Case No. 80615

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEVADA

PANORAMA TOWERS CONDOMINIUM UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, a Nevada non-profit corporation,

Appellant,

VS.

LAURENT HALLIER, an individual; PANORAMA TOWERS I, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; PANORAMA TOWERS I MEZZ, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; and M.J. DEAN CONSTRUCTION, INC., a Nevada corporation,

Respondents.

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from the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada The Honorable Susan H. Johnson, District Judge District Court Case No. A-16-744146-D

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 21st day of September, 2020, I caused to be served via the District Court's e-filing system and pursuant to NRAP 25(b) and NEFCR 9, and electronically filed the foregoing APPELLANT'S APPENDIX-VOLUMES 1-27 TO OPENING BRIEF with the Clerk of the Court for the Nevada Supreme Court by using the Nevada Supreme Court's E-filing system (Eflex). Participants in the case who are registered Eflex users will be served by the Eflex system as follows:

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR PURSUANT TO **NEVADA REVISED STATUTES, SECTION 40.645**

Please take notice that Panorama Towers Condominium Unit Owners' Association, Inc., a Nevada non-profit corporation (Claimant), intends to pursue claims against you pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 40.600 et seq., arising from defects in the design and/or construction of the Panorama Towers condominium development located at 4525 Dean Martin Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada (the Development). Your legal rights are affected by this notice which is being given to satisfy the requirements of NRS 40.645.

Notice to others responsible. Pursuant to NRS 40.646, you must forward a copy of this Notice within 30 days, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of each subcontractor, supplier or design professional whom you reasonably believe is responsible for the constructional defects identified below. Failure to send this Notice may restrict your ability to commence an action against such a subcontractor, supplier or design professional.

Response to notice. Pursuant to NRS 40.6472, you must provide a written response to each of the defects identified below within 90 days from your receipt of this Notice. Your response must state, as to each constructional defect identified below, whether you elect to repair the defect, propose to pay monetary compensation for the defect, or disclaim liability for the defect and the reasons therefore.

Your response to this Notice, and all communications pertaining to this Notice, should be directed to Edward J. Song, Esq., Leach Johnson Song & Gruchow, 8945 West Russell Road, Ste. 330, Las Vegas, Nevada 89148 (702/538-9074).

Preliminary list of constructional defects. This claim pertains to the following defects and resulting damages:

1. Residential tower windows - There are two tower structures in the Development, consisting of 616 residential condominium units located above common areas and retails spaces below. The window assemblies in the residential tower units were defectively designed such that water entering the assemblies does not have an appropriate means of exiting the assemblies. There are no sill pans, proper weepage components or other drainage provisions designed to direct water from and through the window assemblies to the exterior of the building.

This is a design deficiency that exists in all (100%) of the residential tower window assemblies.

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As a consequence of this deficiency, water that should have drained to the exterior of the building has been entering the metal framing components of the exterior wall and floor assemblies, including the curb walls that support the windows, and is causing corrosion damage to the metal parts and components within these assemblies. Further, this damage to the metal components of the tower structures presents an unreasonable risk of injury to a person or property resulting from the degradation of these structural assemblies.

2. Residential tower fire blocking – The plans called for fire blocking insulation, as required by the building code, in the ledger shelf cavities and steel stud framing cavities at the exterior wall locations between residential floors in the two tower structures. (See plan detail attached as Exhibit A.) The purpose of this insulation is to deter the spread of fire from one tower unit to the units above or below. However, the insulation was not installed as required by the plans and building code.

This installation deficiency exists in all (100%) of the residential tower units, in which insulation was omitted either from the ledger shelf cavity, from the steel stud framing cavity, or from both.

This deficiency presents an unreasonable risk of injury to a person or property resulting from the spread of fire.

- 3. **Mechanical room piping** The piping in the two lower and two upper mechanical rooms in the two tower structures has sustained corrosion damage as described in the attached ATMG report dated November 17, 2011 (Exhibit B).
- 4. **Sewer problem** The main sewer line connecting the Development to the city sewer system ruptured due to installation error during construction, causing physical damage to adjacent common areas. This deficiency has been repaired. In addition to causing damage, the defective installation presented an unreasonable risk of injury to a person or property resulting from the disbursement of unsanitary matter.

Additional constructional defects. Claimant is still in the process of investigating the existing conditions at the Development, and accordingly, this preliminary list of defects is not intended as a complete statement of all of the defects in or at the Development. Claimant reserves the right to amend or update this list in the event that new defects and/or resulting damages are discovered during the course of investigation.

Requested documents. Pursuant to NRS 40.681, this will serve as Claimant's demand that you provide copies of all relevant documents pertaining to the construction of the Development, including plans, specifications, shop drawings, warranties, contracts, subcontracts, change orders, requests for information, inspection or other reports, soil and other engineering reports, photos, correspondence, memoranda, work orders for repair, videotapes,

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audiotapes, and any and all policies of insurance that provided liability insurance coverage for your services or work in connection with the Development.

Mediation demand. Pursuant to NRS 40.680, this well serve as Claimant's demand for pre-litigation mediation with a mediator to be agreed to by the parties.

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1 EDWARD SONG, ESQ., NVB: 007922 LEACH JOHNSON SONG & GRUCHOW 2 8945 West Russell Road, Suite 330 Las Vegas, Nevada 89148 3 Telephone: (702) 538-9074 Facsimile: (702) 538-9113 4 Attorneys for Claimant 5 DISTRICT COURT 6 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 7 8 PANORAMA TOWERS CONDOMINIUM OWNERS' ASSOCIATION. VERIFICATION OF EXPERT 9 Nevada non-profit corporation, **REPORTS PURSUANT TO 40.645** 10 Claimant, 8945 West Russell Road, Suite 330, Las Vegas, Nevada 89148 11 v. Telephone: (702) 538-9074 - Facsimile (702) 538-9113 12 LEACH JOHNSON SONG & GRUCHOW LAURENT HALLIER, individual; an PANORAMA TOWERS I, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; PANORAMA TOWERS I MEZZ, LLC, a Nevada limited 13 14 liability company; PANORAMA TOWERS II, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; 15 PANORAMA TOWERS II MEZZ, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; M.J. DEAN CONSTRUCTION, INC., a Nevada 16 corporation; SIERRA GLASS & MIRROR, 17 INC., a Nevada corporation; F. RODGERS CORPORATION, a Nevada corporation; DEAN ROOFING COMPANY, a Nevada 18 corporation; FORD CONTRACTING, INC., a 19 Nevada corporation; INSULPRO PROJECTS, INC., a Nevada corporation; FLIPPIN'S TRENCHING, INC., a Nevada corporation; 20 X-TREME X-CAVATION, INC., a Nevada 21 corporation; SOUTHERN **NEVADA** PAVING, INC., a Nevada corporation; 22 MECHANNICAL, LLC, BOMBARD Nevada limited liability company; SILVER 23 PLUMBING, INC., corporation; FIVE STAR PLUMBING & 24 HEATING, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, 25 Respondents. 26 VERIFICATION State of Nevada 27)ss: 28 County of Clark

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Dennis Kariger, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

The undersigned on behalf of Claimant the Panorama Towers Condominium Unit Owners' Association verifies that they have reviewed the expert reports included and referenced to said notice as enumerated in Exhibit 1 and that the defects, damages, and injuries set forth in those reports exist at the locations depicted therein within the Panorama Towers Condominium community.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this Verification was executed on this 24th day of February, 2016.

[Signature]

Subscribed and sworn on before me

this 24th day of FloRuary, 2016.

MERLIN ANN CALIMPONG Notary Public State of Nevada No. 98-0827-1 My Appt. Exp. Jan. 10, 2018

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Exhibit "B"

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PANORAMA TOWER 1 UPPER MECHANICAL ROOM Replacement Recommendation

Corrosion Assessment

UNIT / AREA	PART	DISPOSITION Replace with Stainless Steel, Brass*, Bronze, Copper as applicable			Photo Reference
Conversion (Variante) who of the pro-	SECOND LINES TO DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY OF	Now	1 - 5 years	Long Term	
Media Tanks	4 ferrous check valves		x		6
	Culligan ferrous parts		Х		7
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City Water Inlet	2 ferrous butterfly valves	X			4
	3 overhead butterfly valves	X	Control of the second page		5
Zone 4 Hot Water Tank	ferrous check valve		x		2
	inlet carbon steel nipple		х		
	carbon steel drains	E-SAN TRANSPORT	X	SASA NATURBANISANSA	ORT ATMICENSARIAWING NEW
Zone 3 Hot Water Tank	2 ferrous check valves		х		3
	inlet carbon steel nipple		Х		
	carbon steel drains		X	Service and a service of the servi	ACREA SERVICE ARE ACRES
Hot Water Recirculation Pump	ferrous pump bowl assembly	x			1
	steel nipple	VP/estit 211	X		
Unidentified pipe run	carbon steel pipes, fittings, nipples		x		8

*Note: ferrous refers to carbon steel, ductile iron, or cast iron; if brass is used as a replacement, use red brass or 15% zinc maximum brass alloy

PANORAMA TOWER 1 UPPER MECHANICAL ROOM Replacement Recommendation

Corrosion Assessment

UNIT / AREA	PART	DISPOSITION Replace with Stainless Steel, Brass*, Bronze, Copper as applicable			Photo Reference
		Now	1 - 5 years	Long Term	
Modia Tanke	4 ferrous check valves		×		6
	Culligan ferrous parts		X		7
100 March 1970 -	tank steel flanges	ar taken water day	And the second second	Х	TO STORE STO
City Water Inlet	2 ferrous butterfly valves	×			4
	3 overhead butterfly valves	X			5
Zone 4 Hot Water Tank	ferrous check valve		X		2
	inlet carbon steel nipple		Х		
	carbon steel drains	COLUMN TO STATE OF ST	X		
Zone 3 Hot Water Tank	2 ferrous check valves		X		3
	inlet carbon steel nipple		Х		
	carbon steel drains		X		1
Hot Water Recirculation Pump	ferrous pump bowl assembly	X		100 m	1
	steel nipple	CATCHIONNES SVO	X		THE STEEL STORY
Unidentified pipe	carbon steel pipes, fittings, nipples		X		8

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PANORAMA TOWER 2 LOWER MECHANICAL ROOM Replacement Recommendation

		DISPOSITION Replace with Stainless Steel, Brass*, Bronze, Copper as applicable			Photo Reference
UNIT / AREA	PART				
		Now	1 - 5 years	Long Term	
BP-1 Pump Unit	ferrous* pump bowls			X	2
	angle valves		X		1
	bypass butterfly valve	Х	_		4
	inlet butterfly valve	Х			4
	outlet butterfly valve	Х			4
	flex connections with steel flanges			Х	3
Wilder Fergards of Congression	pump butterfly valves	X		7.00 m = 11.5%; - 11.	2
BP-2 Pump Unit	forrous nurses boude				
Dr -z r amp onit	ferrous pump bowls angle valves		X	X	5
			_ <u> </u>		5
	bypass butterfly valve	Х			9
	inlet butterfly valve	X			9
	outlet butterfly valve	Χ			9
	flex connections with steel flanges			Х	9
	pressure gage nipple	Х			5
	pump butterfly valves	Х			6
	west pump butterfly valve fasteners	Х			7
Media Tanks	4 ferrous check valves		X	Korapai Azari Sin	12
	Culligan ferrous parts	Х			27
	tank steel flanges	TOT DAY STORES SHOWIN		X	12
Pressure Regulator					
Manifold	ferrous butterfly valves	х			13
	3 ferrous strainers	Χ			13
	4 ductile iron pressure regulator bodies		х		13, 19
	3 ductile iron regulator bonnets (tops)		х		13, 18, 19
	leaking plastic lined steel nipples	Х			14, 15
	non-leaking plastic lined steel nipples		Х		16
	steel drain nipples	Х			17

