, in a sealed envelope upon which first class postage was prepaid in Las Vegas, Nevada; and/or
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## DISTRICT COURT

## CLARK COUNTY NEVADA

O.P.H. of Las Vegas Inc.,

Plaintiff

VS.

Oregon Mutual Insurance Company, Dave Sandin, and Sandin & Co.,

Defendants.

Case No.: A-12-672158

Dept. No.: XXVII

**MOTION FOR PARTIAL** SUMMARY JUDGMENT

COMES NOW, Plaintiff O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc. (hereinafter "OPH"), by and through its attorneys of record, Margaret A. McLetchie, Esq., and Daniel B. Heidtke, Esq., of LANGFORD MCLETCHIE LLC, and hereby moves this Court pursuant to Nev. R. Civ. P. 56 for Partial Summary Judgment against Defendant Oregon Mutual Insurance Company (hereinafter "OMI") with respect to the question of liability as to its First Cause of Action:

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Breach of Contract, Second Cause of Action: Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing, and Sixth Cause of Action: Violation of Nev. Rev. Stat. 686A.310, on the grounds that there is no genuine issue of material fact as to liability and that the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law.

This Motion is based upon the papers and pleadings on file herein, the Memorandum of Points and Authorities submitted in support hereof, any attached exhibits, and any oral argument which this Court may entertain.

DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.

/s/ Daniel B. Heidtke, Esq. DANIEL B. HEIDTKE, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 12975 MARGARET A. MCLETCHIE, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 10931

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## MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

## I. INTRODUCTION

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On August 17, 2012, a fire completely destroyed the Original Pancake House located at 4833 W. Charleston, Las Vegas, Nevada 89146, owned by Plaintiff O.P.H. of Las Vegas Inc. ("OPH"). On that same day, OPH submitted a claim to its insurance company, Oregon Mutual Insurance Company (OMI), who issued claim number 151999 for the loss associated with the fire. Later that day, OMI indicated to OPH's insurance broker, Dave Sandin, that the loss would not be covered by OMI. OMI's reason: OPH's policy had been canceled for failure to pay its July 2012 premium. According to a notice generated by OMI and dated July 31, 2012 (the "July 31 Notice"), OMI canceled OPH's insurance policy effective as of 12:01 a.m., August 16, 2012.

OPH maintains that it never received the July 31 Notice, nor any other notice or communication that would have alerted OPH of any pending cancelation prior to the fire. Another source of the dispute between OPH and OMI in this matter is whether the precancelation notice provided to the Sandin defendants was also legally "provided." <sup>1</sup>

However, these issues are irrelevant to this Motion. Regardless of whether the July 31 Notice was sent or received, the July 31 Notice did not comply with Nevada law. As a result, OMI did not effectively cancel the policy with OPH at 12:01 a.m. on August 16, 2012, and the insurance remained in effect when the fire occurred. Accordingly, OMI's liability with respect to OPH's insurance policy – as a result of its defective notice of cancelation – can be established as a matter of law.

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It is OPH's contention that merely posting a pre-cancelation notice to OMI's online portal (called "BizLink") was akin to posting the notice on a bulletin board at OMI, and not sufficient to comply with OMI's statutory and contractual requirement to provide notice to the Sandin defendants.

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## II. STATEMENT OF UNDISPUTED FACTS ("SUF")

#	Undisputed Fact	Source
1	OMI and OPH entered into a Business owner	Portion of Policy,
	Protector Policy (the "Policy").	attached hereto as Ex. 1,
		(OPH0001POL).
2	The Policy's coverage dates were December 26,	Id.
	2011 until December 26, 2012.	
3	The Policy provides:	Portion of Policy,
		attached hereto as Ex. 2,
	"A.2. We [OMI] may cancel this policy by	(OPH0070POL).
	mailing or delivering to the first Named Insured	
	written notice of cancellation at least: [] b. 10	
	days before the effective date of cancellation if	
	we cancel for nonpayment of premium."	
4	The Policy provides:	Portion of Policy,
		attached hereto as Ex. 3,
	"N. Notices (1) Notice of cancellation or	(OPH0074POL).
	nonrenewal will be mailed, first class or certified,	
	or delivered to the first Named Insured at the last	
	mailing address known to us and will state: (a)	
	The specific reason for cancellation or	
	nonrenewal, and (b) The effective date of	
	nonrenewal. (2) We will also provide a copy of	
	the notice of cancellation, for both policies in	
	effect less than 70 days and policies in effect 70	
	days or more, to the agent who wrote the policy."	
5	Plaintiff admits having mistakenly failed to	See Complaint at ¶ 24,
	timely pay the premium due on July 26, 2013.	and Answer at ¶ 16, on
		file herein.
6	A Notice of Cancellation was generated by OMI	Oregon Mutual Insurance
	on July 31, 2012. (hereinafter referred to as the	Group, Notice of
	"July 31 Notice")	Cancellation, dated July
	,	31, 2012 attached hereto
		as Ex. 4 (OPH0022MSC
		- OPH0023MSC).
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#	Undisputed Fact	Source
7	The July 31 Notice, in pertinent part, states as follows:  1. "We did not receive the required premium payment on your account by the date it was due. We appreciate your business and hope we can continue to serve your insurance needs. If we receive at least the minimum due on this account by 08/15/12, we will continue your coverage without interruption. If we do not receive the minimum due by 08/15/12, each policy listed below will be cancelled effective the time and date shown opposite that policy number."	Portion of Oregon Mutual Insurance Group, Notice of Cancellation, dated July 31, 2012 attached hereto as Ex. 4 (OPH0022MSC).
8	The July 31 Notice, in pertinent part, states as follows:  2. The July 31 Notice also indicated that the Policy "is cancelled as of 12:01 a.m. standard time on 08/16/12."	Id.
9	No August 2012 Invoice concerning the Policy was ever mailed or delivered to OPH.	Defendant Oregon Mutual Insurance Company's Response to O.P.H. of Las Vegas Inc.'s Second Set of Requests for Admissions; see Response to Request No. 34, attached hereto as Ex. 5.
10	On August 11, 2012 the OPH at 4833 W. Charleston, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89146 (the "Charleston Location") was broken into and vandalized.	Defendant Oregon Mutual Insurance Company's Responses to Plaintiff's First Request for Admissions; see Response to Request No. 15, attached hereto as Ex. 6.
11	According to the July 31 Notice, the Policy was cancelled at 12:01 a.m., on August 16, 2012.	Ex. 4 (OPH0022MSC).

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#	Undisputed Fact	Source
12	On August 16, 2012, OMI issued claim number	See August 16, 2012
	151991 for the loss stemming from break-in and	Oregon Mutual Group
	vandalism at the Charleston Location.	Loss Notice, attached
		hereto as Ex. 7
		(SAN000078).
13	During the early morning hours of August 17,	See Las Vegas Sun
	2012, the Charleston Location caught fire and	article, "After fire, owne
	was completely destroyed.	undecided on fate of
		Original Pancake House,
		dated August 17, 2012;
		attached hereto as Ex. 8
		(OPH0114 – OPH0115).
14	On August 17, 2012, OMI issued claim number	See August 17, 2012
	151999 for the loss stemming from the fire at the	Oregon Mutual Group
	Charleston Location.	Loss Notice, attached
		hereto as Ex. 9
		(SAN000079).
15	On August 20, 2012, OMI denied OPH's claim	See August 20, 2012
	for the fire at the Charleston Location, indicating	Letter from Jerry
	that the Policy had been cancelled on August 16,	Masonheimer, sent
	2012 and thus the fire occurred when OPH was	Certified Mail, Return
	no longer covered by the Policy.	Receipt Requested;
		attached hereto as Ex. 10
		(OPH0020CF2 –
		OPH0021CF2).
16	On August 21, 2012, OMI generated a document	See August 21, 2012
	entitled "Non-Payment Cancellation."	Oregon Mutual Insurance
	(hereinafter referred to as the "August 21	Company, Non-Paymen
	Notice")	Cancellation, attached
		hereto as Ex. 11
		(OPH0019MSC -
		OPH0020MSC).

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#	Undisputed Fact	Source			
17	The August 21 Notice, in pertinent part, states as	Ex. 11 (OPH0019MSC).			
	follows:				
	1. "Policy No. BSP716685 [] Termination				
	Effective Date 08/16/12 12:01 A.M., Standard				
	Time."				
18	The August 21 Notice, in pertinent part, states as	Id.			
	follows:				
	2. "This policy has been cancelled for non-				
	payment of premium. Legal notice was mailed				
	to the payor as listed in our records. Coverage				
	for the payor's interest is terminated effective the				
	termination date and hour shown above"				
19	The August 21 Notice, in pertinent part, states as	Ex. 11 (OPH0020MSC).			
	follows:				
	3. "If this notice of cancellation or non-				
	renewal does not state the facts on which our				
	decision is based we will supply that information				
	within 6 days after receipt of a written request by				
	you. Please mail inquiries to: Oregon Mutual				
	Insurance Company, PO Box 808, McMinnville,				
	OR. 97128."				
20	On August 22, 2012, OPH sent OMI Check	Ex. 12 (OPH0062CF2 –			
	#2850, dated August 13, 2012, for the July 2012	OPH0069CF2).			
	Invoice.				
21	On August 24, 2012, OMI returned Check	Id.			
	#2850, dated 08/13/12, in the amount of				
	\$2,814.75 to OPH.				

## III. LEGAL ARGUMENT

Summary judgment is appropriate when the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law, and no genuine issue remains for trial. Shepard v. Harrison, 100 Nev. 178, 678 P.2d 670 (1984); NRCP 56. Nev. R. Civ. P. 56(c) states, in pertinent part, "A summary judgment, interlocutory in character, may be rendered on the issue of liability alone although there is a genuine issue as to the amount of damages." NRCP 56(c).

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OMI's failure to send legally effective notice prior to the effective date of cancelation resulted in an ineffective cancelation of the Business owners Protector Policy number BSP716685 (the "Policy"), and thus, the Policy was still in effect on August 17, 2012. OMI's failure to provide legally effective notice resulted in: (1) breach of contract (First Cause of Action); (2) breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing (Second Cause of Action); and (3) violations of Nev. Rev. Stat. 686A.310 (Sixth Cause of Action). Accordingly, at this stage of the proceedings, summary judgment may be entered on the issue of OMI's liability pursuant to the Policy and Nevada law.

## A. OMI Breached The Policy By Failing To Provide Notice.

OMI breached the Policy by failing to provide notice and summary judgment is appropriate as to OMI's liability as to the First Cause of Action. "Interpreting an insurance contract is a question of law." In re Endoscopy Ctr. Of S. Nevada, LLC, 451 B.R. 527, 549-50 (Bankr. D. Nev. 2011) (citing Farmers Insurance Exchange v. Neal, 119 Nev. 62, 64, 64 P.3d 472, 473 (Nev. 2003)). As the Nevada Supreme Court has held, "[a]n insurance policy is a contract of adhesion and should be interpreted broadly, affording the greatest possible coverage to the insured." Farmers Ins. Grp. v. Stonik By & Through Stonik, 110 Nev. 64, 67, 867 P. 2d 389, 391 (1994)(emphasis added). OMI was required by both the Policy and Nevada law to provide notice to OPH. OMI's July 31 Notice was defective according to Nevada law. As a result, the Policy was still in effect on the date of the fire (August 17, 2012), the Policy terms were breached by OMI, and OMI is liable for the resulting harm suffered by OPH.

## OMI was required by the Policy and Nevada law to provide 1. notice.

On August 16, 2012 at 12:01 A.M., OMI canceled the Policy because OPH failed to pay the July 2012 premium. (See August 21 Notice, Ex. 11; p. OPH0019MSC OPH0020MSC; Statement of Undisputed Facts ("SUF") No. 16.) OMI was required, by

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both the Policy terms and Nevada law, 2 to provide notice to OPH prior to the effective date of cancelation. According to the Policy, OMI was required to provide notice to OPH at least "10 days before the effective date of cancellation if we cancel for nonpayment of premium." (Ex. 2; p. OPH0070POL; SUF No. 3.) According to Nevada law, OMI was required to send notice to OPH 10 days prior to termination for nonpayment of a premium. See NRS 687B.320(2) ("No cancellation under subsection 1 is effective until in the case of [failure to pay a premium when due] at least 10 days ... after the notice is delivered or mailed to the policyholder.")

The "notice" that is the focus of the Policy (See Ex. 2; OPH0070POL; SUF No. 3) and the notice contemplated in Nev. Rev. Stat. 687B.320, must be the July 31 Notice; notices sent after termination are not the type of pre-cancelation notices contemplated by the Policy and mandated by Nev. Rev. Stat. 678B.320. The Policy states: "We may cancel this policy by mailing or delivering to the first Named Insured written notice of cancellation at least: [...] (b) 10 days before the effective date of cancellation if we cancel for nonpayment of premium." (Ex. 2; OPH0070POL; SUF 3.) (emphasis added) The Nevada Supreme Court has considered Nev. Rev. Stat. 687B.320 and has stated as follows, "[b]y enacting [Nev. Rev. Stat. 687B.320], the legislature determined that individuals must be afforded notice that their insurance is about to lapse..." Daniels v. Nat'l Home Life Assur. Co., 103 Nev. 674, 677, 747 P.2d 897, 899 (1987) (emphasis added). In fact, the Nevada Supreme Court held that an insurance contract "which does not provide for notice prior to termination for failure to pay a premium when due ... is against the public policy of Nevada and thus is unenforceable." Id.

Thus, according to the terms of the Policy, Nev. Rev. Stat. 687B.320, and Nevada Supreme Court precedent, OMI was required to provide notice prior to the termination for failure to pay a premium when due (Ex. 2, p. OPH0070POL; SUF No. 3). See NRS

The Policy was (and is) subject to Nevada law because the Policy was issued for delivery in Nevada. See NRS 687B.010.

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687B.320; see also Daniels, 103 Nev. at 677. In this case, the only notice sent prior to the termination was the July 31 Notice.

## OMI failed to provide legally sufficient pre-cancellation notice to OPH.

OMI was required to send pre-cancellation notice to OPH at least 10 days prior to the date of termination. See NRS 687B.320; (See also Ex. 2, OPH0070POL; SUF No. 3.) In addition to sending notice within a certain time frame prior to cancellation, certain terms concerning pre-cancellation notice are required by Nevada law. See NRS 687B.360. Nev. Rev. Stat. 687B.360 provides:

If a notice of cancellation or nonrenewal under NRS 687B.310 to 687B.420, inclusive, does not state with reasonable precision the facts on which the insurer's decision is based, the insurer shall supply that information within 6 days after receipt of a written request by the policy holder. No notice is effective unless it contains adequate information about the policyholder's right to make such a request.

NRS 687B.360 (emphasis added). As addressed above, the only pre-cancellation notice sent in this case was the July 31 Notice. As a result, the July 31 Notice must have complied with Nev. Rev. Stat. 687B.320 and Nev. Rev. Stat. 687B.360 in order to comply with the terms of the Policy and Nevada law. See Daniels, 103 Nev. at 677. As discussed below, because the July 31 Notice failed to comply with Nev. Rev. Stat. 687B.360, OMI failed to provide legally sufficient notice as required by the Policy and Nevada law. As a result, OMI breached the Policy, and did not effectively cancel the Policy prior to August 17, 2012.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> If it was possible for OMI to comply with the terms of the notice provisions in the Policy, while not complying with Nev. Rev. Stat. 687B.360, the Policy itself would be against the public policy of Nevada. See Daniels, 103 Nev. at 677. This should not be the result because it would allow OMI to receive compensation for a contract that it drafted and then allow OMI to turn around and escape liability by claiming that the contract it drafted was against public policy. C.f. Farmers Ins. Grp. v. Stonik By & Through Stonik, 110 Nev. 64, 67, 867 P. 2d 389, 391 (1994) ("[a]n insurance policy is a contract of adhesion and should be interpreted broadly, affording the greatest possible coverage to the insured.") (emphasis added).

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The July 31 Notice was not effective to cancel the policy. The July 31 Notice does not contain any information about OPH's right to make a written request for information to OMI. (See Ex. 4.) (Compare e.g. AMCO Insurance Company, Notice of Cancellation of Insurance, attached hereto as Ex. 13 (SAN000139): "You have a right to make a written request to us for more explicit detail on the reason your policy has been terminated.")<sup>4</sup>

The California Court of Appeal, First District, considered the same issue in *Ilene* Lee v. Industrial Indemnity Company, Inc., et al., 223 Cal. Rptr. 254, 177 Cal. App. 3d 921 (1986) ("Ilene Lee"). In Ilene Lee, Ms. Lee, the plaintiff, was mailed a bill for \$73.00, generated as a result of an increase in coverage. Id. at 255. Without realizing that the mailing was a bill, Ms. Lee put the bill away without reading it or paying the amount due. Id. After that time, no additional bills were sent to Ms. Lee. Id. In December 1981, the insurer mailed a notice of cancelation to Ms. Lee that stated:

> You are hereby notified in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above mentioned policy that your insurance will cease at and from the hour and date mentioned above due to nonpayment of premium. Premium adjustment, if any, will be made as soon as practicable.

Id. Similar to the July 31 Notice sent by OMI, the notice mailed by the insurer to Ms. Lee indicated that the insurance coverage would cease in the future. OPH0022MSC; SUF No. 9); see Ilene Lee, 177 Cal. App. at 923. Most importantly to the instant matter, the Court found that the "notice did not contain the statement required by Insurance Code section 677 that [the Plaintiff] could, upon written request, obtain a statement of facts upon which cancellation was based."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Although, a later notice, sent on August 21, 2012 (after the fire) at least references the right to make a written request for the reasons of cancellation (see Ex. 12; OPH0020MSC; SUF No. 21, "... we will supply that information within 6 days after receipt of a written request by you."), the August 21, 2012 notice was not effective to cancel the policy prior to the fire. See NRS 387B.320(2) (Notice of cancelation for nonpayment of premium not effective until "... at least 10 days ... after the notice is delivered or mailed to the policyholder.")

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At the time *Ilene Lee* was decided California Insurance Code section 677 provided as follows:

All notices of cancellation shall be in writing, mailed to the named insured at the address shown in the policy, or to his last known address, and shall state, with respect to policies in effect after the time limits specified in Section 676, (a) which of the grounds set forth in Section 676 is relied upon, and (b) that, upon written request of the named insured, the insurer shall furnish the facts on which the cancellation is based.

*Ilene Lee*, 177 Cal. App. 3d at 923, n. 1. While it has since been amended, California Insurance Code Section 677, at the time the Court considered the statute in *Ilene Lee*, was substantially similar to Nev. Rev. Stat. 687B.360 as written today:

If a notice of cancellation or nonrenewal under NRS 687B.310 to 687B.420, inclusive, does not state with reasonable precision the facts on which the insurer's decision is based, the insurer shall supply that information within 6 days after receipt of a written request by the policyholder.

NRS 687B.360. Just like the prior version of the California Insurance Code, no notice is effective in Nevada unless it contains adequate information about the policyholder's right to make such a request. NRS 687B.360. As a result, the July 31 Notice, was ineffective to cancel the Policy.

In *Ilene Lee*, the court held that the lower court erred in failing to grant summary judgment in favor of the insured because the insurer's failure to include the mandatory language required by Insurance Code section 677 "rendered the purported cancellation of [the policy] ... null and void." *Id.* at 258. Here, OPH is likewise entitled to summary judgment in its favor because the July 31 Notice was null and void.

OMI may claim in this case that the July 31 Notice was sufficient because the "facts on which the insurer's decision is based" were evident and, thus, that information about the right to request the reasons for cancelation was not necessary to comply with Nev. Rev. 687B.360. However, the Nevada Department of Insurance has made clear that is not the case. It has explained Nev. Rev. Stat. 687B.360's requirements as follows: "No

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notice is effective unless it contains adequate information about the policyholder's right to make such a request even if the notice does include the reason for cancellation or nonrenewal. Adequate information includes the address to write to receive the reasons for (See e.g. Property and Casualty Review Standards Checklist, p. 2 of 7, attached hereto as Ex. 15.)(emphasis added)( http://doi.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/doinvgov/\_public-

documents/Insurers/ReviewStandardsChecklist.pdf, November 26, 2013). As a result, the July 31 Notice was legally deficient. Accordingly OMI's failure to send pre-cancelation notice resulted in a breach of the Policy and a violation of Nevada law.

## OMI's failure to provide notice occurred before OPH was required to pay the July premium.

OMI was required to provide notice 10 days prior to the effective date of cancellation. See NRS 687B.320; (See also Ex. 2; p. OPH0070POL; SUF No. 3). The effective date of cancellation, according to the July 31 Notice, was August 16, 2012. (See Ex. 4; OPH0022MSC; SUF No. 6.) According to the July 31 Notice, OPH had until August 15, 2012 to pay the July premium. (See Ex. 4, at OPH0022MSC; SUF No. 7.) Thus, OMI claims that OPH breached the terms of the Policy on August 16, 2012 at 12:01 a.m., which resulted in cancelation of the Policy due to nonpayment.

However, OMI never sent a legally sufficient notice of cancellation 10 days prior to August 16, 2012.<sup>5</sup> If OMI maintains that the Policy was canceled on August 16, 2012, then by failing to provide legally sufficient pre-cancelation notice at least 10 days beforehand, OMI breached the Policy on August 6, 2012 (i.e., ten days prior to the date of cancelation). Therefore, OMI's breach occurred prior to the date upon which any breach

The first legally sufficient notice of cancellation was not generated by OMI until August 21, 2012 (Ex. 12; SUF 17), and that notice was not effective to cancel the Policy until August 31, 2012 at the earliest (see id.). See NRS 387B.320(2) (Notice of cancelation for nonpayment of premium not effective until "... at least 10 days ... after the notice is delivered or mailed to the policyholder.")(emphasis added).).

by OPH as a result of nonpayment could have occurred (i.e., August 15, 2012 – the last day to send payment for the July 2012 premium according to the July 31 Notice).

Even without determining when OMI's breach occurred, the Policy was still in effect on the date of the fire (August 17, 2012). See Nev. Rev. Stat. 687B.320; see also Kotlar, 83 Cal. App. 4th 1121, 100 Cal. Rptr. 2d 246 ("If a cancelation is defective, the policy remains in effect even if the premiums are not paid.") Nev. Rev. Stat. 687B.320 provides:

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, no insurance policy that has been in effect for at least 70 days or that has been renewed may be cancelled by the insurer before the expiration of the agreed term or 1 year from the effective date of the policy or renewal, whichever occurs first, except on any one of the following grounds:
  - (a). Failure to pay a premium when due [....]
- 2. No cancellation under subsection 1 is effective until in the case of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 at least 10 days and in the case of any other paragraph of subsection 1 at least 30 days after the notice is delivered or mailed to the policyholder.

NRS 687B.320(1)(a); NRS 687B.320(2)). As the Nevada Division of Insurance has more succinctly explained: "No cancellation is effective until at least 10 days after the notice is delivered to the policy holder for failure to pay a premium when due, or until at least 30 days for all other grounds." (Ex. 14; p. 1 of 7.)

Thus, because the July 31 Notice was ineffective, and no valid cancellation was sent 10 days before the fire, OMI was – and is – required to pay the covered losses incurred as a result of the fire at the Charleston Location on August 17, 2012. Further, even if the Court does not determine that the failure to send a proper notice constitutes breach of contract, failing to cover the loss constitutes a breach because the July 31 Notice was void. *See, e.g., Mazzuca v. Fund Ins. Cos.*, 90 Nev. 409, 412 (Nev. 1974) (an insurer "is bound by the terms of the original policy until [a] cancellation becomes effective" and if a loss occurs prior to a cancellation, "the parties are bound by the original insurance contract.");

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Illene Lee, 177 Cal. App. at 928 (illegal pre-cancellation is void). Again, summary judgment is appropriate as to OMI's cause of action for breach of contract.

## В. OMI Breached the Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing.

Summary judgment is also appropriate as to OMI's liability as to the Second Cause of Action in OPH's Complaint. In Nevada, the covenant of good faith and fair dealing is implicit in every insurance contract. U.S. Fid. & Guar. Co. v. Peterson, 540 P.2d 1070, 1071 (Nev. 1975). Derived from the covenant of good faith and fair dealing is the fiduciary-like duty between an insurer and insured. Powers v. United Services Auto. Ass'n, 114 Nev. 690, 962 P.2d 596, 603 (1998). The fiduciary-like duty "is basically a statement of the kind of good faith duty owed by an insurer to a first-party insured." *Id.* (citing *Tynes*) v. Bankers Life Co., 224 Mont. 350, 730 P.2d 1115, 1124-26 (1986)). Therefore, in an insurance contract, the fiduciary nature of the relationship between insurer and insured is part of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing, a breach of which is bad faith. *Id.* "An insurer fails to act in good faith when it refuses 'without proper cause' to compensate the insured for a loss covered by the policy." Pemberton v. Farmers Ins. Exch., 109 Nev. 789, 858 P.2d 380, 382 (1993) (quoting *Peterson*, 540 P.2d at 1071).

The breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing in this case is separate and apart from liability for breach of contract. Indeed, "...refusing without proper cause to compensate its insured for a loss covered by the policy ... may give rise to a cause of action in tort for breach of an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing." U. S. Fid. & Guar. Co. v. Peterson, 91 Nev. 617, 620, 540 P.2d 1070, 1071 (1975). As the Nevada Supreme Court has held "[t]he duty violated arises not from the terms of the insurance contract but is a duty imposed by law, the violation of which is a tort." Id. (citing Silberg v. California Insurance Company, 11 Cal.3d 452, 113 Cal. Rptr. 711, 521 P.2d 1103 (1974)).

OPH maintains that the terms of the Policy, and the notice required thereby, must have complied with Nev. Rev. Stat. 687B.360. However, even if this Court were to find that the terms of the Policy are not explicitly governed by Nev. Rev. Stat. 687B.360 and

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subsequently deny summary judgment on that basis, 6 OMI should nonetheless be held liable as a matter of law for breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing as a result of the legally defective July 31 Notice.

OMI chose to do business in Nevada by insuring a Nevada-based business. Accordingly, OMI should be subject to the duties imposed by Nevada law. Nevada law requires that a notice include the language specified in Nev. Rev. Stat. 687B.360 concerning the right to make a written request, and the only notice that is contemplated by the relevant Nevada statutes is the pre-cancelation notice, which must be sent 10 days prior to cancelation. See NRS 687B.010 et seq. Thus, failure to abide by Nev. Rev. Stat. 687B.360 was a violation of a duty imposed by Nevada law, and a violation of that duty by OMI resulted in a breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing. See Peterson, 91 Nev. at 620, 540 P.2d at 1071 (citing Silberg, 113 Cal. Rptr. 711, 521 P.2d) 1103 (1974)).

In this case, OMI refused to compensate OPH for the fire loss without proper cause. The basis for OMI's determination that it was not required to compensate OPH for its loss was its determination that the Policy was canceled at 12:01 a.m., on August 16, 2012. However, in order for OMI to cancel OPH for nonpayment of its July 2012 premium, OMI must have provided pre-cancelation notice as required by Nev. Rev. Stat. 687B.320 and Nev. Rev. Stat. 687B.360. As detailed above, OMI failed to abide by Nev. Rev. Stat. 687B.360 and thus, OMI did not effectively cancel the Policy on August 16, 2012. Because the Policy was not effectively canceled prior to August 17, 2012, OMI's refusal to compensate OPH for the fire loss was done "without proper cause" and it breached the covenant of good faith and fair dealing, and is liable for damages. See

Nev. Rev. Stat. 687B.310(2) provides that "[t]he contract may provide terms more favorable to policyholders than are required by NRS 687B.310 to 687B.420, inclusive," which further supports the conclusion that the notice required by the Policy should be governed by and subject to the written request requirements set forth in Nev. Rev. Stat. 687B.360. See NRS 687B.310(2).

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*Pemberton,* 109 Nev. 789, 858 P.2d at 382 (1993). Accordingly, on that basis, summary judgment on the issue of OMI's breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing is appropriate at this stage of the proceedings.

## C. OMI Failed to Comply with Nevada Law and Is Liable for Its Unfair Practice.

Summary judgment is also appropriate as to the Sixth Cause of Action in OPH's Complaint. According to Nev. Rev. Stat. 686A.310(m), "[f]ailing to comply with the provisions of Nev. Rev. Stat. 687B.310 to 687B.390, inclusive, or 687B.410," is considered to be an unfair practice. NRS 686A.310(m). Pursuant to Nev. Rev. Stat. 686A.310(2), OMI is liable to OPH for any damages sustained by OPH as a result of OMI's failure to comply with Nev. Rev. Stat. 687B.320 and Nev. Rev. Stat. 687B.360. See NRS 686A.310(2). OMI's failure to comply with its statutory duty to provide OPH notice has proximately caused OPH damages, including but not limited to, the losses associated with the fire, the loss associated with OMI's failure to compensate for the fire, and losses associated with OPH having to pursue this litigation. But for OMI's determination that the July 31 Notice fulfilled all of its legal and contractual requirements – and thus terminated the Policy on August 16, 2012 – OMI would not have denied OPH's claim for loss sustained as a result of the fire.

OMI's failure to provide legally effective notice prior to the date of cancellation and OMI's decision to claim the Policy was canceled prior to the fire, together constitute an unfair practice. *See* NRS 686A.310(m). Accordingly, OMI should be held liable as a matter of law.

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 <sup>7</sup> OPH maintains that the fire was a "covered loss," which, but for its reliance on the cancellation of the Policy prior to the fire occurring, OMI would have covered the damages stemming from the fire.

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## IV. CONCLUSION

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OMI's failure to provide legally effective notice prior to the effective date of cancelation constitutes, as a matter of law, a failure to abide by the terms of the contract (i.e., a breach of contract), a breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, and an unfair practice in violation of Nev. Rev. Stat. 686A.310(m). As a result, OMI's liability is established as a matter of law, and OPH respectfully requests this Court grant this Motion for Partial Summary Judgment, and for such other relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, a copy of the foregoing MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT was sent by U.S. MAIL, postage fully prepaid, to the following counsel of record:

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substantially damaged.

## FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

## **Breach of Fiduciary Duty** (Against Sandin Defendants)

- 68. PLANTIFF repleads, realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation set forth above in paragraphs 1 through 67 as if fully set forth herein.
- 69. The SANDIN DEFENDANTS had a duty to recommend an appropriate insurer and coverage to PLAINTIFF, and to ensure that PLAINTIFF was warned regarding notices of cancellation.
- 70. The SANDIN DEFENDANTS failed to recommend an appropriate insurer and coverage to PLAINTIFF and to ensure notices of cancellation were provided to PLAINTIFF, and deviated from the standard of care of a reasonably competent insurance agent.
- 71. As a direct and proximate result of the breaches of the SANDIN DEFENDANTS fiduciary duties, PLAINTIFF has been significantly and substantially damaged.

## SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

## Violations of Nev. Rev. Stat. § 686A.310 (Against All Defendants)

- 72. Plaintiff repleads, realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation set forth above in paragraphs 1 through 71 as if fully set forth herein.
- Nev. Rev. Stat. § 686A.310 prohibits DEFENDANTS from 73. engaging in unfair practices in settling claims.

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74. Defendant OREGON MUTUAL engaged in unfair insurance practices by, among other things:

- Misrepresenting to PLANTIFF pertinent facts relating to coverage at issue, including whether it would provide the notice required and whether Defendant DAVE SANDIN was legally permitted to sell insurance in Nevada, which is prohibited by Nev. Rev. Stat. § 686A.310(1)(a).
- Failing to act reasonably promptly upon communications from PLAINTIFF with respect to its claim for the LOSS, which is required by Nev. Rev. Stat. § 686A.310(1)(b).
- On information and belief, failing to adopt and implement reasonable standards for processing claims as required by Nev. Rev. Stat. § 686A.310(1)(c).
- Failing to effectuate prompt, fair and equitable settlement of the claim for the LOSS, given that its liability is reasonably clear. Nev. Rev. Stat. § 686A.310(1)(e).
- Failing to comply with the notice requirements for a midterm cancellation set forth in Nev. Rev. Stat. § 687B.320. Nev. Rev. Stat. § 686A.310(1)(m).
- Defendant DAVE SANDIN engaged in unfair insurance practices, 75. for example, when he misrepresented to PLANTIFF pertinent facts relating to coverage at issue, including whether Defendant OREGON MUTUAL would provide the notice

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1	required and whether he was legally permitted to sell insurance in Nevada, which is
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3	76. Defendant SANDIN INSURANCE is responsible for the acts and/or
5	omissions of Defendant DAVE SANDIN.
6	77. Nev. Rev. Stat. § 686A.310(2) provides a private right of action
7	against those engaging in unfair practices outlined in Nev. Rev. Stat. § 686A.310(1).
8	78. PLAINTIFF has suffered damages as a result of the
10	DEFENDANTS' violations of Nev. Rev. Stat. § 686A.310.
11	SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION
12	Negligence

## (Against All Defendants)

- 79. Plaintiff repleads, realleges, and incorporates by reference each and every allegation set forth above in paragraphs 1 through 78 as if fully set forth herein.
- 80. Under Nevada law (Nev. Rev. Stat. § 598.0923), a corporation engages in a deceptive trade practice when it, among other things, knowingly:
  - "Conducts the business or occupation without all required state, county or city licenses." Nev. Rev. Stat. § 598.0923(1).
  - "Fails to disclose a material fact in connection with the sale or lease of goods or services." Nev. Rev. Stat. § 598.0923(2).
  - "Violates a state or federal statute or regulation relating to the sale or lease of goods or services." Nev. Rev. Stat. § 598.0923(3).
- 81. Defendant OREGON MUTUAL conducted business in Nevada using an unlicensed agent, which is prohibited by Nevada law, and also violated state law and regulations regarding the sale of insurance in Nevada.

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82.	On	information	and	belief,	Defendant	OREGON	MUTUAL
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- 83. Defendant OREGON MUTUAL violated federal and state statutes, including (but not limited to) Nev. Rev. Stat. § 686A.310 and Nevada Administrative Code 687B.530, which requires that "[e]ach insurer shall also provide a copy of the notice of cancellation of a policy to the agent who wrote the policy."
- 84. Defendant DAVE SANDIN conducted business in Nevada as an insurance agent without being licensed as such, in violation of Nev. Rev. Stat. § 683A.201, and state regulations regarding the sale of insurance in Nevada. Nev. Rev. Stat. § 683A.201 mandates that no person shall "sell, solicit, or negotiate insurance in this state for any class of insurance unless the person is licensed for that class of insurance."
- 85. Defendant DAVE SANDIN also knowingly failed to disclose that material fact to PLAINTIFF and the related fact that he was not qualified to sell insurance in Nevada and follow Nevada law (including Nevada's notice requirements), and thus knowingly made false representations in a transaction.
- 86. Defendant DAVE SANDIN also violated federal and state statutes and regulations, including (but not limited to) Nev. Rev. Stat. § 686A.310.
- 87. Defendant SANDIN INSURANCE is liable for the acts and/or omissions of Defendant DAVE SANDIN.

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- 89. PLAINTIFF belongs to the class of persons that Nevada's Deceptive Trade Practices Act was designed to protect.
- 90. The injuries suffered by PLAINTIFF are the type of injuries the Deceptive Trade Practices Act was meant to prevent.

## PRAYER FOR RELIEF

## WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays as follows:

- A. For a trial by jury on all issues;
- B. Judgment against Defendants:
  - Requiring them to disgorge, and return to Plaintiff, all monies paid to them by Plaintiff, either directly or as commission on the sale of insurance;
  - Requiring Defendants to fully pay for the claim for the Loss, as required by the Contract;
  - For prejudgment interest;
  - For compensatory damages in excess of \$50,000 and all compensatory damages allowable under the law;
  - For punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish and deter Defendants from engaging in any such conduct in the future and as an example to others not to engage in such conduct;
  - For an additional amount to account for additional taxes Plaintiff may be

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called upon to pay in relation to awards made herein; and

- For the costs of this action together with reasonable attorney's fees and costs.
- C. For declaratory relief making clear that the policy issued to Plaintiff by Oregon Mutual is in full effect and the claim for the Loss must be honored;
- D. For injunctive relief and for such other and further relief as the Court shall deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this, the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

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Plaintiff,

Dept. No.: XXVII

V.

OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE
COMPANY, DAVE SANDIN, and SANDIN
& CO.,

MOTION TO DISMISS

Defendants.

Defendants Dave Sandin and Sandin & Co. (the "Sandin defendants") move the Court for dismissal of O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc.'s ("plaintiff") complaint against them for failure to state a claim for which relief can be granted pursuant to NRCP 12(b)(5). Plaintiff improperly seeks to impose liability on the Sandin defendants for its own failure to pay its premium, the result of which its insurance policy was cancelled and plaintiff was thereafter denied coverage for a loss that occurred after cancellation of the policy.

The Sandin defendants were hired to procure insurance for plaintiff. They did so, and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The causes of action alleged against the Sandin defendants are as follows: fraud in the inducement (third cause of action), fraud (fourth cause of action), breach of fiduciary duty (fifth cause of action), violations of NRS §686A.310 (sixth cause of action), and negligence (seventh cause of action).

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not without great difficulty due to plaintiff's credit history and coverage requirements. In fact, the policy they procured would have provided coverage for the loss plaintiff complains of had plaintiff paid its premiums in a timely manner. Even accepting all of the allegations set forth in plaintiff's complaint as true, plaintiff cannot prove any set of facts that would support a claim against the Sandin defendants for Oregon Mutual Insurance Company's ("Oregon Mutual") cancellation of plaintiff's policy for non-payment.

This motion is based on the papers and pleadings filed herein, NRCP 12(b)(5), the case law set forth below, the following points and authorities, and any oral argument that may be heard by this court.

DATED this 26 day of December, 2012.

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# NOTICE OF MOTION

TO: MARGARET A. McLETCHIE, attorney for O.P.H. OF LAS VEGAS INC.; and

TO: V. ANDREW CASS and KRISTIN E. MEREDITH, attorneys for OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned will bring defendants Dave Sandin and Sandin & Co.'s Motion to Dismiss before Department XXVII of the above entitled court in courtoom 16B/16D on the 30 day of 30 at the hour of 30 o'clock, ..., m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

DATED this 26th day of December, 2012.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

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This suit arose as a result of the August 17, 2012 fire that destroyed plaintiff's restaurant at 4833 West Charleston Boulevard in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Sandin defendants procured insurance for plaintiff from Oregon Mutual for coverage of its restaurant. Plaintiff was to pay all of its premiums directly to Oregon Mutual. Approximately seven months into the policy period, plaintiff failed to pay the monthly premium due July 26, 2012. On August 1, 2012, Oregon Mutual sent a notice of cancellation for non-payment to plaintiff, warning it that failure to cure the missed payment would result in cancellation of its policy, effective August 16, 2012. Plaintiff did not make its July payment, and the policy was subsequently cancelled. The fire occurred one day later. Not surprisingly, Oregon Mutual has denied plaintiff's claim, and plaintiff has been trying to shift the blame for its lack of coverage ever since. Plaintiff has made numerous allegations against the Sandin defendants in an attempt to drag them into a lawsuit that, in reality, should be between plaintiff and its insurer, Oregon Mutual. Plaintiff can prove no set of facts that would support the claims it has alleged against the Sandin defendants. The Sandin defendants were not notified of plaintiff's delinquent premium payment, as plaintiff admits in its complaint, and were not responsible for ensuring that plaintiff paid its monthly premiums. They cannot be held responsible for Oregon Mutual's cancellation of plaintiff's policy and subsequent denial of plaintiff's claim. This case is simple. Plaintiff did not pay its premium; Oregon Mutual cancelled the policy; plaintiff's restaurant was destroyed by fire; and Oregon Mutual denied its million dollar claim. While tragic, plaintiff only has itself to blame.

# 2. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff hired defendants to procure a certificate of insurance on its behalf, covering the Original Pancake House Restaurant at 4833 West Charleston Boulevard in Las Vegas, Nevada (the "Restaurant"). See Complaint, ¶¶2, 14. Sandin & Co. and non-party Anthony Sandin, the owner of Sandin & Co., are both licensed to procure insurance in Nevada. Defendant Dave Sandin is not. Id. at ¶20. In December of 2011, the Sandin defendants recommended Oregon

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Mutual's insurance to plaintiff based on plaintiff's coverage needs. Id. at ¶16. Oregon Mutual issued a Businessowner Protector Policy to plaintiff, and plaintiff and Oregon Mutual thereby entered into an insurance contract that protected the Restaurant (the "Contract"). Id. at ¶17. Consistent with Nevada law, the Contract provides that Oregon Mutual must provide a copy of any cancellation notice to the agent as well as to the insured (here, plaintiff). Id. at ¶18. The Contract's policy period was December 26, 2011 through December 26, 2012. *Id.* at ¶19.

Plaintiff "mistakenly" failed to pay its monthly premium due July 26, 2012. Id. at ¶24. Oregon Mutual sent a cancellation notice to plaintiff on August 1, 2012, with an effective cancellation date of August 16, 2012, which plaintiff alleges it did not receive until after the policy was cancelled. *Id.* at ¶¶ 25, 26. Oregon Mutual did not send a notice of cancellation to the Sandin defendants. Id. at 27, 28. On August 13, 2012, plaintiff representative, Linda Snyder, contacted defendant Dave Sandin to report a break-in that occurred at the restaurant overnight between August 10, 2012 and August 11, 2012. Id. at ¶30. On August 16, 2012, Ms. Snyder spoke with Dave Sandin to obtain a claim number for the break-in. Id. at ¶33. The Sandin defendants did not know about Oregon Mutual's cancellation of plaintiff's insurance policy for non-payment, and therefore did not inform Ms. Snyder that the policy had been cancelled or that it was in danger of being cancelled during these conversations. Id. at ¶27, 28, 34.

On August 17, 2012, a fire destroyed the Restaurant, which Ms. Snyder reported to the Sandin defendants that same day. *Id.* at ¶36, 37. As a result of cancellation of plaintiff's policy for non-payment on August 16, 2012, Oregon Mutual has denied coverage for the loss. Id. at ¶41.

### 3. LEGAL ARGUMENT

The Court has the authority to dismiss plaintiff's claims against the Sandin defendants pursuant to NRCP 12(b)(5). NRCP 12(b)(5) provides that a complaint may be dismissed if the pleading fails to state a claim on which relief may be granted. In analyzing a motion to dismiss pursuant to NRCP 12(b)(5), the Court must "construe the pleadings liberally and draw every fair intendment in favor of the plaintiff." Squires v. Sierra Nev. Educ. Found., Inc., 107 Nev.

902, 905, 823 P.2d 256, 257 (1991) (internal quotations omitted). All factual allegations of the complaint must be accepted as true. *Capital Mortgage Holding v. Hahn*, 101 Nev. 314, 315, 705 P.2d 126, 126 (1985). Claims are to be dismissed if it appears that the claimant can prove no set of facts which would entitle it to relief. *See Edgar v. Wagner*, 101 Nev. 226, 228, 699 P.2d 110, 112 (1985). If the pleadings fail to set forth allegations sufficient to make out the elements of a right to relief, the action must be dismissed. *Id.* at 227-28, 699 P.2d at 111-12.