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PANORAMA TOWER 2 LOWER MECHANICAL ROOM Replacement Recommendation

Corrosion Assessment

UNIT / AREA	PART	Replace v Brass*,	Photo Reference		
		Now	1 - 5 years	Long Term	
	6 ferrous butterfly valves	Х			20
	2 ferrous strainers	Х			20
	2 pressure regulator ductile iron bodies		X		20
Zone 1 Hot Water Tank	ferrous butterfly valve	×			23, 24
	ferrous check valve		X		23, 24
Zone 2 Hot Water Tank	ferrous butterfly valve	x			21, 22
	ferrous check valve		X		21, 22
Hot Water Recirculation Pumps	ferrous pump bowl assemblies	x			25, 26
Outlet Piping Sample Connections; Connections to Sink in Maintenance room	carbon steel nipples	×			28
Filter Bank	replace all carbon steel nipples, fittings	X			na

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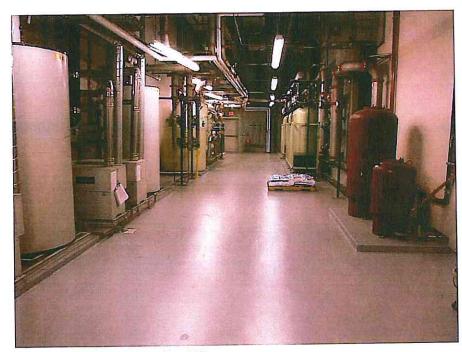
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PANORAMA TOWER 2 UPPER MECHANICAL ROOM Replacement Recommendation

Corrosion Assessment

UNIT / AREA	PART	DISPOSITION Replace with Stainless Steel, Brass*, Bronze, Copper as applicable			Photo Reference
		Now	1 - 5 years	Long Term	and the second
Media Tanks	4 ferrous check valves		X		
	Culligan ferrous parts	X			
	tank steel flanges	Superior Company		Х	
Overhead piping	cold to zone 3 and 4 - 2 carbon steel nipples		x		2
	carbon steel nipple to main cold line	X			1
Zone 4 Hot Water Tank	ferrous butterfly valve	X			
	ferrous check valve		X		
Zone 3 Hot Water Tank	ferrous butterfly valve	X			
	ferrous check valve		X		
Hot Water Recirculation Pumps	ferrous pump bowl assemblies	x			
	ferrous check valve		X	Navate Chillian Contin	ALE MALENARIZATION OF ACCOUNT

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1. View of

lower mechanical room (jpg100).



2. BP-1,

(jpg66)



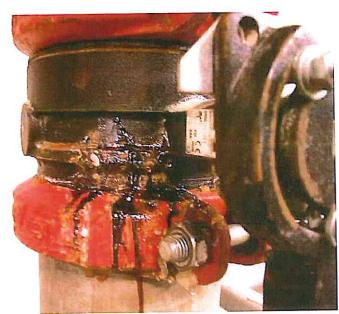
3. BP-1, flex

connection (jpg68)



4. BP-1,

close up of leaking flex flange connection (jpg72)



5. BP-1 (jpg 73)

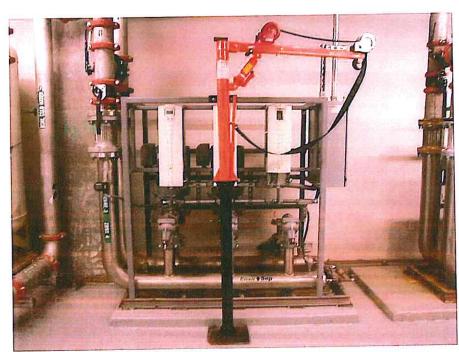


6. BP-1 (jpg(74)



7. BP-1,

replace leaking ferrous pump housing now (jpg75).



8. BP-2, (jpg

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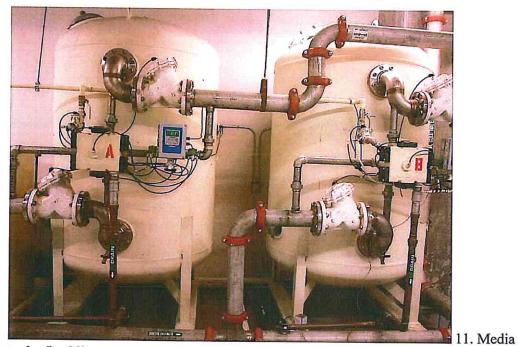
9. BP-2,

(jpg78)



10. BP-2,

(jpg79)



tanks (jpg80)



carbon steel parts (jpg81).

12. Culligan



13. Pressure

regulator manifold (jpg82).



14. Pressure

regulator manifold (jpg83) replace plastic lined steel nipple with stainless steel.



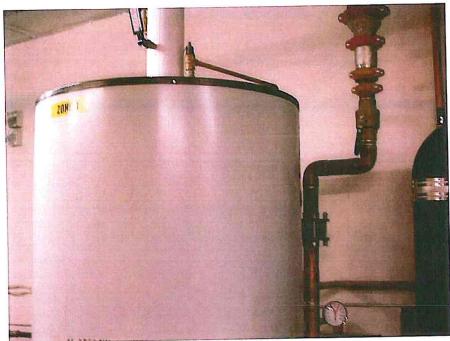
15. Another

view of previous photo (jpg84).



16. Pressure

regulating manifold, leaking plastic lined nipple – replace with stainless steel now(jpg85).



17. Hot water

tank ferrous check valve - replace with bronze or stainless steel (jpg86).

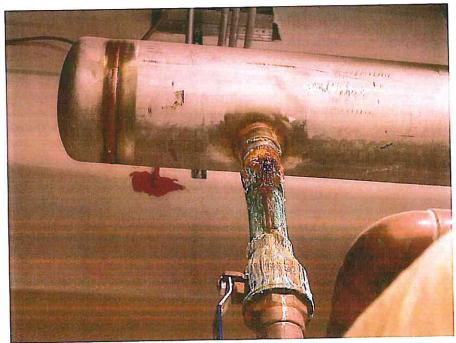


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19. Filter

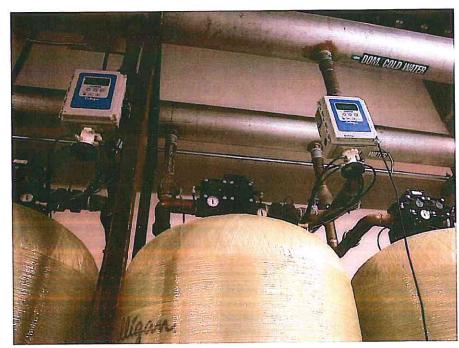
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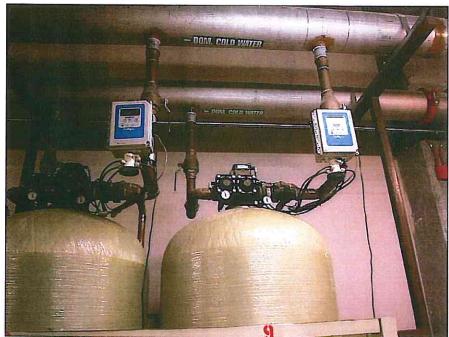
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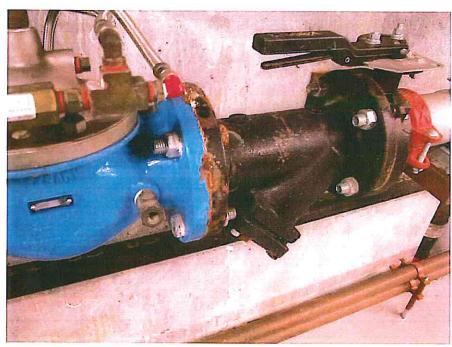
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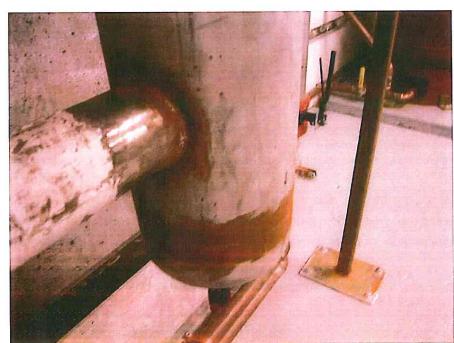
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26. Evidence

of removing welding tarnish with an acid e.g. hydrochloric; recommend cleaning with a stainless steel cleaner containing nitric acid.



27. City

water inlet; replace ferrous butterfly valve with stainless steel (jpg98).



28. Hot water

recirculation pumps - replace with nonferrous alloy (jpg99).



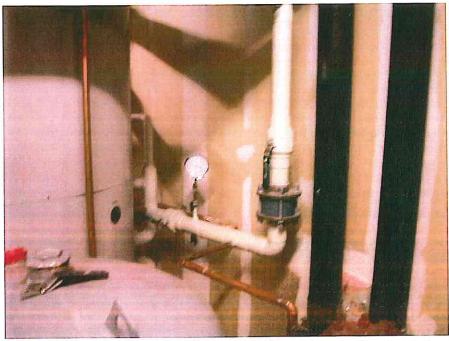
29 City water

inlet manifold; rust is from acid cleaning to remove tarnish (jpg65A).



1. Hot water

ferrous recirculation pump body requires replacement with a non-ferrous alloy now; replace carbon steel nipples now (jpg103).



2. Zone 4 hot

water system with ferrous check valve - replace within 5 years (jpg104).



3. Zone 3 hot

water system with 2 ferrous check valves that need to be replaced within 5 years.



4. City water

inlet, Zone 3 and 4 ferrous butterfly valves – replace with stainless or bronze valves (jpg106).



5. Feed water

to water conditioners and bypass ferrous butterfly valves - replace now (jpg107).



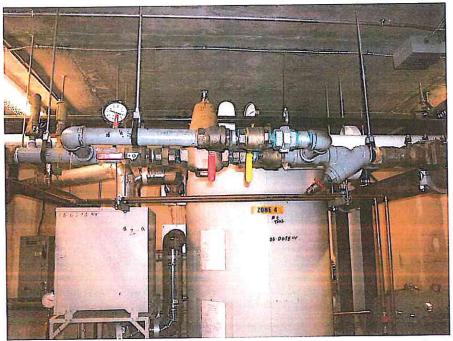
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tanks with 4 ferrous check valves - replace valves within 5 years (jpg109).

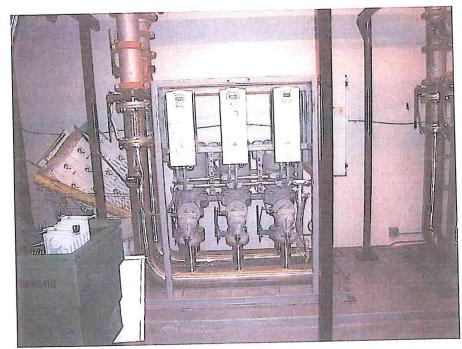


7. Media

tanks with Culligan systems – replace all carbon steel nipples now; valves within 5 years (jpg108).



Unidentified pipe run with carbon steel lines – replace within 5 years (jpg110).



1. BP-1 skid

mounted unit (jpg39).

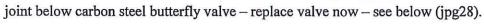


2. End view

BP-1 skid mounted unit; stainless butterfly valves shipped with unit have been replaced with carbon steel valves that should be replaced now with stainless (jpg25).



3. BP-1 Flex





4. BP-1

showing inline and bypass carbon steel butterfly vales – all need to be replaced now (jpg29).



5. BP-2 high

pressure skid mounted unit (jpg40).



6. BP-2

center and east carbon steel butterfly valves – need to be replaced with stainless now (jpg27).



7. BP-2 west

carbon steel butterfly valve; valve and corroded fasteners need to be replaced now (jpg26).



pressure flex connection with carbon steel flanges (jpg30).

8. BP-2 high



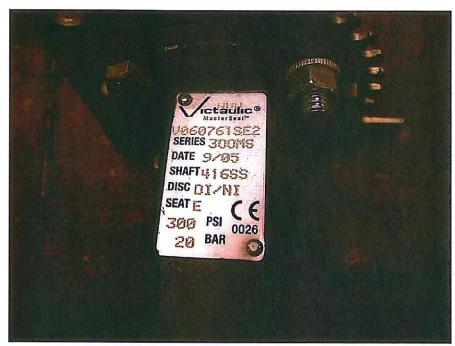
9. BP-2 inlet,

outlet, and bypass butterfly valves need to be replaced with stainless steel valves now (jpg31).



10. Typical

inside of carbon steel butterfly valve after several months service; this is the reason they must be replaced as soon as practical with stainless steel valves (jpg33).



11. Name

plate on typical carbon steel butterfly valve showing it has an AISI Type 416 stainless steel shaft; the ductile iron disc has a nickel edge (jpg34).



12. Media

tanks (jpg41).



13. PRV

manifold with 3 carbon steel strainers, steel butterfly valves, and ductile iron pressure regulators (jpg42).



14. Carbon

steel plastic lined nipple (lower northwest corner of manifold) - replace with stainless steel (jpg51).



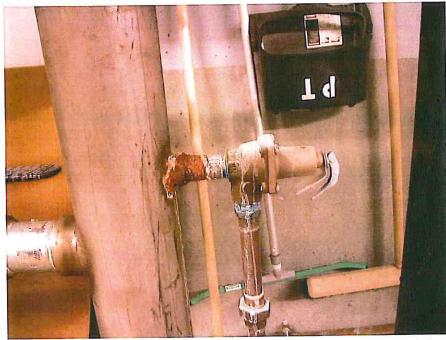
15. Carbon

steel plastic lined nipple (lower southeast corner of manifold0 – replace with stainless steel (jpg52). Note: corrosion around Unistrut is a leak at the joint.



16. Leak in

stainless weld leak; carbon steel plastic lined nipple not yet leaking, upper southeast corner of manifold (jpg53).



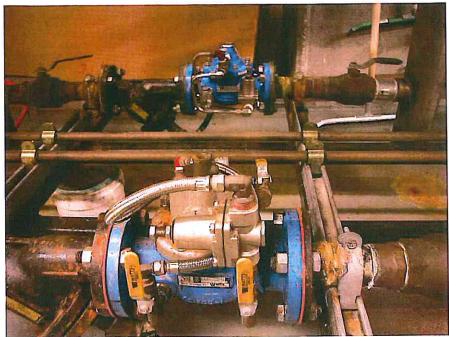
17. Carbon

steel drain nipple on manifold - replace all in both buildings with stainless steel (jpg54).



18. Yellow

brass T-fitting exhibiting de-zincification corrosion through the wall – replace yellow brass fittings as they leak as part of normal maintenance (jpg55).



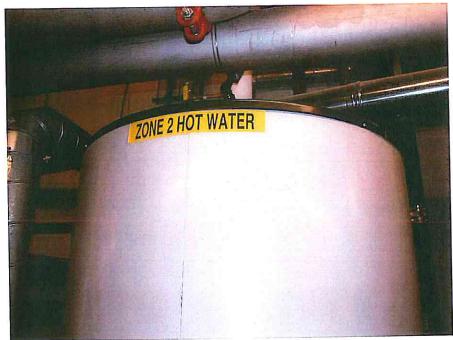
19. Lower

pressure regulators; the far regulator is ductile iron top and bottom; the closer has a stainless steel top; visible residues at Unistrut are from connection leaks, not corrosion (jpg56).



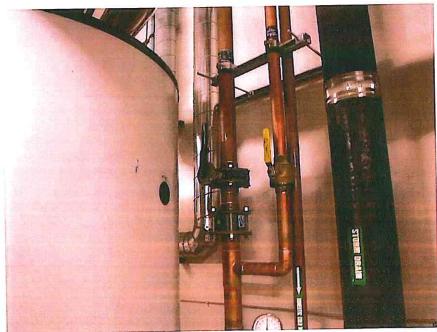
20. City water

inlet manifold showing steel strainers, steel butterfly valves, and ductile iron pressure regulators with stainless steel tops (jpg43).

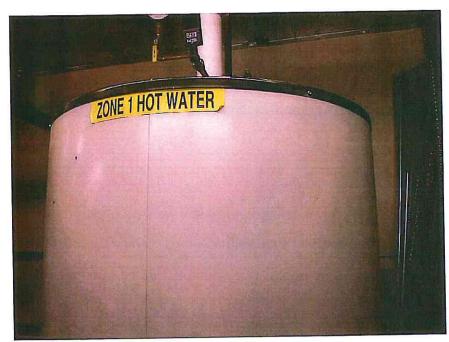


21. Zone 2

hot water tank (jpg44).



associated with Zone 2 hot water tank with steel butterfly valve and steel check valve (jpg45).



23. Zone 1 hot

water tank (jpg46).

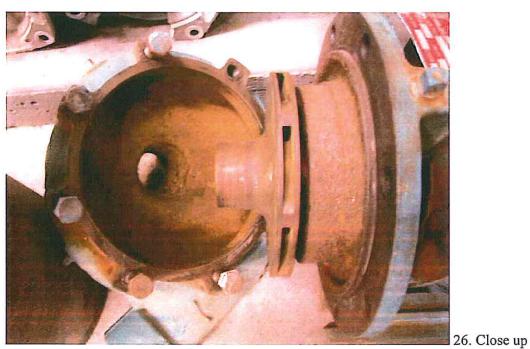


24. Piping

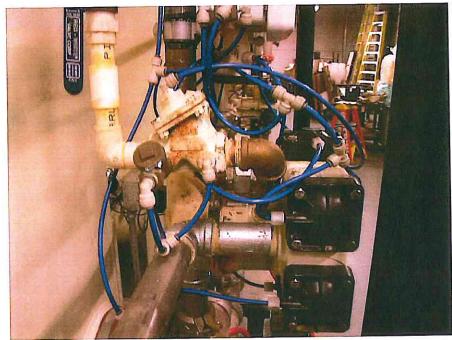
associated with Zone 1 hot water tank with steel butterfly valve and steel check valve (jpg47).



recirculation pumps with carbon steel housings (jpg48).



view of steel pump housing exhibiting significant corrosion (jpg49).



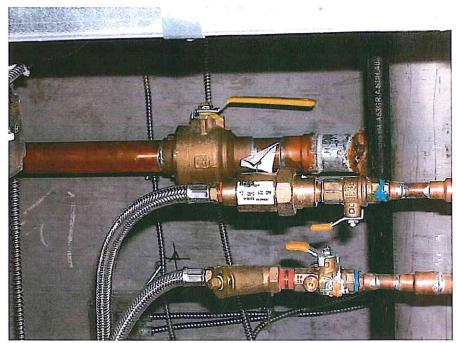
27. Ferrous

(steel or iron) valve associated with Culligan water conditioning system (jpg 50).



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connections to outlet piping; replace carbon steel nipples with stainless steel (jpg57).



1. Carbon

steel nipple to cold water line – replace now (jpg62). Corrosion of brass HVAC condensate valves experiencing de-zincification - replace as necessary as part of regular maintenance.



2. Carbon

steel nipples needing replacement now. (jpg64).



2764 n. Green Valley Pkwy #116, Henderson, NV 89014

17 November 2011

Mike Murphy
Panorama Towers Condominium Unit Owners Assoc.
4525 Dean Martin Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89103

Re: Report for Evaluation of Corrosion Damage to Mechanical Room Piping

Dear Mr. Murphy:

ATMG is pleased to present this report for the corrosion damage evaluation for the piping in the two lower and two upper Mechanical Rooms in the Panorama Towers. This task was performed in accordance with our proposal dated 5 October 2011.

PROJECT INFORMATION

On 9-20-11, a walk down was conducted of the lower and upper mechanical rooms of the two towers. The lower mechanical rooms exhibited more corrosion damage than the two upper mechanical rooms. Several replaced parts were on the floor in one of the upper mechanical rooms. Some connections were observed to be leaking. Our evaluation and reporting is in substantial accordance with the *Guideline for Structural Condition Assessment of Existing Buildings*, SEI/ASCE 11-99 published jointly by the Structural Engineering Institute and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

There are several dissimilar metal connections that are accelerating the corrosion attack on the less noble alloy in the connection. Our observations found stainless steel and copper based alloys (more noble) in contact with ductile iron and carbon steel (less noble). When dissimilar metals are in contact in a wet environment, the difference in

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electric potential of these alloys creates a battery effect that powers the dissolution of the less noble alloy into the environment as a corrosion product.

When measured on a copper/copper sulfate electrode scale, stainless steel and copper based alloys (copper, brass, bronze) exhibit an electric potential to their wet environment of approximately -0.2 volts; carbon steel, cast iron, and ductile iron exhibit an electric potential of approximately -0.5 volts to their wet environment. This difference of 0.3 volts creates an electric current to flow out of the less noble metal which is the one with the more negative voltage. As the current leaves, it takes metal ions with it that become a corrosion product – usually some form of rust. This condition is called a galvanic corrosion cell. One amp of current can remove 20 pounds (lbs) of iron in one year. Therefore, these dissimilar metal galvanic corrosion cells can cause serious damage over time.

ATMG was directed to identify which sections of piping, fittings, pumps, valves, and regulators need to be replaced. In addition, those items were to be identified for replacement on a time schedule of: Replace now, Replace within 5 years, or Replace long term.

OBSERVATIONS

Primary Piping Parts

The identification of parts that need replacement has been noted on spreadsheets for each of the mechanical rooms. The recommended replacement schedule is also shown. An accompanying photographic log has been cross referenced to parts listed on the spreadsheets. In theory, the plastic lined steel nipples should not create a galvanic cell. However, if the liner is damaged during installation or not installed correctly, wet metal to metal contact can result leading to leaks as has been noted.