On appeal from an order granting a NRCP 12(b)(5) motion to dismiss, "[t]he sole issue presented . . . is whether a complaint states a claim for relief." *Merluzzi v. Larson*, 96 Nev. 409, 411, 610 P.2d 739, 741 (1980), *overruled on other grounds by Smith v. Clough*, 106 Nev. 568, 796 P.2d 592 (1990). The court's "task is to determine whether . . . the challenged pleading sets forth allegations sufficient to make out the elements of a right to relief." *Edgar*, 101 Nev. at 227, 699 P.2d at 111. The test for determining whether the allegations of a complaint are sufficient to assert a claim for relief is whether the allegations give fair notice of the nature and basis of a legally sufficient claim and the relief requested. *Vacation Vill., Inc. v. Hitachi Am., Ltd.*, 110 Nev. 481, 484, 874 P.2d 744, 746 (1994); *Ravera v. City of Reno*, 100 Nev. 68, 70, 675 P.2d 407, 408 (1984).

Here, plaintiff has manufactured seven causes of action against the Sandin defendants, which in reality, all arose due to its own failure to pay its premium. Despite its attempts to pass the blame to the Sandin defendants, only plaintiff was responsible for payment of its policy premium. As a result of plaintiff's failure to pay its premium to Oregon Mutual, Oregon Mutual cancelled its insurance policy and denied plaintiff's claim of loss occurring after the cancellation. Under no set of facts can the Sandin defendants be liable for this sequence of events and plaintiff's resulting damages.

# A. Plaintiff's claim for failure to procure fails as a matter of law, because the Sandin defendants procured an insurance policy for plaintiff that would have covered its loss if plaintiff paid its monthly premium.

Under Nevada law, insurance brokers have a duty to procure insurance that meets the insured's needs, or timely notify the plaintiff that they are unable to do so. *See Keddie v. Beneficial Inc. and Jerry McDonald*, 94 Nev. 418, 580 P.2d 955 (1978). The only need at issue

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is coverage for plaintiff's losses resulting from the August 17, 2012 fire.

Plaintiff does not allege that the Sandin defendants failed to procure a policy with fire coverage. In fact, plaintiff's complaint is completely silent as to the coverage provided under the Oregon Mutual policy. This is because the Sandin defendants satisfied their duty as plaintiff's insurance broker by procuring a policy for plaintiff that included fire loss coverage. Plaintiff's complaint is devoid of any allegations that the Oregon Mutual policy would not have covered its loss if plaintiff paid its July premium in a timely manner. In fact, plaintiff's claim was denied solely because of non-payment, not for lack of fire coverage.

Because the Sandin defendants recommended an insurer and secured a policy for plaintiff that met all of its coverage needs, the Sandin defendants satisfied their legal duty to plaintiff as plaintiff's broker, and plaintiff's claim based on a failure to procure fails as a matter of law.

### Plaintiff's claims fails as a matter of law bercause the Sandin defendants В. did not have an affirmative duty to remind plaintiff to pay its monthly premium or risk cancellation of its insurance policy with Oregon Mutual.

Assuming arguendo that all of plaintiff's allegations are true, it cannot prevail on its other claims against the Sandin defendants because the Sandin defendants had no duty to plaintiff above and beyond procuring the underlying insurance policy. The Sandin defendants certainly had no affirmative duty to ensure that plaintiff paid its monthly premium in accordance with its contractual obligations with Oregon Mutual. It is not the duty of the broker to ensure that the insurer (Oregon Mutual) and the insured (plaintiff) are complying with the terms of their contract, to which the broker is not even a party.

In any event, this purported duty would only arise upon the Sandin defendants' receipt of notice from Oregon Mutual that the plaintiff's policy was in danger of cancellation for nonpayment.<sup>2</sup> As noted above, the Sandin defendants were never notified of the foregoing, as

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The policy behind the contractual provision and Nevada law requiring that Oregon Mutual must provide a copy of any cancellation notice to the agent as well as to the insured is most likely to protect plaintiff from the exact incident that occurred here. That obligation, however, falls squarely on Oregon Mutual's shoulders, not the Sandin defendants.

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plaintiff admits in its complaint: "Defendant OREGON MUTUAL did not send a cancellation notice to Defendant DAVE SANDIN" and "Defendant DAVE SANDIN did not receive a cancellation notice." See Complaint at ¶¶ 27 and 28. Absent this notice, any purported duty to inform plaintiff of its failure to pay never arose.

Plaintiff alleges in its complaint that had the Sandin defendants received notice of Oregon Mutual's intent to cancel plaintiff's policy for non-payment and notified plaintiff of such, plaintiff would have cured the deficiency, its policy would not have been cancelled, and Oregon Mutual would have covered plaintiff's August 17, 2012 loss. However, plaintiff's argument presumes the Sandin defendants were notified of plaintiff's delinquency when in actuality, they were not. Oregon Mutual's failure to notify the Sandin defendants absolves them of any alleged liability for an alleged breach of the affirmative duty to inform plaintiff of impending cancellation for non-payment.

In short, the Sandin defendants had no affirmative duty to ensure that plaintiff continually paid its monthly premium to preserve its status as an insured under its policy with Oregon Mutual. Even if an insurance broker had an affirmative duty to advise an insured of pending cancellation for non-payment, such duty would arise only on the broker's receipt of notice by the insurer. This precondition never occurred. Therefore, no such duty existed. Accordingly, the claims against the Sandin defendants must be dismissed as a matter of law pursuant to NRCP 12(b)(5).

C. Whether or not Dave Sandin was licensed in Nevada is not the proximate cause of Oregon Mutual's cancellation of plaintiff's policy and subsequent refusal to cover plaintiff's claim of loss; rather, it was solely and exclusively plaintiff's failure to pay its premium that caused its loss as set forth in the complaint.

Plaintiff's claim numbers three (fraud in the inducement), four (fraud), six (violations of NRS 686A.310, unfair practices in settling claims), and seven (negligence) must be dismissed because none of them properly plead a connection between defendant Dave Sandin's failure to be licensed as a non-resident procurer of insurance and plaintiff's resulting damages. For every cause of action plaintiff pleaded, there must be a nexus between the alleged bad act (Dave Sandin's lack of an appropriate non-resident license) and the damages alleged. See

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Nelson v. Heer, 123 Nev. 217, 225-26, 163 P.3d 420, 426 (2007) ("Proximate cause limits liability to foreseeable consequences that are reasonably connected to both the defendant's misrepresentation or omission and the harm that the misrepresentation or omission created."); see also Yamaha Motor Co., USA v. Arnoult, 114 Nev. 233, 238, 955 P.2d 661, 664 (1998) ("This court has long recognized that to establish proximate causation 'it must appear that the injury was the natural and probable consequence of the negligence or wrongful act, and that it ought to have been foreseen in the light of the attending circumstances."")(internal citations omitted). Here, this nexus is lacking as Dave Sandin's licensee status did not cause or contribute to plaintiff's alleged damages, nor did any alleged misrepresentations concerning his licensing status result in plaintiff's failure to pay its policy premium, Oregon Mutual's subsequent cancellation of plaintiff's policy, and Oregon Mutual's denial of plaintiff's claim of loss based on the cancellation.

Plaintiff's damages would have occurred regardless of whether Dave Sandin had an appropriate insurance broker license. Oregon Mutual's denial of plaintiff's claim was based solely on plaintiff's failure to pay its premium. Plaintiff has alleged no set of facts that could possibly result in a connection between Dave Sandin's lapsed Nevada license, and its own failure to pay its policy premium. There can also be no logical or reasonable connection between Dave Sandin's licensing status and Oregon Mutual's failure to abide by the clear contract terms requiring it to properly notify both the Sandin defendants and plaintiff of plaintiff's late payment of its premium.

Further, in order to prevail on a cause of action for negligence per se, the injury must be of the type against which the statute was intended to protect. See Anderson v. Baltrusaitis, 113 Nev. 963, 944 P.2d 797 (1997); Sagebrush Ltd. v. Carson City, 99 Nev. 204, 660 P.2d 1013 (1983). Plaintiff fails to allege that Oregon Mutual's cancellation of plaintiff's insurance policy is the type of injury that the statute preventing unlicensed brokers from doing business in Nevada is intended to prevent.

Ultimately, the Sandin defendants – licensed or otherwise – procured a policy that, but for plaintiff's failure to pay and, arguably, Oregon Mutual's improper notification of

cancellation of the policy, would have covered plaintiff's losses alleged in its complaint. Therefore, causes of action numbers three, four, six, and seven inasmuch as they assert that Dave Sandin's licensing status somehow resulted in plaintiff's failure to pay and Oregon Mutual's cancellation of plaintiff's insurance policy and denial of its claim of loss must be dismissed pursuant to NRCP 12(b)(5).

### **CONCLUSION** 4.

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Plaintiff's failure to pay its premium is the sole and proximate cause of Oregon Mutual's cancellation of its insurance policy and resulting denial of a claim of loss occurring after the cancellation. For the foregoing reasons, defendants Dave Sandin and Sandin & Co. respectfully request that this Honorable Court enter an order dismissing plaintiff's case against them.

DATED this 26th day of December, 2012.

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CLARK COUNTY NEVADA

O.P.H. of Las Vegas Inc.,

Plaintiff,

VS.

Oregon Mutual Insurance Company, Dave Sandin, and Sandin & Co.,

Defendants.

Case No.: A-12-672158

Dept. No.: XXVII

OPPOSITION TO SANDIN **DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS** 

INTRODUCTION I.

Rather than limiting themselves to the pleadings, in an attempt to distract from their high burden, Dave Sandin and Sandin & Co. (collectively, the "Sandin Defendants") cite self-serving "facts" that are outside the record. Specifically, the Sandin Defendants defame the Original Pancake House's credit history—which is both irrelevant and is improper of the Sandin Defendants to reveal in any case. Further, the Sandin Defendants misapprehend the nature of this lawsuit. It is not contested that the Original Pancake House ("O.P.H.") failed to make the July 26, 2012 insurance premium payment. However, both Nevada law and the underlying insurance contract require an insurer to provide notice of cancellation to

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both the insured and the insured's agent before actually canceling a policy. For that legal and contractual requirement to provide the agent notice to have any meaning, an insurance company must actually provide the notice to the insured's agent and the agent must then act on the notice by contacting the insured to allow them to cure late payments.

Here, as the Complaint explains, while the Sandin Defendants deny they received notice, Oregon Mutual claims that it did in fact provide notice to the Sandin Defendants. If Oregon Mutual did provide notice to the Sandin Defendants, then the Sandin Defendants breached their duties to O.P.H. by failing to warn O.P.H. of the cancellation. Further, if Oregon Mutual did not send notice to the Sandin Defendants, the Sandin Defendants breached their duties to O.P.H. by recommending Oregon Mutual as a suitable insurance provider. Not surprisingly, given Dave Sandin's failure to comply with Nevada law, he failed to recommend a suitable provider that would comply with Nevada notice requirements.

The Complaint alleges five causes of action against the Sandin Defendants: fraud in the inducement (the third cause of action three); fraud (the fourth cause of action), breach of fiduciary duty (the fifth cause of action); violation of Nev. Rev. Stat. § 686A.310 (the sixth cause of action), and negligence (seventh cause of action seven). O.P.H. has sufficiently pled each of these causes of action, and the Sandin Defendants' Motion to Dismiss must be denied.

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In any case, at this juncture, O.P.H. has no way of knowing whether valid notice was actually sent to the Sandin Defendants. Resolving that question is a factual matter to be probed through discovery and presented to a jury.

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### II. **FACTS**

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The Sandin Defendants state that in procuring insurance for O.P.H., they encountered "great difficulty due to plaintiff's credit history and coverage requirements." (Motion to Dismiss at p.1:24-2:1) This is untrue and unsupported. It is also irrelevant.

The truth is that O.P.H. "had a long-standing relationship of trust and reliance with the Sandin Defendants." (Complaint at ¶ 12<sup>2</sup>.) Dave Sandin acted as O.P.H.'s insurance agent for a number of years and sold a number of policies to O.P.H. (Id. at ¶ 11.) Further, "[t]hroughout the course of dealing with the Sandin Defendants, O.P.H. relied on Defendant Dave Sandin to recommend suitable insurance..." (Id. at ¶ 14.)

O.P.H. trusted that the Sandin Defendants were properly licensed to sell insurance in Nevada. Dave Sandin, however, was not. (Motion to Dismiss at p. 4:27-28.) In December of 2011, O.P.H. had other insurance. However, Dave Sandin recommended that O.P.H. switch to Oregon Mutual. (Id. at ¶ 16.) O.P.H. followed Dave Sandin's advice and entered a contract with Oregon Mutual. (Id. at ¶ 17.)

O.P.H. mistakenly failed to pay one month's premium due under that insurance contract on July 26, 2012. (Id. at ¶ 24.) However, the insurance contract does not allow Oregon Mutual to cancel for nonpayment until notice has been provided to both O.P.H. and the insurance agent. (*Id.* at  $\P$  18.)

As for notice to O.P.H., it is important to note that, contrary to the Sandin Defendants' suggestion (Motion to Dismiss at p. 5:8-10), the Complaint does not state that Oregon Mutual provided a cancellation notice to O.P.H. In fact, the Complaint states:

> Defendant Oregon Mutual claims that it sent a cancellation notice to O.P.H. on August 1, 2012 with an effective cancellation date of August 16, 2012.

(Complaint, ¶ 25.) O.P.H. never received any notice. (*Id.* at ¶ 6.)

Capitalization from the Complaint is not replicated here.

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As for notice to the Sandin Defendants, O.P.H. does not have personal knowledge as to whether Oregon Mutual provided valid notice to the Sandin Defendants. Indeed, while the Sandin Defendants deny that they received notice (Motion to Dismiss at p. 5:10-11), Oregon Mutual asserts otherwise (Oregon Mutual's Answer at ¶ 19). Thus, whether Oregon Mutual actually did provide notice to the Sandin Defendants is a factual question which O.P.H. is entitled to discovery on.

If either Oregon Mutual or the Sandin Defendants had warned it of Oregon Mutual's intention to cancel the policy, O.P.H. would have made payment and had coverage. O.P.H. was entitled to rely on the fact that it would be protected against an accidental missed payment or potential problems such as mailing issues. Specifically, it was entitled to expect that Oregon Mutual would comply with its obligation to provide notice of cancellation to the Sandin Defendants and that the Sandin Defendants would in turn warn them so they avoided a lapse in insurance. Indeed, "[t]hroughout the course of dealing with the Sandin Defendants, O.P.H. relied on Defendant Dave Sandin to warn [it] when premium payments were late." (Complaint, ¶ 13.)

Not only did both Oregon Mutual and the Sandin Defendants fail to ensure that O.P.H. received notice of cancellation, they appear to have affirmatively obscured the fact that the coverage was in jeopardy. Both Oregon Mutual and the Sandin Defendants had contact with O.P.H after the notice of cancellation was allegedly sent. (Complaint at ¶ 33; ¶ 38.) Indeed, the Sandin Defendants had extensive contact with O.P.H. and failed to mention any notice of cancellation. (Id. at  $\P$  33,  $\P$  37.)

As a result of these events, O.P.H. was denied coverage for losses incurred in connection with a fire that occurred on August 17, 2012. (Id. at ¶36, ¶41.)

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### III. LEGAL ARGUMENT

# A. Standard for Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to Rule 12(b)(5)

Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(5) allows the Court to dismiss a complaint for "failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted." However, motions to dismiss are rarely granted.

A Complaint need only contain "a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief." Nev. R. Civ. P. 8(a). "The test for determining whether the allegations of a complaint are sufficient to assert a claim for relief is whether the allegations give fair notice of the nature and basis of a legally sufficient claim and the relief requested. *Vacation Village v. Hitachi Am.*, 110 Nev. 481, 484 (Nev. 1994) (quoting *Ravera v. City of Reno*, 100 Nev. 68, 70 (1984)) (recently cited in *Munda v. Summerlin Life & Health Ins. Co.*, 267 P.3d 771 (2011).<sup>3</sup>

In evaluating whether a complaint is legally sufficient, "[a] court "must construe the pleading liberally and draw every fair intendment in favor of the [non-moving party]." *Vacation Village v. Hitachi Am.*, 110 Nev. at 484. "All factual allegations of the complaint must be accepted as true." *Id.* (citing *Capital Mortgage Holding v. Hahn*, 101 Nev. 314, 315 (1985)). The moving party bears a high burden in trying to show that a Complaint is not legally sufficient. "A complaint will not be dismissed for failure to state a claim 'unless it appears beyond a doubt that the plaintiff could prove no set of facts which, if accepted by

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Despite recent changes in federal law establishing heightened pleading requirements (*see, e.g., Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombley*, 550 U.S. 544, 555 (2007); *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662(2009)), the Nevada standard remains unchanged and the high burden remains in place.

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW 616 SOUTH EIGHTH STREET LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89101 the trier of fact, would entitle him [or her] to relief." Vacation Village, 110 Nev. at 484. (citing Edgar v. Wagner, 101 Nev. 226, 228 (1985).

The Sandin Defendants cannot meet this high burden, and the Motion to Dismiss must be denied.

# B. The Complaint Sufficiently Alleges That The Sandin Defendants Failed To Meet Legal Duties Owed To O.P.H.

The Sandin Defendants try to give the impression that O.P.H. is irresponsible. That is not the case. The Sandin Defendants also argue that the Complaint is centered on the premise that the Sandin Defendants should have to remind O.P.H. to pay its bills each month. (*See* Motion to Dismiss at p. 7.) However, that is not the basis of O.P.H.'s claims. As the Complaint sufficiently alleges, O.P.H. was entitled to have Oregon Mutual provide a copy of any cancellation notice to the Sandin Defendants and, if that notice was made, the Sandin Defendants had a duty to warn it that its insurance coverage was in jeopardy. As detailed below, the Sandin Defendants also owed O.P.H. a duty to recommend an insurance provider that would fulfill its contractual obligations and follow Nevada law.

Notice of cancellation is required by both state law and by the contract. (Complaint, ¶ 18.) Nevada state law states that an insurer may cancel a policy for nonpayment of premiums by giving written notice of cancellation to the insured at least ten (10) days prior to cancellation. Nev. Rev. Stat. § 687B.320. That notice must also be sent to the agent. Nev. Admin. Code 687B.530 ("Each insurer shall also provide a copy of the notice of cancellation of a policy to the agent who wrote the policy."). The Contract mirrors those provisions. (Complaint, ¶ 18.) As discussed more fully below, the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Supreme Court scrutinizes orders dismissing complaints closely and reviews them *de novo*. *Munda*, 267 P.3d at 774 (Nev. 2011). "The standard of review for a dismissal under NRCP 12(b)(5) is rigorous . . . ." *Vacation Village*, 110 Nev. at 484.

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allegations in the Complaint sufficiently plead the Sandin Defendants' duties, and their breaches of those duties.

# 1. The Sandin Defendants Were Required To Warn O.P.H. Regarding Cancelation Notices.

The Sandin Defendants correctly point out that the notice provisions are in place because the agent is the most appropriate entity to help an insured restore coverage and avoid loss:

> The policy behind the contractual provision and Nevada law requiring that Oregon Mutual must provide notice to the agent as well as to the insured is most likely to protect plaintiff from the exact incident that occurred here.

(Motion to Dismiss, p. 7, fn. 2.) However, the Sandin Defendants are incorrect that the obligation to warn "falls squarely on Oregon Mutual's shoulders, not the Sandin [D]efendants." (Id. (emphasis in the original).) If the contractual provision and Nevada law providing for notice to the agent are to have any meaning and meet their policy goals of avoiding loss, then the Sandin Defendants must in turn be required to actually do something with the notice they receive.

The Sandin Defendants appear to concede this duty to warn on some level but argue that the "purported duty would only arise upon the Sandin [D]efendants' receipt of notice from Oregon Mutual that the plaintiff's policy was in danger of cancellation for nonpayment." (Motion to Dismiss at p. 7.) What the Sandin Defendants fail to grasp is that the converse is also true: if the Sandin Defendants did receive notice from Oregon Mutual, they should have warned O.P.H. In fact, Oregon Mutual claims it did provide notice. (Oregon Mutual's Answer, ¶ 19.) While the Sandin Defendants claim otherwise (Motion to Dismiss at p. 8), that factual dispute of course cannot be resolved on a motion to dismiss. See Nehls v. Leonard, 97 Nev. 325, 328 (1981) ("A litigant has a right to trial where there

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is the slightest doubt as to the facts.") Indeed, O.P.H. has no way of resolving the issue without the benefit of discovery. 5 O.P.H. has alleged that the Sandin Defendants failed to properly warn it of the notice of cancellation. (Complaint, ¶ 26.) At this juncture, that is all that is required and the Complaint is sufficient. Vacation Village, 110 Nev. at 484

# 2. The Sandin Defendants Owed O.P.H. The Duty of Procuring Appropriate Insurance.

The Sandin Defendants maintain that their duties to O.P.H. were met by simply procuring an insurance policy with fire coverage. (Motion to Dismiss, p. 7:9-12.) However, their duty is broader: they had a duty to find O.P.H. suitable insurance. (Keddie v. Beneficial Inc. and Jerry McDonald, 94 Nev. 418, 420 (1978).) Indeed, the Sandin Defendants concede that they had the duty to find O.P.H. "insurance that meets the insured's needs." (Motion to Dismiss at p. 6:26-27 (citing *Keddie*, 94 Nev. 418).)

The Sandin Defendants did not procure insurance that met O.P.H.'s needs. O.P.H. had a long history of relying on the Sandin Defendants' judgment and discretion in procuring insurance. Dave Sandin has been O.P.H.'s insurance agent for over ten years. (Complaint, ¶ 11.) Over those years, he has sold multiple business insurance policies to O.P.H. (Id.) O.P.H. has relied on Dave Sandin to recommend suitable insurance for its business needs. (Id. at ¶ 14.) Further, throughout their course of dealing, Dave Sandin has warned O.P.H. when its payments were late and O.P.H. has relied on Dave Sandin to do so. (Id. at ¶ 13.) Thus, the Sandin Defendants knew or should have known that they should find a provider that would provide both O.P.H. and the Sandin Defendants with notice. Finding O.P.H. appropriate insurance included finding an insurance provider who would

Further, there are both factual and legal questions as to whether the electronic notice was actually provided and whether it was sufficient.

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follow Nevada State law and the terms of the contract, including giving notice of cancellation.

However, for unknown reasons, the Sandin Defendants suggested to O.P.H. that it switch to Oregon Mutual. (Complaint, ¶ 16.) O.P.H. followed its recommendation. (Id. at ¶ 16-17.) It did so at its peril because the Sandin Defendants failed to procure insurance that met O.P.H.'s needs. O.P.H. required an insurance provider that would abide by the contractual terms, and follow Nevada law. Nevada law and the Contract require that notice of cancellation be sent to both the insured and the insurance agent. (Id. at ¶ 18.) The Sandin Defendants claim Oregon Mutual never sent notice of cancellation to them. (Motion to Dismiss, p. 5:10-11.) O.P.H. did not receive notice until after the contract had been cancelled. (Complaint, ¶ 26.) If O.P.H. had received the notice prior to the cancellation, it would have remedied the late payment. (Id. at ¶ 32.) The Complaint sufficiently alleges the Sandin Defendants had a duty to find insurance that met O.P.H.'s needs, but failed to do so.

The Sandin Defendants' reliance on Keddie to argue that the Sandin Defendants cannot be liable despite these extensive allegations in the Complaint is misplaced. Keddie is factually distinguishable. 94 Nev. 418. There, the plaintiff was simply pursuing a negligence claim against an agent for failing to obtain an insurance policy to cover his boat before he suffered a loss. Keddie, 94 Nev. at 419. The Nevada Supreme Court found for the defendant agent because the plaintiff has failed to inform the agent that he needed commercial coverage—and, thus, the policy the agent was directed to procure would not have covered the loss in any case. Keddie, 94 Nev. at 420. Here, in contrast, the Sandin Defendants are not pursuing a negligence claim for failing to procure insurance in time and, unlike in Keddie, the Sandin Defendants were well aware that O.P.H. needed an insurance provider that would comply with the notice requirements, including by warning the Sandin Defendants themselves.

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# The Complaint Sufficiently Alleged A Cause of Action for 3. Breach of Fiduciary Duty.

The Complaint sufficiently alleges that a fiduciary relationship existed between O.P.H. and the Sandin Defendants and that the Sandin Defendants' actions fell below that standard. The Nevada Supreme Court has defined a fiduciary relation as that which exists between "two persons when one of them is under a duty to act for or to give advice for the benefit of another upon matters within the scope of the relation." See Stalk v. Mushkin, 199 P.3d 838, 843 (2009) quoting the Restatement (Second) of Torts § 874 cmt. a. Here, O.P.H. had a long history of relying on the Sandin Defendants' judgment and discretion in procuring insurance. Dave Sandin has been O.P.H.'s insurance agent for over ten years. (Complaint, ¶ 11.) Over those years, he has sold multiple business insurance policies to O.P.H. (Id.) O.P.H. has relied on Dave Sandin to recommend suitable insurance for its business needs. (Id. at ¶ 14.) Further, throughout their course of dealing, Dave Sandin has warned O.P.H. when its payments were late and O.P.H. has relied on Dave Sandin to do so. (*Id.* at ¶ 13.)

A breach of fiduciary duty seeks damages for injuries from tortious conduct of one who owes a fiduciary duty. Stalk, 199 P.3d at 843. The Complaint alleges that the Sandin Defendants failed to recommend an appropriate insurer. (Complaint, ¶ 70.) They further failed to ensure notices of cancellation were provided to O.P.H. and deviated from the standard of care of a reasonably competent insurance agent. (*Id.*)

As a result of the Sandin Defendants' failures to recommend an appropriate insurer and ensure that notices of cancellation were sent, O.P.H. failed to receive any notice of cancellation prior to cancellation of its contract. (Id. at ¶ 26, ¶ 71.) O.P.H. was harmed as a result: Oregon Mutual failed to compensate for its losses caused by the fire. (Id. at ¶ 41.) The Complaint pleads sufficient allegations to give the Sandin Defendants fair notice of the nature and basis of a claim of breach of fiduciary duty, and the Motion to Dismiss should be denied. Vacation Village, 110 Nev. at 484.

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# C. The Complaint Sufficiently Alleges That The Sandin Defendants' Actions Were The Cause Of O.P.H.'s Injuries.

The Sandin Defendants argue that that the third cause of action (fraud in the inducement), the fourth (fraud), the sixth (violations of Nev. Rev. Stat. 686A.310), and the seventh (negligence) should be dismissed for failing to plead a connection between Dave Sandin's failure to be licensed and O.P.H's damages (Motion to Dismiss, p. 8:23-26). It is not the case that the damages O.P.H. suffered would have occurred regardless of the Sandin Defendants' actions. (Motion to Dismiss, p. 4:14-16.) For example, as detailed above, if Oregon Mutual's claim that it did provide notice to the Sandin Defendants is correct, then the Sandin Defendants are unquestionably the cause of O.P.H.'s damages, as even they appear to concede. Thus, contrary to the Sandin Defendant's claim, the Complaint alleges a nexus between Dave Sandin's unlicensed sale of insurance and harm to O.P.H.6

Specifically, there is a nexus between Dave Sandin's lack of a license and the harm suffered. Dave Sandin was the agent for O.P.H., and O.P.H. worked directly with Dave Sandin. (Complaint, ¶ 11, ¶ 17; Motion to Dismiss, p. 4:24-25.) Dave Sandin was not licensed in Nevada. (Complaint, ¶ 20; Motion to Dismiss, p. 4:27-28.) Requiring that an agent be licensed in Nevada ensures that the agent is qualified to sell insurance in the State and to protect insureds. Dave Sandin directed O.P.H. to change providers to Oregon Mutual. (Complaint, ¶ 16). Given that he was unlicensed in Nevada, it is not surprising that Dave Sandin failed to recommend an insurer who was not going to comply with Nevada law regarding providing notice before cancellation. The Complaint sufficiently alleges this nexus between Dave Sandin's lack of a license and its harm. (See Complaint,  $\P$  52,  $\P$  60,  $\P$  62,  $\P$  67,  $\P$  75,  $\P$  78,  $\P$  84.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> In addition, O.P.H. paid the Sandin Defendants for their service of finding insurance for O.P.H., which Defendants were not properly licensed to do. (Motion to Dismiss, p. 4:27-28.) The Complaint thus also prays for disgorgement for monies paid directly and as commission on the sale of insurance. (Complaint, p. 16:15-16.)

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Further, the Sandin Defendants focus only on the nexus between Dave Sandin's lack of a license but ignore the other allegations of acts by the Sandin Defendants that O.P.H. alleges caused harm. Dave Sandin's lack of a license is not the only act by the Sandin Defendants at issue. For example, the Complaint also alleges that the Sandin Defendants misrepresented that Oregon Mutual was an appropriate insurance provider for O.P.H., including by misrepresenting that Oregon Mutual would follow state laws and the terms of the contract to provide notice of cancellation. (Complaint ¶ 16, ¶ 52, ¶ 63, ¶ 70, ¶ 75.) The Complaint alleges that these actions were the proximate cause of harm suffered by O.P.H. (Id. at ¶ 60, ¶ 67, ¶ 71, ¶ 78.) Further allegations of acts by the Sandin Defendants are included in each cause of action as detailed below. The Sandin Defendants strangely focus entirely on the lack of license, and fail to address any of the many other allegations at all (see Motion to Dismiss), and thus fail to meet the high burden for a motion to dismiss.

As detailed below, each cause of action is sufficient. The Complaint gives fair notice of the nature and basis of legally sufficient claims and the relief requested, and the Motion to Dismiss should thus be denied. *Vacation Village*, 110 Nev. at 484.

# The Complaint Sufficiently Alleges a Cause of Action for Fraud In the Inducement.

The Complaint sufficiently alleges a claim for fraud in the inducement (third cause of action). A claim for fraud in the inducement must allege: (i) a false representation; (ii) the defendant's knowledge or belief that the representation is false; (iii) the defendant's intention to induce the plaintiff; (iv) the plaintiff's justifiable reliance on the misrepresentation; and (v) damage to the plaintiff resulting from the reliance. See J.A. Jones Constr. Co. v. Lehrer McGovern Bovis, Inc., 102 Nev. 277, 291 (2004).

# (i) false representation

The Complaint alleges that "Defendant Dave Sandin, misrepresented material facts, including but not limited to whether he was licensed in Nevada and that Oregon Mutual Insurance would meet O.P.H.'s needs." (Complaint, ¶ 52.)

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(ii) the defendant's knowledge or belief that the representation is false

The Complaint alleges the Sandin Defendants knew these representations were false or had insufficient bases for making them. (Complaint, ¶¶ 53-54.)

(iii) the defendant's intention to induce the plaintiff

The Complaint further alleges these misrepresentations were made with the purpose of inducing O.P.H. to enter into the contract with Oregon Mutual, and obtaining payments. (Id. at  $\P$  58.)

(iv) the plaintiff's justifiable reliance

O.P.H. had a long history of trust and reliance on the Sandin Defendants. (Id. at ¶ 11-12.) O.P.H. depended on the Sandin Defendants to procure appropriate insurance (id. at ¶ 14) and purchased Oregon Mutual insurance from the Sandin Defendants based on these misrepresentations (id. at  $\P$  16,  $\P$  59).

(v) damage to the plaintiff resulting from the reliance

Finally, the Complaint alleges that the insurance provider the Sandin Defendants recommended, Oregon Mutual, failed to follow state law and the terms of the contract, resulting in Oregon Mutual's failure to compensate for O.P.H.'s losses. (Id. at ¶ 41, ¶ 60.) O.P.H. paid premiums and depended on Oregon Mutual to compensate for losses, "as a direct and proximate result of Plaintiff's justifiable reliance on Defendant's misrepresentations." (Id. at ¶ 60.)

# The Complaint Sufficiently Alleges a Cause of Action for Fraud.

Similarly, the Complaint sufficiently alleges a cause of action for fraud (fourth cause of action), including that the Sandin Defendants' misrepresentations were a proximate cause of O.P.H.'s injury. A claim of fraud requires: (i) a false representation made by the defendant; (ii) the defendant's knowledge or belief that the representation is false, or an insufficient basis in making the representation; (iii) the defendant's intention to induce the plaintiff to act; (iv) the plaintiff's justifiable reliance on the misrepresentation;

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and (v) damage to the plaintiff resulting from such reliance. See Bulbman v. Nevada Bell, 108 Nev. 105, 110-111 (1992).

# (i) a false representation made by the defendant

In the Complaint, O.P.H. alleges, "Defendant Sandin Insurance, by and through its agent Defendant Dave Sandin, misrepresented that Defendant Oregon Mutual was a reliable and appropriate insurance company for O.P.H.'s needs, and that Defendant Oregon Mutual would provide notice to O.P.H. and to Defendant Dave Sandin before canceling the contract." (Complaint, ¶ 63.)

# (ii) the defendants' knowledge of falsity, or insufficient basis

The Complaint alleges the Sandin Defendants knew or believed these representations to be false, or had insufficient bases for making them. (Id. at  $\P$  64.)

# (iii) the defendant's intention to induce the plaintiff to act

The Complaint alleges that the Sandin Defendants made misrepresentations intending for O.P.H. to rely on them. (Id. at ¶ 65.) They were made as a part of the Sandin Defendants' recommendation for O.P.H. to change insurers to Oregon Mutual in December of 2011. (*Id.* at ¶ 16.)

# (iv) the plaintiff's justifiable reliance on the misrepresentation

The Complaint sufficiently alleges justifiable reliance. O.P.H. and the Sandin Defendants had a long relationship history as insurance agent and insured. (Id. at ¶ 11.) Throughout those years, O.P.H. relied on the Sandin Defendants to recommend suitable insurance. (Id. at ¶ 14.) In justifiable reliance on the misrepresentations made by the Sandin Defendants (id. at ¶ 66) and signed a contract with Oregon Mutual in December of 2011 (id. at ¶ 17).

# (v) damage to the plaintiff resulting from such reliance

Lastly, the Complaint sufficiently alleges that O.P.H. has been substantially damaged as a direct and proximate result of those misrepresentations. (Id. at ¶ 67.) O.P.H.'s reliance on the Sandin Defendants and their representations induced O.P.H. to move their insurance policy to Oregon Mutual. (Id. at ¶ 12, ¶ 16.) They relied on Oregon

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Mutual to compensate for losses because of the Sandin Defendants' representations of Oregon Mutual as an appropriate insurance provider, and of Dave Sandin as a licensed insurance agent. (Complaint, ¶ 63.) However, Oregon Mutual failed to be an appropriate insurance provider because it failed to follow state law and the terms of the contract, contrary to the Sandin Defendants' representation, resulting in failure to compensate for losses suffered by O.P.H. (Id. at ¶ 41, ¶ 60.)

# The Complaint Sufficiently Alleges a Cause of Action for Violation of violations of Nev. Rev. Stat. 686A.310 (Unfair Insurance Practices).

The Complaint alleges that the Sandin Defendants violated Nevada statutes (the sixth cause of action) by selling insurance without a license, and also by failing to procure appropriate insurance for O.P.H., and that those violations were the proximate cause of the harm suffered by O.P.H.

The Sandin Defendants violated Nev. Rev. Stat. § 686A.310 by misrepresenting that Oregon Mutual would follow Nevada law and the terms of the contract by providing notice to O.P.H. (Complaint, ¶ 75.) Nev. Rev. Stat. § 686A.310 offers sixteen (16) activities "considered to be an unfair practice." The very first one of which is "misrepresenting to insureds or claimants pertinent facts or insurance policy provisions relating to any coverage at issue." Nev. Rev. Stat. § 686A.310(1)(a). Whether an insurance provider follows Nevada law and abides contractual provisions are "pertinent facts" that relate to coverage. (Complaint, ¶ 75.) The Sandin Defendants violated Nev. Rev. Stat. § 686A.310 by misrepresenting to O.P.H. that Oregon Mutual was an appropriate (Id. at ¶¶ 75-76.) O.P.H. changed insurance providers based on that insurer. representation. (Id. at ¶¶ 16-17, ¶ 59, ¶ 72.) In fact, Oregon Mutual failed to follow state law and the terms of the contract (id. at ¶ 27), leading to failure to cover losses suffered by O.P.H. (id. at ¶ 41.). Thus, O.P.H. sufficiently pled a connection between Sandin Defendant's actions and the harm suffered.

# The Complaint Sufficiently Alleges a General Cause of Action for Negligence.

A negligence claim (seventh cause of action) requires four elements: (i) the existence of a duty of care; (ii) a breach of that duty; (iii) causation; and (iv) damages. Sanchez v. Wal-Mart, 221 P.3d 1276, 1280 (2009). One way of showing negligence is negligence per se. The Complaint sufficiently alleges negligence per se but the Complaint's allegations are not limited to such. The Complaint also sufficiently alleges a general cause of action for negligence.

# (i) duty

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The Complaint alleges the Sandin Defendants owed O.P.H. duties, including fiduciary duties, and a duty of reasonable care. (Complaint, ¶ 12, ¶ 14, ¶ 17, ¶ 69, ¶ 70, ¶ 84, ¶ 85.)

# (ii) breach of duty

The Sandin Defendants breached those duties by failing to recommend an appropriate insurance provider (id. at  $\P$  27,  $\P$  41,  $\P$  70), practicing without a license (id. at ¶ 20, ¶ 80) and making material misrepresentations (id. at ¶ 34, ¶ 29, ¶ 52, ¶ 54, ¶¶ 62-63). The Sandin Defendants actions fell below the standard of care of a reasonably competent insurance agent. (Id. at  $\P$  70.)

# (iii) causation

The Sandin Defendants' breaches directly and proximately caused the harm O.P.H. suffered. (Id. at ¶ 71, ¶ 88.) O.P.H. entered into an insurance contract with Oregon Mutual as a result of the Sandin Defendants' representation of Oregon Mutual as a suitable provider. (Id. at ¶¶ 16-17.) Oregon Mutual failed to follow state law and the terms of the contract (id. at  $\P$  27), leading to failure to cover losses suffered by O.P.H (id. at  $\P$  41).

### (iv) damages

O.P.H. suffered loss from an August 17, 2012 fire (Complaint, ¶ 36), for which Oregon Mutual denied coverage (id. at ¶ 41). As detailed above, the Complaint sufficiently

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alleges that O.P.H. would not have suffered the damages if it were not for the Sandin Defendants' breaches.

# The Complaint Sufficiently Alleges a General Cause of Action for Negligence Per Se

Cause of action seven also sufficiently alleges a cause of action for negligence per se. A negligence per se claim arises when the duty is created by a statute. Sanchez v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., 221 P.2d 1276, 1283 (2009). Violation of that statute establishes the duty and breach elements of negligence when the injured party is in the class of persons the statute is intended to protect and the type of injury is the type which the statute is intended

Nev. Rev. Stat. § 598.0923 says a person engages in a deceptive trade practice when in the course of business, they conduct that business without all required licenses, fail to disclose a material fact in connection with the sale or lease of goods or services, or violate a state statute relating to the sale or lease of goods or services. Nev. Rev. Stat. § 598.0923. As described above, the Sandin Defendants sold insurance without the required licenses, failed to disclose material facts in connection with procuring insurance for Plaintiff, and violated state statutes in doing so. (Complaint, ¶¶ 84-88.)

O.P.H., the insured, is in the class of persons that Nevada's Deceptive Trade Practices Act was designed to protect—consumers. (Id. at ¶ 89.) As the title suggests, the Act is intended to prevent the public from harm resulting from deceptive practices in sales and lease transactions. In Erwin v. State, the Nevada Supreme Court considered Nev. Rev. Stat. § 599, the subsequent chapter under Title 52, Trade Regulations and Prohibited Acts. 111 Nev. 1535 (1995). There, the Court wrote "this area of law is prophylactic in nature so that the State can protect the marketplace and consumers from abuses." Id. at 1543. Further, Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.600 defines "consumer fraud" as "an act prohibited by NRS 598.0915 to 598.0925, inclusive." Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.600(2)(e). O.P.H. was a consumer, relying on the Sandin Defendants to procure insurance.

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW 616 SOUTH EIGHTH STREET LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89101 In addition, contrary to the Sandin Defendants' claim (*see* Motion to Dismiss, p. 9:24-26) the Complaint alleges that the injuries suffered by O.P.H. are the types of injuries the Act is meant to prevent. (Complaint, ¶ 90 ("The injuries suffered by Plaintiff are the type of injuries the Deceptive Trade Practices Act was meant to prevent").) The Motion to Dismiss miscategorizes the harm as "Oregon Mutual's cancellation of Plaintiff's insurance policy." (Motion to Dismiss, p. 9:24-25.) In fact, the harm caused by the Sandin Defendants is broader, including procuring inadequate insurance for O.P.H. by misrepresenting Oregon Mutual as an adequate insurance provider. (Complaint, ¶ 82.) However, the Sandin Defendants recommended Oregon Mutual (*id.* at ¶ 16), who failed to follow state law and the terms of the contract, resulting in failure to compensate for losses (*id.* at ¶ 41). Thus, the Complaint sufficiently alleges a cause of action for negligence.

# IV. CONCLUSION

Based on the forgoing, O.P.H. respectfully requests that the Sandin Defendants' Motion to Dismiss be denied. Of course, should this Court find that any causes should be dismissed, this Court should of course allow O.P.H. leave to amend its Complaint. Nev. R. Civ. P. 15(a); *See also, e.g., Cohen v. Mirage Resorts, Inc.*, 119 Nev. 1, 22 (2003)("[W]hen a complaint can be amended to state a claim for relief, leave to amend, rather than dismissal, is the preferred remedy.").

Respectfully submitted this, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

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# DISTRICT COURT

# **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

Plaintiff, v. OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, DAVE SANDIN, and SANDIN & CO.,

Defendants.

Case No.: A-12-672158-C

Dept. No.: XXVII

REPLY IN SUPPORT OF THE SANDIN DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS

The gist of plaintiff's complaint is quite clear and not "misapprehended" by the Sandin defendants: plaintiff did not pay its July 26, 2012 premium; Oregon Mutual cancelled its insurance policy as a result; Oregon Mutual did not provide notice of this cancellation to the Sandin defendants; plaintiff's restaurant was destroyed by fire; Oregon Mutual denied its million dollar claim; and plaintiff does not think it should be held to task for its faulty accounting practices. The Sandin defendants are not seeking to defame plaintiff by virtue of their motion: rather, they merely point to the clear and unequivocal allegations set forth in plaintiff's complaint stating that they - the Sandin defendants - were not provided notice of cancellation of plaintiff's policy, and despite this fact, are somehow responsible for plaintiff's failure to pay and Oregon Mutual's alleged failure to comply with Nevada law and the terms of the contract. See ¶¶ 27 and 28 ("Defendant OREGON MUTUAL did not send a cancellation

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notice to Defendant DAVE SANDIN. Defendant DAVE SANDIN did not receive a cancellation notice.") While the Sandin defendants do not concede that they had any duty to police plaintiff's and Oregon Mutual's respective compliance with the contractual relationship between them, assuming arguendo that such duty might exist, it could only arise if the Sandin defendants had received notice that Oregon Mutual intended to cancel plaintiff's policy. But they did not, and even more telling, plaintiff explicitly and clearly pleaded that not only did Oregon Mutual not send the Sandin defendants notice of the cancellation, but that Dave Sandin never received any such notice.

In addition, plaintiff's complaint is a "failure to procure" action that must be dismissed because, ultimately, the Sandin defendants obtained insurance that met plaintiff's needs but for plaintiff's own failure to pay its premiums and Oregon Mutual's faulty notice practices. Despite this, plaintiff claims that the Sandin defendants failed to procure suitable insurance for its coverage needs. In fact, Oregon Mutual would presumably have covered the loss alleged in this case had plaintiff paid its premiums. The fact that Oregon Mutual did not comply with Nevada law or the parties' contract in its notice practices was, under no circumstances, foreseeable by the Sandin defendants. But for plaintiff's own bad acts, its loss would have been covered by Oregon Mutual. The Sandin defendants cannot be held liable for failure to procure coverage that met plaintiff's needs because the Sandin defendants did procure coverage that met plaintiff's needs and, ultimately, it was plaintiff's fault Oregon Mutual denied its claims, not the Sandin defendants', and they could not possibly have foreseen that Oregon Mutual would not comply with Nevada notice requirements in this instance.

The Sandin defendants did not receive notice of Oregon Mutual's cancellation of 1. plaintiff's insurance policy, and therefore had no legal duty - implicit or explicit to warn plaintiff their policy was about to be cancelled.

Plaintiff alleges in its complaint as follows: "Defendant OREGON MUTUAL did not send a cancellation notice to Defendant DAVE SANDIN. Defendant DAVE SANDIN did not receive a cancellation notice." See ¶¶ 27 and 28. It does not matter whether Oregon Mutual's answer states otherwise. There is no set of facts which, if proven, could impose a duty on the Sandin defendants to warn plaintiff that its policy was about to be cancelled where the Sandin

PECCOLE PROFESSIONAL PARK IOOBO WEST ALTA DRIVE, SUITE 200 LAS VEGAS, NV 89145 defendants had not received notice of the cancellation themselves. And plaintiff's opposition is glaringly devoid of citation to even one case that imposes a duty on a broker of insurance to monitor the insurance company's actions after the insured and insurance company have entered into a contractual relationship. Absent a legal duty to warn plaintiff that its premium was late, plaintiff argues that it "relied" on the Sandin defendants to notify them of missed premium payments. Unfortunately, such reliance is unjustified and unreasonable. The Sandin defendants are not parties to the contract between plaintiff and Oregon Mutual, and are not required to ensure either party's compliance therewith. Regardless, plaintiff's complaint unequivocally states that the Sandin defendants did not receive a cancellation notice from Oregon Mutual. Therefore, the Sandin defendants cannot be held liable for plaintiff's failure to pay its premium and Oregon Mutual's resulting cancellation of the policy when they themselves were completely unaware that plaintiff had not made its premium payment, and that Oregon Mutual was about to cancel plaintiff's policy.

# 2. Plaintiff is not entitled to discovery on issues that it affirmatively pleaded in its complaint and should not be permitted to rely on matters outside of the four corners of its complaint.

Again, plaintiff clearly and unequivocally states in its complaint that the Sandin defendants did not receive a notice of cancellation from Oregon Mutual, and that plaintiff itself only received notice after the policy was actually cancelled. See ¶ 26, 27, and 28. Strangely, plaintiff then requests discovery on these issues to determine if its allegations, as pleaded, are true. NRCP 56(f) relief is only available as a defense to a motion for summary judgment, and further, these facts as alleged are not disputed by the Sandin defendants. Whether plaintiff received notice or not is irrelevant to any alleged duty the Sandin defendants may have had to notify plaintiff that its premium payment was overdue. Plaintiff is not entitled to discovery on an issue that it affirmatively pleaded as truthful: that the Sandin defendants did not receive a cancellation notice from Oregon Mutual. Absent a legal or rational basis to allow plaintiff

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Contrary to plaintiff's statement on page 3, lines 19-23, the Sandin defendants properly argued that any notice of cancellation plaintiff received from Oregon Mutual – according to the allegations in its complaint – was received after the policy had already been cancelled.

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discovery on these claims, its request should be summarily denied.

Plaintiff also complains that the Sandin defendants "defamed" it by noting that they struggled with finding suitable insurance for plaintiff because of its credit history, and that this comment references matters "outside of the pleadings." Ironically, and in the same breath, plaintiff argues ad nauseam that the Sandin defendants told plaintiff to change insurance companies. Plaintiff never alleged this in its complaint. Not only is this statement completely inaccurate, but it presumes to place even more responsibility on the shoulders of the Sandin defendants than is even alleged in the complaint and, therefore, should be completely disregarded.

The Sandin defendants could not have misrepresented to plaintiff that Oregon 3. Mutual would not comply with Nevada law and the terms of its contract with plaintiff if they did not know and had no reason to know that it would not follow state law.

The Sandin defendants had no reason to believe that Oregon Mutual would not comply with Nevada law or the terms of the policy requiring it to give notice of cancellation to both the broker of the insurance and the insured. Each and every one of plaintiff's misrepresentationbased claims fails to assert how the Sandin defendants could be legally responsible for an act that Oregon Mutual had not yet committed when the Sandin defendants recommended Oregon Mutual to plaintiff. The same theory that exculpates a defendant for a third-party's intervening and superseding act is at play here: the Sandin defendants cannot be held liable for the unforeseeable bad acts of Oregon Mutual. See Wood v. Safeway, Inc., 121 Nev. 724, 121 P.3d 1026 (2005). And the Sandin defendants cannot misrepresent a fact that they did not know and had no reason to know: that Oregon Mutual would not provide them and plaintiff with the appropriate notices before cancelling the insurance policy.

Were this claim allowed to proceed, any agent could be sued any time a carrier breached its contractual obligations s to the insured. This is tantamount to holding a car dealership responsible for a finance company's breach of its financing agreement with the purchaser simply by virtue of the dealership's procurement of the financing. This, of course, would be absurd, as are the present allegations.

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Respondents.

APPELLA Sof Supreme Court APPENDIX VOL. 1 OF 4

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#### **Commercial Lines**

September 11, 2012

RE: BSP716685 OPH OF LAS VEGAS INC

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

To the best of my knowledge this is a true and certified copy of the captioned policy from the period from 12/26/2011 to 12/26/2012.

STEPHANIE STEVENS
Commercial Lines Support



P.O. Box 806, McMinnville, Oregon 97128

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**Businessowners Protector Policy** 

POLICY DECLARATIONS

POLICY NUMBER

POLICY PERIOD

BSP716685

12/26/2011 TO 12/26/2012 12:01 A.M. Standard Time at Your Mailing Address.

NAMED INSURED

LAS VEGAS

CUSTOMER SINCE:

12/26/2011

YOUR AGENT

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SANDIN INSURANCE GROUP

46 DA VINCI ST.

LAKE OSWEGO

OR 97035

THE NAMED INSURED IS:

BUSINESS DESCRIPTION:

OPH OF LAS VEGAS INC

4170 S FORT APACHE RD

OPH OF LAS VEGAS #5

CORPORATION

RESTAURANTS CASUAL W/O LOUNGE PREMISES DESCRIPTION(s)

NV 89147-8801

BILLING ACCOUNT: 121953462

PREM. NO. 001

BLDG. NO. 100

4170 S FORT APACHE RD LAS VEGAS

MORTGAGEE.

NV 89147-8801

PREM. NO. 002

BLDG. NO.

4833 W CHARLESTON BLVD LAS VEGAS

NV 89146-1410

MORTGAGEE.

in return for the payment of the premium, and subject to all the terms of this policy, we agree with you to provide the insurance as stated in this policy. This Declarations Page or Continuation Certificate, when attached, completes the above numbered policy,

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BASIC PROPERTY COVERAGE

Deductible

Buildings

PREM. NO.

BLDG, NO.

Limits of insurance

**Business Personal Property** 

PREM. NO.

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This policy includes Business Income Coverages. See paragraph A.5.f in Section 1 - Property of the BUSINESS COVERAGE FORM.

BASIC LIABILITY AND MEDICAL PAYMENTS

General Aggregate Limit (Other than Products-Completed Operations) Products Completed Operations Aggregate Limit

\$

Liability and Medical Expenses Limit

\$

\$

Medical Expenses (per Person) Damage to Premises Rented to You Limit \$

Except for Damage to Premises Rented To You, each paid claim for the above coverages reduces the amount of the insurance we provide during the applicable period. Please refer to paragraph D.4. in Sect. II - Liability of the BUSINESSOWNERS COVERAGE FORM,

OPTIONAL/MISCELLANEOUS COVERAGES

SPECIAL CLUSTER ENDORSEMENT TERRORISM COVERAGE

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THESE FORMS APPLY.

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#### Forms and Endorsements

POLICY NUMBER: BSP716685

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/26/2011

NAMED INSURED: OPH OF LAS VEGAS INC

NOTE:

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#### POLICYHOLDER DISCLOSURE NOTICE OF TERRORISM INSURANCE COVERAGE

#### A. Disclosure Of Premium

In accordance with the federal Terrorism Risk Insurance Act, we are required to provide you with a notice disclosing the portion of your premium, if any, attributable to coverage for terrorist acts certified under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act. The portion of your premium attributable to such coverage is shown below.

#### B. Disclosure Of Federal Participation in Payment Of Terrorism Losses

The United States Government, Department of the Treasury, will pay a share of terrorism losses insured under the federal program. The federal share equals 85% of that portion of the amount of such insured losses that exceeds the applicable insurer retention. However, if aggregate insured losses attributable to terrorist acts certified under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act exceed \$100 billion in a Program Year (January 1 through December 31), the Treasury shall not make any payment for any portion of the amount of such losses that exceeds \$100 billion.

However, your policy may contain other exclusions which might affect your coverage, such as an exclusion for nuclear events.

#### C. Cap On Insurer Participation In Payment Of Terrorism Losses

If aggregate insured losses attributable to terrorist acts certified under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act exceed \$100 billion in a Program Year (January 1 through December 31) and we have met our insurer deductible under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act, we shall not be liable for the payment of any portion of the amount of such losses that exceeds \$100 billion, and in such case insured losses up to that amount are subject to pro rata allocation in accordance with procedures established by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Information required to complete this schedule, if not shown below, will be shown in the Declarations,

Coverage Terrorism Premium

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### EMPLOYMENT-RELATED PRACTICES EXCLUSION

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

BUSINESSOWNERS COVERAGE FORM

The following exclusion is added to Paragraph B. Exclusions in Section II – Liability:

This insurance does not apply to

- "Bodily injury" or "personal and advertising injury" to:
  - a. A person arising out of any:
    - (1) Refusal to employ that person;
    - (2) Termination of that person's employment; or
    - (3) Employment-related practices, policies, acts or ornissions, such as coercion, demotion, evaluation, reassignment, discipline, defamation, harassment, humiliation or discrimination directed at that person; or
- b. The spouse, child, parent, brother or sister of that person as a consequence of "bodily injury" or "personal and advertising injury" to that person at whom any of the employment-related practices described in Paragraphs (1), (2) or (3) above is directed.
- 2. This exclusion applies:
  - a. Whether the insured may be liable as an employer or in any other capacity; and
  - b. To any obligation to share damages with or repay someone eise who must pay damages because of the injury.

# EXCLUSION – YEAR 2000 COMPUTER-RELATED AND OTHER ELECTRONIC PROBLEMS – WITH EXCEPTION FOR BODILY INJURY ON YOUR PREMISES

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

BUSINESSOWNERS COVERAGE FORM

The following exclusion is added to Paragraph B., Exclusions in Section II – Liability:

#### 1. Exclusions

This insurance does not apply to "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" arising directly or indirectly out of:

- a. Any actual or alleged failure, malfunction or inadequacy of:
  - (1) Any of the following, whether belonging to any insured or to others:
    - (a) Computer hardware, including microprocessors or other Electronic Data Processing Equipment as may be described elsewhere in the policy;
    - (b) Computer application software or other Electronic Media and Records as may be described elsewhere in the policy;
    - (c) Computer operating systems and related software;

- (d) Computer networks;
- (e) Microprocessors (computer chips) not part of any computer system; or
- (f) Any other computerized or electronic equipment or components; or
- (2) Any other products, and any services, data or functions that directly or indirectly use or rely upon, in any manner, any of the items listed in Paragraph 1.a.(1) of this endorsement
- due to the inability to correctly recognize, process, distinguish, interpret or accept the year 2000 and beyond.
- b. Any advice, consultation, design, evaluation, inspection, installation, maintenance, repair, replacement or supervision provided or done by you or for you to determine, rectify or test for, any potential or actual problems described in Paragraph 1.a. of this endorsement.

However, this exclusion does not apply to "bodily injury" occurring on any premises owned by or rented to you.



## OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY BUSINESSOWNERS AGGREGATE LIMIT OF INSURANCE PER LOCATION

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#### THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

BUSINESSOWNERS COVERAGE FORM

#### Section II - Liability is amended as follows:

- A. For all sums which the insured becomes legally obligated to pay as damages caused by "occurrences" under paragraph A.1. Business Liability, and for all medical expenses caused by accidents under paragraph A.2. Medical Expenses, which can be attributed only to operations at a "location" insured on this policy:
  - A separate General Aggregate Limit applies to injury or damage, other than injury or damage under the "products-completed operations hazard". This Location General Aggregate Limit applies to each insured "location", and that limit is equal to the amount of the Aggregate Limit applicable in Paragraph D.4.b. - Aggregate Limits.
  - 2. The General Aggregate Limit is the most we will pay for the sum of all damages under paragraph A.1. Business Liability, except damages because of "bodily injury" or "property damage" included in the "products-completed operations hazard", and for medical expenses under paragraph A.2. Medical Expenses regardless of the number of:
    - a. Insureds:
    - b. Claims made or "suits" brought; or
    - Persons or organizations making claims or bringing "suits".
  - 3. Any payments made under paragraph A.1. Business Liability for damages or under paragraph A.2. Medical Expenses shall reduce the Location General Aggregate Limit for that designated "location". Such payments shall not reduce the General Aggregate Limit shown in paragraph D.4.b. Aggregate Limits nor shall they reduce any other Location General Aggregate Limit for any other insured "location".
  - 4. The limits shown in the Declarations for Liability and Medical Expenses, Damage to Premises Rented To You, and Medical Expenses (per Person) continue to apply, subject to the applicable Location General Aggregate Limit.
- B. For all sums which the insured becomes legally obligated to pay as damages caused by "occurrences" under paragraph A.1- Business Liability, and for all medical expenses caused by accidents under paragraph A.2. Medical Expenses, which cannot be attributed only to operations at a single "location" shown in the Schedule above:
  - Any payments made under paragraph A.1. Business Liability for damages or under paragraph A.2. - Medical Expenses shall reduce the amount available under the Aggregate Limit subject to paragraph D.4.b. - Aggregate Limits or the Products-Completed Operations Aggregate Limit in paragraph D.4.a - Aggregate Limits, whichever is applicable; and
  - 2. Such payments shall not reduce any Location General Aggregate Limit.
- C. Any payments for damages because of "bodily injury" or "property damage" included in the "products-completed operations hazard" will reduce the Products-Completed Operations Aggregate Limit in paragraph D.4.a Aggregate Limits, and not reduce the Aggregate Limit subject to paragraph D.4.b. Aggregate Limits, nor the Location General Aggregate Limit.
- D. For the purposes of this endorsement, paragraph F. -Liability And Medical Expenses Definitions is amended by the addition of the following definition:
  - "Location" means premises involving the same or connecting lots, or premises whose connection is interrupted only by a street, roadway, waterway or right-of-way of a railroad.
- E. The provisions of Limits Of insurance not otherwise modified by this endorsement shall continue to apply as stipulated.

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#### OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY BUSINESSOWNERS EQUIPMENT BREAKDOWN ENDORSEMENT

#### THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY, PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

#### BUSINESSOWNERS COVERAGE FORM

The following is added to Section I —Property, paragraph A.5. Additional Coverages:

#### Equipment Breakdown

- (1) We will pay for loss caused by or resulting from an "accident" to "covered equipment".
- (2) Unless otherwise shown in a Schedule, the following coverages also apply to loss caused by or resulting from an "accident" to "covered equipment". These coverages do not provide additional amounts of insurance.
  - (a) Expediting Expenses

With respect to your damaged Covered Property, we will pay up to \$25,000 unless otherwise shown in a Schedule, the reasonable extra cost to:

- (i) make temporary repairs; and
- (ii) expedite permanent repairs or permanent replacement.
- (b) Hazardous Substances

We will pay for the additional cost to repair or replace Covered Property because of contamination by a "hazardous substance". This includes the additional costs to clean up or dispose of such property.

Additional costs mean those beyond what would have been required had no "hazardous substance" been involved.

The most we will pay for loss or damage under this coverage, including actual loss of Business Income you sustain, necessary Extra Expense you incur and loss under Spoilage coverage, is \$25,000 unless otherwise shown in a Schedule.

- (c) Spoilage
  - (i) We will pay for your loss of "perishable goods" due to spoilage.
  - (ii) We will also pay for your loss of "perishable goods" due to contamination from the release of refrigerant, including but not limited to ammonia.
  - (iii) We will also pay any necessary expenses you incur to reduce the amount of loss under this coverage. We will pay for such expenses to the extent that they do not exceed the amount of loss that otherwise would have been payable under this coverage

(iv) If you are unable to replace the "perishable goods" before its anticipated sale, the amount of our payment will be determined on the basis of the sales price of the "perishable goods" at the time of the "accident", less discounts and expenses you otherwise would have had. Otherwise our payment will be determined in accordance with the Loss Payment condition.

The most we will pay for loss or damage under this coverage is \$25,000 unless otherwise shown in a Schedule.

(d) Computer Equipment

We will pay for loss or damage caused by or resulting from an "accident" to "computer equipment".

The most we will pay for loss or damage under this coverage, including actual loss of Business Income you sustain and necessary Extra Expense you incur, is \$25,000 unless otherwise shown in a Schedule. Computers used primarily to control or operate "covered equipment" are not subject to this limit.

(e) Data Restoration

We will pay for your cost to research, replace and restore data, including programs and operating systems, that is lost or corrupted due to an "accident". The most we will pay for loss or damage under this coverage, is \$25,000 unless otherwise shown in a Schedule.

(f) CFC Refrigerants

We will pay for the additional cost to repair or replace Covered Property because of the use or presence of a refrigerant containing CFC (chiorofluorocarbon) substances. This means the additional cost to do the least expensive of the following:

- (i) Repair the damaged property and replace any lost CFC refrigerant;
- (ii) Repair the damaged property, retrofit the system to accept a non-CFC refrigerant and charge the system with a non-CFC refrigerant; or
- (iii) Replace the system with one using a nor-CFC refrigerant.

Additional costs mean those beyond what would have been required had no CFC refrigerant been involved.

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The most we will pay for loss or damage under this coverage, including actual loss of Business Income you sustain, necessary Extra Expense you incur and loss under Spoilage coverage, is \$25,000 unless otherwise shown in a Schedule.

#### (g) Service interruption

The insurance provided for Business Income, Extra Expense and Spoilage is extended to apply to loss caused by or resulting from an "accident" to equipment that is owned by a utility, landlord, or other supplier with whom you have a contract to provide you with any of the following services: electrical power, communications, waste disposal, air conditioning, refrigeration, heating, gas, air, water or steam.

#### (3) CONDITIONS

#### (a) Suspension

When any "covered equipment" is found to be in, or exposed to a dangerous condition, any of our representatives may immediately suspend the insurance against loss from an "accident" to that "covered equipment". We can do this by mailing or delivering a written notice of suspension to your address as shown in the Declarations, or at the address where the equipment is located. Once suspended in this way, your insurance can be reinstated only by an endorsement for that "covered equipment". If we suspend your insurance, you will get a prorata refund of premium. But the suspension will be effective even if we have not yet made or offered a refund.

#### (b) Jurisdictional Inspections

If any property that is "covered equipment" under this endorsement requires inspection to comply with state or municipal boiler and pressure vessel regulations, we agree to perform such inspection on your behalf.

#### (c) Environmental, Safety and Efficiency Improvements

If "covered equipment" requires replacement due to an "accident", we will pay your additional cost to replace with equipment that is better for the environment, safer or more efficient than the equipment being replaced.

However, we will not pay more than 125% of what the cost would have been to repair or replace with like kind and quality. This condition does not increase any of the applicable limits. This condition does not apply to any property to which Actual Cash Value applies.

#### (d) Coinsurance

If indicated in a Schedule, specified coverages may be subject to coinsurance. We will not pay for the full amount of your loss if the applicable limit is less than the product of the specified coinsurance percentage times the value of the property subject to the coverage at the time of the loss. Instead, we will determine what percentage this calculated product is compared to the applicable limit and apply that percentage to the gross amount of loss. We will then subtract the applicable Deductible. The resulting amount, or the applicable limit, is the most we will pay. We will not pay for the remainder of the loss.

#### **EXAMPLE 1** (Underinsurance)

#### When:

The value of "perishable goods" at the location of loss at the time of the "accident" is \$200,000.

The Spoilage Limit is \$100,000 @ 80% Coinsurance.

The actual loss under Spoilage Coverage resulting from the "accident" is \$40,000.

The Spoilage Deductible is \$5,000.

Step 1: \$200,000 X 80% = \$160,000

Step 2: \$100,000/\$160,000 = .625

Step 3: \$40,000 X .625 = \$25,000

Step 4: \$25,000 - \$5,000 = \$20,000

The total Spoilage loss recovery, after deductible, would be \$20,000. For the remainder, you will either have to rely on other insurance or absorb the loss yourself.

#### **EXAMPLE 2** (Adequate insurance)

#### When

The value of "perishable goods" at the location of loss at the time of the "accident" is \$100,000.

The Spoilage Limit is \$100,000 @ 80% Coinsurance.

The actual loss under Spoilage Coverage resulting from the "accident" is \$40,000.

The Spoilage Deductible is \$5,000.

Step 1: \$100,000 X 80% = \$80,000

Step 2: \$100,000/\$80,000 = 1.25

Coinsurance does not apply.

Step 3: \$40,000 - \$5,000 = \$35,000

The total Spoilage loss recovery, after deductible, would be \$35,000.

#### (4) DEDUCTIBLE

The deductible in the Declarations applies unless a separate Equipment Breakdown deductible is shown in an Equipment Breakdown Schedule. If a separate Equipment Breakdown deductible is shown in the Equipment Breakdown Schedule, the following applies.

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Only as regards Equipment Breakdown Coverage, provision D. DEDUCTIBLES is deleted and replaced with the following:

If deductibles vary by type of "covered equipment" and more than one type of equipment is involved in any "one accident", the highest deductibles will apply.

- (a) Direct and Indirect Coverages
  - Unless otherwise shown in the Schedule, the Direct Coverages Deductibles apply to all loss or damage covered by this endorsement, with the exception of those coverages subject to the Indirect Coverages Deductibles as noted below. Unless more specifically indicated in the Schedule, the Indirect Coverages Deductibles apply to Business Income and Extra Expense.
- (b) Application of Deductibles
  - (i) Dollar Deductibles

We will not pay for loss or damage resulting from any "one accident" until the amount of loss or damage exceeds the applicable Deductible shown in the Schedule. We will then pay the amount of loss or damage in excess of the applicable Deductible, up to the Equipment Breakdown Limit, after any deduction required by the Coinsurance condition.

- (ii) Time Deductible
  - If a time deductible is shown in the Schedule, we will not be liable for any loss occurring during the specified number of hours or days immediately following the "accident". If a time deductible is expressed in days, each day shall mean twenty-four consecutive hours.
- (iii) Multiple of Average Daily Value (ADV) If a deductible is expressed as a number times ADV, that amount will be calculated as follows:

The ADV (Average Daily Value) will be the Business Income (as defined in any Business Income coverage that is part of this policy) that would have been earned had no "accident" occurred during the period of interruption of business divided by the number of working days in that period. No reduction shall be made for the Business Income not being earned, or in the number of working days, because of the "accident" or any other scheduled or unscheduled shutdowns during the period of interruption. The ADV applies to all locations included in the valuation of the loss.

The number indicated in the Schedule shall be multiplied by the ADV as determined above. The result shall be used as the applicable deductible.

(iv) Percentage of Loss Deductibles if a deductible is expressed as a percentage of loss, we will not be liable for the indicated percentage of the gross amount of loss or damage (prior to any applicable deductible or coinsurance) insured under the applicable coverage. If the dollar amount of such percentage is less than the indicated minimum deductible, the minimum

deductible will be the applicable deductible.

#### (5) DEFINITIONS

- (a) "Accident" means direct physical loss as follows:
  - mechanical breakdown, including rupture or bursting caused by centrifugal force;
  - (ii) artificially generated electric current, including electric arcing, that disturbs electrical devices, appliances or wires;
  - (iii) explosion of steam boilers, steam pipes, steam engines or steam turbines owned or leased by you, or operated under your control;
  - (iv) loss or damage to steam boilers, steam pipes, steam engines or steam turbines caused by or resulting from any condition or event inside such equipment; or
  - (v) loss or damage to hot water boilers or other water heating equipment caused by or resulting from any condition or event inside such boilers or equipment.
- (b) "Boilers and Vessels" means:
  - Any boiler, including attached steam condensate and feedwater piping; and
  - (ii) Any fired or unfired pressure vessel subject to vacuum or internal pressure other than the static pressure of its contents.

This term does not appear elsewhere in this endorsement, but may appear in a Schedule.

- (c) "Computer equipment" means Covered Property that is electronic computer or other data processing equipment, including peripherals used in conjunction with such equipment, and Electronic Media and Records as defined in Property Loss Conditions, Limitation - Electronic Media and Records.
- (d) "Covered equipment", unless otherwise specified in a Schedule, means Covered Property built to operate under vacuum or pressure, other than weight of contents, or used for the generation, transmission or utilization of energy.
- (e) "Hazardous substance" means any substance other than ammonia that has been declared to be hazardous to health by a governmental agency.

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- (f) "One accident" means: If an initial "accident" causes other "accidents", all will be considered "one accident". All "accidents" that are the result of the same event will be considered "one accident".
- (g) "Perishable goods" means personal property maintained under controlled conditions for its preservation, and susceptible to loss or damage if the controlled conditions change.
- (h) "Production Machinery" means any machine or apparatus that processes or produces a product intended for eventual sale. However, "production machinery" does not mean any fired or unfired pressure vessel other than a cylinder containing a movable plunger or piston.

This term does not appear elsewhere in this endorsement, but may appear in a Schedule.

#### (6) EXCLUSIONS

- (a) All exclusions and limitations apply except:
  - (i) Exclusions B.2.a., B.2.d. and B.21.(6); and
  - (ii) Limitations A.4.a.(1) and A.4.a.(2).
- (b) The exclusions are modified as follows:
  - (i) The following is added to Exclusion B.1 g.: However, if electrical "covered equipment" requires drying out because of the above, we will pay for the direct expenses of such drying out subject to the Limit of Insurance or, if an Equipment Breakdown Schedule applies the Equipment Breakdown Limit, and deductible.
  - (ii) As respects this endorsement only, the last paragraph of Exclusion B.2.I. is deleted and replaced with the following: But if loss or damage by an "accident" results, we will pay for that resulting loss or damage.
- (c) None of the following is "covered equipment"
  - structure, foundation, cabinet, compartment or air supported structure or building.
  - (ii) insulating or refractory material;
  - (iii) sewer piping, underground vessels or piping, or piping forming a part of a sprinkler system;
  - (iv) water piping other than boiler feedwater piping, boiler condensate return piping or water piping forming a part of a refrigerating or air conditioning system;

- (v) vehicle, aircraft, floating vessel or any equipment mounted on such vehicle, aircraft or floating vessel. However, any property that is stationary, permanently installed at a covered location and that receives electrical power from an external power supplier will not be considered a vehicle, aircraft or floating vessel;
- (vi) dragline, excavation equipment or construction equipment; or
- (vii) equipment manufactured by you for sale.
- (d) We will not pay under this endorsement for loss or damage caused by or resulting from:
  - (i) any defect, virus, loss of data or other situation within Electronic Media and Records. But if loss or damage from an "accident" results, we will pay for that resulting loss or damage; or
  - (ii) any of the following tests: a hydrostatic, pneumatic or gas pressure test of any boiler or pressure vessel; or an insulation breakdown test of any type of electrical equipment.
- (e) With respect to Service Interruption coverage and, if shown as covered, Spoilage coverage, we will also not pay for loss or damage caused by or resulting from: fire; lightning; windstorm or hail; explosion (except for steam or centrifugal explosion); smoke; aircraft or vehicles; riot or civil commotion; vandalism; sprinkler leakage; falling objects; weight of snow, ice or sleet; freezing or collapse.
- (f) With respect to Service Interruption coverage and Business Income and Extra Expense coverages, we will also not pay for delay in resuming operations due to the need to reconstruct or reinput data or programs on Electronic Media and Records.

The most we will pay for loss or damage under this endorsement is the Limit of Insurance shown in the Declarations or, if an Equipment Breakdown Schedule applies, the Equipment Breakdown Limit shown in the Schedule. Coverage provided under this endorsement does not provide an additional amount of insurance.



## OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY BUSINESSOWNERS SECTION I FUNGUS, WET ROT, DRY ROT AND BACTERIA EXCLUSION

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#### THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

BUSINESSOWNERS COVERAGE FORM

#### SECTION I - PROPERTY is amended as follows:

- Paragraph A.5.I.(5) of the Increased Cost Of Construction Additional Coverage is replaced by the following:
  - (5) Under this Additional Coverage, we will not pay for:
    - (a) The enforcement of any ordinance or law which requires demolition, repair, replacement, reconstruction, remodeling or remediation of property due to contamination by "pollutants" or due to the presence, growth, proliferation, spread or any activity of "fungus", wet or dry rot or bacteria; or
    - (b) Any costs associated with the enforcement of an ordinance or law which requires any insured or others to test for, monitor, clean up, remove, contain, treat, detoxify or neutralize, or in any way respond to or assess the effects of "pollutants", "fungus", wet or dry rot or bacteria.
- The following is added to paragraph B.1. EXCLUSIONS

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B.1.i. "Fungus", Wet Rot, Dry Rot And Bacteria

Presence, growth, proliferation, spread or any activity of "fungus", wet or dry rot or bacteria.

But if "fungus", wet or dry rot or bacteria results in a "specified cause of loss", we will pay for the loss or damage caused by that "specified cause of loss".

This exclusion does not apply:

- When "fungus", wet or dry rot or bacteria results from fire or lightning; or
- To the extent that coverage is provided in the Additional Coverage – Limited Coverage For "fungus", Wet Rot, Dry Rot And Becteria with respect to loss or damage by a cause of loss other than fire or lightning.

Exclusions B.1.a. through B.1.i. apply whether or not the loss event results in widespread damage or affects a substantial area.

- Exclusion B.2.I.(2) is replaced by the following.
   B.2.I.(2) Rust, or other corrosion, decay, deterioration, hidden or latent defect or any quality in property that causes it to damage or destroy itself;
- 4. The following is added to paragraph A.5.(e) Additional Coverage Water Damage, Other Liquids, Powder or Molten Material Damage. This Additional Coverage does not increase the Limit of Insurance.
- The following ADDITIONAL COVERAGE is added to paragraph A.5.
  - p. Additional Coverage Limited Coverage For "Fungus", Wet Rot, Dry Rot And Bacteria
  - The coverage described in m.2. and m.6 only applies when the "fungus", wet or dry rot or bacteria is the result of a "specified cause of loss" other than fire or lightning that occurs during the policy period, and only if all reasonable means were used to save and preserve the property from further damage at the time of and after that occurrence.
  - We will pay for loss or damage by "fungus", wet or dry rot or bacteria. As used in this Limited Coverage, the term loss or damage means;
    - Direct physical loss or damage to Covered Property caused by "fungus", wet or dry rot or bacteria, including the cost of removal of the "fungus", wet or dry rot or bacteria;
    - The cost to tear out and replace any part of the building or other property as needed to gain access to the "fungus", wet or dry rot or bacteria; and
    - c. The cost of testing performed after removal, repair, replacement or restoration of the damaged property is completed, provided there is a reason to believe that "fungus", wet or dry rot or bacteria are present.

- 3. The coverage described under m.2. of this Limited Coverage is limited to \$15,000. Regardless of the number of claims, this limit is the most we will pay for the total of all loss or damage arising out of all occurrences of "specified causes of loss" (other than fire or lightning) which take place in a 12-month period (starting with the beginning of the present annual policy period). With respect to a particular occurrence of loss which results in "fungus", wet or dry rot or bacteria, we will not pay more than a total of \$15,000 even if the "fungus", wet or dry rot or bacteria continues to be present or active, or recurs, in a later policy period.
- 4. The coverage provided under this Limited Coverage does not increase the applicable Limit of Insurance on any Covered Property. If a particular occurrence results in loss or damage by "fungus", wet or dry rot or bacteria, and other loss or damage, we will not pay more, for the total of all loss or damage, than the applicable Limit of Insurance on the affected Covered Property.
  - If there is covered loss or damage to Covered Property, not caused by "fungus", wet or dry rot or bacteria, loss payment will not be limited by the terms of this Limited Coverage, except to the extent that "fungus", wet or dry rot or bacteria causes an increase in the loss. Any such increase in the loss will be subject to the terms of this Limited Coverage.
- The terms of this Limited Coverage do not increase or reduce the coverage provided under The Additional Coverage – Water Damage, Other Liquids, Powder or Molten Material Damage.

- 6 Additional Coverages Business Income and Extra Expense
  - a. If the loss which resulted in "fungus", wet or dry rot or bacteria does not in itself necessitate a suspension of "operations", but such suspension is necessary due to loss or darnage to property caused by "fungus", wet or dry rot or bacteria, then our payment under Business Income and/or Extra Expense is limited to the amount of loss and/or expense sustained in a period of not more than 30 days. The days need not be consecutive.
  - b. If a covered suspension of "operations" was caused by loss or damage other than "fungus", wet or dry rot or bacteria but remediation of "fungus", wet or dry rot or bacteria prolongs the "period of restoration", we will pay for loss and/or expense sustained during the delay (regardless of when such a delay occurs during the "period of restoration"), but such coverage is limited to 30 days. The days need not be consecutive
- 6. The following **DEFINITION** is added.
  - "Fungus" means any type or form of fungus, including mold or mildew, and any mycotoxins, spores, scents or by-products produced or released by fungi.



## OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY BUSINESSOWNERS SPECIAL CLUSTER ENDORSEMENT

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#### THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

BUSINESSOWNERS COVERAGE FORM

#### LIABILITY COVERAGE SUMMARY

This is a summary of the liability coverages provided by this endorsement. These coverages are subject to the provisions applicable to **Section II – Liability** and **Section III – Common Policy Conditions** of the Businessowners policy and the applicable provisions of the **Amendatory Endorsement**. Exclusion - Year 2000 Computer-Related and Other Electronic Problems also applies to these coverages. Refer to the following page for coverage details.

#### PROPERTY COVERAGE SUMMARY

This is a summary of the property coverages provided by this endorsement. These coverages are subject to the provisions applicable to **Section I — Property** and **Section III — Common Policy Conditions** of the Businessowners policy and the provisions of the **Amendatory Endorsement**. If there is coverage for the same loss or damage in either the Businessowners Coverage Form or other endorsements attached to the policy the limits provided in this endorsement will be paid in excess of those other limits.

No Business Income and/or Extra Expense coverage is provided by this endorsement except for the coverages provided under Item 4. - Electronic Data Processing Media Extra Expense.

Exclusion of Certain Computer-Related Losses also applies to these coverages.

Refer to the following pages for coverage details.

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#### LIABILITY COVERAGE

#### 1 Employment Related Practices Liability Insurance

- A. The Employment Related Practices Exclusion (BP 0417) attached to this policy, applies to this policy with respect to:
  - 1. losses that are below the \$250 deductible stated in paragraph E, and
  - losses that exceed the \$5,000 limit shown in paragraph D.
- B. If endorsement M2375B, Businessowners Liability (Section II) Exclusion applies to this policy, this coverage, Employment Related Practices Liability Insurance, is not applicable.
- C. The Businessowners Liability coverage provided by this policy includes **Bodily Injury** or **Personal Injury** to:
  - 1. A person arising out of any:
    - a. Refusal to employ that person;
    - Termination of that person's employment; or
    - c. Employment-related practices, policies, acts or omissions, such as coercion, demotion, evaluation, reassignment, discipline, defamation, harassment, humiliation or discrimination directed at that person; or
  - The spouse, child, parent, brother or sister
    of that person as a consequence of bodity
    injury or personal injury to that person at
    whom any of the employment-related
    practices described in paragraphs a., b. or c.
    above is directed.
- D. The most we will pay for losses, including defense costs, occurring in any annual policy period under this coverage is \$5,000 regardless of the number of:
  - Insureds;
  - 2. Claims made or suits brought; or
  - Persons or organizations making claims or bringing suits.
- E. Our obligation under this coverage to pay damages or defense costs on your behalf applies only to amounts in excess of \$250.

#### PROPERTY COVERAGES

#### 1. Accounts Receivable

#### A. COVERAGE

- We will pay:
  - a. All amounts due from your customers that you are unable to collect;
  - Interest charges on any loan required to offset amounts you are unable to collect pending our payment of these amounts;

- Collection expenses in excess of your normal collection expenses that are made necessary by loss or damage; and
- d. Other reasonable expenses that you incur to re-establish your records of accounts receivable; that result from direct physical loss or damage by any Covered Causes of Loss to your records of accounts receivable.

#### 2. Property Not Covered

Covered property does not include contraband, or property in the course of illegal transportation or trade.

#### 3. Covered Causes of Loss

Covered Causes of Loss means RISKS OF DIRECT PHYSICAL LOSS to your records of accounts receivable except those causes of loss listed in the Exclusions.

#### 4. Additional Coverage - Collapse

We will pay for loss or damage caused by or resulting from risks of direct physical loss involving collapse of a building or any part of a building caused only by one or more of the following:

- a. Fire; lightning; explosion; windstorm or hail; smoke; aircraft or vehicles; riot or civil commotion; vandalism; leakage from fire extinguishing equipment; sinkhole collapse; volcanic action; falling objects; weight of snow, ice or sleet; water damage; breakage of building glass.
  - (1) Falling objects does not include loss or damage to:
    - (a) Properly in the open; or
    - (b) Property inside a building or structure, unless the roof or an outside wall of the building or structure is first damaged by a falling object.
  - (2) Water damage means accidental discharge or leakage of water or steam as the direct result of the breaking or cracking of any part of a system or appliance containing water or steam.
- b. Hidden decay:
- Hidden insect or vermin damage;
- d. Weight of people or personal property;
- e. Weight of rain that collects on a roof

f. Use of defective material or methods in construction, remodeling or renovation if the collapse occurs during the course of the construction, remodeling or renovation.

Collapse does not include settling, cracking, shrinkage, bulging or expansion.

#### 5. Coverage Extension

#### Removal

If you give us written notice within 10 days of removal of your records of accounts receivable because of imminent danger of loss or damage, we will pay for loss or damage while they are:

- At a safe place away from the described premises;
- Being taken to and returned from that place.

This Coverage Extension is included within the Limit of Insurance applicable to the premises from which the Covered Property is removed.

#### B. EXCLUSIONS

- Paragraph B. Exclusions of Section I -Property does not apply to this coverage, except for:
  - a. Paragraph B.1.c., Governmental Action;
  - b. Paragraph B.1.d., Nuclear Hazard;
  - c. Paragraph B.1.f., War and Military Action:
- We will not pay for loss or damage caused by or resulting from any of the following:
  - a. Dishonest acts by you, anyone else with an interest in the property, or your or their employees or authorized representatives, or anyone entrusted with the property, whether or not acting alone or in collusion with other persons or occurring during the hours of employment.
    - But this exclusion does not apply to a carrier for hire.
  - Alteration, falsification, concealment or destruction of records of accounts receivable done to conceal the wrongful giving, taking or withholding of "money", "securities" or other property.
    - This exclusion applies only to the extent of the wrongful giving, taking or withholding.
  - Bookkeeping, accounting or billing errors or omissions.
  - d. Electrical or magnetic injury, disturbance or erasure of electronic recordings.

- But we will pay for direct loss or damage caused by lightning.
- Voluntary parting with any property by you or anyone entrusted with the property if induced to do so by any fraudulent scheme, trick, device or false pretense.
- Unauthorized instructions to transfer property to any person or to any place.
- We will not pay for loss or damage that required any audit of records or any inventory computation to prove its factual existence.
- 4. We will not pay for loss or damage caused by or resulting from any of the following. But if loss or damage by a Covered Cause of Loss results, we will pay for that resulting loss or damage.
  - a. Weather conditions. But this exclusion only applies if weather conditions initiate or set in motion a cause or event excluded in paragraph 1.a., 1.b. or 1.c above to produce the loss or damage.
  - Acts or decisions, including the failure to act or decide, of any person, group, organization or governmental body.
  - c. Faulty, inadequate or defective:
    - Planning, zoning, development, surveying, siting;
    - Design, specifications, workmanship, repair, construction, renovation, remodeling, grading, compaction;
    - (3) Materials used in repair, construction, renovation or remodeling; or
    - (4) Maintenance of part or all of any property on or off the described premises.

#### C. LIMIT OF INSURANCE

The most we will pay for loss or damage for accounts receivable at the described premises in any one occurrence is \$25,000.

For accounts receivable not at the described premises, the most we will pay is \$7,500.

#### D. ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

The following is added to paragraph **E.6.d**. - **Loss Payment Condition**:

- If you cannot accurately establish the amount of accounts receivable outstanding as of the time of loss or damage, the following method will be used:
  - (a) Determine the total of the average monthly amounts of accounts receivable for the 12 months immediately preceding the month in which the loss or damage occurs; and

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- (b) Adjust that total for any normal fluctuations in the amount of accounts receivable for the month in which the loss or damage occurred or for any demonstrated variance from the average for that month.
- The following will be deducted from the total amount of accounts receivable, however that amount is established:
  - (a) The amount of the accounts for which there is no loss or damage;
  - (b) The amount of the accounts that you are able to re-establish or collect;
  - (c) An amount to allow for probable bad debts that you are normally unable to collect; and
  - (d) All unearned interest and service charges.
- E. Deductible

No Deductible applies to this coverage.