Yellow Brass Fittings and Valves

There are numerous small fittings and valves within the 4 rooms made of yellow brass that are experiencing a corrosion mechanism known as dezincification. A white powdery substance (zinc oxide) can be seen on the surface of these parts that confirms the water has corroded the zinc in the copper matrix to the point that it has reached the exterior surface.

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This process will continue, and eventually water will begin to drip through these corroded zones. Since these parts are small and easily replaced, our recommendation is to leave them in service until the leaks begin to drip, and then replace them as is the current practice with the Maintenance Department.

Stainless Steel Piping Leaks

Some welded joints of the stainless steel piping exhibited leaks. Currently these are being weld repaired as they occur as part of the regular maintenance.

Other Observations - Bolting

In addition to the specific assigned tasks, a problem with bolting was noticed. We found mixed bolting in several flanged connections and bolts holding butterfly valves in position.

To properly share loads, bolts and cap screws in a connection should all be the same strength. Therefore, we recommend that the Maintenance Department should check each set of connections for mixed bolting. A query needs to be made with a plumbing engineering firm to find out which grade of bolts is required for each type of connection.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The major piping parts suffering corrosion should be replaced in accordance with the schedule shown on the accompanying spreadsheets.

2. Yellow brass fittings and valves should be replaced when dripping leaks caused by dezincification are noticed as part of the regular maintenance schedule.

3. The proper grade of bolting for the various connections should be determined, and replacements made accordingly.

4. Continue the repair welding of stainless steel leaks.

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CLOSURE

We thank you for the opportunity to be of service. If there are any questions or needed modifications regarding this report, please contact Gregory Fehr at 702-204-4795, and we will make changes accordingly.

The assumptions, conclusions, recommendations, and opinions presented herein are: (1) based on the data provided and collected; (2) based on standard forensic methodology; (3) based on our corrosion experience and (4) prepared in accordance with generally accepted corrosion failure analysis principles and practice. We make no other warranty, either express or implied.

Sincerely,

ATMG

Gregory Fehr

Principal, Metallurgy

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Licensed engineer (P.E.) in AL, OK

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Encl: Spreadsheet - Panorama 1 Lower Mechanical Room

Spreadsheet - Panorama 1 Upper Mechanical Room

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company; and M.J. Dean Construction, Inc., a Nevada corporation			
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                                             COMES NOW Plaintiffs LAURENT HALLIER; PANORAMA TOWERS I, LLC;
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                              collectively referred to as "Plaintiffs"), by and through their attorneys of record, the law firm of
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                             PANORAMA TOWERS CONDOMINIUM UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION (hereinafter
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BREMER WHYTE BROWN & O'MEARA LLP 1160 N. Town Center Drive Suite 250 Las Vegas, NV 89144 (702) 258-8665 residential tower windows, (2) residential tower fire blocking; (3) mechanical room piping; and (4)

sewer piping.

- 11. Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice fails to comply with NRS 40.645(3)(b) and (c) in that it does not identify in specific detail, the alleged damages and the exact location of the damage(s) relating to the alleged residential tower windows, residential tower fire blocking defects or the alleged sewer piping defects.
- 12. Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice includes as an Exhibit, a report by Gregory Fehr, P.E. of Advanced Technology & Marketing Group ("ATMG"), dated November 17, 2011, in support of Defendant's mechanical room piping claims. The ATMG report states that ATMG observed alleged corrosion damage and alleged leaking connections in the mechanical rooms at the Subject Property on or about September 20, 2011. Thus, Defendant had knowledge of the alleged mechanical room piping defects more than 3½ years prior to the date it served Plaintiffs with Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice.
- 13. With respect to the alleged sewer piping defect allegation, Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice states "This deficiency has been repaired. In addition to causing, damage, the defective installation presented an unreasonable risk of injury to a person or property resulting from the disbursement of unsanitary matter." Such alleged risk of injury does not and did not alleviate Defendant from its obligation to provide timely Chapter 40 Notice to Plaintiffs of the alleged defect, and to provide a Chapter 40 Notice prior to Defendant performing repairs of the alleged defect.
- 14. Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice also alleges Defendant (i.e. Claimant) is "still in the process of investigating the alleged conditions at the Development, and accordingly, this preliminary list of defects is not intended as a complete statement of all the defects in or at the Development. Claimant reserves the right to amend or update this list in the event that new defects and/or resulting damages are discovered during the course of investigation."
- 15. On March 24, 2016, pursuant to NRS 40.646, Plaintiffs inspected the defects alleged in Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice.
- 16. During Plaintiffs' March 24, 2016, inspection, Plaintiffs observed that the majority of the allegedly defective (i.e. corroded) mechanical room piping had been removed and replaced

BREMER WHYTE BROWN & O'MEARA LLP 1160 N. Town Center Drive Suite 250 Las Vegas, NV 89144 (702) 258-6665 prior to Plaintiffs' inspection. Defendant did not provide notice to Plaintiffs of the allegedly defective mechanical room piping prior to performing said repair work, including, but not limited to, a Chapter 40 Notice.

- 17. During Plaintiffs' March 24, 2016, inspection, Plaintiffs also became aware that the allegedly defective sewer piping had also been repaired prior to Plaintiffs' inspection. Defendant did not provide notice to Plaintiffs of the allegedly defective sewer piping prior to performing this repair work, including, but not limited to, a Chapter 40 Notice.
- 18. On March 29, 2016, Plaintiffs sent correspondence to Defendant's counsel requesting information and documents relating to (1) the sewer line defect allegations identified in Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice, including the date of occurrence and date of repair of the alleged defects, and requesting the current location of any sewer line materials that were removed and replaced as part of Defendant's repair; and (2) the mechanical room piping defect allegations identified in Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice, including the date when the allegedly corroded pipes were replaced, the date the repair work was performed, the identity of the contractor(s) who performed the repair work, and also requesting Defendant confirm whether and where the removed mechanical room pipe materials have been stored for safekeeping. Defendant did not respond to Plaintiffs' March 29, 2016 correspondence.
- 19. On April 29, 2016, Plaintiffs sent follow up correspondence to Defendant's counsel requesting Defendant promptly provide information and documents relating to (1) the alleged sewer line defect allegations identified in Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice, including the date of occurrence and date of repair of the alleged defects, and requesting the current location of any sewer line materials that were removed and replaced as part of Defendant's repair; and (2) the alleged mechanical room piping defects identified in Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice, including the date when the allegedly corroded pipes were replaced, the date the repair work was performed, the identity of the contractor(s) who performed the repair work, and also requesting Defendant confirm whether and where the removed mechanical room pipe materials have been stored for safekeeping. Plaintiff requested a response from Defendant no later than May 3, 2016. Defendant did not respond to Plaintiffs' April 29, 2016 correspondence.

- 23. Pursuant to AB 125, Section 21(5) and Section 22, the six-year statute of repose applies retroactively to actions in which substantial completion of the improvement to real property occurred before February 6, 2015.
- 24. Upon information and belief, the Clark County Building Department issued a Certificate of Occupancy for Tower I (4525 Dean Martin Drive) on January 16, 2008.
- 25. Upon information and belief, the Clark County Building Department issued a Certificate of Occupancy for Tower II (4572 Dean Martin Drive) on March 31, 2008.
- 26. Plaintiffs contend the date of substantial completion of Tower I (4525 Dean Martin Drive) (as provided in NRS 11.2055(1)) is on or about January 16, 2008.
- 27. Plaintiffs contend the date of substantial completion of Tower II (4572 Dean Martin Drive) (as provided in NRS 11.2055(1)) is on or about March 31, 2008.
- 28. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that the six-year statute of repose applies retroactively to Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice and the defects alleged therein, because substantial completion of the Subject Property occurred prior to enactment of AB 125. Therefore, Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that Defendant's claims in its Chapter 40 Notice are all time barred by AB 125/NRS 11.202(1).
 - 29. The one-year "grace period" contained in AB 125, Section 21(6)(a) allows a

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as Vegas, NV 89144 (702) 258-6665 construction defect claim to proceed under the pre-AB 125 statutes of repose (i.e. eight-year, ten-year, or unlimited statutes of repose) only if the claim "accrued before the effective date of [the] act [February 24, 2015] and was commenced within 1 year of the effective date of [the] act [February 24, 2016]".

- 30. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that in order to be able to rely on AB 125, Section 21(6)(a)'s one-year "grace period," Defendant was required to provide Chapter 40 Notice to Plaintiffs prior to the effective date of the act [February 24, 2015] and to commence any lawsuit with regard to any unresolved claims prior to the expiration of AB 125, Section 21(6)(a)'s one-year "grace period" [February 24, 2016].
- 31. Defendant did not mail its Chapter 40 Notice to Plaintiffs until February 24, 2016, almost one year after the effective date of AB 125 (i.e. February 24, 2015).
- 32. Defendant did not contend in its Chapter 40 Notice that the claims alleged in its Chapter 40 Notice "accrued before the effective date" of AB 125.
- 33. Defendant did not commence a lawsuit within AB 125, Section 21(6)(a)'s one-year "grace period" (i.e. by February 24, 2016).
- 34. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that Defendant's claims in its Chapter 40 Notice are all time barred by AB 125/NRS 11.202(1).
- 35. Pursuant to NRS 40.615, as amended by AB 125, Section 6, a "Constructional Defect" must present an "unreasonable risk of injury to a person or property" or "proximately cause physical damage to the residence, an appurtenance or the real property to which the residents or appurtenance is affixed."
- 36. Plaintiffs contend that Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice failed to provide any evidence that any of the alleged defects involved an unreasonable risk of injury to a person or property or proximately cause physical damage to the Subject Property.
- 37. Pursuant to NRS 40.615, as amended by AB 125, Section 8, a claimant's Chapter 40 Notice must "identify in specific detail each defect, damage and injury to each residence or appurtenance that is the subject of the claim, including, without limitation, the exact location of each such defect, damage and injury..."

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- 38. Plaintiffs contend that Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice failed to identify in specific detail, each defect, damage and injury to the Subject Property, including, without limitation, the exact location of each such alleged defect, damage and injury.
- 39. Pursuant to NRS 116.3102 (1)(d), as amended by AB 125, Section 20, "...The association may not institute, defend or intervene in litigation or in arbitration, mediation or administrative proceedings in its own name on behalf of itself of units' owners with respect to an action for constructional defect pursuant to NRS 40.600 to 40.695, inclusive, and sections 2 and 3 of the act unless the action pertains exclusively to common elements."
- 40. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and Grant and Reservation of Easements for Panorama Towers ("CC&Rs") for the Subject Property, were recorded by the Clark County Recorder on or about November 7, 2006.
- 41. Article 1 of the Subject Property's CC&Rs relates to Definitions. Section 1.39 provides that "Common Elements shall mean all portions of the [Subject] Property other than the Units..."
- 42. Article 4 of the Subject Property's CC&Rs relates to the Unit and Boundary Descriptions. Section 4.2 (e) governs "apertures" and provides "Where there are apertures in any boundary, including, but not limited to, windows, doors, bay windows and skylights, such boundaries shall be extended to include the windows, doors and other fixtures located in such apertures, including all frameworks window casings and weather stripping thereof, except that the exterior surfaces made of glass and other transparent materials ...shall not be included in the boundaries of the Unit and shall therefore be Common Elements."
- 43. Article 6 of the Subject Property's CC&Rs relates to Maintenance. Section 6.4 governs maintenance of "units and limited common elements" and provides "Each Owner shall maintain, repair, replace, finish and restore or cause to be so maintained, repaired, replaced and restored, at such Owner's sole expense all portions of such Owner's Unit…"
- 44. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that Defendant's claims relating to the residential tower windows as alleged in the Chapter 40 Notice, fall within Article 4,

Section 4 (e) and Article 6, Section 6.4, of the Property's CC&Rs and are not within the "Common Elements" as defined in the CC&Rs. Therefore, Plaintiffs contend that Defendant lacks standing under AB 125 to bring claims relating to the residential tower windows.