#### 2. Arson Reward

The Company will pay an additional amount of \$2,500 as a reward for information leading to an arson conviction for damage to covered property. No deductible applies to this additional coverage.

#### 3. Brands and Labels

The following is added to paragraph E.6. - Loss Payment Conditions of the policy:

If branded or labeled merchandise that is Covered Property is damaged by a Covered Cause of loss, we may take all or any part of the property at an agreed or appraised value. If so, you may, at your own expense:

- A. Stamp "salvage" on the merchandise or its containers, if the stamp will not physically damage the merchandise; or
- B. Remove the brands or labels, if doing so will not physically damage the merchandise. You must reliable the merchandise or its containers to comply with the law.

No Deductible applies to this coverage.

#### 4. Electronic Data Processing Media Extra Expense

We will pay your necessary extra expense to continue normal operations following loss or damage to your electronic data processing media from a Covered Cause of Loss. The most we will pay under this Extension is \$10,000 in any one occurrence.

The deductible applicable to the **Section I** - **Property** of the policy applies to this coverage.

#### 5. ERISA Extension

The following is added under Section 1-Property, G.3. Optional Coverages

- In Compliance with certain provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA);
  - Employee also includes any natural person who is;
    - (a) A trustee, an officer, employee, administrator or a manager, except an administrator or a manager who is an independent contractor, of any "employee benefit plan(s)" (herein after called Plan) insured under this insurance,
    - (b) Your director or trustee white that person is handling funds or other property of any Plan insured under this insurance.
  - If any Plan is insured jointly with any other entity under this policy, you or the Plan Administrator must select a Limit of Insurance for this Additional Coverage that is sufficient to provide an amount of insurance for each Plan that is at least equal to that required if each Plan were separately insured.
  - If the Insured first named in the Declarations that apply to this policy is an entity other than a Plan, any payment we make to the Insured for loss sustained by any Plan will be held by that Insured for the use and benefit of the Plan(s) sustaining the loss.
  - 4. If two or more Plans are insured under this insurance, any payment we make for loss:
    - (a) Sustained by two or more plans, or
    - (b) Of commingled funds or other property of two or more Plans;

that arises out of one occurrence, is to be shared by each Plan sustaining loss in the proportion that the amount of insurance required for each such Plan under ERISA provisions bears to the total of those amounts.

- The Deductible provision contained in this
  policy does not apply to loss sustained by
  any Plan subject to ERISA which is insured
  under this Optional Coverage.
- "Employee benefit plan(s) means any welfare or pension benefit plan that is subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

## 6. Errors And Omissions In Describing A Premises Or Location

The following is added to paragraph E.6. - Loss Payment Conditions of the policy

h. The Insured will not be penalized because of any unintentional error or omission the Insured may make in listing or describing a premises or location to be covered under this policy.

No Deductible applies to this coverage.

#### 7. Fine Arts

- A. We will pay for loss or damage to your "fine arts" at the described premises if loss or damage is caused by or results from Covered Cause of Loss. Your "fine arts" under this additional coverage will be valued at their market value at the time of loss.
- B. The most we will pay for "fine arts" at any premises described in the Declarations is \$10,000.
- C. The occurrence deductible applicable to personal property applies to this additional coverage. If the policy does not provide personal property coverage at the location involved in a loss, the deductible applicable to the building will apply. If the occurrence deductible varies by location, the highest occurrence deductible applicable to any location shall apply.
- D. "Fine arts" means paintings, etchings, pictures, tapestries, art glass windows, valuable rugs, statuary, marbles, bronzes, antique fumiture, rare books, antique silver, manuscripts, porcelains, rare glass, bric-a-brac, and similar property of rarity, historical value or artistic merit.

## 8. Fire Department Service Charge and Replacement of Fire Extinguishing Materials

Paragraph A.5.c. - Fire Department Service Charge is replaced by the following:

- A. When the fire department is called to save or protect Covered Property from a Covered Cause of Loss, we will pay up to \$10,000 for your liability for fire department service charges:
  - Assumed by contract or agreement prior to loss; or
  - 2. Required by local ordinance.
- B. The Company will pay the cost of foam solutions, dry chemicals, halon or other fire extinguishing materials to recharge Fire Extinguishers which have been lost, expended, damaged, or destroyed when caused by or resulting from a Covered Cause of Loss at the premises described in the Declarations or adjacent to such property.
- No deductible applies to this coverage.

#### 9. Inventory And Appraisal Cost

- A. We will pay for the cost of any inventory or appraisal required by paragraph E.2. - Property Loss Conditions of Section I - Property that is a result of direct physical loss or damage to covered property caused by or resulting from a Covered Cause of Loss.
- The most the Company will pay for this additional coverage is \$2,500.
- No deductible applies to this additional coverage.

#### 10. Mechanical Breakdown Of Computer Equipment

A. Computer Equipment

The Company will pay for direct physical loss of or damage to covered computer equipment inside the Insured's building for:

- Mechanical breakdown or machinery breakdown;
- Short circuit, blow-out, or other electrical damage to electrical equipment, apparatus, or devices, including wiring.
- B. Data or Media

The Company will pay for direct physical loss or damage to the insured's data or media caused when the insured's computer equipment mechanically breaks down or malfunctions while data is being run through the system. The Company will pay for direct physical loss or damage to the insured's data or media caused by electrical or magnetic injury, disturbance, or erasure of electronic recordings provided that the damage occurs inside the insured's building.

C. Coverage Restriction

The Company will not pay for loss or damage caused by any change in the Insured's electric power supply, such as interruption, power surge, or brown out, if the change originates more than 100 feet from the building containing the Insured's computer equipment.

#### D. LIMIT OF INSURANCE

The most the Company will pay for loss or damage in any one occurrence is \$10,000.

- E. The deductible applicable to Section ! Property of the policy applies to this coverage.
- Money Orders and Counterfeit Paper Currency Under Section 1.-Property, 5. Additional Coverages J. Money Orders And Counterfeit Paper Currency, the most we will pay for any loss under this Additional Coverage is \$25,000.
- 12. Newly Acquired or Constructed Property

The following replaces paragraph A.6.a. - Coverage Extension of Section I - Property of the policy:

 A. You may extend the insurance that applies to Building to apply to:

- Your new buildings while being built on the described premises; and
- Buildings you acquire at locations other than the described premises intended for:
  - a. Similar use as the building described in the Declarations; or
  - b. Use as a warehouse.

The most we will pay for loss or damage under this Extension is \$1,000,000.

- B. You may extend the insurance that applies to Your Business Personal Property to apply to that property at any location you acquire other than at fairs or exhibitions.
  - The most we will pay for loss or damage under this Extension is \$500,000 at each building.
- C. Insurance under this Extension for each newly acquired or constructed property will end when any of the following first occurs:
  - 1. This policy expires.
  - 90 days expire after you acquire or begin to construct the property; or
  - 3. You report values to us

We will charge you additional premium for values reported from the date construction begins, or the date you acquire the property.

- D. If you have two or more policies in force with us which provide this same coverage extension, the Limit of Insurance will be the limit which provides the highest amount of coverage to you, but in no case shall the coverage extension from more than one policy apply.
- E. The deductible applicable to Section I -Property of the policy applies to this coverage.

#### 13. Outdoor Property

The following replaces paragraph A.S.c. - Coverage Extension of Section I - Property of the policy.

You may extend the insurance provided by this Coverage Form to apply to your outdoor fences, radio and television antennas, trees, shrubs and plants (other than stock of trees, shrubs, or plants), including debris removal expense, caused by or resulting from any of the following Causes of Loss:

- A. Fire:
- B. Lightning;
- C. Explosion;
- D. Riot or Civil Commotion; or
- E. Aircraft.

The most we will pay for loss or damage under this Extension is \$10,000 but not more than \$500 for any one tree, shrub or plant.

The deductible applicable to **Section I - Property** of the policy applies to this coverage.

#### 14. Outdoor Unattached Signs

- We will pay for direct physical loss of or damage to all outdoor unattached signs at the described premises:
  - Owned by you; or
  - Owned by others but in your care, custody or control.
- B. Paragraph A.3. Covered Causes of Loss, and Paragraph B. -Exclusions in Section I -Property, do not apply to this Coverage, except for:
  - Paragraph B.1.c., Governmental Action;
  - Paragraph B.1.d., Nuclear Hazard; and
  - 3. Paragraph B.1.f., War and Military Action.
- We will not pay for loss or damage caused by or resulting from:
  - 1. Wear and tear,
  - Hidden or latent defect;
  - Rust;
  - Corrosion: or
  - 5. Mechanical breakdown.
- The most we will pay for loss or damage in any one occurrence is \$10,000.
- E. The deductible applicable to Section I Property of the policy applies to this coverage.

#### 15 Permanent Outdoor Structures for Trash Bins

- A. We will pay for direct physical loss or damage to permanent outdoor structures designed to contain trash or recycling bins at the described premises.
  - Owned by you; or
  - Owned by others but in your care, custody or control.
- B. Paragraph A.3. Covered Causes of Loss, and Paragraph B. -Exclusions in Section I -Property, do not apply to this Coverage, except for:
  - 1. Paragraph B.1.c., Governmental Action;
  - Paragraph B.1.d., Nuclear Hazard; and
  - Paragraph B.1.f., War and Military Action.
- We will not pay for loss or damage caused by or resulting from:
  - Wear and tear,
  - 2. Hidden or latent defect;
  - 3. Rust;
  - Corrosion; or
  - 5. Mechanical breakdown.
- The most we will pay for loss or damage in any one occurrence is \$5,000.
- E. The deductible applicable to Section I -Property of the policy applies to this coverage.

#### 16. Personal Property Off Premises

You may extend the insurance that applies to Business Personal Property to apply to covered Business Personal Property, other than "money" and "securities", while the property is in the course of transit; temporarily at a premises you do not own, lease or operate; or, if the Named Insured is a sole proprietor, at the Named Insured's place of residence.

We will also pay for direct physical loss of or damage to display booths and related equipment and Business Personal Property owned by the Insured, or owned by others but in the Insured's care, custody or control, while being used at or transported to or from events away from the insured premises.

The most we will pay for loss or damage under this Extension is \$10,000.

The deductible applicable to the **Section - I Property** of the policy applies to this coverage.

#### 17. Spoilage of Perishable Stock

**Section I - Property** of the Policy is extended to insure against direct physical loss of or damage to perishable stock.

The following provisions (A. through I. inclusive) apply to the coverage provided herein:

A. Paragraph A.1. - Covered Property is replaced by the following:

#### 1. Covered Property

Covered Property means "perishable stock" at the described premises, if the "perishable stock" is:

- (a) Owned by you and used in your business; or
- (b) Owned by others and in your care, custody or control.

Property described by (b) above is not covered for more than the amount for which you are legally liable, plus the cost of labor, materials, or services furnished or arranged by you on that property.

- B. The following is added to Paragraph A.2. -Property Not Covered;
  - Property located:
    - (1) On buildings;
    - (2) In the open; or
    - (3) In vehicles.
- Paragraph A.3. Covered Causes Of Loss is replaced by the following:
  - 3. Covered Causes of Loss

Subject to the exclusions described in item D herein, Covered Causes of Loss means the following:

- a. Breakdown or Contamination, meaning:
  - (1) Change in temperature or humidity resulting from mechanical breakdown or mechanical failure of refrigerating, cooling or humidity control apparatus or equipment, only white such apparatus or equipment is at the described premises or
  - (2) Contamination by a refrigerant, only while the refrigerating apparatus or equipment is at the described premises

Mechanical breakdown and mechanical failure do not mean power interruption, regardless of how or where the interruption is caused and whether or not the interruption is complete or partial.

- b. Power Outage, meaning change in temperature or humidity resulting from complete or partial interruption of electrical power, either on or off the described premises, due to conditions beyond your control.
- Paragraph B. Exclusions is replaced by the following:

#### B. Exclusions

- Of the Exclusions contained in paragraph B.1. only the following apply to Spoilage Coverage:
  - b. Earth Movement;
  - c. Governmental Action;
  - d. Nuclear Hazard;
  - f. War and Military Action; and
  - g. Water.
- The following Exclusions are added:
   We will not pay for loss or damage caused by or resulting from:
  - The disconnection of any refrigerating, cooling or humidity control system from the source of power.
  - The deactivation of electrical power caused by the manipulation of any switch or other device used to control the flow of electrical power or current
  - The inability of an electrical utility company or other power source to provide sufficient power due to:
    - (1) Lack of fuel; or
    - (2) Governmental order

- d. The inability of a power source at the described premises to provide sufficient power due to lack of generating capacity to meet demand.
- e. Breaking of any glass that is a permanent part of any refrigerating, cooling or humidity control unit.

#### E. LIMIT OF INSURANCE

The most we will pay for loss or damage to "Perishable Stock" in any one "occurrence" is \$15,000.

#### F. CONDITIONS

- Paragraph E.6.d. Property Loss Conditions, is replaced by the following:
  - We will determine the value of Covered Property as follows:
    - For "perishable stock" you have sold but not delivered, at the selling price less discounts and expenses you otherwise would have had;
    - (2) For other "perishable stock", at actual cash value.
- G. Paragraph G. Optional Coverages does not apply.
- H. The following is added to the DEFINITIONS: "Perishable Stock" means property:
  - Maintained under controlled temperature or humidity conditions for preservation; and
  - Susceptible to loss or damage if the controlled temperature or humidity conditions change.
- The deductible applicable to Section! Property of the policy applies to this coverage.

#### 8. Valuable Papers and Records and Electronic Media and Records

#### A. COVERAGE

The Company will pay for direct physical loss or damage to Covered Property from any of the Covered Causes of Loss.

- 1. Covered Property
  - a. Valuable Papers and Records Covered Property means the following type of property that is the Insured's property or property of others in the Insured's care, custody or control; Valuable papers and records, meaning inscribed, printed or written;
    - (1) Documents;
    - (2) Manuscripts; and
    - (3) Records including abstracts, books, deeds, drawings, films, maps, or mortgages.

But valuable papers and records does not mean:

- (4) "Money" or "Securities";
- (5) Converted Data;
- (6) Programs or instructions used in the Insured's data processing operations, including the materials on which the data is recorded
- b. Electronic Media and Records

Covered Property means the following type of property that is the Insured's property or property of others in the Insured's care, custody or control;

- Electronic data processing, recording or storage media such as films, tapes, discs, drums or cells;
- (2) Data stored on such media; and
- (3) Programming records used for electronic data processing or electronically controlled equipment.
- 2. Property Not Covered

Covered Property does not include:

- a. Property held as samples or for delivery after sale;
- Property in storage away from the described premises; or
- Contraband or property in the course of illegal transportation or trade.
- 3. Covered Causes of Loss

Covered Causes of Loss means RISKS OF DIRECT PHYSICAL LOSS to Covered Property except those causes of loss listed in the Exclusions.

4. Additional Coverage - Collapse:

The Company will pay for loss or damage caused by or resulting from risks of direct physical loss involving collapse of a building or any part of a building caused by one or more of the following:

- a. Fire, lightning, explosion, windstorm or hail, smoke, aircraft or vehicles, riot or civil commotion, vandalism, leakage from fire extinguishing equipment, sinkhole collapse, volcanic action, falling objects, weight of snow, ice or sleet, water damage, breakage of building glass, all only as insured against in this policy.
  - Falling objects does not include loss or damage to:
    - (a) Property in the open; or

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- (b) Property inside a building or structure, unless the roof or an outside wall of the building or structure is first damaged by a falling object.
- (2) Water damage means accidental discharge or leakage of water or steam as the direct result of the breaking or cracking of any part of a system or appliance containing water or steam.
- b. Hidden decay;
- c. Hidden insect or vermin damage;
- d. Weight of people or personal property;
- e. Weight of rain that collects on a roof;
- f. Use of defective material or methods in construction, remodeling or renovation if the collapse occurs during the course of the construction, remodeling or renovation.

Collapse does not include settling, cracking, shrinkage, bulging or expansion.

5. Coverage Extension

#### Removal

If the Insured gives the Company written notice within 10 days of removal of Covered Property because of imminent danger of loss or damage, the Company will pay for loss or damage while it is:

- At a safe place away from the described premises; or
- b. Being taken to and returned from that place

This Coverage Extension is included within the Limits of Insurance applicable to the premises from which the Covered Property is removed.

#### B. EXCLUSIONS

The Company will not pay for loss or damage caused by or resulting from any of the following:

- Seizure or destruction of property by order of governmental authority.
  - But the Company will pay for acts of destruction ordered by governmental authority and taken at the time of a fire to prevent its spread, if the fire would be covered under this policy.
- Nuclear reaction or radiation, or radioactive contamination, however caused.
   But if loss or damage by fire results, the Company will pay for that resulting loss or damage.
- War, including undeclared or civil war, warlike action by a military force, including

action in hindering or defending against an actual or expected attack, by any government, sovereign or other authority using military personnel or other agents, or insurrection, rebellion, revolution, usurped power, or action taken by governmental authority in hindering or defending against any of these.

- 4. Dishonest acts by:
  - a. the insured or the insured's employees or authorized representatives;
  - anyone else with an interest in the property, or their employees or authorized representatives; or
  - anyone entrusted with the property, whether or not acting alone or in collusion with other persons or occurring during the hours of employment.

But this exclusion does not apply to a carrier for hire.

- Alteration, falsification, concealment or destruction of records of accounts receivable done to conceal the wrongful giving, taking or withholding of "money", "securities" or other property.
  - This exclusion applies only to the extent of the wrongful giving, taking or withholding.
- Bookkeeping, accounting or billing errors or omissions.
- Electrical or magnetic injury, disturbance or erasure of electronic recordings. But the Company will pay for direct loss or damage caused by lightning.
- Voluntary parting with any property by the Insured or anyone entrusted with the property if induced to do so by any fraudulent scheme, trick, device or false pretense.
- Unauthorized instructions to transfer property to any person or to any place.
- The Company will not pay for loss or damage that required any audit of records or any inventory computation to prove its factual existence.
- 11. The Company will not pay for loss or damage caused by or resulting from any of the following. But if loss or damage by a Covered Cause of Loss results, the Company will pay for that resulting loss or damage.
  - a. Weather conditions. But this exclusion only applies if weather conditions initiate or set in motion a cause or event excluded in paragraph 1., 2., or 3., above to produce the loss or damage.

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- Acts or decisions, including the failure to act or decide, of any person, group, organization or governmental body.
- c. Faulty, inadequate or defective:
  - Planning, zoning, development, surveying, sting;
  - (2) Design, specifications, workmanship, repair, construction, renovation, remodeling, grading, compaction;
  - Materials used in repair, construction, renovation or remodeling; or
  - (4) Maintenance of part or all of any property on or off the described premises

#### C. LIMIT OF INSURANCE

 The most the Company will pay for loss or damage to Valuable Papers and Records (other than electronic media and records) at the described premises in any one occurrence is \$25,000.

For Valuable Papers and Records (other than electronic media and records) not at the described premises, the most the Company will pay is \$7,500.

 The most the Company will pay for loss or damage to Electronic Media and Records at the described premises in any one occurrence is \$10,000.

For Electronic Media and Records not at the described premises, the most the Company will pay is \$1,000.

if the Named Insured is a sole proprietor, the most the Company will pay for Electronic Media and Records at the Named Insured's place of residence is \$1,000.

D. Property Loss Conditions

The following is added to paragraph E.6. - Loss Payment Conditions of the policy:

- The Company will determine the value of Valuable Papers and Records, including those which exist on electronic or magnetic media (other than prepackaged software programs), at the cost of:
  - a. Blank materials for reproducing the records; and
  - b. Labor to transcribe or copy the records. This Loss Condition does not apply to Valuable Papers and Records, or data or programming records that are actually replaced or restored.
- E. Definitions Applicable To This Coverage
  - "Money" means:

- Currency, coins and bank notes whether or not in current use; and
- Travelers checks, register checks and money orders held for sale to the public.
- "Securities" means negotiable and nonnegotiable instruments or contracts representing either money or other property and includes:
  - Tokens, tickets, revenue and other stamps whether or not in current use;
  - Evidences of debt issued in connection with credit or charge cards, which are not of the insured's own issue;
     but does not include money.
- F. Deductible

No Deductible applies to this coverage.

#### 19. Vehicle Damage to Leased Property

The following is included under paragraph, A.1. - Covered Property of Section I - Property: We cover against risks of direct physical loss caused by "vehicle damage" to leased property consisting of buildings, machinery and equipment, fixtures, pumps and tanks, and cutdoor equipment. This leased property must pertain to the maintenance, service or occupancy of the insured premises and is covered only while on the insured premises. The most the Company will pay for loss or damage from Vehicle Damage to Leased Property is \$100,000 per occurrence.

"Vehicle damage" means direct physical loss resulting from actual physical contact of a land motor vehicle with the leased property described in this section. The deductible applicable to **Section I - Property** of the policy applies to this coverage.

#### 20. Water Back Up

The Company will pay for loss to covered property caused by or resulting from water that backs up into a described location from a sewer or drain. This does not include water that backs up as a result of flooding of an ocean, river, lake, creek or similar body of water.

The most the Company will pay for loss or damage from water back up is \$5,000 per occurrence.

Paragraph **B.1.g.** - **Exclusions of Section I** - **Property** of the policy does not apply to this Extension.

The deductible applicable to **Section I - Property** of the policy applies to this coverage.

#### 21. Ordinance Or Law

- A. The Company will not pay under Coverage A, B, and/or C of this Ordinance Or Law coverage for:
  - Enforcement of any ordinance or law which requires the demolition, repair, replacement,

- reconstruction, remodeling or remediation of property due to contamination by "pollutants" or due to the presence, growth, proliferation, spread or any activity of "fungus", wet or dry rot or bacteria; or
- The costs associated with the enforcement of any ordinance or law which requires any insured or others to test for, monitor, clean up, remove, contain, treat, detoxify or neutralize, or in any way respond to, or assess the effects of "pollutants", "fungus", wet or dry rot or bacteria.
- B. Coverage A Coverage for Loss to the Undamaged Portion of the Building.
  - If a Covered Cause of Loss occurs to covered building property, the Company will pay for loss to the undamaged portion of the building caused by enforcement of any ordinance or law that:
    - requires the demolition of parts of the same property not damaged by a Covered Cause of Loss;
    - regulates the construction or repair of buildings, or establishes zoning or land use requirements at the described premises; and
    - c. is in force at the time of loss.
  - If Replacement Cost Coverage applies and the property is repaired or replaced, on the same or another premises, we will not pay more for loss or damage to covered building property, including loss caused by enforcement of an ordinance or law, than the lesser of:
    - a. the amount you actually spend to repair, rebuild or reconstruct the building, but not for more than the amount it would cost to restore the building on the same premises and to the same height, floor area, style and comparable quality of the original property insured; or
    - b. the Limit of Insurance applicable to the covered building.
  - If Replacement Cost Coverage applies and the property is not repaired or replaced; or if Replacement Cost Coverage does not apply, the Company will not pay more for loss or damage to covered building property, including loss caused by enforcement of an ordinance or law, than the lesser of:
    - a. the actual cash value of the building at the time of loss; or
    - the Limit of Insurance applicable to the covered building property.

- Coverage A does not increase the Limit of Insurance for covered building property shown in the Declarations.
- The terms of this additional coverage apply separately to each covered building.
- C. Coverage B Demolition Cost Coverage
  - If a Covered Cause of Loss occurs to covered building property, the Company will pay the cost to demolish and clear the site of undamaged parts of the property caused by enforcement of building, zoning or land use ordinance or law.
  - The Company will not pay under this
    additional coverage the costs associated
    with the enforcement of any ordinance or
    law which requires any insured or others to
    test for, monitor, clean up, remove, contain,
    treat, detoxify or neutralize, or in any way
    respond to, or assess the effects of
    "pollutants".
  - 3. The Company will not pay more under Coverage B Demolition Cost Coverage than the lesser of the following:
    - a. the amount you actually spend to demolish and clear the site of the described premises; or
    - the amount shown in paragraph E., Limit of Insurance.
  - The terms of this additional coverage apply separately to each covered building.
- D. Coverage C Increased Cost of Construction Coverage
  - If a Covered Cause of Loss occurs to covered building property, the Company will pay for the increased cost to repair, rebuild or construct the property caused by enforcement of building, zoning or land use ordinance or law. If the property is repaired or rebuilt, it must be intended for similar occupancy as the current property, unless otherwise required by zoning or land use ordinance or law.
  - 2. The Company will not pay under this additional coverage for:
    - a. the increased cost of construction if the building is not repaired or replaced, or
    - b. the costs associated with the enforcement of any ordinance or law which requires any insured or others to test for, monitor, cleanup, remove, contain, treat, detoxify or neutralize, or in any way respond to, or assess the effects of "pollutants".

- The Company will not pay under Coverage C - Increased Cost of Construction Coverage:
  - a. until the property is actually repaired or replaced, at the same or another premises; and
  - b. unless the repairs or replacement are made as soon as reasonably possible after the loss or damage, not to exceed two years. The Company may extend this period in writing during the two years.
- If the building is repaired or replaced at the same premises, or if you elect to rebuild at another premises, the most the Company will pay under Coverage C is the lesser of:
  - a. the increased cost of construction at the new premises; or
  - the amount shown in paragraph E., Limit of Insurance.
- If the ordinance or law requires relocation to another premises, the most the Company will pay under Coverage C is the lesser of:
  - a. the increased cost of construction at the new premises; or
  - the amount shown in paragraph E., Limit of Insurance.
- The terms of this additional coverage apply separately to each covered building.

- E. Limit of Insurance
  - The most the Company will pay for coverages B & C combined is 10% of the Limit of Insurance applicable to the covered building property shown in the Declarations or \$250,000 whichever is less.
- F Definitions Applicable to This Coverage "Fungus" means any type or form of fungus, including mold or mildew, and any mycotoxins, spores, scents or by-products produced or released by fungi.
- G. The deductible applicable to Section i Property of the policy applies to this coverage.

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#### THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

#### PROTECTIVE SAFEGUARDS

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

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#### SCHEDULE\*

remises No. Building No.		Protective Safeguards Symbols Applicable
001	001	P9
002	001	Pg
Describe Any "P-9":	AUTOMATIC SUPPRESSION SYSTEM	

<sup>\*</sup>Information required to complete this Schedule, if not shown on this endorsement, will be shown in the Declaration.

A. The following is added to the Property General Conditions in Section I – Property:

#### **PROTECTIVE SAFEGUARDS**

- As a condition of this insurance, you are required to maintain the protective devices or services listed in the Schedule above.
- The protective safeguards to which this endorsement applies are identified by the following symbols:
  - a. "P-1" Automatic Sprinkler System, including related supervisory services.
     Automatic Sprinkler System means:
    - (1) Any automatic fire protective or extinguishing system, including connected:
      - (a) Sprinklers and discharge nozzles;
      - (b) Ducts, pipes, valves and fittings;
      - (c) Tanks, their component parts and supports; and
      - (d) Pumps and private fire protection mains.
    - (2) When supplied from an automatic fire protective system:
      - (a) Non-automatic fire protective systems; and
      - (b) Hydrants, standpipes and outlets.

- b. "P-2" Automatic Fire Alarm, protecting the entire building, that is:
  - (1) Connected to a central station; or
  - (2) Reporting to a public or private fire alarm station.
- c. "P-3" Security Service, with a recording system or watch clock, making hourly rounds covering the entire building, when the premises are not in actual operation.
- d. "P-4" Service Contract with a privately owned fire department providing fire protection service to the described premises.
- e. "P-9" The protective system described in the Schedule.
- B. The following is added to Paragraph B. Exclusions in Section I – Property:

We will not pay for loss or damages caused by or resulting from fire if, prior to the fire, you:

- Knew of any suspension or impairment in any protective safeguard listed in the Schedule above and failed to notify us of that fact; or
- Failed to maintain any protective safeguard listed in the Schedule above, and over which you had control, in complete working order.

If part of an Automatic Sprinkler System is shut off due to breakage, leakage, freezing conditions or opening of sprinkler heads, notification to us will not be necessary if you can restore full protection within 48 hours.

## BUSINESS INCOME CHANGES – INCREASED PERIOD OF RESTORATION (NO WAITING PERIOD)

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

BUSINESSOWNERS COVERAGE FORM

#### Section I - Property is amended as follows:

A. Paragraph A.5.i. Civil Authority Additional Coverage is amended by deleting the second and third paragraphs and replacing them with the following:

This coverage will apply for a period of up to three consecutive weeks from the date of that action.

- B. Paragraph A.5.m.(5)(a) Business Income From Dependent Properties Additional Coverage is replaced by the following:
  - (5) The coverage period for Business Income under this Additional Coverage:
    - (a) Begins immediately after the time of direct physical loss or damage caused by or resulting from any Covered Cause of Loss at the described premises; or

- C. Paragraph H.8.a.(1) of the "Period of Restoration" definition is replaced by the following:
  - a. Begins:
    - Immediately after the time of direct physical loss or damage caused by or resulting from any Covered Cause of Loss at the described premises; or

### REMOVAL OF INSURANCE-TO-VALUE PROVISION

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

BUSINESSOWNERS COVERAGE FORM

Paragraph E.6.d. Loss Payment Property Loss Condition in Section I – Property is amended as follows:

- A. Paragraph (1)(a) is replaced by the following:
  - (1) At replacement cost without deduction for depreciation, subject to the following:
    - (a) We will pay the cost to repair or replace, after application of the deductible and without deduction for depreciation, but not more than the least of the following amounts:
      - (i) The Limit of Insurance under Section I— Property that applies to the lost or damaged property;

- (ii) The cost to replace, on the same premises, the lost or damaged property with other property:
  - Of comparable material and quality; and
  - ii. Used for the same purpose; or
- (iii) The amount that you actually spend that is necessary to repair or replace the lost or damaged property.

If a building is rebuilt at a new premises, the cost is limited to the cost which would have been incurred had the building been built at the original premises.

B. Paragraph (1)(b) does not apply.

# TOTAL POLLUTION EXCLUSION WITH A BUILDING HEATING EQUIPMENT EXCEPTION AND A HOSTILE FIRE EXCEPTION

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

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Exclusion **B.1.f. Pollution** in **Section II – Liability** is replaced by the following:

This insurance does not apply to:

#### f. Poliution

- (1) "Bodily injury" or "property damage" which would not have occurred in whole or part but for the actual, alleged or threatened discharge, dispersal, seepage, migration, release or escape of "pollutants" at any time.
  - This exclusion does not apply to:
  - (a) "Bodily injury" if sustained within a building which is or was at any time owned or occupied by, or rented or loaned to, any insured and caused by smoke, fumes, vapor or soot from equipment used to heat that building.
  - (b) "Bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of heat, smoke or furnes from a "hostile fire" unless that "hostile fire" occurred or originated:
    - (i) At any premises, site or location which is or was at any time used by or for any insured or others for the handling, storage, disposal, processing or treatment of waste; or

- (ii) At any premises, site or location on which any insured or any contractors or subcontractors working directly or indirectly on any insured's behalf are performing operations to test for, monitor, clean up, remove, contain, treat, detoxify, neutralize or in any way respond to, or assess the effects of, "pollutants".
- (2) Any loss, cost or expense arising out of any:
  - (a) Request, demand, order or statutory or regulatory requirement that any insured or others test for, monitor, clean up, remove, contain, treat, detoxify or neutralize, or in any way respond to, or assess the effects of "pollutants"; or
  - (b) Claim or "suit" by or on behalf of a governmental authority for damages because of testing for, monitoring, cleaning up, removing, containing, treating, detoxifying or neutralizing, or in any way responding to, or assessing the effects of, "pollutants".

### FUNGI OR BACTERIA EXCLUSION (LIABILITY)

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

BUSINESSOWNERS COVERAGE FORM

The following provisions are added to **Section II – Liability:** 

- A. The following exclusion is added to Paragraph B.1., Exclusions – Applicable To Business Liability Coverage:
  - q. Fungi or Bacteria
    - (1) "Bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" which would not have occurred, in whole or in part, but for the actual, alleged or threatened inhalation of, ingestion of, contact with, exposure to, existence of, or presence of, any "fungi" or bacteria on or within a building or structure, including its contents, regardless of whether any other cause, event, material or product contributed concurrently or in any sequence to such injury or damage.

(2) Any loss, cost or expenses arising out of the abating, testing for, monitoring, cleaning up, removing, containing, treating, detoxifying, neutralizing, remediating or disposing of, or in any way responding to, or assessing the effects of, "fungi" or bacteria, by any insured or by any other person or entity.

This exclusion does not apply to any "fungi" or bacteria that are, are on, or are contained in, a good or product intended for consumption.

- B. The following definition is added Paragraph F. Liability And Medical Expenses Definitions:
  - "Fungi" means any type or form of fungus, including mold or mildew and any mycotoxins, spores, scents or by-products produced or released by fungi.

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#### OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY BUSINESSOWNERS HIRED AUTO AND NON-OWNED AUTO LIABILITY

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#### THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

#### BUSINESSOWNERS COVERAGE FORM

#### SCHEDULE

	Coverage	Additional Premium
Hired Auto Liability	INGL	INCL
Non-Owned Auto Liability	INCL	INCL

- A. Insurance is provided only for those coverages for which a specific premium charge is shown in the Declarations or in the Schedule.
  - 1. Hired Auto Liability

The insurance provided under Paragraph A.1. Business Liability in Section II -Liability, applies to "bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of the maintenance or use of a "hired auto" by you or your "employees" in the course of your business.

2. Non-Owned Auto Liability

The insurance provided under Paragraph A.1. Business Liability in Section II -Liability, applies to "bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of the use of any "nonowned auto" in your business by any person.

- B. For insurance provided by this endorsement only:
  - 1. The exclusions, under the Paragraph B.1. Applicable To Business Liability Coverages in Section II - Liability, other than Exclusions a., b., d., f. and i. and the Nuclear Energy Liability Exclusion, are deleted and replaced by the following:
    - a. "Bodily injury" to:

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- (1) An "employee" of the insured arising out of and in the course of:
  - (a) Employment by the insured; or
  - (b) Performing duties related to the conduct of the insured's business;

(2) The spouse, child, parent, brother or sister of that "employee" as a consequence of Paragraph (1) above.

This exclusion applies:

- (a) Whether the insured may be liable as an employer or in any other capacity;
- (b) To any obligation to share damages with or repay someone else who must pay damages because of injury.

This exclusion does not apply to:

- (i) Liability assumed by the insured under an "insured contract": or
- (ii) "Bodily injury" arising out of and in the course of domestic employment by the insured unless benefits for such injury are in whole or in part either payable or required to be provided under any workers compensation law.
- b. "Property damage" to:
  - (1) Property owned or being transported by, or rented or loaned to the insured;
  - (2) Property in the care, custody or control of the insured,
- 2. Paragraph C. Who is An insured in Section II - Liability, is replaced by the following:

Each of the following is an insured under this endorsement to the extent set forth below:

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- a. You;
- Any other person using a "hired auto" with your permission;
- For a "non-owned auto", any partner or "executive officer" of yours, but only white such "non-owned auto" is being used in your business; and
- d. Any other person or organization, but only for their liability because of acts or omissions of an insured under a., b. or c. above.

None of the following is an insured:

- (1) Any person engaged in the business of his or her employer for "bodily injury" to any co-"employee" of such person injured in the course of employment, or to the spouse, child, parent, brother or sister of that co-"employee" as a consequence of such "bodily injury", or for any obligation to share damages with or repay someone else who must pay damages because of the injury;
- (2) Any partner or "executive officer" for any "auto" owned by such partner or officer or a member of his or her household:
  - (3) Any person while employed in or otherwise engaged in duties in connection with an "auto business", other than an "auto business" you operate:

- (4) The owner or lessee (of whom you are a sublessee) of a "hired auto" or the owner of a "non-owned auto" or any agent or "employee" of any such owner or lessee;
- (5) Any person or organization for the conduct of any current or past partnership or joint venture that is not shown as a Named Insured in the Declarations.
- C. The following additional definitions apply:
  - "Auto Business" means the business or occupation of selling, repairing, servicing, storing or parking "autos".
  - "Hired Auto" means any "auto" you lease, hire, rent or borrow. This does not include any "auto" you lease, hire, rent or borrow from any of your "employees" or members of their households, or from any partner or "executive officer" of yours.
  - 3. "Non-Owned Auto" means only those "autos" you do not own, lease, hire, rent or borrow that are used in connection with your business. This includes "autos" owned by your "employees", partners (if you are a partnership), members (if you are a limited liability company), or members of their households but only while used in your business or your personal affairs.

# BUSINESSOWNERS COVERAGE FORM

Various provisions in this policy restrict coverage. Read the entire policy carefully to determine rights, duties and what is and is not covered.

Throughout this Coverage Form the words "you" and "your" refer to the Named Insured shown in the Declarations. The words "we". "us" and "our" refer to the Company providing this insurance.

In **Section II – Liability,** the word "insured" means any person or organization qualifying as such under Paragraph C – Who Is An Insured.

Other words and phrases that appear in quotation marks have special meaning. Refer to Paragraph H. Property Definitions in Section I – Property and Paragraph F. Liability And Medical Expenses Definitions in Section II – Liability.

#### SECTION I - PROPERTY

#### A. Coverage

We will pay for direct physical loss of or damage to Covered Property at the premises described in the Declarations caused by or resulting from any Covered Cause of Loss.

## 1. Covered Property

Covered Property includes Buildings as described under Paragraph a. below, Business Personal Property as described under Paragraph b. below, or both, depending on whether a Limit of Insurance is shown in the Declarations for that type of property. Regardless of whether coverage is shown in the Declarations for Buildings, Business Personal Property, or both, there is no coverage for property described under Paragraph 2. Property Not Covered.

- a. Buildings, meaning the buildings and structures at the premises described in the Declarations, including:
  - (1) Completed additions;
  - (2) Fixtures, including outdoor fixtures;
  - (3) Permanently installed:
    - (a) Machinery; and
    - (b) Equipment;
  - (4) Your personal property in apartments, rooms or common areas furnished by you as landlord;
  - (5) Personal property owned by you that is used to maintain or service the buildings or structures or the premises, including:
    - (a) Fire extinguishing equipment;
    - (b) Outdoor furniture;
    - (c) Floor coverings, and
    - (d) Appliances used for refrigerating, ventilating, cooking, dishwashing or laundering;

- (6) If not covered by other insurance:
  - (a) Additions under construction, alterations and repairs to the buildings or structures;
  - (b) Materials, equipment, supplies and temporary structures, on or within 100 feet of the described premises, used for making additions, alterations or repairs to the buildings or structures
- b. Business Personal Property located in or on the buildings at the described premises or in the open (or in a vehicle) within 100 feet of the described premises, including:
  - (1) Property you own that is used in your business:
  - (2) Property of others that is in your care, custody or control, except as otherwise provided in Loss Payment Property Loss Condition Paragraph E.6.d.(3)(b);
  - (3) Tenant's improvements and betterments, improvements and betterments are fixtures, alterations, installations or additions;
    - (a) Made a part of the building or structure you occupy but do not own; and
    - (b) You acquired or made at your expense but cannot legally remove; and
  - (4) Leased personal property for which you have a contractual responsibility to insure, unless otherwise provided for under Paragraph 1.b.(2).
  - (5) Exterior building glass, if you are a tenant and no Limit of Insurance is shown in the Declarations for Building property. The glass must be owned by you or in your care, custody or control.

#### 2. Property Not Covered

Covered Property does not include:

- a. Aircraft, automobiles, motortrucks and other vehicles subject to motor vehicle registration;
- **b.** "Money" or "securities" except as provided in the:
  - Money and Securities Optional Coverage; or
  - (2) Employee Dishonesty Optional Coverage:
- Contraband, or property in the course of illegal transportation or trade;

- d. Land (including land on which the property is located), water, growing crops or lawns;
- e. Outdoor fences, radio or television antennas (including satellite dishes) and their lead-in wiring, masts or towers, signs (other than signs attached to buildings), trees, shrubs or plants, all except as provided in the:
  - Outdoor Property Coverage Extension; or
  - (2) Outdoor Signs Optional Coverage;
- f. Watercraft (including motors, equipment and accessories) while afloat.
- g. Accounts, bills, food stamps, other evidences of debt, accounts receivable or "valuable papers and records"; except as otherwise provided in this policy.
- h. "Computer(s)" which are permanently installed or designed to be permanently installed in any aircraft, watercraft, motortruck or other vehicle subject to motor vehicle registration. This paragraph does not apply to "computer(s)" while held as "stock".

#### 3. Covered Causes Of Loss

Risks of direct physical loss unless the loss is:

- Excluded in Paragraph B. Exclusions in Section I; or
- b. Limited in Paragraph 4. Limitations in Section I.

## 4. Limitations

- a. We will not pay for loss of or damage to:
  - (1) Steam boilers, steam pipes, steam engines or steam turbines caused by or resulting from any condition or event inside such equipment. But we will pay for loss of or damage to such equipment caused by or resulting from an explosion of gases or fuel within the furnace of any fired vessel or within the flues or passages through which the gases of combustion pass.
  - (2) Hot water boilers or other water heating equipment caused by or resulting from any condition or event inside such boilers or equipment, other than an explosion.
  - (3) Property that is missing, where the only evidence of the loss or damage is a shortage disclosed on taking inventory, or other instances where there is no physical evidence to show what happened to the property. This limitation does not apply to the Optional Coverage for Money and Securities.
  - (4) Property that has been transferred to a person or to a place outside the described premises on the basis of unauthorized instructions.

- (5) The interior of any building or structure caused by or resulting from rain, snow, sleet, ice, sand or dust, whether driven by wind or not, unless:
  - (a) The building or structure first sustains damage by a Covered Cause of Loss to its roof or walls through which the rain, snow, sleet, ice, sand or dust enters; or
  - (b) The loss or damage is caused by or results from thawing of snow, sleet or ice on the building or structure.
- b. We will not pay for loss of or damage to fragile articles such as glassware, statuary, marbles, chinaware and porcelains, if broken, unless caused by the "specified causes of loss" or building glass breakage. This restriction does not apply to:
  - Glass that is part of the exterior or interior of a building or structure;
  - (2) Containers of property held for sale; or
  - (3) Photographic or scientific instrument lenses.
- c. For loss or damage by theft, the following types of property are covered only up to the limits shown:
  - (1) \$2,500 for furs, fur garments and garments trimmed with fur.
  - (2) \$2,500 for jewelry, watches, watch movements, jewels, pearls, precious and semi-precious stones, bullion, gold, silver, platinum and other precious alloys or metals. This limit does not apply to jewelry and watches worth \$100 or less per item.
  - (3) \$2,500 for patterns, dies, molds and forms.

#### 5. Additional Coverages

#### a. Debris Removal

- (1) Subject to Paragraphs (3) and (4), we will pay your expense to remove debris of Covered Property caused by or resulting from a Covered Cause of Loss that occurs during the policy period. The expenses will be paid only if they are reported to us in writing within 180 days of the date of direct physical loss or damage.
- (2) Debris Removal does not apply to costs to:
  - (a) Extract "pollutants" from land or water; or
  - (b) Remove, restore or replace polluted land or water.
- (3) Subject to the exceptions in Paragraph(4), the following provisions apply:

- (a) The most that we will pay for the total of direct physical loss or damage plus debris removal expense is the Limit of Insurance applicable to the Covered Property that has sustained loss or damage.
- (b) Subject to Paragraph (a) above, the amount we will pay for debris removal expense is limited to 25% of the sum of the deductible plus the amount that we pay for direct physical loss or damage to the Covered Property that has sustained loss or damage.
- (4) We will pay up to an additional \$10,000 for debris removal expense, for each location, in any one occurrence of physical loss or damage to Covered Property, if one or both of the following circumstances apply:
  - (a) The total of the actual debris removal expense plus the amount we pay for direct physical loss or damage exceeds the Limit of insurance on the Covered Property that has sustained loss or damage.
  - (b) The actual debris removal expense exceeds 25% of the sum of the deductible plus the amount that we pay for direct physical loss or damage to the Covered Property that has sustained loss or damage.

Therefore, if Paragraphs (4)(a) and/or (4)(b) apply, our total payment for direct physical loss or damage and debris removal expense may reach but will never exceed the Limit of Insurance on the Covered Property that has sustained loss or damage, plus \$10,000.

#### (5) Examples

## Example #1

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Limit of Insurance	\$	90,000
Amount of Deductible	\$	500
Amount of Loss	\$	50,000
Amount of Loss Payable	\$	49,500
(\$50,0	000	\$500)
Debris Removal Expense	S	10,000
Debris Removal Expense Payable	S	10,000

The debris removal expense is less than 25% of the sum of the loss payable plus the deductible. The sum of the loss payable and the debris removal expense (\$49,500 + \$10,000 = \$59,500) is less than the Limit of Insurance. Therefore the full amount of debris removal expense is payable in accordance with the terms of Paragraph (3).

#### Example #2

Limit of Ins	urance	\$	90,000
Amount of Deductible		\$	500
Amount of Loss		\$	80,000
Amount of (\$80,000 -	Loss Payable -\$500)	\$	79,500
Debris Removal Expense		\$	30,000
Debris Rer	noval Expense		
Payable			
	Basic Amount	\$	10,500
	Additional Amount	5	10,000

The basic amount payable for debris removal expense under the terms of Paragraph (3) is calculated as follows: \$80,000 (\$79,500 + \$500) x .25 = \$20,000; capped at \$10,500). The cap applies because the sum of the loss payable (\$79,500) and the basic amount payable for debris removal expense (\$10,500) cannot exceed the Limit of Insurance (\$90,000).

The additional amount payable for debris removal expense is provided in accordance with the terms of Paragraph (4), because the debris removal expense (\$30,000) exceeds 25% of the loss payable plus the deductible (\$30,000 is 37.5% of \$80,000), and because the sum of the loss payable and debris removal expense (\$79,500 + \$30,000 =\$109,500) would exceed the Limit of Insurance (\$90,000). The additional amount of covered debris removal expense is \$10,000, the maximum payable under Paragraph (4). Thus the total payable for debris removal expense in this example is \$20,500; \$9,500 of the debris removal expense is not covered.

#### b. Preservation Of Property

If it is necessary to move Covered Property from the described premises to preserve it from loss or damage by a Covered Cause of Loss, we will pay for any direct physical loss of or damage to that property:

- (1) While it is being moved or while temporarily stored at another location; and
- (2) Only if the loss or damage occurs within 30 days after the property is first moved.

#### c. Fire Department Service Charge

When the fire department is called to save or protect Covered Property from a Covered Cause of Loss, we will pay up to \$1,000 for your liability for fire department service charges:

- Assumed by contract or agreement prior to loss; or
- (2) Required by local ordinance.

## d. Collapse

- (1) With respect to buildings:
  - (a) Collapse means an abrupt falling down or caving in of a building or any part of a building with the result that the building or part of the building cannot be occupied for its intended purpose;
  - (b) A building or any part of a building that is in danger of falling down or caving in is not considered to be in a state of collapse;
  - (c) A part of a building that is standing is not considered to be in a state of collapse even if it has separated from another part of the building;
  - (d) A building that is standing or any part of a building that is standing is not considered to be in a state of collapse even if it shows evidence of cracking, bulging, sagging, bending, leaning, settling, shrinkage or expansion.
- (2) We will pay for direct physical loss or damage to Covered Property, caused by collapse of a building or any part of a building that is insured under this policy, if the collapse is caused by one or more of the following:
  - (a) The "specified causes of loss" or breakage of building glass, all only as insured against in this policy;
  - (b) Decay that is hidden from view, unless the presence of such decay is known to an insured prior to collapse:
  - (c) Insect or vermin damage that is hidden from view, unless the presence of such damage is known to an insured prior to collapse;
  - (d) Weight of people or personal property;
  - (e) Weight of rain that collects on a roof;
  - (f) Use of defective material or methods in construction, remodeling or renovation if the collapse occurs during the course of the construction, remodeling or renovation. However, if the collapse occurs after construction, remodeling or renovation is complete and is caused in part by a cause of loss listed in Paragraphs

(a) through (e), we will pay for the loss or damage even if use of defective material or methods in construction, remodeling or renovation, contributes to the collapse.

The criteria set forth in Paragraphs (1)(a) through (1)(d) do not limit the coverage otherwise provided under this Additional Coverage for the causes of loss listed in Paragraphs (2)(a), (2)(d) and (2)(e).

- (3) With respect to the following property:
  - (a) Awnings:
  - (b) Gutters and downspouts;
  - (c) Yard fixtures;
  - (d) Outdoor swimming pools;
  - (e) Piers, wharves and docks;
  - (f) Beach or diving platforms or appurtenances;
  - (g) Retaining walls; and
  - (h) Walks, roadways and other paved surfaces;

if the collapse is caused by a cause of loss listed in Paragraphs (2)(b) through (2)(f), we will pay for loss or damage to that property only if such loss or damage is a direct result of the collapse of a building insured under this policy and the property is Covered Property under this policy.

- (4) If personal property abruptly falls down or caves in and such collapse is not the result of collapse of a building, we will pay for loss or damage to Covered Property caused by such collapse of personal property only if:
  - (a) The collapse was caused by a cause of loss listed in Paragraphs (2)(a) through (2)(f) of this Additional Coverage;
  - (b) The personal property which collapses is inside a building; and
  - (c) The property which collapses is not of a kind listed in Paragraph (3) above, regardless of whether that kind of property is considered to be personal property or real property.

The coverage stated in this Paragraph (4) does not apply to personal property if marring and/or scratching is the only damage to that personal property caused by the collapse.

Collapse of personal property does not mean cracking, bulging, sagging, bending, leaning, settling, shrinkage or expansion.

- (5) This Additional Coverage, Collapse, will not increase the Limits Of Insurance provided in this policy.
- e. Water Damage, Other Liquids, Powder Or Molten Material Damage

If loss or damage caused by or resulting from covered water or other liquid, powder or molten material damage loss occurs, we will also pay the cost to tear out and replace any part of the building or structure to repair damage to the system or appliance from which the water or other substance escapes. We will not pay the cost to repair any defect that caused the loss or damage; but we will pay the cost to repair or replace damaged parts of fire extinguishing equipment if the damage:

- Results in discharge of any substance from an automatic fire protection system; or
- (2) Is directly caused by freezing.
- f. Business income
  - (1) Business income
    - (a) We will pay for the actual loss of Business Income you sustain due to the necessary suspension of your "operations" during the "period of restoration". The suspension must be caused by direct physical loss of or damage to property at the described premises. The loss or damage must be caused by or result from a Covered Cause of Loss, With respect to loss of or damage to personal property in the open or personal property in a vehicle, the described premises include the area within 100 feet of the site at which the described premises are located. With respect to the requirements set forth in the preceding paragraph, if you occupy only part of the site at which the described premises are located, your premises means:
      - (i) The portion of the building which you rent, lease or occupy; and
      - (ii) Any area within the building or on the site at which the described premises are located, if that area services, or is used to gain access to, the described premises.
    - (b) We will only pay for loss of Business Income that you sustain during the "period of restoration" and that occurs within 12 consecutive months after the date of direct physical loss or damage. We will only pay for ordinary payroll

- expenses for 60 days following the date of direct physical loss or damage, unless a greater number of days is shown in the Declarations.
- (c) Business income means the:
  - (i) Net Income (Net Profit or Loss before income taxes) that would have been earned or incurred if no physical loss or damage had occurred, but not including any Net Income that would likely have been earned as a result of an increase in the volume of business due to favorable business conditions caused by the impact of the Covered Cause of Loss on customers or on other businesses; and
  - (ii) Continuing normal operating expenses incurred, including payroll.
- (d) Ordinary payroll expenses:
  - (i) Mean payroll expenses for all your employees except:
    - Officers;
    - II. Executives;
    - iii. Department Managers;
    - iv. Employees under contract; and
    - Additional Exemptions shown in the Declarations as;
      - Job Classifications; or
      - Employees.
  - (ii) include:
    - Payroll;
    - ii. Employee benefits, if directly related to payroll;
    - III. FICA payments you pay;
    - iv. Union dues you pay and
    - v. Workers' compensation premiums.

## (2) Extended Business Income

- (a) If the necessary suspension of your "operations" produces a Business Income loss payable under this policy, we will pay for the actual loss of Business Income you incur during the period that:
  - (i) Begins on the date property except finished stock is actually repaired, rebuilt or replaced and "operations" are resumed; and
  - (ii) Ends on the earlier of:
    - The date you could restore your "operations", with

- reasonable speed, to the level which would generate the Business Income amount that would have existed if no direct physical loss or damage had occurred; or
- ii. 30 consecutive days after the date determined in Paragraph (a)(i) above, unless a greater number of consecutive days is shown in the Declarations.

However, Extended Business income does not apply to loss of Business Income incurred as a result of unfavorable business conditions caused by the impact of the Covered Cause of Loss in the area where the described premises are located.

- (b) Loss of Business Income must be caused by direct physical loss or damage at the described premises caused by or resulting from any Covered Cause of Loss.
- (3) With respect to the coverage provided in this Additional Coverage, suspension means:
  - (a) The partial slowdown or complete cessation of your business activities; and
  - (b) That a part or all of the described premises is rendered untenantable, if coverage for Business Income applies.
- (4) This Additional Coverage is not subject to the Limits of Insurance of Section I — Property.

### g. Extra Expense

(1) We will pay necessary Extra Expense you incur during the "period of restoration" that you would not have incurred if there had been no direct physical loss or damage to property at the described premises. The loss or damage must be caused by or result from a Covered Cause of Loss. With respect to loss of or damage to personal property in the open or personal property in a vehicle, the described premises include the area within 100 feet of the site at which the described premises are located. With respect to the requirements set forth in the preceding paragraph, if you occupy only part of the site at which the

described premises are located, your

premises means.

- (a) The portion of the building which you rent, lease or occupy; and
- (b) Any area within the building or on the site at which the described premises are located, if that area services, or is used to gain access to, the described premises.
- (2) Extra Expense means expense incurred:
  - (a) To avoid or minimize the suspension of business and to continue "operations":
    - (i) At the described premises; or
    - (ii) At replacement premises or at temporary locations, including relocation expenses, and costs to equip and operate the replacement or temporary locations.
  - (b) To minimize the suspension of business if you cannot continue "operations".
  - (c) To:
    - (i) Repair or replace any property; or
    - (II) Research, replace or restore the lost information on damaged "valuable papers and records"

to the extent it reduces the amount of loss that otherwise would have been payable under this Additional Coverage or Additional Coverage f. Business Income.

- (3) With respect to the coverage provided in this Additional Coverage, suspension means:
  - (a) The partial slowdown or complete cessation of your business activities; and
  - (b) That a part or all of the described premises is rendered untenantable, if coverage for Business Income applies.
- (4) We will only pay for Extra Expense that occurs within 12 consecutive months after the date of direct physical loss or damage. This Additional Coverage is not subject to the Limits of Insurance of Section ! — Property.
- h. Poliutant Clean Up And Removal

We will pay your expense to extract "pollutants" from land or water at the described premises if the discharge, dispersal, seepage, migration, release or escape of the "pollutants" is caused by or results from a Covered Cause of Loss that occurs during the policy period. The

expenses will be paid only if they are reported to us in writing within 180 days of the earlier of:

- The date of direct physical loss or damage; or
- (2) The end of the policy period.

  The most we will pay for each location under this Additional Coverage is \$10,000 for the sum of all such expenses arising out of Covered Causes of Loss occurring during each separate 12 month period of this policy.

# i. Civil Authority

We will pay for the actual loss of Business Income you sustain and necessary Extra Expense caused by action of civil authority that prohibits access to the described premises due to direct physical loss of or damage to property, other than at the described premises, caused by or resulting from any Covered Cause of Loss.

The coverage for Business Income will begin 72 hours after the time of that action and will apply for a period of up to three consecutive weeks after coverage begins. The coverage for necessary Extra Expense will begin immediately after the time of that action and ends:

- (1) 3 consecutive weeks after the time of that action; or
- (2) When your Business Income coverage ends;

whichever is later.

The definitions of Business Income and Extra Expense contained in the Business Income and Extra Expense Additional Coverages also apply to this Civil Authority Additional Coverage. The Civil Authority Additional Coverage is not subject to the Limits of Insurance of Section I – Property.

## j. Money Orders And Counterfeit Paper Currency

We will pay for loss resulting directly from your having accepted in good faith, in exchange for merchandise, "money" or services;

- (1) Money orders issued by any post office, express company or bank that are not paid upon presentation; or
- (2) "Counterfeit" paper currency that is acquired during the regular course of business.

The most we will pay for any loss under this Additional Coverage is \$1,000.

## k. Forgery Or Alteration

(1) We will pay for loss resulting directly from forgery or atteration of, any check,

- draft, promissory note, bill of exchange or similar written promise of payment in "money", that you or your agent has issued, or that was issued by someone who impersonates you or your agent.
- (2) If you are sued for refusing to pay the check, draft, promissory note, bill of exchange or similar written promise of payment in "money", on the basis that it has been forged or altered, and you have our written consent to defend against the suit, we will pay for any reasonable legal expenses that you incur in that defense.
- (3) The most we will pay for any loss, including legal expenses, under this Additional Coverage is \$2,500, unless a higher Limit of Insurance is shown in the Declarations

## I. Increased Cost Of Construction

- This Additional Coverage applies only to buildings insured on a replacement cost basis.
- (2) In the event of damage by a Covered Cause of Loss to a building that is Covered Property, we will pay the increased costs incurred to comply with enforcement of an ordinance or law in the course of repair, rebuilding or replacement of damaged parts of that property, subject to the limitations stated in Paragraphs (3) through (9) of this Additional Coverage.
- (3) The ordinance or law referred to in Paragraph (2) of this Additional Coverage is an ordinance or law that regulates the construction or repair of buildings or establishes zoning or land use requirements at the described premises, and is in force at the time of loss.
- (4) Under this Additional Coverage, we will not pay any costs due to an ordinance or law that:
  - (a) You were required to comply with before the loss, even when the building was undamaged; and
  - (b) You failed to comply with.
- (5) Under this Additional Coverage, we will not pay any costs associated with the enforcement of an ordinance or law which requires any insured or others to test for, monitor, clean up, remove, contain, treat, detoxify or neutralize, or in any way respond to, or assess the effects of "pollutants".
- (6) The most we will pay under this Additional Coverage, for each described

building insured under Section I — Property, is \$10,000. If a damaged building(s) is covered under a blanket Limit of Insurance which applies to more than one building or item of property, then the most we will pay under this Additional Coverage, for each damaged building, is \$10,000.

The amount payable under this Additional Coverage is additional insurance.

- (7) With respect to this Additional Coverage:
  - (a) We will not pay for the Increased Cost of Construction:
    - Until the property is actually repaired or replaced, at the same or another premises; and
    - (ii) Unless the repairs or replacement are made as soon as reasonably possible after the loss or damage, not to exceed two years. We may extend this period in writing during the two years.
  - (b) If the building is repaired or replaced at the same premises, or if you elect to rebuild at another premises, the most we will pay for the Increased Cost of Construction is the increased cost of construction at the same premises.
  - (c) If the ordinance or law requires relocation to another premises, the most we will pay for the Increased Cost of Construction is the increased cost of construction at the new premises.
- (8) This Additional Coverage is not subject to the terms of the Ordinance or Law Exclusion, to the extent that such Exclusion would conflict with the provisions of this Additional Coverage.
- (9) The costs addressed in the Loss Payment Property Loss Condition in Section ! — Property do not include the increased cost attributable to enforcement of an ordinance or law. The amount payable under this Additional Coverage, as stated in Paragraph (6) of this Additional Coverage, is not subject to such limitation.

# m. Business Income From Dependent Properties

(1) We will pay for the actual loss of Business Income you sustain due to physical loss or damage at the premises of a dependent property caused by or resulting from any Covered Cause of Loss.

- The most we will pay under this Additional Coverage is \$5,000 unless a higher Limit of Insurance is indicated in the Declarations.
- (2) We will reduce the amount of your Business Income loss, other than Extra Expense, to the extent you can resume "operations", in whole or in part, by using any other available:
  - (a) Source of materials; or
  - (b) Outlet for your products.
- (3) If you do not resume "operations", or do not resume "operations" as quickly as possible, we will pay based on the length of time it would have taken to resume "operations" as quickly as possible.
- (4) Dependent property means property owned by others whom you depend on to:
  - (a) Deliver materials or services to you, or to others for your account. But services does not mean water, communication or power supply services;
  - (b) Accept your products or services;
  - (c) Manufacture your products for delivery to your customers under contract for sale; or
  - (d) Attract customers to your business. The dependent property must be located in the coverage territory of this policy.
- (5) The coverage period for Business Income under this Additional Coverage:
  - (a) Begins 72 hours after the time of direct physical loss or damage caused by or resulting from any Covered Cause of Loss at the premises of the dependent property; and
  - (b) Ends on the date when the property at the premises of the dependent property should be repaired, rebuilt or replaced with reasonable speed and similar quality.
- (6) The Business Income coverage period, as stated in Paragraph (5), does not include any increased period required due to the enforcement of any ordinance or law that:
  - (a) Regulates the construction, use or repair, or requires the tearing down of any property; or
  - (b) Requires any insured or others to test for, monitor, clean up, remove, contain, treat, detoxify or neutralize,

or in any way respond to, or assess the effects of "pollutants".

The expiration date of this policy will not reduce the Business Income coverage period.

(7) The definition of Business Income contained in the Business Income Additional Coverage also applies to this Business Income From Dependent Properties Additional Coverage.

#### n. Glass Expenses

- (1) We will pay for expenses incurred to put up temporary plates or board up openings if repair or replacement of damaged glass is delayed.
- (2) We will pay for expenses incurred to remove or replace obstructions when repairing or replacing glass that is part of a building. This does not include removing or replacing window displays.

# o. Fire Extinguisher Systems Recharge Expense

- (1) We will pay:
  - (a) The cost of recharging or replacing, whichever is less, your fire extinguishers and fire extinguishing systems (including hydrostatic testing if needed) if they are discharged on or within 100 feet of the described premises; and
  - (b) For loss or damage to Covered Property if such loss or damage is the result of an accidental discharge of chemicals from a fire extinguisher or a fire extinguishing system.
- (2) No coverage will apply if the fire extinguishing system is discharged during installation or testing.
- (3) The most we will pay under this Additional Coverage is \$5,000 in any one occurrence.

# 6. Coverage Extensions

In addition to the Limits of Insurance of **Section I – Property**, you may extend the insurance provided by this policy as provided below.

Except as otherwise provided, the following Extensions apply to property located in or on the building described in the Declarations or in the open (or in a vehicle) within 100 feet of the described premises, unless a higher Limit of Insurance is shown in the Declarations.

## a. Newly Acquired Or Constructed Property

## (1) Buildings

If this policy covers Buildings, you may extend that insurance to apply to:

(a) Your new buildings while being built on the described premises; and

- (b) Buildings you acquire at premises other than the one described, intended for:
  - (i) Similar use as the building described in the Declarations; or
  - (ii) Use as a warehouse.

The most we will pay for loss or damage under this Extension is \$250,000 at each building

# (2) Business Personal Property

- (a) If this policy covers Business Personal Property, you may extend that insurance to apply to:
  - (i) Business Personal Property, including such property that you newly acquire, at any location you acquire.
  - (ii) Business Personal Property, including such property that you newly acquire, located at your newly constructed or acquired buildings at the location described in the Declarations; or
  - (III) Business Personal Property that you newly acquire, located at the described premises.

This Extension does not apply to personal property that you temporarily acquire in the course of installing or performing work on such property or your wholesale activities.

The most we will pay for loss or damage under this Extension is \$100,000 at each premises.

# (3) Period Of Coverage

With respect to insurance on or at each newly acquired or constructed property, coverage will end when any of the following first occurs:

- (a) This policy expires;
- (b) 30 days expire after you acquire the property or begin construction of that part of the building that would qualify as covered property; or
- (c) You report values to us.
  We will charge you additional premium for values reported from the date you acquire the property or begin construction of that part of the building that would qualify as covered property.

#### b. Personal Property Off Premises

You may extend the insurance that applies to Business Personal Property to apply to covered Business Personal Property, other than "money" and "securities", "valuable papers and records" or accounts receivable,

while it is in the course of transit or at a premises you do not own, lease or operate. The most we will pay for loss or damage under this Extension is \$5,000.

### c. Outdoor Property

You may extend the insurance provided by this policy to apply to your outdoor fences, radio and television antennas (including satellite dishes), signs (other than signs attached to buildings), trees, shrubs and plants, including debris removal expense, caused by or resulting from any of the following causes of loss:

- (1) Fire;
- (2) Lightning;
- (3) Explosion;
- (4) Riot or Civil Commotion; or
- (5) Aircraft.

The most we will pay for loss or damage under this Extension is \$2,500, but not more than \$500 for any one tree, shrub or plant.

#### d. Personal Effects

You may extend the insurance that applies to Business Personal Property to apply to personal effects owned by you, your officers, your partners or "members", your "managers" or your employees. This extension does not apply to:

- Tools or equipment used in your business; or
- (2) Loss or damage by theft.

The most we will pay for loss or damage under this Extension is \$2,500 at each described premises.

## e. Valuable Papers And Records

- (1) You may extend the insurance that applies to Business Personal Property to apply to direct physical loss or damage to "valuable papers and records" that you own, or that are in your care, custody or control caused by or resulting from a Covered Cause of Loss. This Coverage Extension includes the cost to research, replace or restore the lost information on "valuable papers and records" for which duplicates do not exist.
- (2) This Coverage Extension does not apply to:
  - (a) Property held as samples or for delivery after sale;
  - (b) Property in storage away from the premises shown in the Declarations.
- (3) The most we will pay under this Coverage Extension for loss or damage to "valuable papers and records" in any one occurrence at the described

premises is \$10,000, unless a higher Limit of Insurance for "valuable papers and records" is shown in the Declarations.

For "valuable papers and records" not at the described premises, the most we will pay is \$5,000.

- (4) Paragraph B. Exclusions in Section I Property does not apply to this Coverage Extension except for:
  - (a) Paragraph B.1.c., Governmental Action:
  - (b) Paragraph B.1.d., Nuclear Hazard;
  - (c) Paragraph B.1.f., War And Military Action;
  - (d) Paragraph B.2.f., Dishonesty;
  - (e) Paragraph B.2.g., False Pretense; and
  - (f) Paragraph B.3

#### f. Accounts Receivable

- (1) You may extend the insurance that applies to Business Personal Property to apply to accounts receivable. We will pay:
  - (a) All amounts due from your customers that you are unable to collect;
  - (b) Interest charges on any loan required to offset amounts you are unable to collect pending our payment of these amounts;
  - (c) Collection expenses in excess of your normal collection expenses that are made necessary by loss or damage; and
  - (d) Other reasonable expenses that you incur to re-establish your records of accounts receivable;

that result from direct physical loss or damage by any Covered Cause of Loss to your records of accounts receivable.

- (2) The most we will pay under this Coverage Extension for loss or damage in any one occurrence at the described premises is \$10,000, unless a higher Limit of Insurance for accounts receivable is shown in the Declarations. For accounts receivable not at the described premises, the most we will pay is \$5,000.
- (3) Paragraph B. Exclusions in Section I Property does not apply to this Coverage Extension except for:
  - (a) Paragraph **B.1.c.**, Governmental Action:
  - (b) Paragraph B.1.d., Nuclear Hazard;

- (c) Paragraph B.1.f., War And Military Action:
- (d) Paragraph B.2.f., Dishonesty;
- (e) Paragraph B.2.g., False Pretense;
- (f) Paragraph B.3.; and
- (g) Paragraph B.5. Accounts Receivable Exclusion.

#### B. Exclusions

 We will not pay for loss or damage caused directly or indirectly by any of the following. Such loss or damage is excluded regardless of any other cause or event that contributes concurrently or in any sequence to the loss. These exclusions apply whether or not the loss event results in widespread damage or affects a substantial area.

#### a. Ordinance Of Law

- (1) The enforcement of any ordinance or law:
  - (a) Regulating the construction, use or repair of any property; or
  - (b) Requiring the tearing down of any property, including the cost of removing its debris.
- (2) This exclusion, Ordinance Or Law, applies whether the loss results from:
  - (a) An ordinance or law that is enforced even if the property has not been damaged; or
  - (b) The increased costs incurred to comply with an ordinance or law in the course of construction, repair, renovation, remodeling or demolition of property or removal of its debris, following a physical loss to that property.

#### b. Earth Movement

- Earthquake, including any earth sinking, rising or shifting related to such event;
- (2) Landslide, including any earth sinking, rising or shifting related to such event;
- (3) Mine subsidence, meaning subsidence of a man-made mine, whether or not mining scrivity has ceased;
- (4) Earth sinking (other than sinkhole collapse), rising or shifting including soil conditions which cause settling, cracking or other disarrangement of foundations or other parts of realty. Soil conditions include contraction, expansion, freezing, thawing, erosion, improperly compacted soil and the action of water under the ground surface.

But if Earth Movement, as described in Paragraphs (1) through (4) above, results in fire or explosion, we will pay for the loss or damage caused by that fire or explosion.

(5) Volcanic eruption, explosion or effusion. But if volcanic eruption, explosion or effusion results in fire, building glass breakage or volcanic action, we will pay for the loss or damage caused by that fire, building glass breakage or volcanic action.

Volcanic action means direct loss or damage resulting from the eruption of a volcano when the loss or damage is caused by:

- (a) Airborne volcanic blast or airborne shock waves;
- (b) Ash, dust or particulate matter; or
- (c) Lava flow.

All volcanic eruptions that occur within any 168-hour period will constitute a single occurrence.

Volcanic action does not include the cost to remove ash, dust or particulate matter that does not cause direct physical loss of or damage to Covered Property.

#### c. Governmental Action

Seizure or destruction of property by order of governmental authority.

But we will pay for loss or damage caused by or resulting from acts of destruction ordered by governmental authority and taken at the time of a fire to prevent its spread, if the fire would be covered under this policy.

## d. Nuclear Hazard

Nuclear reaction or radiation, or radioactive contamination, however caused.

But if nuclear reaction or radiation, or radioactive contamination, results in fire, we will pay for the loss or damage caused by

# that fire. e. Power Failure

The failure of power or other utility service supplied to the described premises, however caused, if the failure occurs away from the described premises.

But if the failure of power or other utility service results in a Covered Cause of Loss, we will pay for the loss or damage caused by that Covered Cause of Loss.

This exclusion does not apply to loss or damage to "computer(s)" and "electronic media and records".

# f. War And Military Action

- (1) War, including undeclared or civil war;
- (2) Warlike action by a military force, including action in hindering or defending against an actual or expected attack, by any government, sovereign or other authority using military personnel or other agents; or

(3) Insurrection, rebellion, revolution, usurped power, or action taken by governmental authority in hindering or defending against any of these.

#### g. Water

- (1) Flood, surface water, waves, tides, tidal waves, overflow of any body of water, or their spray, all whether driven by wind or not:
- (2) Mudslide or mudflow;
- (3) Water that backs up or overflows from a sewer, drain or sump; or
- (4) Water under the ground surface pressing on, or flowing or seeping through:
  - (a) Foundations, walls, floors or paved surfaces;
  - (b) Basements, whether paved or not; or
- (c) Doors, windows or other openings. But if Water, as described in Paragraphs (1) through (4), results in fire, explosion or sprinkler leakage, we will pay for the loss or damage caused by that fire, explosion or sprinkler leakage.

## h. Certain Computer-Related Losses

- (1) The failure, malfunction or inadequacy of:
  - (a) Any of the following, whether belonging to any insured or to others:
    - (i) "Computer" hardware, including microprocessors or other electronic data processing equipment as may be described elsewhere in this policy;
    - (ii) "Computer" application software or other "electronic media and records" as may be described elsewhere in this policy;
    - (iii) "Computer" operating systems and related software;
    - (iv) "Computer" networks;
    - (v) Microprocessors ("computer" chips) not part of any "computer" system; or
    - (vi) Any other computerized or electronic equipment or components; or
  - (b) Any other products, and any services, data or functions that directly or indirectly use or rely upon, in any manner, any of the items listed in Paragraph (a) above;

due to the inability to correctly recognize, distinguish, interpret or accept one or more dates or times. An

- example is the inability of computer software to recognize the year 2000.
- (2) Any advice, consultation, design, evaluation, inspection, installation, maintenance, repair, replacement or supervision provided or done by you or for you to determine, rectify or test for, any potential or actual problems described in Paragraph (1) above.

However, if excluded loss or damage, as described in Paragraph (1) above results in a "Specified Cause of Loss" under **Section ! — Property**, we will pay only for the loss or damage caused by such "Specified Cause of Loss".

We will not pay for repair, replacement or modification of any items in Paragraphs (1)(a) or (1)(b) to correct any deficiencies or change any features.

2. We will not pay for loss or damage caused by or resulting from any of the following:

#### a. Electrical Apparatus

Artificially generated electrical current, including electric arcing, that disturbs electrical devices, appliances or wires. But if artificially generated electrical current results in fire, we will pay for the loss or damage caused by fire.

We will pay for loss or damage to "computer(s)" due to artificially generated electrical current if such loss or damage is caused by or results from:

- (1) An occurrence that took place within 100 feet of the described premises; or
- (2) Interruption of electric power supply, power surge, blackout or brownout if the cause of such occurrence took place within 100 feet of the described premises.

#### b. Consequential Losses

Delay, loss of use or loss of market.

#### c. Smoke, Vapor, Gas

Smoke, vapor or gas from agricultural smudging or industrial operations.

#### d. Steam Apparatus

Explosion of steam boilers, steam pipes, steam engines or steam turbines owned or leased by you, or operated under your control. But if explosion of steam boilers, steam pipes, steam engines or steam turbines results in fire or combustion explosion, we will pay for the loss or damage caused by that fire or combustion explosion. We will also pay for loss or damage caused by or resulting from the explosion of gases or fuel within the furnace of any fired vessel or within the flues or

passages through which the gases of combustion pass.

# e. Frozen Plumbing

Water, other liquids, powder or molten material that leaks or flows from plumbing, heating, air conditioning or other equipment (except fire protective systems) caused by or resulting from freezing, unless:

- (1) You do your best to maintain heat in the building or structure; or
- (2) You drain the equipment and shut off the supply if the heat is not maintained.

## f. Dishonesty

Dishonest or criminal acts by you, anyone else with an interest in the property, or any of your or their partners, "members", officers, "managers", employees, directors. trustees, authorized representatives or anyone to whom you entrust the property for any purpose:

- (1) Acting alone or in collusion with others;
- (2) Whether or not occurring during the hours of employment.

This exclusion does not apply to acts of destruction by your employees; but theft by employees is not covered.

With respect to accounts receivable and "valuable papers and records", this exclusion does not apply to carriers for hire. This exclusion does not apply to coverage that is provided under the Employee

Dishonesty Optional Coverage.

# g. False Pretense

Voluntary parting with any property by you or anyone else to whom you have entrusted the property if induced to do so by any fraudulent scheme, trick, device or false pretense.

#### h. Exposed Property

Rain, snow, ice or sleet to personal property in the open.

## i. Collapse

Collapse, except as provided in the Additional Coverage for Collapse, But if collapse results in a Covered Cause of Loss, we will pay for the loss or damage caused by that Covered Cause of Loss.

## i. Pollution

We will not pay for loss or damage caused by or resulting from the discharge, dispersal, seepage, migration, release or escape of "pollutants" unless the discharge, dispersal, seepage, migration, release or escape is itself caused by any of the "specified causes of loss". But if the discharge, dispersal, seepage, migration, release or escape of "pollutants" results in a "specified cause of

loss", we will pay for the loss or damage caused by that "specified cause of loss".

#### k. Neglect

Neglect of an insured to use all reasonable means to save and preserve property from further damage at and after the time of loss.

## i. Other Types Of Loss

- (1) Wear and tear;
- (2) Rust, corrosion, fungus, decay, deterioration, hidden or latent defect or any quality in property that causes it to damage or destroy itself;
- (3) Smog:
- (4) Settling, cracking, shrinking or expansion:
- (5) Nesting or infestation, or discharge or release of waste products or secretions, by insects, birds, rodents or other animais.
- (6) Mechanical breakdown, including rupture or bursting caused by centrifugal force.

This exclusion does not apply with respect to the breakdown of "computer(s)";

- (7) The following causes of loss to personal property:
  - (a) Dampness or dryness of atmosphere:
  - (b) Changes in or extremes of temperature; or
  - (c) Marring or scratching.

But if an excluded cause of loss that is listed in Paragraphs (1) through (7) above results in a "specified cause of loss" or building glass breakage, we will pay for the loss or damage caused by that "specified cause of loss" or building glass breakage.

#### m. Errors Or Omissions

Errors or omissions in:

- (1) Programming, processing or storing data, as described under "electronic media and records" or in any "computer" operations; or
- (2) Processing or copying "valuable papers and records".

However, we will pay for direct physical loss or damage caused by resulting fire or explosion if these causes of loss would be covered by this coverage form.

## n. Installation, Testing, Repair

Errors or deficiency in design, installation, testing, maintenance, modification or repair of your "computer" system including "electronic media and records".

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However, we will pay for direct physical loss or damage caused by resulting fire or explosion if these causes of loss would be covered by this coverage form.

#### o. Electrical Disturbance

Electrical or magnetic injury, disturbance or erasure of "electronic media and records", except as provided for under the Coverage Extensions of **Section I – Property.**However, we will pay for direct loss or damage caused by lightning.

 We will not pay for loss or damage caused by or resulting from any of the following Paragraphs a. through c. But if an excluded cause of loss that is listed in Paragraphs a. through c. results in a Covered Cause of Loss, we will pay for the loss or damage caused by that Covered Cause of Loss.

#### a. Weather Conditions

Weather conditions. But this exclusion only applies if weather conditions contribute in any way with a cause or event excluded in Paragraph 8.1, above to produce the loss or damage.

#### b. Acts Or Decisions

Acts or decisions, including the failure to act or decide, of any person, group, organization or governmental body.

## c. Negligent Work

Faulty, inadequate or defective:

- Planning, zoning, development, surveying, siting;
- (2) Design, specifications, workmanship, repair, construction, renovation, remodeling, grading, compaction;
- (3) Materials used in repair, construction, renovation or remodeling; or
- (4) Maintenance:

of part or all of any property on or off the described premises.

#### 4. Business Income And Extra Expense Exclusions

- a. We will not pay for:
  - (1) Any Extra Expense, or increase of Business Income loss, caused by or resulting from:
    - (a) Delay in rebuilding, repairing or replacing the property or resuming "operations", due to interference at the location of the rebuilding, repair or replacement by strikers or other persons; or
    - (b) Suspension, lapse or cancellation of any license, lease or contract. But if the suspension, lapse or cancellation is directly caused by

the suspension of "operations", we will cover such loss that affects your Business Income during the "period of restoration".

- (2) Any other consequential loss.
- With respect to this exclusion, suspension means:
  - The partial slowdown or complete cessation of your business activities; and
  - (2) That a part or all of the described premises is rendered untenantable, if coverage for Business Income applies.

#### 5. Accounts Receivable Exclusion

The following additional exclusion applies to the Accounts Receivable Coverage Extension:

We will not pay for.

- a. Loss or damage caused by or resulting from alteration, falsification, concealment or destruction of records of accounts receivable done to conceal the wrongful giving, taking or withholding of "money", "securities" or other property.
  This exclusion applies only to the extent of
- Loss or damage caused by or resulting from bookkeeping, accounting or billing errors or omissions.

the wrongful giving, taking or withholding.

 Any loss or damage that requires any audit of records or any inventory computation to prove its factual existence.

#### C. Limits Of Insurance

- The most we will pay for loss or damage in any one occurrence is the applicable Limit of Insurance of Section I – Property shown in the Declarations.
- The most we will pay for loss of or damage to outdoor signs attached to buildings is \$1,000 per sign in any one occurrence.
- The limits applicable to the Coverage Extensions and the Fire Department Service Charge and Pollutant Clean Up and Removal Additional Coverages are in addition to the Limits of Insurance of Section I – Property.

#### 4. Building Limit - Automatic Increase

- a. The Limit of Insurance for Buildings will automatically increase by the annual percentage shown in the Declarations.
- b. The amount of increase will be:
  - (1) The Building limit that applied on the most recent of the policy inception date, the policy anniversary date, or any other policy change amending the Building limit, times
  - (2) The percentage of annual increase shown in the Declarations, expressed as a decimal (example: 8% is .08), times

(3) The number of days since the beginning of the current policy year of the effective date of the most recent policy change amending the Building limit, divided by 365

#### Example:

If: The applicable Building limit is \$100,000. The annual percentage increase is 8%. The number of days since the beginning of the policy year (or last policy change) is 146.

The amount of increase is  $$100,000 \times .08 \times 146 \div 365 = $3,200.$ 

#### Business Personal Property Limit – Seasonal Increase

- The Limit of Insurance for Business
   Personal Property will automatically
   increase by 25% to provide for seasonal
   variations
- b. This increase will apply only if the Limit of Insurance shown for Business Personal Property in the Declarations is at least 100% of your average monthly values during the lesser of:
  - The 12 months immediately preceding the date the loss or damage occurs; or
  - (2) The period of time you have been in business as of the date the loss or damage occurs.

#### D. Deductibles

 We will not pay for loss or damage in any one occurrence until the amount of loss or damage exceeds the Deductible shown in the Declarations. We will then pay the amount of loss or damage in excess of the Deductible up to the applicable Limit of Insurance of

## Section ! - Property.

- 2. Regardless of the amount of the Deductible, the most we will deduct from any loss or damage for Glass and under all of the following Optional Coverages in any one occurrence is the Optional Coverage/Glass Deductible shown in the Declarations:
  - Money and Securities;
  - b. Employee Dishonesty; and
  - c. Outdoor Signs.

But this Optional Coverage/Glass Deductible will not increase the Deductible shown in the Dedarations. This Deductible will be used to satisfy the requirements of the Deductible in the Declarations.

- No deductible applies to the following Additional Coverages:
  - a. Fire Department Service Charge;
  - b. Business income;
  - c. Extra Expense;
  - d. Civil Authority; and

e. Fire Extinguisher Systems Recharge Expense.

## E. Property Loss Conditions

#### 1. Abandonment

There can be no abandonment of any property to us.

# 2. Appraisal

If we and you disagree on the amount of loss, either may make written demand for an appraisal of the loss. In this event, each party will select a competent and impartial appraiser. The two appraisers will select an umpire. If they cannot agree, either may request that selection be made by a judge of a court having jurisdiction. The appraisers will state separately the amount of loss. If they fail to agree, they will submit their differences to the umpire. A decision agreed to by any two will be binding. Each party will:

- a. Pay its chosen appraiser; and
- **b.** Bear the other expenses of the appraisal and umpire equally.

If there is an appraisal, we will still retain our right to deny the claim.

# 3. Duties In The Event Of Loss Or Damage

- You must see that the following are done in the event of loss or damage to Covered Property:
  - Notify the police if a law may have been broken.
  - (2) Give us prompt notice of the loss or damage. Include a description of the property involved.
  - (3) As soon as possible, give us a description of how, when and where the loss or damage occurred.
  - (4) Take all reasonable steps to protect the Covered Property from further damage, and keep a record of your expenses necessary to protect the Covered Property, for consideration in the settlement of the claim. This will not increase the Limits of Insurance of Section I – Property. However, we will not pay for any subsequent loss or damage resulting from a cause of loss that is not a Covered Cause of Loss. Also, if feasible, set the damaged property aside and in the best possible order for examination.
  - (5) At our request, give us complete inventories of the damaged and undamaged property. Include quantities, costs, values and amount of loss claimed.
  - (6) As often as may be reasonably required, permit us to inspect the property proving the loss or damage and examine your books and records.

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Also permit us to take samples of damaged and undamaged property for inspection, testing and analysis, and permit us to make copies from your books and records.

- (7) Send us a signed, sworn proof of loss containing the information we request to investigate the claim. You must do this within 60 days after our request. We will supply you with the necessary forms.
- (8) Cooperate with us in the investigation or settlement of the claim.
- (9) Resume all or part of your "operations" as quickly as possible.
- b. We may examine any insured under cath, while not in the presence of any other insured and at such times as may be reasonably required, about any matter relating to this insurance or the claim, including an insured's books and records, in the event of an examination, an insured's answers must be signed.

#### 4. Legal Action Against Us

No one may bring a legal action against us under this insurance unless:

- There has been full compliance with all of the terms of this insurance; and
- b. The action is brought within 2 years after the date on which the direct physical loss or damage occurred.

## 5. Electronic Media And Records Limitation

We will not pay for any loss of Business Income caused by direct physical loss of or damage to "electronic media and records" after the longer of:

- 60 consecutive days from the date of direct physical loss or damage; or
- b. The period, beginning with the date of direct physical loss or damage, necessary to repair, rebuild or replace with reasonable speed and similar quality, other property at the described premises due to loss or damage caused by the same occurrence

## Example #1

A Covered Cause of Loss damages a "computer" on June 1. It takes until September 1 to replace the "computer", and until October 1 to restore the data that was lost when the damage occurred. We will only pay for the Business Income loss sustained during the period June 1 — September 1. Loss during the period September 2 — October 1 is not covered.

## Example #2

A Covered Cause of Loss results in the loss of data processing programming records on August 1. The records are replaced on October 15. We will only pay for the Business Income loss sustained during the period August 1 —

September 29 (60 consecutive days). Loss during the period September 30 – October 15 is not covered.