- 45. On September 9, 2009, Defendant filed a Complaint for construction defects against Plaintiffs PANORAMA TOWERS I, LLC and PANORAMA TOWERS II, LLC, entitled Panorama Towers Condominium Unit Owners' Association v. Panorama Towers I, LLC, et al. (Eighth Judicial District Court, Department XXII, Case No. A-09-598902) (hereinafter referred to as "the Prior Litigation").
- 46. On January 17, 2011, Defendant filed an Amended Complaint in the Prior Litigation, naming Plaintiff M.J. DEAN CONSTRUCTION, INC. and others as additional defendants.
- 47. The parties in the Prior Litigation reached a settlement, and the terms of the settlement were set forth in writing in a Settlement Agreement and Release (hereinafter "Settlement Agreement").
- 48. The Settlement Agreement provides that "...the Agreement may be disclosed and shall be deemed admissible as may be necessary to enforce the terms hereof..."
- 49. Parties to the Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation include Plaintiffs PANORAMA TOWERS I, LLC, PANORAMA TOWERS II, LLC, and "all of their past, present and future managers, members, officers, directors, predecessors, successors-in-interest, and assigns and all other persons, firms or entities with whom any of the former have been, are now, or may hereinafter be affiliated," Plaintiff M.J. DEAN CONSTRUCTION, INC., and others.
- 50. Upon information and belief, the Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation was executed by Defendant on June 1, 2011, and approved as to form and content by Defendant's counsel on June 3, 2011.
- 51. The Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation provides an irrevocable and unconditional release by Defendant of Plaintiffs PANORAMA TOWERS I, LLC, PANORAMA TOWERS II, LLC, and M.J. DEAN CONSTRUCTION, INC., and "all of their respective heirs, executors, administrators, third party administrators, insurers, trustors, trustees, beneficiaries,

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predecessors, successors, assigns, members, partners, partnerships, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, and related entities and each of the foregoing respective officers, directors, stockholders, controlling persons, principals, agents, servants, employees, representatives, and all persons, firms and entities connective with them, including, without limitation, their insurers and sureties, who are or who may ever become liable to them as to any and all demands, liens, claims, defects, assignments, contracts, covenants, actions, suits, causes of action, costs, expenses, attorneys [sic] fees, damages, losses, controversies, judgments, orders and liabilities of whatsoever kind and nature, at equity or otherwise, either now known with respect to the construction defect claims ever asserted in the SUBJECT ACTION or related to the alleged defect claims ever asserted in the SUBJECT ACTION...This release specifically does not extend to claims arising out of defects not presently known to the HOA."

- Plaintiffs PANORAMA TOWERS I, LLC, M.J. DEAN CONSTRUCTION, INC. 52. and/or their privies, Plaintiffs LAURENT HALLIER, PANORAMA TOWERS I MEZZ LLC, and Defendant PANORAMA TOWERS CONDOMINIUM UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION are the same in the instant matter as in the Prior Litigation. Therefore, Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that claim preclusion applies to the defects alleged in Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice and prevents Defendants from bringing said claims against Plaintiffs in a subsequent action.
- 53. The Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation provides that Plaintiffs (and others) "shall bear no responsibility whatsoever as to the re-design, repairs, remediation, corrective work, maintenance, and/or damage arising therefrom, or how the settlement funds shall be divided, distributed, or spent, or to remedy any of the claims released herein."
- The Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation also provides that Defendant 54. "covenants and agrees that it shall not bring any other claim, action, suit or proceeding" against Plaintiffs (and others) "regarding the matters settled, released and dismissed hereby."
- Furthermore, the Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation also provides that if 55. Defendant, "or any person or organization on its behalf, including an insurer, ever pursues litigation related to the PROJECT which seeks to impose liability for defects that were known to [Defendant]" at the time the Settlement Agreement was executed by Defendant, than "[Defendant]

will defend, indemnify, and hold harmless" Plaintiffs (and others) "and their insurers with respect to such litigation."

- 56. On September 26, 2016, Plaintiffs' counsel personally tendered Plaintiffs' defense and indemnity pursuant to the express terms of the Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation, to Defendant's counsel.
- 57. On January 19, 2012, the Court entered an Order based upon the stipulation of counsel and the parties, ordering all claims against Plaintiffs PANORAMA TOWERS I, LLC, M.J. DEAN CONSTRUCTION, INC. and others in the Prior Litigation, be dismissed with prejudice.
- 58. Notice of Entry of the Order dismissing the Prior Litigation against PANORAMA TOWERS I, LLC, M.J. DEAN CONSTRUCTION, INC. and others, with prejudice, was entered on January 23, 2012.
- 59. The dismissal with prejudice of Plaintiffs' asserted claims and/or related to the asserted claims in the Prior Litigation operates as a final judgment (i.e. an adjudication on the merits) in the Prior Litigation, pursuant to NRCP 41(b). Thus, the final judgment in the Prior Litigation is valid. Therefore, Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that claim preclusion applies to the defects alleged in Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice and all grounds of recovery by Defendant against Plaintiffs related thereto.
- 60. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that the defects alleged by Defendant in Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice were asserted in the Prior Litigation and/or are related to alleged defect claims asserted in the Prior Litigation, and were irrevocably released in the Settlement Agreement. Thus, the defects alleged in Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice are based on the same claims or are part of the same claims brought against Plaintiffs in the Prior Litigation. Therefore, Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that claim preclusion applies to the defects alleged in Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice and prevents Defendants from bringing said claims against Plaintiffs in a subsequent action.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Declaratory Relief – Application of AB 125)

61. Plaintiffs refer to, reallege and incorporate by reference Paragraphs 1 through 60

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- 62. Upon information and belief, Defendant intends to file a Complaint against Plaintiffs for the alleged construction defects identified in Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice.
- Upon information and belief, Defendant will seek damages against Plaintiffs for 63. Defendant's prior repair costs, the costs of future repairs, its expert fees and costs, attorney's fees and interest, as well as other damages, relating to the alleged construction defects identified in Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice.
- A justiciable controversy now exists between Plaintiffs and Defendant as to their 64. respective rights and liabilities relating to Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice and the defects alleged therein, including whether any or all of Defendant's claims are all time barred by AB 125/NRS 11.202(1), and/or whether Defendant has standing to bring claims relating to the residential tower windows.
- 65. Plaintiffs' and Defendant's interests in the controversy are adverse. contend Defendant may not recover damages against Plaintiffs relating to the claims in Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice. Upon information and belief, Defendant contends otherwise. Thus, Plaintiffs' and Defendant's interests are adverse to each other.
- Plaintiffs assert a claim of a legally protectible right with respect to Defendant's 66. Chapter 40 Notice and the construction defects alleged therein. Plaintiffs have a legally protectible interest with respect to whether a jury awards damages against them in favor or Defendant.
- Plaintiffs and Defendant have completed the mandatory pre-litigation process for the 67. construction defect claims alleged in Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice. As a result, the controversy is ripe for judicial determination.
- All the rights and obligations of the parties hereto arose out of what is actually one 68. transaction or one series of transactions, happenings or events, all of which can be settled and determined in a judgment in this one action.
- 69. Plaintiffs allege that an actual controversy exists between Plaintiffs and Defendant under the circumstances alleged, which Plaintiffs request the Court resolve. A declaration of rights, responsibilities and obligations of Plaintiffs and Defendant, and each of them, is essential to

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- 78. All the rights and obligations of the parties hereto arose out of what is actually one transaction or one series of transactions, happenings or events, all of which can be settled and determined in a judgment in this one action.
- 79. Plaintiffs allege that an actual controversy exists between Plaintiffs and Defendant under the circumstances alleged, which Plaintiffs request the Court resolve. A declaration of rights, responsibilities and obligations of Plaintiffs and Defendant, and each of them, is essential to determine their respective obligations in connection with the Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation, and Plaintiffs have no true and speedy remedy at law of any kind.
- 80. It has been necessary for Plaintiffs to retain the services of Bremer, Whyte, Brown & O'Meara LLP to bring this action. Accordingly, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred therein.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Failure to Comply With NRS 40.600 et seq.)

- 81. Plaintiffs refer to, reallege and incorporate by reference Paragraphs 1 through 80, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.
- 82. Defendant failed to comply with NRS 40.645(2)(b) and (c) in that Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice does not identify in specific detail the alleged defect, damage and injury, including without limitation, the exact location of the alleged defect, damage and injury, relating to the alleged residential tower windows defects.
- 83. Defendant failed to comply with NRS 40.645(2)(b) and (c) in that Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice does not identify in specific detail the alleged defect, damage and injury, including without limitation, the exact location of the alleged defect, damage and injury, relating to the alleged residential tower fire blocking defects.
- 84. Defendant failed to comply with NRS 40.645(2)(b) and (c) in that Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice does not identify in specific detail the alleged defect, damage and injury, including

93. It has been necessary for Plaintiffs to retain the services of Bremer, Whyte, Brown & O'Meara LLP to bring this action. Accordingly, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred therein.

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Breach of Contract)

- 94. Plaintiffs refer to, reallege and incorporate by reference Paragraphs 1 through 93, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.
- 95. Plaintiffs and Defendant entered into a Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation; whereby: (1) in full and complete settlement of the claims asserted in the Prior Litigation, Plaintiffs paid a monetary settlement to Defendant, the amount of which is confidential; (2) Defendant expressly agreed it would not bring any other claim, action, suit or proceeding against Plaintiffs (and others) regarding the matters settled, released and dismissed in the Prior Litigation; and (3) Defendant agreed to defend and indemnify Plaintiffs (and others) and to hold Plaintiffs (and others) harmless with respect to any litigation relating to defects that were known to Defendant at the time Defendant executed the Settlement Agreement.
- 96. Plaintiffs have performed all the terms, conditions, covenants and promises required of Plaintiffs in the Settlement Agreement. Defendant failed and refused to perform the terms, conditions, covenants and promises required of Defendant in the Settlement Agreement, despite Plaintiffs' demand to do so, thereby materially breaching the terms of the settlement and the Settlement Agreement.
- 97. As a proximate cause of Defendant's breaches of the Settlement Agreement, Plaintiffs have and continue to suffer damages, which include, without limitation, attorney's fees, costs, statutory interest and costs, expended in pursuant of this Complaint.
- 98. It has been necessary for Plaintiffs to retain the services of Bremer, Whyte, Brown & O'Meara LLP to bring this action. Accordingly, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred therein.

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SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Declaratory Relief - Duty to Defend)

- 99. Plaintiffs refer to, reallege and incorporate by reference Paragraphs 1 through 98, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.
- 100. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation, Plaintiffs contend Defendant has a duty to defend Plaintiffs (and others) with respect to any subsequent litigation relating to defects that were known to Defendant at the time Defendant executed the Settlement Agreement, and upon information and belief, Defendant contends otherwise.
- 101. A justiciable controversy now exists between Plaintiffs and Defendant as to their respective rights and obligations in the Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation in that Plaintiffs contend that Defendant has a duty to defend Plaintiffs (and others) involving the alleged defects/claims released in the Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation, including, but not limited to, Defendant's alleged residential tower windows, and residential tower fire blocking defects, which Plaintiffs assert were known to Defendant at the time Defendant executed the Settlement Agreement or are reasonably related to claims that were known to Defendant at the time Defendant executed the Settlement Agreement. Upon information and belief, Defendant contends otherwise. Thus, Plaintiffs' and Defendant's interests in the controversy are adverse.
- 102. Plaintiffs assert a claim of a legally protectible right with respect to the Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation and the defects alleged and settled therein. Plaintiffs have a legally protectible interest with respect to whether a jury awards damages against them in favor or Defendant.
- 103. Plaintiffs and Defendant have completed the mandatory pre-litigation process for the construction defect claims alleged in Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice. As a result, the controversy is ripe for judicial determination.
- 104. All the rights and obligations of the parties hereto arose out of what is actually one transaction or one series of transactions, happenings or events, all of which can be settled and determined in a judgment in this one action.
 - 105. Plaintiffs allege that an actual controversy exists between Plaintiffs and Defendant

under the circumstances alleged, which Plaintiffs request the Court resolve. A declaration of rights, responsibilities and obligations of Plaintiffs and Defendant, and each of them, is essential to determine their respective obligations in connection with the Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation, and Plaintiffs have no true and speedy remedy at law of any kind.

106. It has been necessary for Plaintiffs to retain the services of Bremer, Whyte, Brown & O'Meara LLP to bring this action. Accordingly, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred therein.

SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Declaratory Relief - Duty to Indemnify)

- 107. Plaintiffs refer to, reallege and incorporate by reference Paragraphs 1 through 106, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.
- 108. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation, Plaintiffs contend Defendant has a duty indemnify Plaintiffs and to hold Plaintiffs (and others) harmless with respect to any subsequent litigation relating to defects that were known to Defendant at the time Defendant executed the Settlement Agreement, and upon information and belief, Defendant contends otherwise.
- 109. A justiciable controversy now exists between Plaintiffs and Defendant as to their respective rights and obligations in the Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation in that Plaintiffs contend that Defendant has a duty to defend Plaintiffs (and others) involving the alleged defects/claims released in the Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation, including, but not limited to, Defendant's alleged residential tower windows, and residential tower fire blocking defects, which Plaintiffs assert were known to Defendant at the time Defendant executed the Settlement Agreement or are reasonably related to claims that were known to Defendant at the time Defendant executed the Settlement Agreement. Upon information and belief, Defendant contends otherwise. Thus, Plaintiffs' and Defendant's interests in the controversy are adverse.
- 110. Plaintiffs assert a claim of a legally protectible right with respect to the Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation and the defects alleged and settled therein. Plaintiffs have a

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17	vs.)
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13	liability company and M.J. DEAN CONSTRUCTION, INC., a Nevada Corporation,	
14	Plaintiffs,	MOTION TO DISMISS COMPLAINT
15	vs.	
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17	UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, a Nevada non-profit corporation,	
18	Defendant.	
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1	This motion is based on the pleadings on file, the following Memorandum of Points and		
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13	MEZZ, LLC, and M.J. DEAN CONSTRUCTION, INC.		
14	TO: PETER C. BROWN, ESQ. and DARLENE M. CARTER, ESQ, attorneys for the		
15	Plaintiffs.		
16	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned will bring the foregoing motion on for		
17	hearing in Department XXII of the above-entitled Court on the 10 day of JANUARY 2016 at 10:30 A a.m		
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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

INTRODUCTION

The complaint filed by Hallier reflects a novel effort to preempt potential future construction defect litigation by suing the potential plaintiff property owner before the property owner files suit of its own. In this instance, Panorama served Hallier with a Chapter 40 notice, the parties agreed to mediate, a meditation conference was unsuccessful, and Hallier then filed the present complaint against Panorama two days after the mediation conference.

If the court allows this action to proceed, it will open the door to a new wave of litigation in Nevada in which builders file preemptive suits against property owners who have served them with Chapter 40 notices.

However, that door should remain closed because Hallier's complaint does not, and cannot state a claim upon which relief can be granted. Hallier's complaint asserts two categories of claims, neither of which is sustainable: (i) those seeking declaratory relief, and (ii) those seeking affirmative relief for alleged "damages."

The declaratory relief claims are based on Hallier's "information and belief" that Panorama may file a construction defect suit against it. However, there is no "justiciable controversy" ripe for determination where — as held by the Nevada Supreme Court — "the existence of a controversy is dependent upon the happening of future events." Unless this Court is prepared to create new law allowing a complainant to obtain judicial review of potential future events, all of the declaratory relief claims must be denied.

Similarly, Hallier wants to create new law allowing a builder to obtain affirmative relief from a property owner for "damages" arising from the service of a Chapter 40 notice by the property owner. Again, were Hallier allowed to proceed on its damage claims, we can anticipate that every builder served with a Chapter 40 notice will sue the property owner for damages. However, that should not happen because Hallier's complaint fails to identify any actionable conduct by Panorama, or any recoverable damage resulting from Panorama's conduct; *i.e.*, Hallier does not, and cannot plead a cognizable cause of action.

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BACKGROUND

The only background facts needed to resolve this motion are the following facts alleged in the complaint.

Panorama filed a construction defect suit against Hallier on September 9, 2009 (¶45). That suit was settled pursuant to a settlement agreement signed in June 2011 (¶50, the Settlement Agreement). Unlike most settlement agreements, which include a release of any and all claims, whether known or unknown, the release in this Settlement Agreement was for known claims only; it states in relevant part, "This release specifically does not extend to claims arising out of defects not presently known to the HOA" (¶51).

On February 24, 2016, Panorama served Hallier with a Chapter 40 notice (¶9). The notice asserted defects discovered by Panorama since the prior suit settled, involving tower windows, fire blocking, mechanical room piping and sewer piping (¶10).

On September 26, 2016, the parties participated in a pre-litigation mediation regarding the defects alleged in the Chapter 40 notice, as required by NRS 40.060; however, the parties were unable to reach resolution, and the mandatory pre-litigation process was concluded (\$\frac{1}{2}\$1).

On September 28, 2016, Hallier filed the instant complaint.

ARGUMENT

A. MOTION TO DISMISS STANDARD

A defendant is entitled to dismissal when a plaintiff fails "to state a claim upon which relief can be granted." NRCP 12(b)(5). A plaintiff fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted if it appears beyond doubt that the claimant would be able to prove no set of facts that would entitle him to relief. See Buzz Stew, LLC v. City of North Las Vegas, 124 Nev. 224, 181 P.3d 670, 672 (2008); Morris v. Bank of America, 110 Nev. 1274, 3227 (1994).

Although Nevada is a notice-pleading jurisdiction, at minimum a complaint "must set forth sufficient facts to establish all necessary elements of a claim for relief ... so that the adverse party has adequate notice of the nature of the claim and relief sought." See Hay v. Hay, 100 Nev. 196, 198 (1984); Ravera v. City of Reno, 100 Nev. 68, 70 (1984). In considering the motion, the court must accept all of the non-moving party's factual allegations as true and construe them in its favor.

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See Buzz Stew, 181 P.3d at 672; Morris, 110 Nev. at 1276. However, "the allegations must be legally sufficient to constitute the elements of a claim asserted". Sanchez v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., 125 Nev. 818, 823, 221 P.3d 1276, 1280 (2009).

Additionally, it is well established that the court is "not bound to accept as true a legal conclusion couched as a factual allegation." Papasan v. Allain, 478 U.S. 265, 286, 106 S. Ct. 2932, 2944 (1986); see also Baily v. Gates, 52 Nev. 432, 437, 290 P.411, 412 (1930) ("Good pleading requires that . . . the facts relating to the matter be averred, leaving the court to draw the legal conclusion . . . ").

B. DECLARATORY RELIEF - HALLIER'S CLAIMS FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF IMPROPERLY SEEK THE COURT'S JUDICIAL DETERMINATION OF A FUTURE HYPOTHETICAL EVENT

1. Hypothetical future events are not justiciable

Hallier's First, Second, Sixth and Seventh Claims for Relief each seek "[a] declaration of rights, responsibilities and obligations of Plaintiffs and Defendant" (¶¶ 69, 79, 105, 113).

In order to state a legally sufficient claim for declaratory relief, a plaintiff must plead facts and conditions demonstrating that "(1) a justiciable controversy exists between persons with adverse interests, (2) the party seeking declaratory relief has a legally protectable interest in the controversy, and (3) the issue is ripe for judicial determination." County of Clark, ex rel. Univ. Med. Ctr. v. Upchurch, 114 Nev. 749, 752, 961 P.2d 754, 756 (1998), citing Knittle v. Progressive Casualty Ins. Co., 112 Nev. 8, 10, 908 P.2d 724, 725 (1996); Kress v. Corey, 65 Nev. 1, 189 P.2d at 364.

And, significantly, a controversy is not justiciable if it's existence is dependent upon hypothetical future occurrences. The Nevada Supreme Court, in Cox v. Glenbrook Co., 78 Nev. 254, 267–68, 371 P.2d 647, 655–56 (1962), made clear that:

> [F]actual circumstances which may arise in the future cannot be fairly determined now. As to this phase of the case we are asked to make a hypothetical adjudication, where there is presently no justiciable controversy, and where the existence of a controversy is dependent upon the happening of future events. [Citation omitted]. A declaratory judgment should deal with a present, ascertained or ascertainable state of facts....

"When the rights of the plaintiff are contingent upon the happening of some event which cannot be forecast and which may never take place, a court cannot provide declaratory relief." Knittle v. Progressive Cas. Ins. Co., 112 Nev. 8, 908 P.2d 725-726 (1996), citing Farmers Ins. Exchange v. District Court, 862 P2d 944 (Colo. 1993). "A primary focus...[is]...the degree to which the harm alleged by the party seeking review is sufficiently concrete, rather than remote or hypothetical, to yield a justiciable controversy. Alleged harm that is speculative or hypothetical is insufficient; an existing controversy must be present." Herbst v. Secretary of State, 122 Nev. Adv. Op. 61, 141 P.3d 1224, 1231 (2006).

Here, Hallier's entire complaint is based on a hypothetical future event – that Panorama may in the future file a construction defect suit against Hallier. Hallier alleges, "[u]pon information and belief, Defendant intends to file a Complaint against Plaintiffs for the alleged construction defects identified in Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice" (¶¶ 62, 72).