# 6. Loss Payment

In the event of loss or damage covered by this policy:

- a. At our option, we will either:
  - Pay the value of lost or damaged property;
  - (2) Pay the cost of repairing or replacing the lost or damaged property;
  - (3) Take all or any part of the property at an agreed or appraised value; or
  - (4) Repair, rebuild or replace the property with other property of like kind and quality, subject to Paragraph d.(1)(e) below.
- We will give notice of our intentions within 30 days after we receive the sworn proof of loss
- We will not pay you more than your financial interest in the Covered Property.
- d. Except as provided in Paragraphs (2) through (8) below, we will determine the value of Covered Property as follows;
  - At replacement cost without deduction for depreciation, subject to the following:
    - (a) If, at the time of loss, the Limit of Insurance on the lost or damaged property is 80% or more of the full replacement cost of the property immediately before the loss, we will pay the cost to repair or replace, after application of the deductible and without deduction for depreciation, but not more than the least of the following amounts:
      - The Limit of Insurance under Section I - Property that applies to the lost or damaged property;
      - (ii) The cost to replace, on the same premises, the lost or damaged property with other property:
        - Of comparable material and quality; and
        - ii. Used for the same purpose; or
      - (iii) The amount that you actually spend that is necessary to repair or replace the lost or damaged property.

If a building is rebuilt at a new premises, the cost is limited to the cost which would have been incurred had the building been built at the original premises.

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- (b) If, at the time of loss, the Limit of Insurance applicable to the lost or damaged property is less than 80% of the full replacement cost of the property immediately before the loss, we will pay the greater of the following amounts, but not more than the Limit of Insurance that applies to the property:
  - (i) The actual cash value of the lost or damaged property; or
  - (ii) A proportion of the cost to repair or replace the lost or damaged property, after application of the deductible and without deduction for depreciation. This proportion will equal the ratio of the applicable Limit of Insurance to 80% of the cost of repair or replacement.
- (c) You may make a claim for loss or damage covered by this insurance on an actual cash value basis instead of on a replacement cost basis. In the event you elect to have loss or damage settled on an actual cash value basis, you may still make a claim on a replacement cost basis if you notify us of your intent to do so within 180 days after the loss or damage.
- (d) We will not pay on a replacement cost basis for any loss or damage;
  - Until the lost or damaged property is actually repaired or replaced; and
  - (ii) Unless the repairs or replacement are made as soon as reasonably possible after the loss or damage.

However, if the cost to repair or replace the damaged building property is \$2,500 or less, we will settle the loss according to the provisions of Paragraphs d.(1)(a) and d.(1)(b) above whether or not the actual repair or replacement is complete.

(e) The cost to repair, rebuild or replace does not include the increased cost attributable to enforcement of any ordinance or law regulating the construction, use or repair of any property.

- (2) If the "Actual Cash Value Buildings" option applies, as shown in the Declarations, Paragraph (1) above does not apply to Buildings. Instead, we will determine the value of Buildings at actual cash value.
- (3) The following property at actual cash value:
  - (a) Used or second-hand merchandise held in storage or for sale;
  - (b) Property of others. However, if an item(s) of personal property of others is subject to a written contract which governs your liability for loss or damage to that item(s), then valuation of that item(s) will be based on the amount for which you are liable under such contract, but not to exceed the lesser of the replacement cost of the property or the applicable Limit of Insurance;
  - (c) Household contents, except personal property in apartments or rooms furnished by you as landlord;
  - (d) Manuscripts;
  - (e) Works of art, antiques or rare articles, including etchings, pictures, statuary, marbles, bronzes, porcelains and bric-a-brac.
- (4) Glass at the cost of replacement with safety glazing material if required by iaw
- (5) Tenants' Improvements and Betterments at:
  - (a) Replacement cost if you make repairs promptly.
  - (b) A proportion of your original cost if you do not make repairs promptly. We will determine the proportionate value as follows:
    - (i) Multiply the original cost by the number of days from the loss or damage to the expiration of the lease; and
    - (ii) Divide the amount determined in (i) above by the number of days from the installation of improvements to the expiration of the lease.

If your lease contains a renewal option, the expiration of the renewal option period will replace the expiration of the lease in this procedure.

(c) Nothing if others pay for repairs or replacement.

- (6) Loss or damage to "valuable papers and records" will be valued at the cost of restoration or replacement, including the cost of data entry, re-programming, computer consultation services and the media on which the data or programs reside. To the extent that the contents of the "valuable papers and records" are not restored, the "valuable papers and records" will be valued at the cost of replacement with blank materials of substantially identical type.
- (7) Applicable only to the Optional Coverages:
  - (a) "Money" at its face value; and
  - (b) "Securities" at their value at the close of business on the day the loss is discovered.
- (8) Applicable only to Accounts Receivable:
  - (a) If you cannot accurately establish the amount of accounts receivable outstanding as of the time of loss or damage:
    - (i) We will determine the total of the average monthly amounts of accounts receivable for the 12 months immediately preceding the month in which the loss or damage occurs; and
    - (ii) We will adjust that total for any normal fluctuations in the amount of accounts receivable for the month in which the loss or damage occurred or for any demonstrated variance from the average for that month.
  - (b) The following will be deducted from the total amount of accounts receivable, however that amount is established:
    - (i) The amount of the accounts for which there is no loss or damage;
    - (ii) The amount of the accounts that you are able to re-establish or collect:
    - (iii) An amount to allow for probable bad debts that you are normally unable to collect; and
    - (iv) All unearned interest and service charges.
- e. Our payment for loss of or damage to personal property of others will only be for the account of the owners of the property. We may adjust losses with the owners of lost or damaged property if other than you. If we pay the owners, such payments will satisfy your claims against us for the

- owners' property. We will not pay the owners more than their financial interest in the Covered Property.
- f. We may elect to defend you against suits arising from claims of owners of property. We will do this at our expense.
- g. We will pay for covered loss or damage within 30 days after we receive the sworn proof of loss, provided you have complied with all of the terms of this policy, and
  - (1) We have reached agreement with you on the amount of loss; or
  - (2) An appraisal award has been made.

#### 7. Recovered Property

If either you or we recover any property after loss settlement, that party must give the other prompt notice. At your option, you may retain the property. But then you must return to us the amount we paid to you for the property. We will pay recovery expenses and the expenses to repair the recovered property, subject to the Limits of Insurance of Section I — Property.

## 8. Resumption Of Operations

We will reduce the amount of your:

- a. Business Income loss, other than Extra Expense, to the extent you can resume your "operations", in whole or in part, by using damaged or undamaged property (including merchandise or stock) at the described premises or elsewhere.
- **b.** Extra Expense loss to the extent you can return "operations" to normal and discontinue such Extra Expense.

# 9. Vacancy

# a. Description Of Terms

- (1) As used in this Vacancy Condition, the term building and the term vacant have the meanings set forth in Paragraphs (a) and (b) below.
  - (a) When this policy is issued to a tenant, and with respect to that tenant's interest in Covered Property, building means the unit or suite rented or leased to the tenant. Such building is vacant when it does not contain enough business personal property to conduct customary operations.
  - (b) When this policy is issued to the owner or general lessee of a building, building means the entire building. Such building is vacant unless at least 31% of its total square footage is:
    - (i) Rented to a lessee or sublessee and used by the lessee or sub-lessee to conduct its customary operations; and/or

- (ii) Used by the building owner to conduct customary operations.
- (2) Buildings under construction or renovation are not considered vacant.

#### b. Vacancy Provisions

If the building where loss or damage occurs has been vacant for more than 60 consecutive days before that loss or damage occurs:

- (1) We will not pay for any loss or damage caused by any of the following even if they are Covered Causes of Loss:
  - (a) Vandalism,
  - (b) Sprinkler leakage, unless you have protected the system against freezing;
  - (c) Building glass breakage;
  - (d) Water damage;
  - (e) Theft; or
  - (f) Attempted theft.
- (2) With respect to Covered Causes of Loss other than those listed in Paragraphs (1)(a) through (1)(f) above, we will reduce the amount we would otherwise pay for the loss or damage by 15%.

## F. Property General Conditions

## 1. Control Of Property

Any act or neglect of any person other than you beyond your direction or control will not affect this insurance.

The breach of any condition of this Coverage Form at any one or more locations will not affect coverage at any location where, at the time of loss or damage, the breach of condition does not exist.

## 2. Mortgageholders

- a. The term "mortgageholder" includes trustee.
- b. We will pay for covered loss of or damage to buildings or structures to each mortgageholder shown in the Declarations in their order of precedence, as interests may appear.
- c. The mortgageholder has the right to receive loss payment even if the mortgageholder has started foreclosure or similar action on the building or structure.
- d. If we deny your claim because of your acts or because you have failed to comply with the terms of this policy, the mortgageholder will still have the right to receive loss payment if the mortgageholder:
  - (1) Pays any premium due under this policy at our request if you have failed to do so:
  - (2) Submits a signed, sworn proof of loss within 60 days after receiving notice from us of your failure to do so; and

- (3) Has notified us of any change in ownership, occupancy or substantial change in risk known to the mortgageholder.
- All of the terms of this policy will then apply directly to the mortgageholder.
- If we pay the mortgageholder for any loss or damage and deny payment to you because of your acts or because you have failed to comply with the terms of this policy;
  - (1) The mortgageholder's rights under the mortgage will be transferred to us to the extent of the amount we pay; and
  - (2) The mortgageholder's right to recover the full amount of the mortgageholder's claim will not be impaired. At our option, we may pay to the mortgageholder the whole principal on the mortgage plus any accrued interest. In this event, your mortgage and note will be transferred to us and you will pay your remaining mortgage debt to us.
- f. If we cancel this policy, we will give written notice to the mortgageholder at least:
  - (1) 10 days before the effective date of cancellation if we cancel for your nonpayment of premium; or
  - (2) 30 days before the effective date of cancellation if we cancel for any other reason.
- g. If we elect not to renew this policy, we will give written notice to the mortgageholder at least 10 days before the expiration date of this policy.

## 3. No Benefit To Bailee

No person or organization, other than you, having custody of Covered Property will benefit from this insurance.

# 4. Policy Period, Coverage Territory Under Section I – Property:

- We cover loss or damage commencing;
  - During the policy period shown in the Declarations; and
  - (2) Within the coverage territory or, with respect to property in transit, white it is between points in the coverage territory.
- b. The coverage territory is:
  - The United States of America (including its territories and possessions);
  - (2) Puerto Rico; and
  - (3) Canada.

## G. Optional Coverages

If shown as applicable in the Declarations, the following Optional Coverages also apply. These coverages are subject to the terms and conditions applicable to property coverage in this policy, except as provided below.

#### 1. Outdoor Signs

- a. We will pay for direct physical loss of or damage to all outdoor signs at the described premises;
  - (1) Owned by you; or
  - (2) Owned by others but in your care, custody or control.
- b. Paragraph A.3., Covered Causes Of Loss, and Paragraph B., Exclusions in Section I Property, do not apply to this Optional Coverage, except for:
  - (1) Paragraph B.1.c., Governmental Action;
  - (2) Paragraph B.1.d., Nuclear Hazard; and
  - (3) Paragraph B.1.f., War And Military Action.
- c. We will not pay for loss or damage caused by or resulting from:
  - (1) Wear and tear,
  - (2) Hidden or latent defect;
  - (3) Rust;
  - (4) Corresion; or
  - (5) Mechanical breakdown.
- d. The most we will pay for loss of damage in any one occurrence is the Limit of Insurance for Outdoor Signs shown in the Declarations
- The provisions of this Optional Coverage supersede all other references to outdoor signs in this policy.

# 2. Money And Securities

- a. We will pay for loss of "money" and "securities" used in your business while at a bank or savings institution, within your living quarters or the living quarters of your partners or any employee having use and custody of the property, at the described premises, or in transit between any of these places, resulting directly from:
  - (1) Theft, meaning any act of stealing;
  - (2) Disappearance; or
  - (3) Destruction.
- b. In addition to the Limitations and Exclusions applicable to Section I – Property, we will not pay for loss:
  - Resulting from accounting or arithmetical errors or omissions;
  - (2) Due to the giving or surrendering of property in any exchange or purchase; or
  - (3) Of property contained in any "money"operated device unless the amount of "money" deposited in it is recorded by a continuous recording instrument in the device.
- The most we will pay for loss in any one occurrence is:

- (1) The limit shown in the Declarations for Inside the Premises for "money" and "securities" while:
  - (a) In or on the described premises; or
  - (b) Within a bank or savings institution; and
- (2) The limit shown in the Declarations for Outside the Premises for "money" and "securities" while anywhere else.
- d. All loss:
  - (1) Caused by one or more persons; or
  - (2) Involving a single act or series of related acts;

is considered one occurrence.

 You must keep records of all "money" and "securities" so we can verify the amount of any loss or damage.

#### 3. Employee Dishonesty

- a. We will pay for direct loss of or damage to Business Personal Property and "money" and "securities" resulting from dishonest acts committed by any of your employees acting alone or in collusion with other persons (except you or your partner) with the manifest intent to:
  - Cause you to sustain loss or damage; and also
  - (2) Obtain financial benefit (other than salaries, commissions, fees, bonuses, promotions, awards, profit sharing, pensions or other employee benefits earned in the normal course of employment) for:
    - (a) Any employee; or
    - (b) Any other person or organization.
- b. We will not pay for loss or damage:
  - (1) Resulting from any dishonest or criminal act that you or any of your partners or "members" commit whether acting alone or in collusion with other persons.
  - (2) Resulting from any dishonest act committed by any of your employees (except as provided in Paragraph a.), "managers" or directors:
    - (a) Whether acting alone or in collusion with other persons; or
    - (b) While performing services for you or otherwise.
  - (3) The only proof of which as to its existence or amount is:
    - (a) An inventory computation; or
    - (b) A profit and loss computation.
- c. The most we will pay for loss or damage in any one occurrence is the Limit of Insurance for Employee Dishonesty shown in the Declarations.

- d. All loss or damage:
  - (1) Caused by one or more persons; or
  - (2) Involving a single act or series of acts; is considered one occurrence.
- e. If any loss is covered:
  - (1) Partly by this insurance; and
  - (2) Partly by any prior cancelled or terminated insurance that we or any affiliate had issued to you or any predecessor in interest;

the most we will pay is the larger of the amount recoverable under this insurance or the prior insurance.

We will pay only for loss or damage you sustain through acts committed or events occurring during the Policy Period. Regardless of the number of years this policy remains in force or the number of premiums paid, no Limit of Insurance cumulates from year to year or period to period.

- f. This Optional Coverage is cancelled as to any employee immediately upon discovery by:
  - (1) You; or
  - (2) Any of your partners, "members", "managers", officers or directors not in collusion with the employee;

of any dishonest act committed by that employee before or after being hired by you.

- g. We will pay only for covered loss or damage sustained during the policy period and discovered no later than one year from the end of the policy period.
- h. If you (or any predecessor in interest) sustained loss or damage during the policy period of any prior insurance that you could have recovered under that insurance except that the time within which to discover loss or damage had expired, we will pay for it under this Optional Coverage, provided:
  - (1) This Optional Coverage became effective at the time of cancellation or termination of the prior insurance; and
  - (2) The loss or damage would have been covered by this Optional Coverage had it been in effect when the acts or events causing the loss or damage were committed or occurred.
- I. The insurance under Paragraph h. above is part of, not in addition to, the Limit of Insurance applying to this Optional Coverage and is limited to the lesser of the amount recoverable under:
  - This Optional Coverage as of its effective date; or
  - (2) The prior insurance had it remained in effect

## 4. Mechanical Breakdown

- We will pay for direct damage to Covered Property caused by an Accident to an Object. The Object must be:
  - Owned by you or in your care, custody or control; and
  - (2) At the described premises.
- b. Accident means a sudden and accidental breakdown of the Object or a part of the Object. At the time the breakdown occurs, it must manifest itself by physical damage to the Object that necessitates repair or replacement.
- c. None of the following is an Accident:
  - Depletion, deterioration, corrosion or erosion;
  - (2) Wear and tear:
  - (3) Leakage at any valve, fitting, shaft seal, gland packing, joint or connection;
  - (4) Breakdown of any vacuum tube, gas tube or brush;
  - (5) Breakdown of any "computer", including "computer(s)" used to operate production type machinery or equipment;
  - (6) Breakdown of any structure or foundation supporting the Object or any of its parts;
  - (7) The functioning of any safety or protective device; or
  - (8) The explosion of gases or fuel within the furnace of any Object or within the flues or passages through which the gases of combustion pass.
- d. Object means any of the following equipment:
  - (1) Boiler and Pressure Vessels:
    - (a) Steam heating boilers and condensate return tanks used with them;
    - (b) Hot water heating boilers and expansion tanks used with them;
    - (c) Hot water supply boilers:
    - (d) Other fired or unfired vessels used for maintenance or service of the described premises but not used for processing or manufacturing;
    - (e) Steam boiler piping, valves, fittings, traps and separators, but only if they:
      - (i) Are on your premises or between parts of your premises;
      - (ii) Contain steam or condensate of steam; and
      - (iii) Are not part of any other vessel or apparatus;

- (f) Feed water piping between any steam boiler and a feed pump or injector.
- (2) Air Conditioning Units Any air conditioning unit that has a capacity of 60,000 Btu or more, including:
  - (a) Inductors, convectors and coils that make use of a refrigerant and form part of a cooling, humidity control or space heating system;
  - (b) Interconnecting piping, valves and fittings containing only a refrigerant, water, brine or other solution;
  - (c) Vessels heated directly or indirectly that:
    - (i) Form part of an absorption type system; and
    - (ii) Function as a generator, regenerator or concentrator;
  - (d) Compressors, pumps, fans and blowers used solely with the system together with their driving electric motors; and
  - (e) Control equipment used solely with the system.
- e. Object does not mean:
  - (1) As Boiler and Pressure Vessels:
    - (a) Equipment that is not under internal vacuum or internal pressure other than weight of contents;
    - (b) Boiler settings;
    - (c) Insulating or refractory material; or
    - (d) Electrical, reciprocating or rotating apparatus within or forming a part of the boiler or vessel.
  - (2) As Air Conditioning Units, any:
    - (a) Vessel, cooling tower, reservoir or other source of cooling water for a condenser or compressor, or any water piping leading to or from that source; or
    - (b) Wiring or piping leading to or from the unit.
- f. We will not pay for an Accident to any Object while being tested.

## g. Suspension

Whenever an Object is found to be in, or exposed to, a dangerous condition, any of our representatives may immediately suspend the insurance against loss from an Accident to that Object. This can be done by delivering or mailing a written notice of suspension to:

- (1) Your last known address; or
- (2) The address where the Object is located.

If we suspend your insurance, you will get a pro rata refund of premium. But the suspension will be effective even if we have not yet made or offered a refund.

## H. Property Definitions

- "Computer" means:
  - a. Programmable electronic equipment that is used to store, retrieve and process data; and
  - Associated peripheral equipment that provides communication, including input and output functions such as printing and auxiliary functions such as data transmission.

"Computer" does not include those used to operate production type machinery or equipment.

- "Counterfeit" means an imitation of an actual valid original which is intended to deceive and to be taken as the original.
- "Electronic media and records" means the following, if owned by you or licensed to you and used in your business:
  - Media, meaning disks, tapes, film, drums, cells or other media which are used with electronically controlled equipment.
  - b. Data, meaning information or facts stored on media described in Paragraph a. above.
     Data includes 'Valuable papers and records' converted to data.
  - c. "Computer" program, meaning a set of related electronic instructions which direct the operations and functions of a "computer" or a device connected to it, which enable the "computer" or device to receive, process, restore, retrieve or send data.
  - Software, including systems and applications software.
- "Manager" means a person serving in a directorial capacity for a limited liability company.
- "Member" means an owner of a limited liability company represented by its membership interest, who also may serve as a "manager".
- 6. "Money" means:
  - a. Currency, coins and bank notes in current use and having a face value; and
  - Travelers checks, register checks and money orders held for sale to the public.
- "Operations" means your business activities occurring at the described premises.
- 8. "Period of restoration"
  - a. Means the period of time that:
    - (1) Begins:
      - (a) 72 hours after the time of direct physical loss or damage for Business income Coverage; or

 (b) Immediately after the time of direct physical loss or damage for Extra Expense Coverage;

caused by or resulting from any Covered Cause of Loss at the described premises; and

- (2) Ends on the earlier of:
  - (a) The date when the property at the described premises should be repaired, rebuilt or replaced with reasonable speed and similar quality; or
  - (b) The date when business is resumed at a new permanent location.
- Does not include any increased period required due to the enforcement of any ordinance or law that;
  - Regulates the construction, use or repair, or requires the tearing down of any property; or
  - (2) Requires any insured or others to test for, monitor, clean up, remove, contain, treat, detoxify or neutralize, or in any way respond to or assess the effects of "pollutants".

The expiration date of this policy will not out short the "period of restoration".

- 9. "Pollutants" means any solid, liquid, gaseous or thermal irritant or contaminant, including smoke, vapor, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals and waste. Waste includes materials to be recycled, reconditioned or reclaimed.
- 10. "Securities" means negotiable and nonnegotiable instruments or contracts representing either "money" or other property and includes:
  - Tokens, tickets, revenue and other stamps (whether represented by actual stamps or unused value in a meter) in current use; and
  - Evidences of debt issued in connection with credit or charge cards, which cards are not issued by you;

but does not include "money".

- 11. "Specified Causes of Loss" means the following: Fire; lightning; explosion; windstorm or hail; smoke, aircraft or vehicles; riot or civil commotion; vandalism; leakage from fire extinguishing equipment; sinkhole collapse; volcanic action; falling objects; weight of snow, ice or sleet; water damage.
  - a. Sinkhole collapse means the sudden sinking or collapse of land into underground empty spaces created by the action of water on limestone or dolomite. This cause of loss does not include:
    - (1) The cost of filling sinkholes; or
    - (2) Sinking or collapse of land into manmade underground cavities.

- Falling objects does not include loss of or damage to:
  - (1) Personal property in the open; or
  - (2) The interior of a building or structure, or property inside a building or structure, unless the roof or an outside wall of the building or structure is first damaged by a falling object.
- c. Water damage means accidental discharge or leakage of water or steam as the direct result of the breaking apart or cracking of any part of a system or appliance (other than a sump system including its related equipment and parts) containing water or steam.
- 12. "Stock" means merchandise held in storage or for sale, raw materials and in-process or finished goods, including supplies used in their packing or shipping.
- 13. "Valuable papers and records" means:
  - a. Inscribed, printed or written:
    - (1) Documents;
    - (2) Manuscripts; and
    - (3) Records;

including abstracts, books, deeds, drawings, films, maps or mortgages; and

b. "Electronic media and records",

But "valuable papers and records" does not mean "money" or "securities".

#### SECTION II - LIABILITY

## A. Coverages

### 1. Business Liability

- a. We will pay those sums that the insured becomes legally obligated to pay as damages because of "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" to which this insurance applies. We will have the right and duty to defend the insured against any "suit" seeking those damages. However, we will have no duty to defend the insured against any "suit" seeking damages for "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury", to which this insurance does not apply. We may at our discretion, investigate any "occurrence" and settle any claim or "suit" that may result. But:
  - (1) The amount we will pay for damages is limited as described in Paragraph D – Liability And Medical Expenses Limits Of Insurance in Section II – Liability; and
  - (2) Our right and duty to defend end when we have used up the applicable limit of insurance in the payment of judgments or settlements or medical expenses.

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No other obligation or liability to pay sums or perform acts or services is covered unless explicitly provided for under Paragraph f. Coverage Extension – Supplementary Payments.

- b. This insurance applies:
  - (1) To "bodily injury" and "property damage" only if:
    - (a) The "bodily injury" or "property damage" is caused by an "occurrence" that takes place in the "coverage territory";
    - (b) The "bodily injury" or "property darmage" occurs during the policy period; and
    - (c) Prior to the policy period, no insured listed under Paragraph C.1. Who Is An Insured and no "employee" authorized by you to give or receive notice of an "occurrence" or claim, knew that the "bodily injury" or "property damage" had occurred, in whole or in part. If such a listed insured or authorized "employee" knew, prior to the policy period, that the "bodily injury" or "property damage" occurred, then any continuation, change or resumption of such "bodily injury" or "property damage" during or after the policy period will be deemed to have been known before the policy period.
  - (2) To "personal and advertising injury" caused by an offense arising out of your business, but only if the offense was committed in the "coverage territory" during the policy period.
- c. "Bodily injury" or "property damage" which occurs during the policy period and was not, prior to the policy period, known to have occurred by any insured listed under Paragraph C.1. Who is An Insured or any "employee" authorized by you to give or receive notice of an "occurrence" or claim, includes any continuation, change or resumption of "bodily injury" or "property damage" after the end of the policy period.
- d. "Bodily injury" or "property damage" will be deemed to have been known to have occurred at the earliest time when any insured listed under Paragraph C.1. Who is An insured or any "employee" authorized by you to give or receive notice of an "occurrence" or claim:
  - (1) Reports all, or any part, of the "bodily injury" or "property damage" to us or any other insurer;

- (2) Receives a written or verbal demand or claim for damages because of the "bodily injury" or "property damage"; or
- (3) Becomes aware by any other means that "bodily injury" or "property damage" has occurred or has begun to occur.
- e. Damages because of "bodily injury" include damages claimed by any person or organization for care, loss of services or death resulting at any time from the "bodily injury".

## f. Coverage Extension – Supplementary Payments

- (1) In addition to the Limit of Insurance of Section II - Liability we will pay, with respect to any claim we investigate or settle, or any "suit" against an insured we defend:
  - (a) All expenses we incur.
  - (b) Up to \$250 for cost of bail bonds required because of accidents or traffic law violations arising out of the use of any vehicle to which Business Liability Coverage for "bodily injury" applies. We do not have to furnish these bonds
  - (c) The cost of bonds to release attachments, but only for bond amounts within our Limit of Insurance. We do not have to furnish these bonds.
  - (d) All reasonable expenses incurred by the insured at our request to assist us in the investigation or defense of the claim or "suit", including actual loss of earnings up to \$250 a day because of time off from work.
  - (e) All costs taxed against the insured in the "suit".
  - (f) Prejudgment interest awarded against the insured on that part of the judgment we pay, if we make an offer to pay the Limit of Insurance, we will not pay any prejudgment interest based on that period of time after the offer.
  - (g) All interest on the full amount of any judgment that accrues after entry of the judgment and before we have paid, offered to pay, or deposited in court the part of the judgment that is within our Limit of Insurance.
- (2) If we defend an insured against a "suit" and an indemnitee of the insured is also named as a party to the "suit", we will defend that indemnitee if all of the following conditions are met:

- (a) The "suit" against the indemnitee seeks damages for which the insured has assumed the liability of the indemnitee in a contract or agreement that is an "insured contract";
- (b) This insurance applies to such liability assumed by the insured;
- (c) The obligation to defend, or the cost of the defense of, that indemnitee, has also been assumed by the insured in the same "insured contract";
- (d) The allegations in the "suit" and the information we know about the "occurrence" are such that no conflict appears to exist between the interests of the insured and the interests of the indemnitee:
- (e) The indemnitee and the insured ask us to conduct and control the defense of that indemnitee against such "suit" and agree that we can assign the same counsel to defend the insured and the indemnitee; and
- (f) The indemnitee:
  - (I) Agrees in writing to:
    - Cooperate with us in the investigation, settlement or defense of the "suit"
    - ii. Immediately send us copies of any demands, notices, summonses or legal papers received in connection with the "suit";
    - Notify any other insurer whose coverage is available to the indemnitee; and
    - iv. Cooperate with us with respect to coordinating other applicable insurance available to the indemnitee; and
  - (ii) Provides us with written authorization to:
    - Obtain records and other information related to the "suit"; and
    - Conduct and control the defense of the indemnitee in such "suit".
- (3) So long as the conditions in Paragraph 2. are met, attorneys' fees incurred by us in the defense of that indemnitee, necessary litigation expenses incurred by us and necessary litigation expenses incurred by the indemnitee at our request will be paid as Supplementary

Payments. Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph **8.1.b.(2)** Exclusions in **Section II – Liability**, such payments will not be deemed to be damages for "bodily injury" and "property damage" and will not reduce the limits of insurance.

Our obligation to defend an insured's indemnitee and to pay for attorneys' fees and necessary litigation expenses as Supplementary Payments ends when:

- (a) We have used up the applicable limit of insurance in the payment of judgments or settlements; or
- (b) The conditions set forth above, or the terms of the agreement described in Paragraph 2.f. above are no longer met.

#### 2. Medical Expenses

- We will pay medical expenses as described below for "bodily injury" caused by an accident;
  - (1) On premises you own or rent:
  - (2) On ways next to premises you own or rent; or
  - **(3)** Because of your operations; provided that:
    - (a) The accident takes place in the "coverage territory" and during the policy period;
    - (b) The expenses are incurred and reported to us within one year of the date of the accident, and
    - (c) The injured person submits to examination, at our expense, by physicians of our choice as often as we reasonably require.
- b. We will make these payments regardless of fault. These payments will not exceed the Limits of Insurance of Section II – Liability. We will pay reasonable expenses for:
  - (1) First aid administered at the time of an accident;
  - (2) Necessary medical, surgical, x-ray and dental services, including prosthetic devices; and
  - (3) Necessary ambulance, hospital, professional nursing and funeral services.

## **B.** Exclusions

- Applicable To Business Liability Coverage
   This insurance does not apply to:
  - Expected Or Intended Injury
     "Bodily injury" or "property damage"
     expected or intended from the standpoint of the insured. This exclusion does not apply to

"bodily injury" resulting from the use of reasonable force to protect persons or property.

#### b. Contractual Liability

"Bodity injury" or "property damage" for which the insured is obligated to pay damages by reason of the assumption of liability in a contract or agreement. This exclusion does not apply to liability for damages:

- That the insured would have in the absence of the contract or agreement; or
- (2) Assumed in a contract or agreement that is an "insured contract", provided the "bodily injury" or "property damage" occurs subsequent to the execution of the contract or agreement. Solely for the purposes of liability assumed in an "insured contract", reasonable attorney fees and necessary litigation expenses incurred by or for a party other than an insured are deemed to be damages because of "bodily injury" or "property damage", provided:
  - (a) Liability to such party for, or for the cost of, that party's defense has also been assumed in the same "insured contract"; and
  - (b) Such attorney fees and litigation expenses are for defense of that party against a civil or alternative dispute resolution proceeding in which damages to which this insurance applies are alleged.

#### c. Liquor Liability

"Bodity injury" or "property damage" for which any insured may be held liable by reason of:

- (1) Causing or contributing to the intoxication of any person;
- (2) The furnishing of alcoholic beverages to a person under the legal drinking age or under the influence of alcohol; or
- (3) Any statute, ordinance or regulation relating to the sale, gift, distribution or use of alcoholic beverages.

This exclusion applies only if you are in the business of manufacturing, distributing, selling, serving or furnishing alcoholic beverages.

# d. Workers' Compensation And Similar Laws

Any obligation of the insured under a workers' compensation, disability benefits or unemployment compensation law or any similar law.

# e. Employer's Liability

"Bodily Injury" to:

- (1) An "employee" of the insured arising out of and in the course of:
  - (a) Employment by the insured; or
  - (b) Performing duties related to the conduct of the insured's business; or
- (2) The spouse, child, parent, brother or sister of that "employee" as a consequence of Paragraph (1) above.

This exclusion applies:

- (1) Whether the insured may be liable as an employer or in any other capacity; and
- (2) To any obligation to share damages with or repay someone else who must pay damages because of the injury.

This exclusion does not apply to liability assumed by the insured under an "insured contract".

#### f. Pollution

- (1) "Bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of the actual, alleged or threatened discharge, dispersal, seepage, migration, release or escape of "pollutants";
  - (a) At or from any premises, site or location which is or was at any time owned or occupied by, or rented or loaned to, any insured. However, this subparagraph does not apply to:
    - (i) "Bodily injury" if sustained within a building and caused by smoke, fumes, vapor or soot from equipment used to heat that building;
    - (iii) "Bodily injury" or "property damage" for which you may be held liable, if you are a contractor and the owner or lessee of such premises, site or location has been added to your policy as an additional insured with respect to your ongoing operations performed for that additional insured at that premises, site or location and such premises, site or location is not and never was owned or occupied by, or rented or loaned to, any insured, other than that additional insured; or
    - (iii) "Bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of heat, smoke or fumes from a "hostile fire";

- (b) At or from any premises, site or location which is or was at any time used by or for any insured or others for the handling, storage, disposal, processing or treatment of waste;
- (c) Which are or were at any time transported, handled, stored, treated, disposed of, or processed as waste by or for:
  - (i) Any insured; or
  - (ii) Any person or organization for whom you may be legally responsible; or
- (d) At or from any premises, site or location on which any insured or any contractors or subcontractors working directly or indirectly on any insured's behalf are performing operations if the "pollutants" are brought on or to the premises, site or location in connection with such operations by such insured, contractor or subcontractor. However, this subparagraph does not apply to:
  - (i) "Bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of the escape of fuels, lubricants or other operating fluids which are needed to perform the normal electrical, hydraulic or mechanical functions necessary for the operation of "mobile equipment" or its parts, if such fuels, lubricants or other operating fluids escape from a vehicle part designed to hold, store or receive them. This exception does not apply if the "bodily injury" or "property damage" arises out of the intentional discharge, dispersal or release of the fuels, lubricants or other operating fluids, or if such fuels, lubricants or other operating fluids are brought on or to the premises. site or location with the intent that they be discharged, dispersed or released as part of the operations being performed by such insured, contractor or
  - (fi) "Bodily injury" or "property damage" sustained within a building and caused by the release of gases, furnes or vapors from materials brought into that building in connection

subcontractor;

- with operations being performed by you or on your behalf by a contractor or subcontractor; or
- (III) "Bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of heat, smoke or furnes from a "hostile fire".
- (e) At or from any premises, site or location on which any insured or any contractors or subcontractors working directly or indirectly on any insured's behalf are performing operations if the operations are to test for, monitor, clean up, remove, contain, treat, detoxify or neutralize, or in any way respond to, or assess the effects of, "pollutants".
- (2) Any loss, cost or expense arising out of any.
  - (a) Request, demand, order or statutory or regulatory requirement that any insured or others test for, monitor, clean up, remove, contain, treat, detoxify or neutralize, or in any way respond to, or assess the effects of, "pollutants"; or
  - (b) Claim or "suit" by or on behalf of a governmental authority for damages because of testing for, monitoring, cleaning up, removing, containing, treating, detoxifying or neutralizing, or in any way responding to, or assessing the effects of, "pollutants".

However, this paragraph does not apply to liability for damages because of "property damage" that the insured would have in the absence of such request, demand, order or statutory or regulatory requirement or such claim or "suit" by or on behalf of a governmental authority.

# g. Aircraft, Auto Or Watercraft

"Bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of the ownership, maintenance, use or entrustment to others of any aircraft, "auto" or watercraft owned or operated by or rented or loaned to any insured. Use includes operation and "loading or unloading" This exclusion applies even if the claims allege negligence or other wrongdoing in the supervision, hiring, employment, training or monitoring of others by an insured, if the "occurrence" which caused the "bodily injury" or "property damage" involved the ownership, maintenance, use or entrustment to others of any aircraft, "auto" or watercraft that is owned or operated by or rented or loaned to any insured.

This exclusion does not apply to:

- (1) A watercraft while ashore on premises you own or rent;
- (2) A watercraft you do not own that is:
  - (a) Less than 51 feet long; and
  - (b) Not being used to carry persons or property for a charge;
- (3) Parking an "auto" on, or on the ways next to, premises you own or rent, provided the "auto" is not owned by or rented or loaned to you or the insured;
- (4) Liability assumed under any "insured contract" for the ownership, maintenance or use of aircraft or watercraft; or
- (5) "Bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of the operation of any of the following equipment:
  - (a) Cherry pickers and similar devices mounted on automobile or truck chassis and used to raise or lower workers; and
  - (b) Air compressors, pumps and generators, including spraying, welding, building cleaning, geophysical exploration, lighting and well servicing equipment.

## h. Mobile Equipment

"Bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of:

- The transportation of "mobile equipment" by an "auto" owned or operated by or rented or loaned to any insured; or
- (2) The use of "mobile equipment" in, or while in practice for, or while being prepared for, any prearranged racing, speed, demolition or stunting activity.

# i. War

"Bodity injury" or "property damage" due to war, whether or not declared, or any act or condition incident to war. War includes civil war, insurrection, rebellion or revolution. This exclusion applies only to liability assumed under a contract or agreement.

#### i. Professional Services

"Bodily injury", "property damage", "personal and advertising injury" caused by the rendering or failure to render any professional service. This includes but is not limited to:

- Legal, accounting or advertising services;
- (2) Preparing, approving, or failing to prepare or approve maps, drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, change orders, designs or specifications;

- (3) Supervisory, inspection or engineering services;
- (4) Medical, surgical, dental, x-ray or nursing services treatment, advice or instruction;
- (5) Any health or therapeutic service treatment, advice or instruction;
- (6) Any service, treatment, advice or instruction for the purpose of appearance or skin enhancement, hair removal or replacement or personal grooming;
- (7) Optometry or optical or hearing aid services including the prescribing, preparation, fitting, demonstration or distribution of ophthalmic lenses and similar products or hearing aid devices;
- (8) Body piercing services; and
- (9) Services in the practice of pharmacy.

### k. Damage To Property

"Property damage" to:

- (1) Property you own, rent or occupy, including any costs or expenses incurred by you, or any other person, organization or entity, for repair, replacement, enhancement, restoration or maintenance of such property for any reason, including prevention of injury to a person or damage to another's property;
- (2) Premises you sell, give away or abandon, if the "property damage" arises out of any part of those premises;
- (3) Property loaned to you;
- (4) Personal property in the care, custody or control of the insured;
- (5) That particular part of real property on which you or any contractor or subcontractor working directly or indirectly on your behalf is performing operations, if the "property damage" arises out of those operations; or
- (8) That particular part of any property that must be restored, repaired or replaced because "your work" was incorrectly performed on it.

Paragraphs (1), (3) and (4) of this exclusion do not apply to "property damage" (other than damage by fire or explosion) to premises, including the contents of such premises, rented to you for a period of 7 or fewer consecutive days. A separate limit of insurance applies to Damage To Premises Rented To You as described in Paragraph D. Liability And Medical Expenses Limit Of Insurance in Section II – Liability.

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Paragraph (2) of this exclusion does not apply if the premises are "your work" and were never occupied, rented or held for rental by you.

Paragraphs (3), (4), (5) and (6) of this exclusion do not apply to liability assumed under a sidetrack agreement.

Paragraph (6) of this exclusion does not apply to "property damage" included in the "products – completed operations hazard".

## i. Damage To Your Product

"Property damage" to "your product" arising out of it or any part of it.

# m. Damage To Your Work

"Property damage" to "your work" arising out of it or any part of it and included in the "products – completed operations hazard". This exclusion does not apply if the damaged work or the work out of which the damage arises was performed on your behalf by a subcontractor.

# n. Damage To Impaired Property Or Property Not Physically Injured

"Property damage" to "impaired property" or property that has not been physically injured, arising out of:

- A defect, deficiency, inadequacy or dangerous condition in "your product" or "your work"; or
- (2) A delay or failure by you or anyone acting on your behalf to perform a contract or agreement in accordance with its terms

This exclusion does not apply to the loss of use of other property arising out of sudden and accidental physical injury to 'your product" or 'your work" after it has been put to its intended use.

## Recall Of Products, Work Or Impaired Property

Damages claimed for any loss, cost or expense incurred by you or others for the loss of use, withdrawal, recall, inspection, repair, replacement, adjustment, removal or disposal of:

- (1) "Your product";
- (2) "Your work"; or
- (3) "Impaired property";

if such product, work or property is withdrawn or recalled from the market or from use by any person or organization because of a known or suspected defect, deficiency, inadequacy or dangerous condition in it.

## p. Personal And Advertising Injury

"Personal and advertising injury":

- (1) Caused by or at the direction of the insured with the knowledge that the act would violate the rights of another and would inflict "personal and advertising injury";
- (2) Arising out of oral or written publication of material, if done by or at the direction of the insured with knowledge of its falsity;
- (3) Arising out of oral or written publication of material whose first publication took place before the beginning of the policy period;
- (4) Arising out of a criminal act committed by or at the direction of any insured;
- (5) For which the insured has assumed liability in a contract or agreement. This exclusion does not apply to liability for damages that the insured would have in the absence of the contract or agreement;
- (6) Arising out of a breach of contract, except an implied contract to use another's advertising idea in your "advertisement";
- (7) Arising out of the failure of goods, products or services to conform with any statement of quality or performance made in your "advertisement";
- (8) Arising out of the wrong description of the price of goods, products or services stated in your "advertisement";
- (9) Committed by an insured whose business is:
  - (a) Advertising, broadcasting, publishing or telecasting;
  - (b) Designing or determining content of web-sites for others; or
  - (c) An internet search, access, content or service provider.

However, this exclusion does not apply to Paragraphs 14.a., b. and c. of "personal and advertising injury" under Paragraph F. Liability And Medical Expenses Definitions.

For the purposes of this exclusion, the placing of frames, borders or links, or advertising, for you or others anywhere on the Internet, by itself, is not considered the business of advertising, broadcasting, publishing or telecasting.

- (10) Arising out of the actual, alleged or threatened discharge, dispersal, seepage, migration, release or escape of "pollutants" at any time.
- (11)With respect to any loss, cost or expense arising out of any:

- (a) Request, demand or order that any insured or others test for, monitor, clean-up, remove, contain, treat, detoxify or neutralize or in any way respond to, or assess the effects of, "pollutants"; or
- (b) Claim or "suit" by or on behalf of a governmental authority for damages because of testing for, monitoring, cleaning up, removing, containing, treating, detoxifying or neutralizing or in any way responding to, or assessing the effects of, "pollutants".
- (12) Arising out of an electronic chatroom or bulletin board the insured hosts, owns or over which the insured exercises control.
- (13) Arising out of the infringement of copyright, patent, trademark, trade secret or other intellectual property rights.
  - However, this exclusion does not apply to infringement, in your "advertisement", of copyright, trade dress or slogan.
- (14) Arising out of the unauthorized use of another's name or product in your e-mail address, domain name or metatags, or any other similar tactics to mislead another's potential customers.

Exclusions c., d., e., f., g., h., i., k., I., m., n. and o. in Section II – Liability do not apply to damage by fire or explosion to premises while rented to you, or temporarily occupied by you with permission of the owner. A separate Damage To Premises Rented To You Limit of Insurance applies to this coverage as described in Paragraph D. Liability And Medical Expenses Limits of Insurance in Section II – Liability.

- Applicable To Medical Expenses Coverage
   We will not pay expenses for "bodily injury":
  - a. To any insured, except "volunteer workers".
  - b. To a person hired to do work for or on behalf of any insured or a tenant of any insured.
  - To a person injured on that part of premises you own or rent that the person normally occupies.
  - d. To a person, whether or not an "employee" of any insured, if benefits for the "bodily injury" are payable or must be provided under a workers' compensation or disability benefits law or a similar law.
  - To a person injured while taking part in athletics.
  - f. included within the "products completed operations hazard".
  - g. Excluded under Business Liability Coverage.

- Due to war, whether or not declared, or any act or condition incident to war. War includes civil war, insurrection, rebellion or revolution.
- Applicable To Both Business Liability Coverage And Medical Expenses Coverage – Nuclear Energy Liability Exclusion

This insurance does not apply:

- Under Business Liability Coverage, to "bodily injury" or "property damage";
  - (1) With respect to which an insured under the policy is also an insured under a nuclear energy liability policy issued by the Nuclear Energy Liability Insurance Association, Mutual Atomic Energy Liability Underwriters or Nuclear Insurance Association of Canada, or would be an insured under any such policy but for its termination upon exhaustion of its limit of liability; or
  - (2) Resulting from the "hazardous properties" of "nuclear material" and with respect to which:
    - (a) Any person or organization is required to maintain financial protection pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, or any law amendatory thereof; or
    - (b) The insured is, or had this policy not been issued would be, entitled to indemnity from the United States of America, or any agency thereof, under any agreement entered into by the United States of America, or any agency thereof, with any person or organization.
- b. Under Medical Expenses Coverage, to expenses incurred with respect to "bodily injury" resulting from the "hazardous properties" of "nuclear material" and arising out of the operation of a "nuclear facility" by any person or organization.
- c. Under Business Liability Coverage, to "bodily injury" or "property damage" resulting from the "hazardous properties" of the "nuclear material" if:
  - (1) The "nuclear material":
    - (a) Is at any "nuclear facility" owned by, or operated by or on behalf of, an insured; or
    - (b) Has been discharged or dispersed therefrom:
  - (2) The "nuclear material" is contained in "spent fuel" or "waste" at any time possessed, handled, used, processed, stored, transported or disposed of by or on behalf of an insured; or

- (3) The "bodily injury" or "property damage" arises out of the furnishing by an insured of services, materials, parts or equipment in connection with the planning, construction, maintenance, operation or use of any "nuclear facility"; but if such facility is located within the United States of America, its territories or possessions or Canada, this Exclusion (3) applies only to "property damage" to such "nuclear facility" and any property thereat.
- d. As used in this exclusion:
  - "By-product material" has the meaning given it in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 or in any law amendatory thereof;
  - (2) "Hazardous properties" include radioactive, toxic or explosive properties;
  - (3) "Nuclear facility" means:
    - (a) Any "nuclear reactor";
    - (b) Any equipment or device designed or used for:
      - (i) Separating the isotopes of uranium or plutonium;
      - (iii) Processing or utilizing "spent fuel"; or
      - (iii) Handling, processing or packaging "waste";
    - (c) Any equipment or device used for the processing, fabricating or alloying of "special nuclear material" if at any time the total amount of such material in the custody of the insured at the premises where such equipment or device is located consists of or contains more than 25 grams of plutonium or uranium 233 or any combination thereof, or more than 250 grams of uranium 235;
    - (d) Any structure, basin, excavation, premises or place prepared or used for the storage or disposal of "waste";

and includes the site on which any of the foregoing is located, all operations conducted on such site and all premises used for such operations;

- (4) "Nuclear material" means "source material", "special nuclear material" or "by-product material";
- (5) "Nuclear reactor" means any apparatus designed or used to sustain nuclear fission in a self-supporting chain reaction or to contain a critical mass of fissionable material;

- (6) "Property damage" includes all forms of radioactive contamination of property.
- (7) "Source material" has the meaning given it in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 or in any law amendatory thereof;
- (8) "Special nuclear material" has the meaning given it in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 or in any law amendatory thereof:
- (9) "Spent fuel" means any fuel element or fuel component, solid or liquid, which has been used or exposed to radiation in a "nuclear reactor":
- (10)"Waste" means any waste material:
  - (a) Containing "by-product material" other than the tailings or wastes produced by the extraction or concentration of uranium or thorium from any ore processed primarily for its "source material" content; and
  - (b) Resulting from the operation by any person or organization of any "nuclear facility" included under Paragraphs (a) and (b) of the definition of "nuclear facility".

#### C. Who is An insured

- 1. If you are designated in the Declarations as:
  - a. An individual, you and your spouse are insureds, but only with respect to the conduct of a business of which you are the sole owner.
  - b. A partnership or joint venture, you are an insured. Your members, your partners and their spouses are also insureds, but only with respect to the conduct of your business.
  - c. A limited liability company, you are an insured. Your members are also insureds, but only with respect to the conduct of your business. Your managers are insureds, but only with respect to their duties as your managers.
  - d. An organization other than a partnership, joint venture or limited liability company, you are an insured. Your "executive officers" and directors are insureds, but only with respect to their duties as your officers or directors. Your stockholders are also insureds, but only with respect to their liability as stockholders.
- Each of the following is also an insured:
  - a. Your "volunteer workers" only while performing duties related to the conduct of your business, or your "employees", other than either your "executive officers" (if you are an organization other than a partnership, joint venture or limited liability company) or your managers (if you are a limited liability

company), but only for acts within the scope of their employment by you or while performing duties related to the conduct of your business. However, none of these "employees" or "volunteer workers" are insureds for:

- (1) "Bodily injury" or "personal and advertising injury":
  - (a) To you, to your partners or members (if you are a partnership or joint venture), to your members (if you are a limited liability company), or to a co-"employee" while in the course of his or her employment or performing duties related to the conduct of your business, or to your other "volunteer workers" while performing duties related to the conduct of your business;
  - (b) To the spouse, child, parent, brother or sister of that co-"employee" as a consequence of Paragraph (a) above:
  - (c) For which there is any obligation to share damages with or repay someone else who must pay damages because of the injury described in Paragraphs (a) or (b); or
  - (d) Arising out of his or her providing or failing to provide professional health care services.
- (2) "Property damage" to property:
  - (a) Owned, occupied or used by,
  - (b) Rented to, in the care, custody or control of, or over which physical control is being exercised for any purpose by

you, any of your "employees", "volunteer workers", any partner or member (if you are a partnership or joint venture), or any member (if you are a limited liability company).

- b. Any person (other than your "employee" or "volunteer worker"), or any organization while acting as your real estate manager.
- Any person or organization having proper temporary custody of your property if you die, but only:
  - (1) With respect to liability arising out of the maintenance or use of that property; and
  - (2) Until your legal representative has been appointed.
- d. Your legal representative if you die, but only with respect to duties as such. That representative will have all your rights and duties under this policy.

- 3. With respect to "mobile equipment" registered in your name under any motor vehicle registration law, any person is an insured while driving such equipment along a public highway with your permission. Any other person or organization responsible for the conduct of such person is also an insured, but only with respect to liability arising out of the operation of the equipment, and only if no other insurance of any kind is available to that person or organization for this liability. However, no person or organization is an insured with respect to:
  - a. "Bodily injury" to a co-"employee" of the person driving the equipment; or
  - b. "Property damage" to property owned by, rented to, in the charge of or occupied by you or the employer of any person who is an insured under this provision.

No person or organization is an insured with respect to the conduct of any current or past partnership, joint venture or limited liability company that is not shown as a Named Insured in the Declarations.

#### Liability And Medical Expenses Limits Of Insurance

- The Limits of Insurance of Section II Liability shown in the Declarations and the rules below fix the most we will pay regardless of the number of:
  - a. Insureds:
  - b. Claims made or "suits" brought; or
  - Persons or organizations making claims or bringing "suits".
- The most we will pay for the sum of all damages because of all:
  - a. "Bodily injury", "property damage" and medical expenses arising out of any one "occurrence"; and
  - "Personal and advertising injury" sustained by any one person or organization;
  - is the Liability and Medical Expenses limit shown in the Declarations. But the most we will pay for all medical expenses because of "bodily injury" sustained by any one person is the Medical Expenses limit shown in the Declarations.
- 3. The most we will pay under Business Liability Coverage for damages because of "property damage" to premises while rented to you or temporarily occupied by you with permission of the owner, arising out of any one fire or explosion is the Damage To Premises Rented To You limit shown in the Declarations.

## 4. Aggregate Limits

The most we will pay for:

a. All "bodify injury" or "property damage" that is included in the "products-completed operations hazard" is twice the Liability and Medical Expenses limit; and

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- b. All:
  - (1) "Bodily injury" or "property damage" except damages because of "bodily injury" and "property damage" included in the "products-completed operations hazard":
  - (2) Plus medical expenses;
  - (3) Plus all "personal and advertising injury" caused by offenses committed;

is twice the Liability and Medical Expenses limit.

This Aggregate Limit does not apply to "property damage" to premises while rented to you or temporarily occupied by you with the permission of the owner, arising out of fire or explosion.

The Limits of Insurance of **Section II – Liability** apply separately to each consecutive annual period and to any remaining period of less than 12 months, starting with the beginning of the policy period shown in the Declarations, unless the policy period is extended after issuance for an additional period of less than 12 months. In that case, the additional period will be deemed part of the last preceding period for purposes of determining the Limits of insurance.

# E. Liability And Medical Expenses General Conditions

#### 1. Bankruptcy

Bankruptcy or insolvency of the insured or of the insured's estate will not relieve us of our obligations under this policy.

#### 2. Duties in The Event Of Occurrence, Offense, Claim Or Suit

- a. You must see to it that we are notified as soon as practicable of an "occurrence" or an offense which may result in a claim. To the extent possible, notice should include:
  - (1) How, when and where the "occurrence" or offense took place:
  - (2) The names and addresses of any injured persons and witnesses; and
  - (3) The nature and location of any injury or damage arising out of the "occurrence" or offense.
- If a claim is made or "suit" is brought against any insured, you must:
  - Immediately record the specifics of the claim or "suit" and the date received; and
  - (2) Notify us as soon as practicable. You must see to it that we receive written notice of the claim or "suit" as soon as practicable.
- c. You and any other involved insured must:
  - (1) Immediately send us copies of any demands, notices, summonses or legal papers received in connection with the claim or "suit":

- (2) Authorize us to obtain records and other information:
- (3) Cooperate with us in the investigation, or settlement of the claim or defense against the "suit", and
- (4) Assist us, upon our request, in the enforcement of any right against any person or organization that may be liable to the insured because of injury or damage to which this insurance may also apply.
- d. No insured will, except at that insured's own cost, voluntarily make a payment, assume any obligation, or incur any expense, other than for first aid, without our consent.

## 3. Financial Responsibility Laws

- a. When this policy is certified as proof of financial responsibility for the future under the provisions of any motor vehicle financial responsibility law, the insurance provided by the policy for "bodily injury" liability and "property damage" liability will comply with the provisions of the law to the extent of the coverage and limits of insurance required by that law.
- b. With respect to "mobile equipment" to which this insurance applies, we will provide any liability, uninsured motorists, underinsured motorists, no-fault or other coverage required by any motor vehicle law. We will provide the required limits for those coverages.

#### 4. Legal Action Against Us

No person or organization has a right under this policy:

- To join us as a party or otherwise bring us into a "suit" asking for damages from an insured; or
- b. To sue us on this policy unless all of its terms have been fully compiled with.

A person or organization may sue us to recover on an agreed settlement or on a final judgment against an insured; but we will not be liable for damages that are not payable under the terms of this policy or that are in excess of the applicable limit of insurance. An agreed settlement means a settlement and release of liability signed by us, the insured and the claimant or the claimant's legal representative.

### 5. Separation Of Insureds

Except with respect to the Limits of Insurance of **Section II – Liability**, and any rights or duties specifically assigned in this policy to the first Named Insured, this insurance applies:

- As if each Named Insured were the only Named Insured; and
- b. Separately to each insured against whom claim is made or "suit" is brought.

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#### F. Liability And Medical Expenses Definitions

- "Advertisement" means a notice that is broadcast or published to the general public or specific market segments about your goods, products or services for the purpose of attracting customers or supporters. For the purposes of this definition:
  - Notices that are published include material placed on the Internet or on similar electronic means of communication; and
  - b. Regarding web-sites, only that part of a web-site that is about your goods, products or services for the purposes of attracting customers or supporters is considered an advertisement.
- "Auto" means a land motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer designed for travel on public roads, including any attached machinery or equipment. But "auto" does not include "mobile equipment".
- "Bodily injury" means bodily injury, sickness or disease sustained by a person, including death resulting from any of these at any time.
- 4. "Coverage territory" means:
  - The United States of America (including its territories and possessions), Puerto Rico and Canada;
  - International waters or airspace, but only if the injury or damage occurs in the course of travel or transportation between any places included in Paragraph a. above; or
  - All other parts of the world if the injury or damage arises out of:
    - (1) Goods or products made or sold by you in the territory described in Paragraph a. above:
    - (2) The activities of a person whose home is in the territory described in Paragraph a above, but is away for a short time on your business; or
    - (3) "Personal and advertising injury" offenses that take place through the Internet or similar electronic means of communication.

provided the insured's responsibility to pay damages is determined in a "suit" on the merits in the territory described in Paragraph a. above or in a settlement we agree to.

- "Employee" includes a "leased worker".
   "Employee" does not include a "temporary worker".
- "Executive officer" means a person holding any
  of the officer positions created by your charter,
  constitution, by-laws or any other similar
  governing document.
- "Hostile fire" means one which becomes uncontrollable or breaks out from where it was intended to be.

- "impaired property" means tangible property, other than "your product" or "your work", that cannot be used or is less useful because;
  - a. It incorporates "your product" or "your work" that is known or thought to be defective, deficient, inadequate or dangerous; or
  - You have failed to fulfill the terms of a contract or agreement;
    - if such property can be restored to use by:
    - The repair, replacement, adjustment or removal of "your product" or "your work"; or
    - (2) Your fulfilling the terms of the contract or agreement.
- 9. "Insured contract" means:
  - a. A contract for a lease of premises. However, that portion of the contract for a lease of premises that indemnifies any person or organization for damage by fire to premises while rented to you or temporarily occupied by you with permission of the owner is not an "insured contract";
  - b. A sidetrack agreement:
  - Any easement or license agreement, except in connection with construction or demolition operations on or within 50 feet of a railroad;
  - An obligation, as required by ordinance, to indemnify a municipality, except in connection with work for a municipality;
  - e. An elevator maintenance agreement;
  - f. That part of any other contract or agreement pertaining to your business (including an indemnification of a municipality in connection with work performed for a municipality) under which you assume the tort liability of another party to pay for "bodily injury" or "property damage" to a third person or organization. Tort liability means a liability that would be imposed by law in the absence of any contract or agreement.
    Paragraph f. does not include that part of any contract or agreement:
    - (1) That indemnifies a railroad for "bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of construction or demolition operations, within 50 feet of any railroad property and affecting any railroad bridge or trestle, tracks, road beds, tunnel, underpass or crossing;
    - (2) That indemnifies an architect, engineer or surveyor for injury or damage arising out of:
      - (a) Preparing, approving or failing to prepare or approve maps, drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, change orders, designs or specifications; or

- (b) Giving directions or instructions, or failing to give them, if that is the primary cause of the injury or damage; or
- (3) Under which the insured, if an architect, engineer or surveyor, assumes liability for an injury or damage arising out of the insured's rendering or failure to render professional services, including those listed in Paragraph (2) above and supervisory, inspection or engineering services.
- 10. "Leased worker" means a person leased to you by a labor leasing firm under an agreement between you and the labor leasing firm, to perform duties related to the conduct of your business. "Leased worker" does not include a "temporary worker".
- 11. "Loading or unloading" means the handling of property:
  - After it is moved from the place where it is accepted for movement into or onto an aircraft, watercraft or "auto":
  - **b.** While it is in or on an aircraft, watercraft or "auto"; or
  - While it is being moved from an aircraft, watercraft or "auto" to the place where it is finally delivered;

but "loading or unloading" does not include the movement of property by means of a mechanical device, other than a hand truck, that is not attached to the aircraft, watercraft or "auto".

- 12. "Mobile equipment" means any of the following types of land vehicles, including any attached machinery or equipment:
  - Buildozers, farm machinery, forklifts and other vehicles designed for use principally off public roads;
  - Vehicles maintained for use solely on or next to premises you own or rent;
  - c. Vehicles that travel on crawler treads:
  - d. Vehicles, whether self-propelled or not, on which are permanently mounted:
    - Power cranes, shovels, loaders, diggers or drills; or
    - (2) Road construction or resurfacing equipment such as graders, scrapers or rollers:
  - e. Vehicles not described in Paragraphs a., b., c. or d. above that are not self-propelled and are maintained primarily to provide mobility to permanently attached equipment of the following types:
    - (1) Air compressors, pumps and generators, including spraying, welding, building cleaning, geophysical

- exploration, lighting and well servicing equipment; or
- (2) Cherry pickers and similar devices used to raise or lower workers;
- f. Vehicles not described in Paragraphs a., b.,
   c. or d. above maintained primarily for purposes other than the transportation of persons or cargo.

However, self-propelled vehicles with the following types of permanently attached equipment are not "mobile equipment" but will be considered "autos":

- (1) Equipment designed primarily for:
  - (a) Snow removal;
  - (b) Road maintenance, but not construction or resurfacing; or
  - (c) Street cleaning;
- (2) Cherry pickers and similar devices mounted on automobile or truck chassis and used to raise or lower workers; and
- (3) Air compressors, pumps and generators, including spraying, welding, building cleaning, geophysical exploration, lighting and well servicing equipment.
- "Occurrence" means an accident, including continuous or repeated exposure to substantially the same general harmful conditions.
- 14. "Personal and advertising injury" means injury, including consequential "bodily injury", arising out of one or more of the following offenses:
  - a. False arrest, detention or imprisonment;
  - b. Malicious prosecution:
  - c. The wrongful eviction from, wrongful entry into, or invasion of the right of private occupancy of a room, dwelling or premises that a person occupies, committed by or on behalf of its owner, landlord or lessor;
  - d. Oral or written publication, in any manner, of material that slanders or libels a person or organization or disparages a person's or organization's goods, products or services;
  - Oral or written publication, in any manner, of material that violates a person's right of privacy:
  - f. The use of another's advertising idea in your "advertisement"; or
  - Infringing upon another's copyright, trade dress or slogan in your "advertisement".
- 15. "Pollutants" mean any solid, liquid, gaseous or thermal irritant or contaminant, including smoke, vapor, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals and waste. Waste includes materials to be recycled, reconditioned or reclaimed.

- 16. "Products completed operations hazard":
  - a. Includes all "bodily injury" and "property damage" occurring away from premises you own or rent and arising out of "your product" or "your work" except:
    - (1) Products that are still in your physical possession; or
    - (2) Work that has not yet been completed or abandoned. However, "your work" will be deemed completed at the earliest of the following times:
      - (a) When all of the work called for in your contract has been completed.
      - (b) When all of the work to be done at the job site has been completed if your contract calls for work at more than one job site.
      - (c) When that part of the work done at the job site has been put to its intended use by any other person or organization other than another contractor or subcontractor working on the same project.

Work that may need service, maintenance, correction, repair or replacement, but which is otherwise complete, will be treated as completed.

The "bodily injury" or "property damage" must occur away from premises you own or rent, unless your business includes the selling, handling or distribution of "your product" for consumption on premises you own or rent.

- Does not include "bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of;
  - (1) The transportation of property, unless the injury or damage arises out of a condition in or on a vehicle not owned or operated by you, and that condition was created by the "loading or unloading" of that vehicle by any insured; or
  - (2) The existence of tools, uninstalled equipment or abandoned or unused materials.
- 17. "Property damage" means:
  - a. Physical injury to tangible property, including all resulting loss of use of that property. All such loss of use shall be deemed to occur at the time of the physical injury that caused it; or
  - b. Loss of use of tangible property that is not physically injured. All such loss of use shall be deemed to occur at the time of the "occurrence" that caused it.

For the purposes of this insurance, electronic data is not tangible property.

- As used in this definition, electronic data means information, facts or programs stored as, created or used on, or transmitted to or from computer software, including systems and applications software, hard or floppy disks, CD-ROMs, tapes, drives, cells, data processing devices or any other media which are used with electronically controlled equipment.
- 18, "Suit" means a civil proceeding in which damages because of "bodily injury", "property damage", "personal and advertising injury" to which this insurance applies are alleged. "Suit" includes:
  - An arbitration proceeding in which such damages are claimed and to which the insured must submit or does submit with our consent; or
  - b. Any other alternative dispute resolution proceeding in which such damages are claimed and to which the insured submits with our consent.
- 19. "Temporary worker" means a person who is furnished to you to substitute for a permanent "employee" on leave or to meet seasonal or short-term workload conditions.
- 20. "Volunteer worker" means a person who is not your "employee", and who donates his or her work and acts at the direction of and within the scope of duties determined by you, and is not paid a fee, salary or other compensation by you or anyone else for their work performed for you.
- 21. "Your product":
  - a. Means:
    - (1) Any goods or products, other than real property, manufactured, sold, handled, distributed or disposed of by:
      - (a) You;
      - (b) Others trading under your name; or
      - (c) A person or organization whose business or assets you have acquired; and
    - (2) Containers (other than vehicles), materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such goods or products.
  - b. includes:
    - (1) Warranties or representations made at any time with respect to the fitness, quality, durability, performance or use of "your product"; and
    - (2) The providing of or failure to provide warnings or instructions.
  - Does not include vending machines or other property rented to or located for the use of others but not sold.
- 22. "Your work":
  - a. Means:

- (1) Work or operations performed by you or on your behalf; and
- (2) Materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations.

#### b. includes:

- (1) Warranties or representations made at any time with respect to the fitness, quality, durability, performance or use of "your work"; and
- (2) The providing of or failure to provide warnings or instructions.

# SECTION III - COMMON POLICY CONDITIONS (APPLICABLE TO SECTION I -PROPERTY AND SECTION II - LIABILITY)

#### A. Cancellation

- The first Named Insured shown in the Declarations may cancel this policy by mailing or delivering to us advance written notice of cancellation.
- We may cancel this policy by mailing or delivering to the first Named Insured written notice of cancellation at least:
  - a. 5 days before the effective date of cancellation if any one of the following conditions exists at any building that is Covered Property in this policy.
    - (1) The building has been vacant or unoccupied 60 or more consecutive days. This does not apply to:
      - (a) Seasonal unoccupancy; or
      - (b) Buildings in the course of construction, renovation or addition.

Buildings with 65% or more of the rental units or floor area vacant or unoccupied are considered unoccupied under this provision.

- (2) After damage by a covered cause of loss, permanent repairs to the building:
  - (a) Have not started, and
  - (b) Have not been contracted for, within 30 days of initial payment of loss.
- (3) The building has:
  - (a) An outstanding order to vacate;
  - (b) An outstanding demolition order; or
  - (c) Been declared unsafe by governmental authority.
- (4) Fixed and salvageable items have been or are being removed from the building and are not being replaced. This does not apply to such removal that is necessary or incidental to any renovation or remodeling.
- (5) Failure to:
  - (a) Furnish necessary heat, water, sewer service or electricity for 30

- consecutive days or more, except during a period of seasonal unoccupancy; or
- (b) Pay property taxes that are owing and have been outstanding for more than one year following the date due, except that this provision will not apply where you are in a bona fide dispute with the taxing authority regarding payment of such taxes.
- b. 10 days before the effective date of cancellation if we cancel for nonpayment of premium.
- 30 days before the effective date of cancellation if we cancel for any other reason
- We will mail or deliver our notice to the first Named Insured's last mailing address known to us.
- Notice of cancellation will state the effective date of cancellation. The policy period will end on that date
- 5. If this policy is cancelled, we will send the first Named Insured any premium refund due. If we cancel, the refund will be pro rata. If the first Named Insured cancels, the refund may be less than pro rata. The cancellation will be effective even if we have not made or offered a refund.
- If notice is mailed, proof of mailing will be sufficient proof of notice.

# B. Changes

This policy contains all the agreements between you and us concerning the insurance afforded. The first Named Insured shown in the Declarations is authorized to make changes in the terms of this policy with our consent. This policy's terms can be amended or waived only by endorsement issued by us and made a part of this policy.

# C. Concealment, Misrepresentation Or Fraud

This policy is void in any case of fraud by you as it relates to this policy at any time. It is also void if you or any other insured, at any time, intentionally conceal or misrepresent a material fact concerning:

- 1. This policy;
- 2. The Covered Property;
- 3. Your interest in the Covered Property: or
- 4. A claim under this policy.

#### D. Examination Of Your Books And Records

We may examine and audit your books and records as they relate to this policy at any time during the policy period and up to three years afterward.

# E. Inspections And Surveys

- We have to right to:
  - a. Make inspections and surveys at any time;
  - Give you reports on the conditions we find; and
  - c. Recommend changes,

- 2. We are not obligated to make any inspections, surveys, reports or recommendations and any such actions we do undertake relate only to insurability and the premiums to be charged. We do not make safety inspections. We do not undertake to perform the duty of any person or organization to provide for the health or safety of workers or the public. And we do not warrant that conditions:
  - a. Are safe and healthful; or
  - Comply with laws, regulations, codes or standards
- Paragraphs 1. and 2. of this condition apply not only to us, but also to any rating, advisory, rate service or similar organization which makes insurance inspections, surveys, reports or recommendations.
- Paragraph 2 of this condition does not apply to any inspections, surveys, reports or recommendations we may make relative to certification, under state or municipal statutes, ordinances or regulations, of boilers, pressure vessels or elevators.

# F. Insurance Under Two Or More Coverages

If two or more of this policy's coverages apply to the same loss or damage, we will not pay more than the actual amount of the loss or damage.

#### G. Liberalization

If we adopt any revision that would broaden the coverage under this policy without additional premium within 45 days prior to or during the policy period, the broadened coverage will immediately apply to this policy.

# H. Other insurance

- If there is other insurance covering the same loss or damage, we will pay only for the amount of covered loss or damage in excess of the amount due from that other insurance, whether you can collect on it or not. But we will not pay more than the applicable Limit of Insurance of Section I – Property.
- 2. Business Liability Coverage is excess over:
  - a. Any other insurance that insures for direct physical loss or damage; or
  - b. Any other primary insurance available to you covering liability for damages arising out of the premises or operations for which you have been added as an additional insured by attachment of an endorsement.
- 3. When this insurance is excess, we will have no duty under Business Liability Coverage to defend any claim or "suit" that any other insurer has a duty to defend. If no other insurer defends, we will undertake to do so; but we will be entitled to the insured's rights against all those other insurers.

#### I. Premiums

 The first Named Insured shown in the Declarations:

- a. Is responsible for the payment of all premiums; and
- Will be the payee for any return premiums we pay.
- 2. The premium shown in the Declarations was computed based on rates in effect at the time the policy was issued. On each renewal, continuation or anniversary of the effective date of this policy, we will compute the premium in accordance with our rates and rules then in effect.
- 3. With our consent, you may continue this policy in force by paying a continuation premium for each successive one-year period. The premium must be:
  - a. Paid to us prior to the anniversary date; and
  - Determined in accordance with Paragraph 2.
     above

Our forms then in effect will apply. If you do not pay the continuation premium, this policy will expire on the first anniversary date that we have not received the premium.

4. Undeclared exposures or change in your business operation, acquisition or use of locations may occur during the policy period that are not shown in the Declarations. If so, we may require an additional premium. That premium will be determined in accordance with our rates and rules then in effect.

## J. Premium Audit

- This policy is subject to audit if a premium designated as an advance premium is shown in the Declarations. We will compute the final premium due when we determine your actual exposures.
- 2. Premium shown in this policy as advance premium is a deposit premium only. At the close of each audit period we will compute the earned premium for that period and send notice to the first Named Insured. The due date for audit premiums is the date shown as the due date on the bill. If the sum of the advance and audit premiums paid for the policy period is greater than the earned premium, we will return the excess to the first Named Insured.
- The first Named Insured must keep records of the information we need for premium computation, and send us copies at such times as we may request.

# K. Transfer Of Rights Of Recovery Against Others To Us

 Applicable to Businessowners Property Coverage:

If any person or organization to or for whom we make payment under this policy has rights to recover damages from another, those rights are transferred to us to the extent of our payment. That person or organization must do everything necessary to secure our rights and must do nothing after loss to impair them. But you may

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waive your rights against another party in writing:

- a. Prior to a loss to your Covered Property.
- b. After a loss to your Covered Property only if, at time of loss, that party is one of the following:
  - (1) Someone insured by this insurance;
  - (2) A business firm:
    - (a) Owned or controlled by you; or
    - (b) That owns or controls you; or
  - (3) Your tenant.

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You may also accept the usual bills of lading or shipping receipts limiting the liability of carriers. This will not restrict your insurance.

2. Applicable to Businessowners Liability Coverage:

If the insured has rights to recover all or part of any payment we have made under this policy, those rights are transferred to us. The insured must do nothing after loss to impair them. At our request, the insured will bring "suit" or transfer those rights to us and help us enforce them. This condition does not apply to Medical Expenses Coverage.

# L. Transfer Of Your Rights And Duties Under This Policy

Your rights and duties under this policy may not be transferred without our written consent except in the case of death of an individual Named Insured. If you die, your rights and duties will be transferred to your legal representative but only white acting within the scope of duties as your legal representative. Until your legal representative is appointed, anyone having proper temporary custody of your property will have your rights and duties but only with respect to that property

# THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

# **NEVADA CHANGES**

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

BUSINESSOWNERS COVERAGE FORM

# A. Section II - Liability is amended as follows:

The term spouse is replaced by the following: Spouse or individual who is in a domestic partnership recognized under Nevada law.

- B. Section III Common Policy Conditions is amended as follows:
  - 1. Paragraph A.2.a. Cancellation is deleted.
  - 2. Paragraph A.3. is deleted.
  - The following are added to Paragraph A. Cancellation:

# 7. Midterm Cancellation

If this policy has been in effect for 70 days or more, or if this policy is a renewal of a policy we issued, we may cancel only for one or more of the following reasons:

- a. Nonpayment of premium;
- Conviction of the insured of a crime arising out of acts increasing the hazard insured against;
- Discovery of fraud or material misrepresentation in obtaining the policy or in presenting a claim thereunder;
- d. Discovery of an act or omission or a violation of any condition of the policy which occurred after the first effective date of the current policy, and substantially and materially increases the hazard insured against;
- e. A material change in the nature or extent of the risk, occurring after the first effective date of the current policy, which causes the risk of loss to be substantially and materially increased beyond that contemplated at the time the policy was issued or last renewed;
- f. A determination by the commissioner that continuation of our present volume of premiums would jeopardize our solvency or be hazardous to the interests of our policyholders, creditors or the public;
- g. A determination by the commissioner that the continuation of the policy would

violate, or place us in violation of, any provision of the code.

# 8. Anniversary Cancellation

If this policy is written for a term longer than one year, we may cancel for any reason at an anniversary, by mailing or delivering written notice of cancellation to the first Named Insured at the last mailing address known to us at least 60 days before the anniversary date.

- If this policy has been issued to a condominium association, we will also mail or deliver the written notice of cancellation to each unit-owner and each holder of a security interest to whom a certificate or memorandum of insurance has been issued.
- 4. Paragraph C. Concealment, Misrepresentation Or Fraud is replaced by the following:
  - C. Concealment, Misrepresentation Or Fraud

We will not pay for any loss or damage in any case of:

- Concealment or misrepresentation of a material fact; or
- 2. Fraud;

committed by an insured at any time and relating to a claim under this policy.

5. The following paragraphs are added:

# M. Nonrenewal

 If we elect not to renew this policy, we will mail or deliver to the first Named Insured shown in the Declarations a notice of intention not to renew at least 60 days before the agreed expiration date.

If this policy has been issued to a condominium association, we will also mail or deliver the written notice of nonrenewal to each unit-owner and each holder of a security interest to whom we issued a certificate or memorandum of insurance.

- 2. We need not provide this notice if:
  - You have accepted replacement coverage;
  - **b.** You have requested or agreed to nonrenewal; or
  - **c.** This policy is expressly designated as nonrenewable.

# N. Notices

- Notice of cancellation or nonrenewal will be mailed, first class or certified, or delivered to the first Named Insured at the last mailing address known to us and will state:
  - a. The specific reason for cancellation or nonrenewal; and
  - b. The effective date of nonrenewal.
- 2. We will also provide a copy of the notice of cancellation, for both policies in effect less than 70 days and policies in effect 70 days or more, to the agent who wrote the policy.

# THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

# **CALCULATION OF PREMIUM**

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

BUSINESSOWNERS COVERAGE FORM

The following is added:

The premium shown in the Declarations was computed based on rates in effect at the time the policy was issued. On each renewal, continuation, or anniversary of the effective date of this policy, we will compute the premium in accordance with our rates and rules then in effect.

# RESIDENT AGENT COUNTERSIGNATURE ENDORSEMENT

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# THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

# EXCLUSION OF CERTIFIED ACTS OF TERRORISM INVOLVING NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL, CHEMICAL OR RADIOLOGICAL TERRORISM; CAP ON COVERED CERTIFIED ACTS LOSSES

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

BUSINESSOWNERS COVERAGE FORM

#### SCHEDULE

The Exception Covering Certain Fire Losses (P	(Paragraph B.2.) applies to property located in the following state(s):
Information required to complete this Schedule, if r	f not shown above, will be shown in the Declarations.

- **A.** The following definition is added with respect to the provisions of this endorsement:
  - "Certified act of terrorism" means an act that is certified by the Secretary of the Treasury, in concurrence with the Secretary of State and the Attorney General of the United States, to be an act of terrorism pursuant to the federal Terrorism Risk Insurance Act. The criteria contained in the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act for a "certified act of terrorism" include the following:
  - The act resulted in insured losses in excess of \$5 million in the aggregate, attributable to all types of insurance subject to the Terrorism Risk insurance Act; and
  - 2. The act is a violent act or an act that is dangerous to human life, property or infrastructure and is committed by an individual or individuals as part of an effort to coerce the civilian population of the United States or to influence the policy or affect the conduct of the United States Government by coercion.
- B. Section I Property is amended as follows:
  - 1. The following exclusion is added:
    - a. Limited Exclusion Of Certified Acts Of Terrorism

- We will not pay for loss or damage caused directly or indirectly by a "certified act of terrorism". Such loss or damage is excluded regardless of any other cause or event that contributes concurrently or in any sequence to the loss. But this exclusion applies only when one or more of the following are attributed to such act:
- (1) The terrorism is carried out by means of the dispersal or application of radioactive material, or through the use of a nuclear weapon or device that involves or produces a nuclear reaction, nuclear radiation or radioactive contamination; or
- (2) Radioactive material is released, and it appears that one purpose of the terrorism was to release such material; or
- (3) The terrorism is carried out by means of the dispersal or application of pathogenic or poisonous biological or chemical material; or
- (4) Pathogenic or poisonous biological or chemical material is released, and it appears that one purpose of the terrorism was to release such material.

When this terrorism exclusion applies in accordance with the terms of Paragraph B.1.a.(1) or B.1.a.(2), the terrorism exclusion applies without regard to the Nuclear Hazard Exclusion in this Coverage Form.

# 2. Exception Covering Certain Fire Losses

The following exception to the Exclusion in Paragraph B.1. applies only if indicated and as indicated in the Schedule of this endorsement. If a "certified act of terrorism" excluded under Paragraph B.1. results in fire, we will pay for the loss or damage caused by that fire, subject to all applicable policy provisions including the Limit of Insurance on the affected property. Such coverage for fire applies only to direct loss or damage by fire to Covered Property. Therefore, for example, the coverage does not apply to insurance provided under business income and/or extra expense coverage or endorsements that apply to those coverages.

# 3. Application Of Exclusions

The terms and limitations of any terrorism exclusion, or the non-applicability or omission of a terrorism exclusion, do not serve to create coverage for any loss which would otherwise be excluded under this Coverage Form, such as losses excluded by the War And Military Action Exclusion.

- C. Section II Liability is amended as follows:
  - The following exclusion is added: This insurance does not apply to:

#### **TERRORISM**

"Any injury or damage" arising, directly or indirectly, out of a "certified act of terrorism". However, this exclusion applies only when one or more of the following are attributed to such act:

 The terrorism involves the use, release or escape of nuclear materials, or directly or indirectly results in nuclear reaction or radiation or radioactive contamination; or

- The terrorism is carried out by means of the dispersal or application of pathogenic or poisonous biological or chemical materials; or
- c. Pathogenic or poisonous biological or chemical materials are released, and it appears that one purpose of the terrorism was to release such materials.
- 2. The following definition is added:
  - a. For the purposes of this endorsement, "any injury or damage" means any injury or damage covered under this coverage form or any applicable endorsement, and includes but is not limited to "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" as may be defined in this coverage form or any applicable endorsement
- In the event of any incident of a "certified act of terrorism" that is not subject to this exclusion, coverage does not apply to any loss or damage that is otherwise excluded under this coverage form or endorsement.
- D. Section I Property and Section II Liability are amended as follows:

# CAP ON CERTIFIED TERRORISM LOSSES

The following limitation applies to coverage for any one or more "certified acts of terrorism" that are not excluded by the terms of the exclusion in Paragraphs **B.1**. and **C.1**. and to any loss or damage that is covered and to which the exception in Paragraph **B.2**. applies.

If aggregate insured losses attributable to terrorist acts certified under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act exceed \$100 billion in a Program Year (January 1 through December 31) and we have met our insurer deductible under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act, we shall not be liable for the payment of any portion of the amount of such losses that exceeds \$100 billion, and in such case insured losses up to that amount are subject to pro rata allocation in accordance with procedures established by the Secretary of the Treasury.



# OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY BUSINESSOWNERS AMENDATORY ENDORSEMENT

M2732B (4-09)

# THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

## BUSINESSOWNERS COVERAGE FORM

- A. Section I Property is amended as follows:
  - Paragraph A.1.b.(2) Covered Property is amended as follows:
    - (2) Property of others that is in your care, custody or control, except employees' tools, and as provided in Loss Payment Property Loss Condition Paragraph E.6.d.(3)(b);
  - Paragraph A.2.e. Property Not Covered is replaced by the following:
    - e. Radio or television antennas (including satellite dishes) and their lead-in wiring, masts, or towers, signs (other than signs attached to buildings), trees, shrubs or plants, property not covered herein, except as provided in the:
      - Outdoor property Coverage Extension; or
      - (2) Outdoor Signs Optional Coverage
  - The following is added to Paragraph A.2.Property Not Covered:
    - i. Fine arts, paintings, etchings, pictures, tapestries, art glass windows, valuable rugs, statuary, marbles, bronzes, antique furniture, rare books, antique silver, manuscripts, porcelains, rare glass, bric-a-brac, and similar property of rarity, historical value or artistic ment.
  - The following is added to Paragraph A.4. Limitations:
    - d. Limit of Insurance: \$3,000 is the most we will pay for loss or damage to memorabilia, souvenirs, collectors' items and similar articles whose age or history contribute to their value.
  - Paragraph A.6.c. Coverage Extensions -Outdoor Property is replaced by the following:

You may extend the insurance provided by this policy to apply to your radio and television antennas (including satellite dishes), signs (other than signs attached to buildings), trees, shrubs and plants, including debris removal expenses, caused by or resulting from any of the following causes of loss:

- (1) Fire;
- (2) Lightning;

- (3) Explosion:
- (4) Riot or Civil Commotion; or
- (5) Aircraft.

Limit of Insurance: The most we will pay for loss or damage under this Extension is \$2,500, but not more than \$500 for any one tree, shrub or plant

 The following is added to Paragraph B.2.f Exclusions – Dishonesty:

We will not pay for loss or damage caused by or resulting from any dishonest or criminal act committed by the spouse of anyone listed in this paragraph.

- Paragraph C.2. Limits of Insurance is replaced by the following:
  - 2. Limit of Insurance: The most we will pay for loss or damage to outdoor signs attached to buildings is the Limit of Insurance shown in the Declarations for the Building to which the sign is attached
- 8. Paragraph C.4. Building Limit Automatic Increase is replaced by the following:
  - The Limit of Insurance for Buildings will automatically increase by an annual percentage rate of 5%.
  - b. The amount of increase will be:
    - (1) The Building limit that applied on the most recent of: the policy effective date or any other policy change amending the Building limit, times
    - (2) The percentage rate of 5%, expressed as a decimal (example: 5% is .05), times
    - (3) The lesser of the number of days since the effective date of the current policy or the effective date of the most recent policy change amending the Building limit, divided by 365.

## Example:

If: The applicable Building limit is \$100,000. The annual percentage increase is 5%. The number of days since the beginning of the policy year (or last policy change) is 146.

The amount of increase is  $$100,000 \times .05 \times 146 + 365 = $2,000.$ 

- The following is added to Paragraph C. Limits of Insurance:
  - Limit of Insurance: The most we will pay for the sum of the losses covered under Paragraph A.5.f. Business Income and Paragraph A.5.g. Extra Expense is the least of the actual loss sustained or \$5,000,000.
- Paragraph D.2. Deductibles is replaced by the following:
  - 2. Regardless of the amount of the Deductible, the most we will deduct from any loss or damage for Glass and under all of the following Optional Coverages in any one occurrence is \$500. Those Optional Coverages are:
    - a. Money and Securities;
    - b. Employee Dishonesty; and
    - c. Outdoor Signs.

But this Optional Coverage/Glass Deductible will not increase the Deductible Shown in the Declarations. This Deductible will be used to satisfy the requirements of the Deductible in the Declarations

The following is added to Paragraph **D. Deductibles:** 

- The most we will deduct for loss or damage to all signs at all locations on a policy is \$5,000 per "occurrence".
- Paragraph E.6.d.(1)(d) Loss Payment is replaced by the following:
  - (d) We will not pay on a replacement cost basis for any loss or damage:
    - Until the lost or damaged property is actually repaired or replaced; and
    - (ii) Unless the repairs or replacement are made as soon as reasonably possible after the loss or damage.

However, if the cost to repair or replace the damaged building property is \$2,500 or less, we will settle the loss according to the provisions of Paragraph A.8. of this endorsement whether or not the actual repair or replacement is complete.

- Paragraph E.8.d.(3)(e) Loss Payment does not apply.
- **13.** Paragraph **G.1.a. Outdoor Signs** is replaced by the following:
  - a. We will pay for direct physical loss of or damage to all unattached outdoor signs at the described premises:
    - (1) Owned by you; or

- (2) Owned by others but in your care, custody or control.
- Paragraph G.4. Mechanical Breakdown does not apply
- B. Section II Liability is amended as follows:
  - Paragraph B.1.g.(5) Exclusions Applicable to Business Liability Coverage - Aircraft, Auto Or Watercraft is replaced by the following:

This insurance does not apply to:

- (5) "Bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of:
  - (a) The operation of machinery or equipment that is attached to, or part of, a land vehicle that would qualify under the definition of "mobile equipment" if it were not subject to a compulsory or financial responsibility law or other motor vehicle insurance or motor vehicle registration law where it is licensed or principally garaged; or
  - **(b)** The operation of any of the following equipment:
    - (i) Cherry pickers and similar devices mounted on automobile or truck chassis and used to raise or lower workers; and
    - (II) Air compressors, pumps and generators, including spraying, welding building cleaning, geophysical exploration, lighting and well servicing equipment.
- The following are added to Paragraph B.1.
   Exclusions Applicable to Business Liability Coverage:

This insurance does not apply to:

## q. Electronic Data

Damages arising out of the loss of, loss of use of, damage to, corruption of, inability to access, or inability to manipulate electronic data.