All of Hallier's declaratory relief claims are based on this hypothetical future suit, and are therefore premature. Panorama will address each of these claims separately.

2. First claim – application of AB 125

This claim is based on Hallier's "information and belief' that Panorama will file a Chapter 40 suit against it (¶62), and will seek damages for repairs (¶63). There is a "justiciable controversy," according to Hallier, because this future suit would be time barred by AB 125/NRS 11.202(1) (¶64).

However, there is no way to know whether the claims in this future suit are or may be time barred unless and until the future suit is actually filed and one can review the allegations in the complaint to see what claims or damages are alleged, and whether they may be late.

There is a time tested remedy for one in Hallier's positon, which is not to file a declaratory relief suit, but to wait until the hypothetical future suit is filed and then test the statute of limitations by motion for summary judgment. Meanwhile, there is no current justiciable controversy as to whether the hypothetical claims alleged in Panorama's hypothetical future suit are time barred.

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3. Second claim - claim preclusion

This claim is again based on Hallier's "information and belief" that Panorama will file a Chapter 40 suit against it (¶72), and will seek damages for repairs (¶73). There is a "justiciable controversy," according to Hallier, pertaining "to their respective rights and liabilities relating to the Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation and the defects alleged and released therein" (¶74).

Presumably, Hallier wants the Court to determine now whether the claims Panorama may allege in a future suit are barred by the release in the Settlement Agreement, in which Panorama released those claims "presently known to the HOA" (¶51).

Again, there is no way to know whether the claims in this future suit are or may be precluded by the Settlement Agreement unless and until the future suit is actually filed and one can review the allegations in the complaint to see what claims or damages are alleged, and whether they were "presently known to the HOA." There is no current justiciable controversy as to whether the hypothetical claims alleged in Panorama's hypothetical future suit are barred by the Settlement Agreement.

4. Sixth and seventh claims – duty to defend and indemnify

These claims are premised on an alleged duty in the Settlement Agreement requiring Panorama to *defend and indemnify* Hallier in "any subsequent litigation relating to defects that were known to Defendant" at the time of the Settlement Agreement (¶100, 108). Hallier asserts, again based on "information and belief," that Panorama disputes this alleged duty (*id.*).

Again, these claims are based on a future event, the "subsequent litigation" that has yet to be filed. There can be no duty to defend or indemnify a suit that has not yet been filed, nor can there be a current justiciable controversy regarding the duty to defend or indemnify such a non-existent suit.

Notably, the Settlement Agreement expressly contemplates future suits by Panorama against Hallier, as reflected by the release in the Settlement Agreement, which is limited to "known" claims (¶51). The fact that the parties recognized the potential for future litigation pertaining to unknown defects is entirely inconsistent with the notion proposed by Hallier that

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Panorama would have some obligation to defend and indemnify Hallier in connection with such a future suit.1

5. Conclusion

Again, an action seeking declarations of the rights and obligations of the parties based upon factual circumstances that do not yet exist is premature and not yet ripe for judicial intervention. Cox v. Glenbrook Co., 78 Nev. 254, 371 P.2d 647 (1962). Because Hallier's claims for declaratory relief are based on a yet-to-be filed future suit by Panorama against Hallier, they should be dismissed.

C. AFFIRMATIVE RELIEF – HALLIER'S CLAIMS FOR AFFIRMATIVE RELIEF ALL FAIL BECAUSE HALLIER HAS FAILED TO ALLEGE ANY (1) ACTIONABLE CONDUCT BY PANORAMA, OR (2) ANY RESULTING DAMAGE

Introduction 1.

It is elemental that one asserting a cause of action for affirmative relief must assert a cognizable cause of action -i.e., actionable conduct by the defendant and damages resulting from the defendant's conduct. Here, Hallier has asserted three claims for affirmative relief, none of which are actionable.

2. Third claim – failure to comply with NRS 40.600 et seq.

Hallier alleges that Panorama's Chapter 40 notice failed to comply with the requirements contained in NRS 40.645 (¶ 82, 83, 84, 85), and that it has been denied its "statutory rights under NRS 40.6472" (¶ 86, 87, 88), requiring it "to retain the services of Bremer, Whyte, Brown & O'Meara LLP to bring this action" (¶ 90).

However, Chapter 40 does not provide a right of action for defective notice. Instead, Chapter 40 offers recourse to a party if "a claimant commences an action" after failing to comply with noticing requirements. (NRS 40.647(2)(a) and (b), italics added.) And, again, Panorama has not commenced an action subsequent to its Chapter 40 notice. Filing a Chapter 40 notice is not

¹ In fact, the indemnity provision in the Settlement Agreement is typical of the indemnity provisions inserted in settlement agreements involving construction defect suits brought by HOAs. The HOA will typically agree to indemnify the developer for claims by third parties, such as homeowners or the HOA's insurer, not claims brought by the HOA itself. The whole concept of indemnity is that the indemnitor has agreed to protect the indemnitee from claims by third parties not claims brought by the indemnitor.

actionable, even if the notice is defective. And, because Hallier has a remedy for any defective notice if and when Panorama files suit, it was not required "to retain the services of Bremer, Whyte, Brown & O'Meara LLP to bring this action" – and has therefore sustained no damage other than self-inflicted damage.²

According to Hallier, every builder who is served with a Chapter 40 notice, alleged to be defective, has an immediate right of action against the property owner upon the conclusion of the Chapter 40 proceeding. However, serving a defective Chapter 40 notice is not actionable under Nevada law, and Hallier has alleged no damage resulting from the allegedly defective notice.

3. Fourth claim - suppression of evidence/spoliation

The Nevada Supreme Court has "decline[d] to recognize [that] an independent tort exists for spoliation of evidence regardless of whether the alleged spoliation is committed by a first or third party". *Timber Tech Engineered Bldg. Products v. The Home Ins. Co.*, 118 Nev. 630, 55 P.3d 952 (2002). Moreover, Hallier fails to articulate a cognizable negligence claim for spoliation. Such a claim would require the allegation the Panorama owed a duty to Hallier to preserve evidence. *Id.* In the instant action, neither the allegation nor the duty exists.

Hallier's allegations regarding spoliation consist, in their entirety, of the following:

92. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege that Defendant and/or its agents have intentionally suppressed and/or destroyed evidence relating to Defendant's *claims* against Plaintiffs and/or Plaintiffs' *defenses to such claims* with the intent to harm Plaintiffs, or Defendants negligently lost or destroyed such evidence. [Italics added.]

Having alleged that the prior Chapter 40 proceeding has been concluded (¶21), and having failed to allege that Panorama has since filed suit against Hallier, there are no pending "claims" by Panorama against Hallier in which the allegedly destroyed evidence could be used as a defense. Accordingly, Hallier has failed to allege any damage resulting from the alleged spoliation, for which no independent tort claim exists; nor have they alleged the elements of a negligence claim for spoliation, for which no duty to preserve presently exists.

² The fact that Hallier retained attorneys in the Chapter 40 pre-litigation proceeding was not because the notice was defective, but because the notice was served; Hallier would have retained attorneys to respond to the Chapter 40 notice whether the notice was defective or not.

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4. Fifth claim – breach of contract

To state a legally sufficient claim for breach of contract, "[u]nder Nevada state law, the plaintiff ... must allege (1) the existence of a valid contract; (2) a breach by the defendant; and (3) damage as a result of the breach." *Saini v. Int'l Game Tech.*, 434 F. Supp. 2d 913, 919-20 (D. Nev. 2006).

Here, Hallier's breach of contract claim is premised on two alleged promises made by Panorama in the Settlement Agreement: (i) "that it would not bring any other claim, action, suit or proceeding against [Hallier] ... regarding the matters settled, released and dismissed in the Prior Litigation"; and (ii) to defend and indemnify Hallier "with respect to any litigation related to defects that were known to [Panorama]" at the time of the Settlement Agreement (¶95).

As to the first of these promises, Hallier neglects to identify either (a) which matters were settled, released and dismissed in the Prior Litigation, or (b) which settled, released and dismissed matter Panorama has brought a claim, action, suit or proceeding upon. Hallier is unable to set forth sufficient facts upon which to allege a breach of this promise because, in fact, no such facts presently exist.

Moreover, while Hallier neglects to plead the language in the Settlement Agreement that allegedly comprises this promise, it does plead language from the agreement that negates this alleged promise. That is, Hallier pleads the language of the release in which Panorama only agreed to release "known" claims (¶51), thus demonstrating that the Settlement Agreement expressly contemplated that Panorama would bring a future "claim, action, suit or proceeding against" Hallier.

As to the second alleged promise, that Panorama would indemnify Hallier "with respect to any litigation," Hallier has not alleged that the promise was breached. There is no allegation of any "litigation" that has been filed, or that Panorama has refused to defend or indemnify Hallier in any such "litigation."

And, in either case, Hallier has not alleged any damage resulting from the alleged breach of these alleged promises.

5. Conclusion

Hallier asserts, in essence, (i) that the giving of notice by a property owner to a builder pursuant to Chapter 40 gives rise to a right of action by the builder against the property owner for damages; (ii) that a builder may sue a property owner for spoliation of evidence, even though there is no pending claim in which the allegedly destroyed evidence would be relevant; and (iii) that a plaintiff who settles a case pursuant to a release for "known" claims only, may be sued for breaching the settlement agreement by pursuing previously *unknown* claims. These assertions are not only ludicrous on their face, but do not allege any actionable conduct or resulting damage.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the papers and pleadings on file herein, and any arguments presented at the hearing of this Motion, Panorama respectfully requests that this Court enter an order dismissing the Complaint, and for other such relief as the Court deems reasonable and proper.

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The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 7th day of December, 2016, a copy of the foregoing, MOTION TO DISMISS COMPLAINT, was served to the following individuals and/or entities by e-file service only:

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23	PANORAMA TOWERS I MEZZ LLC; and M.J.	DEAN CONSTRUCTION, INC., by and through
24	their attorneys of record, the law firm of Bremer, \	Whyte, Brown & O'Meara LLP, and hereby bring
25	their Opposition ("Opposition") to Defendant	Panorama Towers Unit Owners Association's
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3	Brown, Esq., the Affidavit of Rachel Bounds	, and any and all evidence and/or testimony accepted	
4	by this Honorable Court at the time of the hearing on this Motion.		
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AFFIDAVIT OF RACHEL BOUNDS IN SUPPORT OF PLAI PANORAMA TOWERS UNIT OWNERS ASSOCIATION'S MOTION TO DISMISS ${f COMPLAINT}$

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- I, RACHEL BOUNDS, being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:
 - I am a paralegal at the law firm of Bremer, Whyte, Brown & O'Meara, LLP.
- Bremer, Whyte, Brown & O'Meara, LLP, is counsel for Plaintiffs, LAURENT HALLIER; PANORAMA TOWERS I, LLC; PANORAMA TOWERS I MEZZ, LLC; and M.J. DEAN CONSTRUCTION, INC. (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Builders") in the above
- I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein, and if called to testify, I could competently do so.
- This Affidavit is submitted pursuant to EDCR 2.21, in support of Plaintiffs' (Builders') Opposition to Defendant Panorama Towers Unit Owners Association's Motion to
- On December 29, 2016, I spoke with Jeremy Johnson, a record technician with the Clark County Building Department to obtain any Certificates of Occupancy, Notices of Completion and Final Inspection documents relating to two residential towers in the Panorama Towers Condominiums project, located at 4525 Dean Martin Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada ("Tower I") and 4575 Dean Martin Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada ("Tower II") (hereinafter together referred to
- Mr. Johnson informed me that Clark County does not issue Notices of Completion or a Final Inspection report. Rather, a once a building passes final inspection Clark County issues a Certificate of Occupancy, and the date of final inspection of a building is listed on the Certificate of Occupancy as "Building Final."