As used in this exclusion, electronic data means information, facts or programs stored as or on, created or used on, or transmitted to or from computer software, including systems and applications software, hard or floppy disks, CD-ROMs, tapes, drives, cells, data processing devices or any other media which are used with electronically controlled equipment.

# r. Criminal Acts

"Personal and advertising injury" arising out of a criminal act committed by or at the direction of the insured

# s. Distribution Of Material In Violation Of Statutes

"Bodily injury", "property damage", or "personal and advertising injury" arising directly or indirectly out of any action or omission that violates or is alleged to violate:

- (1) The Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), including any amendment of or addition to such law; or
- (2) The CAN-SPAM Act of 2003, including any amendment of or addition to such law: or
- (3) Any statute, ordinance or regulation, other than the TCPA or CAN-SPAM Act of 2003, that prohibits or limits the sending, transmitting, communicating or distribution of material or information

# t. Silica, Lead or Asbestos

(1) "Bodily injury", "property damage", or "personal and advertising injury" that is caused in whole or in part by, arises out of, or relates in any way to, "silica", "lead" or "asbestos". This exclusion applies to any and all claims, against each and every insured, regardless of the nature of the claim, or the legal or factual theory underlying the claim.

This exclusion applies but is not limited to:

- a. Any claim or suit by or on behalf of any governmental authority or any other allegedly responsible party because of:
  - Assessing the presence, absence or amount or effects of "silica", "lead" or "asbestos";
  - (2) Identifying, sampling or testing for, detecting, monitoring, cleaning up, removing, containing, treating, detoxifying, neutralizing, abating, disposing of or mitigating "silica", "lead" or "asbestos";
  - (3) Responding to "silica", "lead" or "asbestos" in any way other than as described in a.(1) and a.(2) above;
- b. Any request, demand, order or statutory or regulatory requirement that any insured or any other person or entity should be, or should be responsible for:

- Assessing the presence, absence or amount or effects of "silica", "lead" or "asbestos";
- (2) Identifying, sampling or testing for, detecting, monitoring, cleaning up, removing, containing, treating, detoxifying, neutralizing, abating, disposing of or mitigating "silica", "lead" or "asbestos";
- (3) Responding to "silica", "lead" or "asbestos" in any way other than as described in b.(1) or b.(2) above;
- c. Any supervision, instructions, recommendations, warnings or advice given or which should have been given in connection with any of the subsections above; or
- d. Any obligation to share damages with or repay someone else in connection with any of the subsections above
- (2) This exclusion does not apply to "bodily injury":
  - Resulting from the ingestion of goods intended for human consumption;
  - Resulting from sudden asphyxiation caused by the collapse of any storage pile or container; or
  - c. Sustained within a building and caused by smoke, furnes, vapor or soot produced by or originating from (1) equipment that is used to heat, cool or dehumidify the building, or (2) equipment that is used to heat water for personal use by the building's occupants or their guests.
- (3) This exclusion does not apply to "bodily injury" or "property damage" resulting from:
  - a. Heat, smoke or furnes from a "hostile fire"; or
  - Explosion caused by an ignition of a concentration of suspended dust.
- (4) For the purpose of this exclusion the following definitions are added:

# a. Silica

The term "silica" includes, but is not limited to, the mineral silicon dioxide and any type or form of it

including, but not limited to, silicacontaining products, goods, fibers or materials, silica dust, fine particulate dust of siliceous or silicic minerals, and any gasses, vapors, scents or by-products produced or released by silica, silica dust or silica-containing products, goods, fibers or materials. Siliceous or silicic minerals include, but are not limited to, sand, quartz, slate, granite and flint.

# b. Lead

The term "lead" includes, but is not limited to, the element lead, lead compounds or lead contained in any materials.

## c. Asbestos

The term "asbestos" includes, but is not limited to, the mineral asbestos and any type or form of it including, but not limited to, asbestos-containing products, goods, fibers or materials, asbestos dust, fine particulate dust of asbestos miners, and any gasses vapors, scents or byproducts produced or released by asbestos, asbestos dust or asbestos-containing products, goods, fibers or materials.

## u. Racing Activities

"Bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of the use of "autos" in, or while in practice for, or while being prepared for, any prearranged professional or organized racing, speed, demolition, or stunting activity or contest.

# v. Copyright, Trademark, Service Mark or Trade Name

Any claim resulting from infringement of copyright, trademark, service mark or trade name (other than titles or slogans) by use of such marks or names with goods, products or services sold, offered for sale or advertised.

- Paragraph C.3. Who is An insured does not apply.
- Paragraph D.4. Aggregate Limits is replaced by the following:

Limit of insurance: The most we will pay for:

 All "bodily injury" or "property damage" that is included in the "products-completed operations hazard" is the amount shown in the Declarations as the Products— Completed Operations Aggregate Limit; and

#### b. All:

- (1) "Bodily injury" or "property damage" except damages because of "bodily injury" and "property damage" included in the "products-completed operations hazard";
- (2) Plus medical expenses:
- (3) Plus all "personal and advertising injury" caused by offenses committed;

is the amount shown in the Declarations as the General Aggregate Limit.

This Aggregate Limit does not apply to property damage" to premises while rented to you or temporarily occupied by you with the permission of the owner, arising out of fire or explosion.

The Limits of Insurance of Section II — Liability apply separately to each consecutive annual period and to any remaining period of less than 12 months, starting with the beginning of the policy period shown in the Declarations, unless the policy period is extended after issuance for an additional period of less than 12 months. In that case, the additional period will be deemed part of the last preceding period for purposes of determining the Limits of Insurance.

- Paragraph E.3. Financial Responsibility Laws does not apply.
- Paragraph F.2. Liability And Medical Expenses Definitions is replaced by the following:
  - 2. "Auto" means:
    - a. A land motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer designed for travel on public roads, including any attached machinery or equipment; or
    - b. Any other land vehicle that is subject to a compulsory or financial responsibility law or other motor vehicle insurance or motor vehicle registration law where it is licensed or principally garaged.

But however, "auto" does not include "mobile equipment".

# The following is added to paragraph F.12. Liability And Medical Expenses Definitions:

However, "mobile equipment" does not include land vehicles that are subject to a compulsory or financial responsibility law or other motor vehicle insurance or motor vehicle registration law where they are licensed or principally garaged. Land vehicles subject to a compulsory or financial responsibility law or other motor vehicle insurance law are considered "autos".

# C. The following is added to the SECTION III – COMMON POLICY CONDITIONS (APPLICABLE TO SECTION I – PROPERTY AND SECTION II – LIABILITY)

## M. Prenotification

As a part of our underwriting procedure, an investigative consumer report may be prepared whereby information is obtained through personal interviews with your neighbors, friends, or others with whom you are acquainted. This inquiry includes information as to your character, general reputation, personal characteristics and mode of living. If an investigation is made, you can be assured that it will be handled in the strictest confidence.

If you wish information on the nature and scope of the customer report which may be requested, please send your written request to: Oregon Mutual Insurance Company, P.O. Box 808, McMinnville, Oregon 97128.

If a claim is filed on the insured property, information on the claim may be given to the Property Insurance Loss Register (PILR) for use by insurance companies in investigating the legitimacy of that claim as well as other claims for loss on the property. Information which will be given to the PILR may include name, age and sex, current and previous addresses, loss location, insurance policy information, cause of loss, type of property, and identification of others who have an interest in the property or who are involved in the claimed loss.

Such information may be collected by an insurer or an adjuster by questioning you, your spouse or others who have an interest in the property, those who are involved in the claimed loss, and fire department personnel. Information on you will be given by PILR to insurance companies which subscribe to its services for use in investigating other claimed losses.

# N. Mutual Policy Conditions

This policy is issued by a mutual Company having special regulations lawfully applicable to its organization, membership, policies or contracts of insurance, of which the following shall apply to and form a part of this policy:

By virtue of purchasing this policy the Insured is a member of the Oregon Mutual Insurance Company and is hereby notified that the annual meetings of the Company are held at or near the immediate vicinity of the home office in the city of McMinnville, Oregon 97128, on the first Tuesday in March of each year, at 10:00 AM for the purpose of transacting the general business of the Company and for the election of directors. This notice shall be deemed full notice of the annual meeting. This policy is Nonassessable. The holder of this policy is not subject to any contingent liability, nor liable to assessment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Company has caused this policy to be signed by its president and secretary but this policy shall not be valid unless completed by the attachment hereto of a declarations page and countersigned on the Declaration Page by a duly authorized representative of the Company.

Brian Steffel

President

Steven L. Patterson

Secretary



# OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY COMMERCIAL POLICY CHANGE

M2282 (9-94)

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POLICY NO.	CHANGE EFF. DATE	POLICY EXP. DATE	POLICY CHANGE NO.	DATE ISSUED	
BSP716685	06/19/2012	12/26/2012	001	06/22/2012	
NAMED INSURED			AGENT		
OPH OF LAS VEGAS INC			000781 SANDIN I	NSURANCE GROUP	

Your policy is changed as indicated below, for:

AN ADDITIONAL PREMIUM OF \$ 1934.00

ADDED LOCATION 3: 31900 LAS VEGAS BLVD 5 PRIMM, NV 89019

CLASS CODE 09011, SALES 1,000,000, BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY

250,000, SPECIAL CLUSTER, HSB, TERROR, GLASS WAIVER DEDUCTIBLE

APPLIED, ADDED WAIVER OF TRANSFER OF RIGHTS (BP0497)

ADDED ADDITIONAL INSURED (M2715B) AFFINITY GAMING LLC

ADDED PRIMARY AND NON CONTRIBUTORY (M2852B)

# RESIDENT AGENT COUNTERSIGNATURE ENDORSEMENT

Policy Number: BSP716685

Company: OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE
Named insured: OPH OF LAS VEGAS

State NEVADA Premium INCLUDED

The signature shown on this endorsement complies with the countersignature laws and regulations of the State shown.

Date of Countersignature

(month, day and year)

Licensed Resident Agent

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POLICY NUMBER:

BUSINESSOWNERS BP 04 97 07 02

THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

# WAIVER OF TRANSFER OF RIGHTS OF RECOVERY AGAINST OTHERS TO US

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

BUSINESSOWNERS COVERAGE FORM

# SCHEDULE\*

# Name Of Person Or Organization:

AFFINITY GAMING LLC

Paragraph K. Transfer Of Rights Of Recovery Against Others To Us in Section III – Common Policy Conditions is amended by the addition of the following:

We waive any right of recovery we may have against the

We waive any right of recovery we may have against the person or organization shown in the Schedule above because of payments we make for injury or damage

arising out of your ongoing operations or "your work" done under a contract with that person or organization and included in the "products-completed operations hazard". This waiver applies only to the person or organization shown in the Schedule above.

<sup>\*</sup>Information required to complete this Schedule, if not shown on this endorsement, will be shown in the Declarations.



# OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY BUSINESSOWNERS POLICY CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

ISSUE DATE: 06/22/2012

INSUMED

OPH OF LAS VEGAS INC SEE M2366 4170 S FORT APACHE RD LAS VEGAS

NV 89147-8801

AGENT 000781

SANDIN INSURANCE GROUP
19 CHURCHILL DOWNS
LAKE OSWEGO

OR 97035

This certificate is issued as a matter of information only and confers no rights on the certificateholder. This certificate does not amend, extend or after the coverage afforded by the policies below.

# COVERAGES

This is to certify that the policies listed below have been issued to the insured named above for the policy period indicated. Notwithstanding any requirement, term, or condition of any contract or other document with respect to which this certificate may be issued or may periain, the insurance afforded by the policies described herein is subject to all the terms, exclusions, and conditions of such policies. The limits shown may have been reduced by paid claims.

Type of insurance	Policy Number	Effective Date	Expiration Date		Limite of Insurance
Businessowners Liability (Occurence Basis)	BSP716685	12/26/2011	12/26/2012	General Aggregate  Froducts/Completed Operations Aggregate  Business Liability  Personal & Advertising Injury  Medical Expense - Per Person  Fire Legal Liability - Any 1 Fire	\$ 2,000,00 \$ 2,000,00 \$ 1,000,00 \$ INCLUDE \$ 5,00 \$ 100,00
Nonowned Auto Hired Auto Liability	BSP716685	12/26/2011	12/26/2012		s INCLUDED
Businessowners Property	BSP716685	12/26/2011	12/26/2012	Deductible: \$ 2,500	\$
BUS. PERS. PROP.		Avances markida			250,00
Other					

Description of Operations/Locations/Special items

RESTAURANTS CASUAL W/O LOUNGE LOCATION: 003 BUILDING: 001

31900 LAS VEGAS BLVD S JEAN NV 89019-7002

ABDITIONAL INSURED FORM M2715B ATTACHED & PRIMARY AND NON-CONTRIBUTORY ENDORSEMENT M2852B(11-11) ATTACHED APPLY

CERTIFICATEHOLDER

AFFINITY GAMING LLC
SEE M2061B
3755 BREAKTHROUGH WAY STE 300
LAS VEGAS NV 89135

CANCELLATION

Should any of the above described policies be cancelled before the expiration date thereof, the company will ENDEAVOR TO MAIL TO DAY'S written notice to the certificateholder named to the left, but failure to mail such

written notice to the certificateholder named to the left, but failure to mail such notice shall impose no obligation or liability of any kind upon the company, its agents or representatives.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE



# OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY BUSINESSOWNERS ADDITIONAL INSURED - MANAGERS OR LESSORS OF PREMISES

M27158 (1-06)

# THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

BUSINESSOWNERS COVERAGE FORM

## SCHEDULE\*

Designation Of Premises (Part Leased To You):

31900 LAS VEGAS BLVD S
JEAN NV 89019 7002

Name Of Person Or Organization (Additional Insured): AFFINITY GAMING LLC
SEE M2061B

Additional Premium: INCLUDED

\*Information required to complete this Schedule, if not shown on this endorsement, will be shown in the Declarations.

# A. The following is added to Paragraph C. Who is An insured in Section II – Liability:

- The person or organization shown in the Schedule is also an insured, but only with respect to liability arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of that part of the premises leased to you and shown in the Schedule.
- B. The following exclusions are added to Section II Liability:

This insurance does not apply to:

- 1. Any "occurrence" that takes place after you cease to be a tenant in the premises described in the Schedule.
- Structural alterations, new construction or demolition operations performed by or for the person or organization designated in the Schedule.



PROCESSED: 06/22/2012 M2366

(8-94)

# OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY AMENDED DECLARATION

Item 1. Named Insured

The Named Insured shall read as follows:

The Named Insured is:

OPH OF LAS VEGAS INC

CORPORATION

SKAEF LLC

OTHER ORGANIZATION

EFFECTIVE: 06/19/2012

PROCESSED: 06/22/2012



# OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY PRIMARY AND NON-CONTRIBUTORY ENDORSEMENT

M2852B (11-11)

## THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

BUSINESSOWNERS COVERAGE FORM

**SCHEDULE** 

Name of Additional Insured Person(s) or Organization(s):

AFFINITY GAMING LLC ITS SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATES

Under SECTION III - COMMON POLICY CONDITIONS, H. Other Insurance, paragraph 4. has been added:

- 4. This policy is primary and we will not seek contribution for covered loss or damage from any other insurance covering the same loss or damage for any entity:
  - Named as an additional insured by attachment of an endorsement to this policy, and
- Required by an "insured contract" as defined in SECTION II – LIABILITY COVERAGES, F. Liability And Medical Expenses Definitions, paragraph 9., and
- c. Shown in the Schedule above.

EFFECTIVE: 06/19/2012 PROCESSED: 06/22/2012



# OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY SCHEDULE OF MORTGAGEE(s), LIENHOLDERS OR ADDITIONAL INSUREDS

M2061B

(4-97)

Prem. No. 003 Bldg. No.

Name and Address

AFFINITY GAMING LLC ITS SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATES

001 AT PNC

3755 BREAKTHROUGH WAY STE 300 LAS VEGAS NV 89135

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# OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY SCHEDULE OF PREMISES DESCRIPTION

Prem. No.	Bldg. No.	Location Address	Limits of Insurance
001		4170 S FORT APACHE RD LAS VEGAS NV 89147-8801	
	001	REPLACEMENT COST	\$ 691,000 BUILDING
	001	REPLACEMENT COST	\$ 350,000 BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY
002		4833 W CHARLESTON BLVD LAS VEGAS NV 89146-1410	
	001	REPLACEMENT COST	\$ 691,000 BUILDING
	∞1	REPLACEMENT COST	\$ 350,000 Business personal property
003		31900 LAS VEGAS BLVD S JEAN NV 89019-7002	
	001	REPLACEMENT COST	\$ 250,000 BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY

NAMED INSURED OPH OF LAS VEGAS INC AGENT CODE 0781

AGENT NAME

SANDIN INSURANCE GROUP

POLICY # BSP716685 EFFECTIVE DATE 06/19/2012

EXPIRATION DATE 12/26/2012 ONLY COVERAGES WITH PREMIUM CHANGES ARE SHOWN

PRO RATE FACTOR 0.5190

				ANNUAL
COVERAGE	LCC	BLDG	LIMIT	PREMIUM
AGGREGATE LIMIT				409.00
WAIVER OF TRANSFER OF RIGHTS OF RECOVERY				51.00
BUILDING	1	1	691,000	4,450.00
BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY EXCLUDING LIABILITY	1	1	350,000	2,588.00
LIABILITY RATED ON SALES/PAYROLL	1	*		814.00
BUILDING	2	1	691,000	5,563.00
BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY EXCLUDING LIABILITY	2	1	350,000	3,234.00
LIABILITY RATED ON SALES/PAYROLL	2	1		906.00
EQUIPMENT BREAKDOWN COVERAGE	2	1	1,041,000	400.00
BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY EXCLUDING LIABILITY	3	1	250,000	2,402.00
LIABILITY RATED ON SALES/PAYROLL	3	1		905.00
CLUSTER ENDORSEMENT - SPECIAL	3	1		19.00
EQUIPMENT BREAKDOWN COVERAGE	3	1	250,000	132.00
TERRORISM COVERAGE	3	1	250,000	10.00
ADDITIONAL INSURED - MANAGER OR LESSOR	3	1	1,000,000	19.00
GLASS DEDUCTIBLE WAIVER	3	1		15.00

This summary is intended solely for the company and its agents.

The coverage titles and limits displayed on this summary do not fully describe all terms and conditions due to space limitations. A thorough review of the actual policy is required. This document is not part of the policy.

If a coverage is listed and no limit is shown on this summary, a limit is either not applicable or a review of the policy (or endorsement) is necessary.

POLICY #

BSP716685

EFFECTIVE DATE 06/19/2012

POLICY WIDE COVERAGE DETAIL

AGGREGATE LIMIT 7698(AR) X 0.0200(CH) =

154.00

WAIVER OF TRANSFER OF RIGHTS OF RECOVERY 69,0000(A) X 1.0000(D) X 1.0000(E) X 0.9000(F) X 0.8190(G) #

51.00

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POLICY #	BSP716685	EFFECTIVE DATE 06/19/2012	
LOCATION DET LOCATION CLASS CODE STATE PROT CLASS YEAR BUILT	AIL 001 009011 NV 2 2005	BUILDING OO1 CLASS DESCRIPTION RESTAURANTS CASUAL W/D LOUNGE TERRITORY OO1 CONST TYPE FRAME PROPERTY DEDUCTIBLE N/A	ANNUAL Premium
		LIMIT 691,000 000) X 3.9790(Y) X 1.0000(Z) X 0.8500(AE) X 1.0000(AF*) X 1.0000(AI) X 0.8000(U) X 1.0000(D) X 1.0000(E) X 0.9000(F) X	4,363.00
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# Key

- (A) Coverage Base Premium
- (B) Number of Employees in excess of 5
- (C) Excess Employee Rate
- (D) Loss Free Credit
- (E) Persistency Credit
- (F) IRPM Mod
- (G) Fixed Expense Credit
- (H) Number of Locations in excess of 1
- (I) Total of All Building and BPP Premiums
- (J) Liability Limit Factor (excluding BPP Theft Charge)
- (K) Number of Locations where charge applies
- (L) Average Rate, depends on number of bodies
- (M) Number of Bodies
- (N) Adjustment for Coverage Minimum Premium
- (O). Amount of Delivery Payroll
- (P) Amount of Sales
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- (R) Base Premium for Excess Veterinarians
- (S) Number of Veterinarians in Excess of 1
- (T) Total Veterinarian Prof. Liability Premium
- (U) Age of Building Factor
- (V) Increment for Druggists Professional
- (W) Base Rate for Coverage & Territory
- (X) Amount of insurance
- (Y) Class Relativity
- (Z) Protection Class Relativity
- (AA) Liquor Liability Rate
- (AB) Liquor Receipts
- (AC) Building Premium
- (AD) Number of Locations
- (AE) Property Deductible Relativity
- (AF) PD Liability Deductible Relativity

  \* indicates relativity does not apply for class
- (AG) Construction Relativity
- (AH) Sprinkler Credit
- (AI) Occupancy Credit
- (AP) Special Perils Rate for Class
  - \* indicates for rate group 2
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- (AQ) Special Perils Amt. of ins. Relativity
- (AR) Sum of Building and BPP premium
- (AS) Liability Increased Limits Base Rate
- (AT) Liability Increased Limits relativity
- (AU) Number of Acres
- (AV) Flat Charge for Coverage

- (AW) Number of Pumps
- (AX) Fuel Pump Minimum Charge
- (AY) Exposure
- (AZ) Increase Liability Limits Relativity
- (BA) Building Base Rate for Coverage & Territory
- (BB) BPP Base Rate for Coverage & Territory
- (BC) Rate for Cluster Endorsement Charge
- (BD) Earthquake Rate for Building
- (BE) Number of Additional Locations
- (BF) Earthquake Rate for Business Personal Property
- (BG) Sprinkler Leakage Rate from Commercial Property
- (BH) Rate for Garage keepers from Commercial Auto Manual
- (BI) Rate from Personal Lines Inland Marine
- (BJ) Art Dealer and Gallery Loading Factor
- (BK) Art Dealer and Gallery Loading Breakage Factor
- (BL) Food Contamination Increased Limit Rate
- (BM) Power and Water Supply Rate
- (BN) Communications Supply Rate
- (BO) Overhead Power/Communications Rate
- (BP) Base Premium for First Location
- (BQ) Base Premium for Locations in excess of 1st
- (BR) Liability Premium
- (BS) Property Portion of Premium
- (BT) Number of Pools / Spas
- (BU) Amount to meet Minimum Premium
- (BV) Food Advertising Increased Limit Rate
- (BW) Additional Food Contamination Limit
- (BX) Additional Advertising Expense Limit
- (BY) Earthquake Rate from Commercial Property Contents
- (CA) Earthquake Amount of Insurance for Building
- (CB) Earthquake Amount of Insurance for Business Personal Property
- (CC) Earthquake Premium
- (CD) Personal Earthquake Premium
- (CE) Coverage Charge
- (CF) Building and Contents Total Premium
- (CG) Property and Liability Total Premium
- (CH) Coverage Rate
- (Ci) Coverage Factor
- (CJ) Business Liability Exclusion
- (CK) Amount of insurance Relativity
- (CL) Extended Business Income Period Factor



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Fresno Claim Office

August 20, 2012

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Sent USPS Certified Mail. Return Receipt

OPH of Las Vegas, Inc 4170 S. Fort Apache Road Las Vegas, NV 89147-8801 Attn: Stephan Freudenberger

Insured:

OPH of Las Vegas, Inc.

Claim #:

151999 08/17/2012

Date of Loss:

BSP716685

Policy Number: Policy Number:

OMO914045

Dear Mr. Freudenberger:

This correspondence is to advise you that on the date of the fire at 4833 W. Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas, NV, policy numbers BSP718885 and OMO914045 were not in effect. Coverage had expired on August 16 at 12:01 AM due to non-payment of premium owed by OPH of Las Vegas,

As the above captioned policies were no longer in force on August 17 when fire broke out at the West Charleston restaurant, Oregon Mutual Insurance has no obligation to indemnity OPH of Las Vegas for any financial loss arising from this occurrence.

Should you dispute the above denial of coverage, you have the right to seek review of this claim by the Nevada Department of Insurance at the following address:

> Nevada Department of Insurance Las Vegas Office 2501 East Sahara Avenue, Suite 302 Las Vegas, Nevada 89104 (702) 486-4009 or (702) 486-4007 -- Facsimile

Please feel free to call me if you wish to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

Jerry Masonheimer

Oregon Mutual Insurance Co Fresno Service Office

Sandin Insurance Group 46 Da Vinci Street · Lake Oswego, OR 97035

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## **OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE GROUP**

Oregon Mutual & Western Protectors Insurance Companies

Billing Inquiries: 800-409-3814 For TDD Assistance, see back of this notice.

Your Agent: SANDIN INSURANCE GROUP Phone Number: (503) 381-5570

NoticeDate: 07/31/42

OPH OF LAS VEGAS #5 4170 S FORT APACHE RD LAS VEGAS, NV 89147 YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER

OPH OF LAS VEGAS INC

121953462 **Due Date** 08/15/12 Minimum Due 2,822.00

# NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

We did not receive the required premium payment on your account by the date it was due.

We appreciate your business and hope we can continue to serve your insurance needs. If we receive at least the minimum due on this account by 08/15/12, we will continue your coverage without interruption. If we do not receive the minimum due by 08/15/12, each policy listed below will be cancelled effective the time and date shown opposite that policy number.

Policy type Businessowner Policy

Policy number BSP716685 Oregon Mutual

Effective time and date of cancellation This policy is cancelled as of: 12:01 a.m. standard time on 08/16/12

Package Policy

0M0914045 Oregon Mutual

This policy is cancelled as of: 12:01 a.m. standard time on 08/16/12

If you have any questions, please contact your agent SANDIN INSURANCE GROUP immediately at (503) 381-5570.

The minimum due must be received in our office by the due date to avoid cancellation. Any changes pending on your account will be shown on your next bill. Do not make any to the minimum due.

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Detach and return this stub with your payment.

**OREGON MUTUAL GROUP** 

Notice of Cancellation

Indicate address changes or other policies to be added to account below. Contact your agent for all other policy changes. Thank you.

Agent SANDIN INSURANCE GROUP

YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER 121953462

Please write account number on check and make payable to: OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE

Amount Enclosed: \$

OPH OF LAS VEGAS INC OPH OF LAS VEGAS #5 4170 S FORT APACHE RD LAS VEGAS, NV 89147

Return to:

OREGON MUTUAL GROUP PO BOX 3208

PORTLAND, OR 97208-3208

**Due Date** 08/15/12 Minimum Due 2,822.00 **Current Balance** 9.081.75

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Clark County, Nevada

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Case No.

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	Defendant(s) (name/addr	ress/phone):
<ol> <li>O.P.H. of Las Vegas Inc. / 4833 West Charleston Boulevard / Las Vegas, Nevada 89146 / (702) 870- 1500</li> </ol>		al Insurance Company / P.O. BOX 808 / , Oregon 97128 / (800) 888-2912 Ext. 2818 / 46 Da Vinci Street / Lake Oswego,
		5 / (503) 381-8583
Margaret A. McLetchie / 616 S. Eighth St. / Las Vegas, NV 89101 / (702) 471-6565		. / 46 Da Vinci Street / Lake Oswego, 5 / (503) 381-5570
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III. Business Court Requested (Please check applicable category; for Clark or Washoe Counties only.)

☐ NRS Chapters 78-88 ☐ Commodities (NRS 90) ☐ Securities (NRS 90)	☐ Investments (NRS 104 Art. 8) ☐ Deceptive Trade Practices (NRS 598) ☐ Trademarks (NRS 600A)	☐ Enhanced Case Mgmt/Business ☐ Other Business Court Matters
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1 COMJD MARGARET A. MCLETCHIE **CLERK OF THE COURT** 2 Nevada State Bar No. 10931 ROBERT L. LANGFORD 3 Nevada State Bar No. 003988 4 LANGFORD MCLETCHIE LLC 616 S. Eighth Street 5 Las Vegas, NV 89101 (702) 471-6565 6 maggie@nvlitigation.com 7 Attorneys for Plaintiff O.P.H. of Las Vegas Inc. 8 9 **DISTRICT COURT** 10 CLARK COUNTY NEVADA 11 Case No.: A - 12 - 672158 - C O.P.H. of Las Vegas Inc., 12 LANGFORD MCLETCHIE LLC Plaintiff 13 Dept. No.: XXVII ATTORNEYS AT LAW VS. **COMPLAINT** Oregon Mutual Insurance Company, Dave JURY TRIAL DEMAND Sandin, and Sandin & Co., Defendants. **Arbitration Exemption Claimed:** Damages in Excess of \$50,000 18 19 20 This is a civil action for damages. Plaintiff O.P.H. of Las Vegas Inc. 21 ("PLAINTIFF") hereby alleges and complains as follows: 22 23 Jurisdiction 24 1. Jurisdiction in this case is proper pursuant to Nev. Rev. Stat. 25 § 14.065. 26 27 28

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# LANGFORD MCLETCHIE LLC

# ATTORNEYS AT LAW

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# **Parties**

- 2. Plaintiff O.P.H. of Las Vegas Inc. ("OPH INC." or "PLAINTIFF") owns the Original Pancake House Restaurant which was previously located and operated at 4833 West Charleston Boulevard.
- INSURANCE COMPANY 3. Defendant OREGON MUTUAL ("OREGON MUTUAL") is, and at all relevant times was, an insurance company headquartered in McMinnville, Oregon that does business in Nevada.
- Defendant SANDIN & CO., also known as SANDIN INSURANCE 4. GROUP ("SANDIN INSURANCE"), is, and at all relevant times was, an insurance group with headquarters at 46 Da Vinci Street, Lake Oswego, Oregon that does business in Nevada.
- 5. Defendant DAVE SANDIN is an insurance agent who is affiliated with Defendant SANDIN INSURANCE and, on information and belief, Defendant OREGON MUTUAL.
- Defendant OREGON MUTUAL appointed Defendant SANDIN 6. INSURANCE as one of its agents for Casualty and Property Insurance in Nevada, effective May 17, 2010.
- 7. Defendant OREGON MUTUAL's agency appointment on file with the State of Nevada does not include Defendant DAVE SANDIN.
- 8. On information and belief, Defendant OREGON MUTUAL was aware that Defendant DAVE SANDIN acted as an agent for and sold OREGON MUTUAL insurance in the State of Nevada.
  - DOE DEFENDANTS I-X are natural persons who work for or are 9.

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affiliated with Defendants OREGON MUTUAL, SANDIN INSURANCE, and/or DAVE SANDIN. ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES I-X directed, assisted in, or ratified the wrongful actions of the named Defendants and/or are, without limitation, predecessor entities, successor entities, parent or subsidiary corporations, or other kinds of business organizations, which are related to, connected to, control or operate DEFENDANTS. DOE DEFENDANTS and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES are co-owners, agents, servants, employees, employers, joint venturers, managers, and/or partners of the named Defendants and the DOE DEFENDANTS and ROE BUSINESS ENTITITIES, and/or each other. 10. The real names of the DOE DEFENDANTS and ROE BUSINESS

ENTITIES are unknown to PLAINTIFF at this time. PLAINTIFF will seek leave to amend this Complaint and substitute the true names of the DOE DEFENDANTS and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES as soon as their true identities are revealed.

# Factual Allegations Generally Applicable to All Claims Relationship between the Sandin Defendants and Plaintiff

- Defendant DAVE SANDIN of Defendant SANDIN INSURANCE 11. (collectively, the "SANDIN DEFENDANTS") has sold a number of business insurance policies over the past ten years to PLAINTIFF and/or agents, employees, or directors of PLAINTIFF and/or entities acting on behalf of PLAINTIFF and/or related entities.
- 12. PLAINTIFF had a long-standing relationship of trust and reliance with the SANDIN DEFENDANTS.
- 13. Throughout the dealing with the SANDIN course of DEFENDANTS, PLAINTIFF relied on Defendant DAVE SANDIN to warn when premium payments were late.

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1	14. Throughout the course of dealing with the SANDIN
2	DEFENDANTS, PLAINTIFF relied on Defendant DAVE SANDIN to recommend suitable
3	insurance for its business needs.
4	15. PLAINTIFF in good faith believed that Defendant DAVE SANDIN
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6	was duly qualified and licensed to sell insurance in Nevada, and that Defendant SANDIN
7	INSURANCE had provided it with a properly licensed agent.
8	The Contract
9	16. In or around December of 2011, Defendant DAVE SANDIN
11	recommended Oregon Mutual insurance to PLAINTIFF and represented that Defendant
12	OREGON MUTUAL was an insurance company that met PLAINTIFF's needs.
13	PLAINTIFF relied on Defendant DAVE SANDIN's recommendations and representations.
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15	17. With Defendant DAVE SANDIN acting as the agent, in December
16	of 2011 Defendant OREGON MUTUAL issued a Businessowner Protector Policy to
17	PLAINTIFF, and PLAINTIFF and Defendant OREGON MUTUAL thereby entered an
18	insurance contract which protected OPH INC. and the Original Pancake House restaurant
19	located at 4170 South Fort Apache Road, Las Vegas, Nevada (the "CONTRACT").
20	18. Consistent with Nevada law, the CONTRACT provides that
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22	Defendant OREGON MUTUAL, the insurer, must provide a copy of any cancellation
23	notice to the agent as well as to the insured, PLAINTIFF.
24	19. The CONTRACT's policy period was December 26, 2011 through
25	December 26, 2012.
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- Defendant DAVE SANDIN was not licensed to sell insurance in 20. Nevada in December of 2011.
- 21. On information and belief, Defendant DAVE SANDIN sold insurance to PLAINTIFF without the required license with the knowledge and consent of Defendant SANDIN INSURANCE.
- 22. On information and belief, Defendant OREGON MUTUAL was aware that Defendant DAVE SANDIN acted as the agent for the CONTRACT and sold OREGON MUTUAL insurance to PLAINTIFF.
- 23. On information and belief, Defendant OREGON MUTUAL was aware that Defendant DAVE SANDIN was not licensed to sell insurance in Nevada in December of 2011.

# Defendants' failures to provide notice of cancellation

- 24. PLAINTIFF mistakenly failed to pay one month's premium due on July 26, 2012.
- Defendant OREGON MUTUAL claims that it sent a cancellation 25. notice to PLAINTIFF on August 1, 2012 with an effective cancellation date of August 16, 2012.
- PLAINTIFF did not in fact receive any August 1, 2012 cancellation 26. notice or any other notice of cancellation until after August 16, 2012, the date OREGON MUTUAL cancelled the insurance.
- 27. Defendant OREGON MUTUAL did not send a cancellation notice to Defendant DAVE SANDIN.

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- Defendant DAVE SANDIN did not receive a cancellation notice. 28.
- 29. The SANDIN DEFENDANTS did not advise PLAINTIFF that its payment was late, or that Defendant OREGON MUTUAL intended to cancel the CONTRACT.
- 30. Sometime overnight between August 10, 2012 and August 11, 2012, a break-in occurred at the Original Pancake House located and operated at 4833 West Charleston Boulevard. The break-in was reported by Linda Snyder, PLAINTIFF's office manager, to Defendant DAVE SANDIN of Defendant SANDIN INSURANCE on August 13, 2012.
- 31. Defendant OREGON MUTUAL takes the position that the CONTRACT was properly cancelled effective at 12:01 a.m. on August 16, 2012.
- 32. Had PLAINTIFF been warned before August 16, 2012 that its payment was late and its insurance was scheduled to be cancelled, PLAINTIFF would have remedied the deficiency.
- 33. Ms. Snyder called and emailed Defendant DAVE SANDIN again on August 16, 2012, the day the cancellation went into effect at 12:01 a.m., to request a claim number for the break-in. Defendant DAVE SANDIN called Ms. Snyder with a claim number later that same day and spoke with Ms. Snyder.
- At no time during his contact with Ms. Snyder regarding the break-in 34. did Defendant DAVE SANDIN mention any late payment or cancellation of PLAINTIFF's policy.
- 35. Had PLAINTIFF been warned that Defendant OREGON MUTUAL intended to or had in fact cancelled its policy, PLAINTIFF would have immediately made

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payment, sought to have the policy reinstated, and/or obtained new insurance.

# The Loss

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- 36. Early on the morning of August 17, 2012 there was a fire at the Original Pancake House Restaurant located and operated at 4833 West Charleston Boulevard. The Original Pancake House Restaurant suffered extensive damage as a result and PLAINITFF lost income and suffered other harm that the CONTRACT protected against (the "LOSS").
- On behalf of PLAINTIFF, Ms. Snyder reported the fire to Defendant 37. DAVE SANDIN on the morning of August 17, 2012.
- Jerry Masonheimer, an insurance adjustor with Defendant OREGON 38. MUTUAL called Stephan Freudenberger, President of OPH INC., mid-day on August 17, 2012 to discuss the break-in and fire. Mr. Masonheimer did not mention to Mr. Freudenberger that the CONTRACT had been cancelled. Mr. Masonheimer then spoke with Ms. Snyder. Mr. Masonheimer told Ms. Snyder the fire damage claim was likely to be consolidated with the claim for the break-in since he believed they were related.
- 39. Throughout their communications with Ms. Snyder and Mr. Freudenberger regarding the fire, agents and/or representatives of Defendant SANDIN INSURANCE, including Defendant DAVE SANDIN, never mentioned the missing payment or the cancellation of the CONTRACT.
- Throughout their communications with Ms. Snyder and Mr. 40. Freudenberger regarding the fire, agents and/or representatives of Defendant OREGON MUTUAL, including Mr. Masonheimer, never mentioned the missing payment or the cancellation of the CONTRACT.

41. Defendant OREGON MUTUAL has denied coverage for the I	LOSS
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42. PLAINTIFF has suffered extensive damages including (but not limited to) lost income, which have been exacerbated by Defendant OREGON MUTUAL's bad faith refusal to honor the CONTRACT.

# FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

# Breach of Contract (Against Defendant Oregon Mutual)

- 43. PLAINTIFF repleads, realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation set forth above in paragraphs 1 through 42 as if fully set forth herein.
- 44. Defendant OREGON MUTUAL breached the CONTRACT by cancelling the insurance policy without giving notice to either PLAINTIFF or the SANDIN DEFENDANTS, as required by law, and by failing to honor coverage of the LOSS incurred by PLAINTIFF.
- 45. As a direct and proximate result of the breach by Defendant OREGON MUTUAL, PLAINTIFF was deprived of the benefit of the CONTRACT and has been substantially and significantly damaged.

# SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

# Breach of the Covenant of Good Faith & Fair Dealing / Bad Faith (Against Defendant Oregon Mutual)

- 46. PLAINTIFF repleads, realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation set forth above in paragraphs 1 through 45 as if fully set forth herein.
- 47. Every contract in Nevada contains an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing and insurance companies are required to operate in good faith with respect to claims by their insureds.

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- Defendant OREGON MUTUAL denied PLAINTIFF's claim for the 48. LOSS, had no reasonable basis for doing so, and was aware that there was no reasonable basis for doing so.
- 49. Defendant OREGON MUTUAL also acted in bad faith by failing to provide proper cancellation notices as required by the CONTRACT.
- 50. As a direct and proximate result of these bad faith breaches of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, PLAINTIFF has been substantially and significantly damaged.

# THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

# Fraud in the Inducement (Against All Defendants)

- 51. PLAINTIFF repleads, realleges, and incorporates by reference each and every allegation set forth above in paragraphs 1 through 50 as if fully set forth herein.
- 52. Prior to PLAINTIFF's decision to enter into the CONTRACT, Defendant DAVE SANDIN, misrepresented material facts, including but not limited to whether he was licensed in Nevada and that Oregon Mutual Insurance would meet Plaintiff's needs.
- 53. On information and belief, Defendant DAVE SANDIN knew or believed these representations to be false, or had insufficient bases for making the representations.
- 54. Defendant SANDIN INSURANCE knew of Defendant DAVE SANDIN's misrepresentations and allowed him to illegally sell insurance as an employee of Defendant SANDIN INSURANCE.

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55.	Prior to F	PLAINTIFF's	decision t	o enter	into the	CONTI	RACT
Defendant OREGO	N MUTUAI	misrepresen	ted materia	al facts, i	ncluding	that it	would
provide notice to l	ooth PLAIN	ΓΙFF and to	Defendant	SANDIN	INSUR	ANCE	before
cancelling the CON	TRACT.						

- On information and belief, Defendant OREGON MUTUAL also 56. misrepresented the fact that Defendant DAVE SANDIN was unlicensed and unqualified to sell insurance in Nevada by allowing him to act as an Oregon Mutual agent.
- On information and belief, Defendant OREGON MUTUAL knew or 57. believed these representations to be false, or had insufficient bases for making the representations.
- 58. These misrepresentations were made with the purpose of inducing PLAINTIFF to enter into the CONTRACT, and obtaining payments from PLAINTIFF.
- 59. PLAINTIFF justifiably relied on the misrepresentations made by DEFENDANTS, and chose to buy an OREGON MUTUAL policy from the SANDIN DEFENDANTS for its business insurance needs.
- As a direct and proximate result of PLAINTIFF's justifiable reliance 60. on DEFENDANTS' misrepresentations, PLAINTIFF paid premiums to Defendant OREGON MUTUAL and depended on Defendant OREGON MUTUAL to compensate for losses, which it failed to do. As a result, PLAINTIFF was significantly and substantially damaged.

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# LANGFORD MCLETCHIE LLC

# FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

# Fraud (Against the Sandin Defendants)

- 61. PLAINTIFF repleads, realleges, and incorporates by reference each and every allegation set forth above in paragraphs 1 through 60 as if fully set forth herein.
- 62. Prior to PLAINTIFF's decision to enter into the CONTRACT, Defendant DAVE SANDIN misrepresented whether he was licensed in Nevada and an appointed agent for Defendant OREGON MUTUAL by acting as such.
- 63. Prior to PLAINTIFF's decision to enter into the CONTRACT, Defendant SANDIN INSURANCE, by and through its agent Defendant DAVE SANDIN, misrepresented that Defendant OREGON MUTUAL was a reliable and appropriate insurance company for PLAINTIFF's needs, and that Defendant OREGON MUTUAL would provide notice to PLAINTIFF and to Defendant DAVE SANDIN before cancelling the CONTRACT.
- 64. On information and belief, Defendants DAVE SANDIN and SANDIN INSURANCE knew or believed these representations to be false, or had insufficient bases for making them.
- 65. These misrepresentations were made intending for PLAINTIFF to rely on them and were material.
- 66. PLAINTIFF justifiably relied on the material misrepresentations made by the SANDIN DEFENDANTS.
- As a direct and proximate result of the material misrepresentations 67. made by the SANDIN DEFENDANTS, PLAINTIFF has been significantly and