- 7. Mr. Johnson also informed me that the Certificates of Occupancy for the Project were available on the Clark County web site.
- 8. Following my discussion with Mr. Johnson, Mr. Johnson sent me e-mail correspondence, with an attachment containing instructions on how to obtain the Certificates of Occupancy for the Project.
- 9. Attached as Exhibit "1" is a true and correct copy of the e-mail and instructions received from Mr. Johnson.
- 10. I followed the instructions provided by Mr. Johnson and I downloaded the Certificates of Occupancy for the Project from the Clark County web site, at http://www.clarkcountynv.gov.
- 11. The Certificate of Occupancy issued by Clark County for Tower I of the Panorama Towers Condominiums, located at 4525 Dean Martin Drive, is dated January 16, 2008, and identifies the date of Building Final as March 16, 2007.
- 12. Attached as Exhibit "2" is a true and correct copy of the Certificate of Occupancy for Tower I, obtained from the Clark County website.
- 13. The Certificate of Occupancy issued by Clark County for Tower II of the Panorama Towers Condominiums, located at 4575 Dean Martin Drive, is dated March 31, 2008, and identifies the date of Building Final as July 16, 2007.
- 14. Attached as Exhibit "3" is a true and correct copy of the Certificate of Occupancy for Tower II, obtained from the Clark County website.

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Sworn and Subscribed to before me

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AFFIDAVIT OF PETER C. BROWN, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' (BUILDERS') OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT PANORAMA TOWERS UNIT OWNERS ASSOCIATION'S MOTION TO DISMISS COMPLAINT

STATE OF NEVADA)

COUNTY OF CLARK)

I, PETER C. BROWN, ESQ., being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

- 1. I am a Partner at the law firm of Bremer, Whyte, Brown & O'Meara, LLP, and I am in good standing and licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada.
- 2. Bremer, Whyte, Brown & O'Meara LLP, is counsel for Plaintiffs Laurent Hallier; Panorama Towers I, LLC; Panorama Towers I Mezz, LLC and M.J. Dean Construction, Inc. (hereinafter collectively "Builders"), in the above captioned-matter.
- 3. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein, and if called to testify, I could competently do so.
- 4. This Affidavit is submitted pursuant to EDCR 2.21, in support of Plaintiffs' (Builders') Opposition ("Opposition") to Defendant Panorama Towers Unit Owners Association's ("Association") Motion to Dismiss Complaint.
- 5. On September 9, 2009, the Association filed a Complaint for construction defects against Builders PANORAMA TOWERS I, LLC and PANORAMA TOWERS II, LLC, entitled Panorama Towers Condominium Unit Owners' Association v. Panorama Towers I, LLC, et al. (Eighth Judicial District Court, Department XXII, Case No. A-09-598902) (hereinafter referred to as "the Prior Litigation"). On January 17, 2011, the Association filed an Amended Complaint in the Prior Litigation, naming Builders M.J. DEAN CONSTRUCTION, INC. and others as additional defendants.
- 6. The parties in the Prior Litigation reached a settlement, and the terms of the settlement were set forth in writing in a Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release (hereinafter "Settlement Agreement").
- 7. A true and correct copy of the Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation has been provided to the Court *in camera*, concurrently with the filing of Builders' Opposition. The

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Suite 250 Las Vegas, NV 89144 (702) 258-8685 Settlement Agreement shall be referenced as Exhibit "4" in this Opposition.

- 8. On or about February 24, 2016, the Association, through its counsel, separately served Laurent Hallier (the principal of Panorama Towers I, LLC) and M.J. Dean with a "Notice to Contractor Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes, Section 40.645" ("Chapter 40 Notice"). Other than the addressee's name, the Chapter 40 Notices served on Mr. Hallier and M.J. Dean are the same.
- 9. Attached as **Exhibit "5"** is a true and correct copy of the Association's Chapter 40 Notice dated February 24, 2016.
- 10. The Association's Chapter 40 Notice alleges defects and damages involving: (1) residential tower windows, (2) residential tower fire blocking; (3) mechanical room piping; and (4) sewer piping.
- 11. On or about March 24, 2016, Builders, via their experts, visually inspected the defects alleged in Defendant's Chapter 40 Notice.
- 12. During Builders' March 24, 2016, inspection, Builders observed that the majority of the allegedly defective (i.e. corroded) mechanical room piping had been removed and replaced prior to Builders' inspection. The Association did not provide notice to Builders of the allegedly defective mechanical room piping prior to the removal and replacement of this piping, including, but not limited to, a Chapter 40 Notice.
- 13. During Builders' March 24, 2016, inspection, Builders also became aware that the allegedly defective sewer piping had also been repaired prior to Builders' inspection. The Association did not provide notice to Builders of the allegedly defective sewer piping prior to this repair work being performed, including, but not limited to, a Chapter 40 Notice.
- 14. On March 29, 2016, Builders sent correspondence to the Association (via its counsel) requesting information and documents relating to (1) the sewer line defect allegations identified in the Association's Chapter 40 Notice, including the date of occurrence and date of repair of the alleged defects, and requesting the current location of any sewer line materials that were removed and replaced as part of the Association's repair; and (2) the mechanical room piping defect allegations identified in the Association's Chapter 40 Notice, including the date when the

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1 allegedly corroded pipes were replaced, the date the repair work was performed, the identity of the contractor(s) who performed the repair work, and also requesting the Association confirm whether and where the removed mechanical room pipe materials have been stored for safekeeping. The Association did not respond to Builders' March 29, 2016 correspondence.

- Attached as Exhibit "6" is a true and correct copy of Builders' March 29, 2016 15. correspondence to the Association.
- On April 29, 2016, Builders sent follow up correspondence to the Association (via 16. its counsel) again requesting the Association promptly provide information and documents requested in Builders' March 29, 2016 correspondence. Builders requested a response from the Association no later than May 3, 2016. However, the Association did not respond to Builders' April 29, 2016 correspondence.
- Attached as Exhibit "7" is a true and correct copy of Builders' April 29, 2016 17. correspondence to the Association.
- On May 24, 2016, Builders served the Association with Builders' Response to the 18. Association's Chapter 40 Notice.
- On September 26, 2016, Builders and the Association participated in a pre-litigation 19. mediation regarding the claims and defects included in the Association's Chapter 40 Notice, as required by NRS 40.680, but were unable to reach a resolution. As a result, the mandatory prelitigation process concluded.
- At the pre-litigation on September 26, 2016, Builders tendered their defense and 20. indemnity to the Association pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement.
- Attached as Exhibit "8" is a true and correct copy of Builders' tender of defense 21. and indemnity, dated September 26, 2016.
- On November 28, 2016, the Association provided its response to Builders' tender of 22. defense and indemnity, wherein it declined to defend and/or indemnify Builders.
- Attached as Exhibit "9" is a true and correct copy of the Association's November 23. 28, 2016 correspondence, declining to defend and/or indemnify Builders.
 - On February 24, 2015, the Nevada Legislature enacted the Homeowner Protection 24.

Act of 2015 (aka Assembly Bill 125) (hereinafter referred to as "AB 125"), which amended Chapter 40 and the statute of repose for bringing a construction defect claim.

- Attached as Exhibit "10" is a true and correct copy of AB 125. 25.
- As of the date of the filing of this Opposition, Builders have incurred attorney's fees 26. in the amount of \$28,232.00. This figure does not include additional attorney's fees that will be incurred to prepare for and to attend oral arguments on the Association's Motion to Dismiss.
- As of the date of the filing of this Opposition, Builders have incurred legal costs, 27. including but not limited to, court filing fees in the amount of \$2,910.45.
- As of the date of the filing of this Opposition, Builders have incurred mediator fees 28. in the amount of \$3,714.59.
- As of the date of the filing of this Opposition, Builders have incurred expert fees in 29. the amount of \$2,065.30.
- As of the date of the filing of this Opposition, the Association has not withdrawn its 30. Chapter 40 Notice to Builders. As a result, Builders will continue to incur attorney's fees, legal costs, expert fees and other fees and costs as a result of the Association's claims against Builders, including but not limited to, costs to defend themselves against these claims and/or to pursue thirdparty claims against other potentially responsible persons or companies.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS & AUTHORITIES

INTRODUCTION I.

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Although entitled "Motion to Dismiss Complaint" (hereinafter "Motion"), the Association is asking this Court to consider matters outside of the Motion. As a result, the Court should treat Association's Motion as a Motion for Summary Judgment and not a Motion to Dismiss. As discussed in detail below, the Association's Chapter 40 claim against Builders is improper for multiple reasons. Builders have sustained damages as a result of the Association's improper Chapter 40 claim as well as the Association's breach of the Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation involving the same claims alleged in the Association's Chapter 40 Notice.

Builders' Complaint is proper and meets the requisite elements for declaratory relief. As result, whether the Court analyzes the Association's Motion under NRCP 12(b)(5) or NRCP 56(c), the Association's Motion is premature and should be denied, and Builders should be permitted to pursue the claims alleged in their Complaint on the merits.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND II.

The Project

This case involves alleged construction defects at two towers in the Panorama Towers Condominiums project, located at 4525 Dean Martin Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada ("Tower I") and 4575 Dean Martin Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada ("Tower II") (hereinafter together referred to as "the Project"). Plaintiffs, Laurent Hallier and Panorama Towers I, LLC (hereinafter together referred to as "Developer"), were the owner and developer entities for the Project, and Plaintiff M.J. Dean Construction, Inc. ("M.J. Dean") was the Project's general contractor. Laurent Hallier, Panorama Towers I, LLC and M.J. Dean shall hereinafter be collectively referred to as "Builders."

The Clark County Building Department issued a Certificate of Occupancy for Tower I (4525 Dean Martin Drive) on January 16, 2008. (Exhibit "2"). The Clark County Building Department issued a Certificate of Occupancy for Tower II (4575 Dean Martin Drive) on March 31, 2008. (Exhibit "3").

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B. Prior Litigation

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The parties in the Prior Litigation reached a settlement, and the terms of the settlement were set forth in writing in a Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release (hereinafter "Settlement Agreement"). (Exhibit "4"; submitted to the Court in camera). The Settlement Agreement provides that "...the Agreement may be disclosed and shall be deemed admissible as may be necessary to enforce the terms hereof..." (Exhibit "4"; p. 7, ¶ #8.).

On January 19, 2012, the Court entered an Order based on the stipulation of counsel and the parties, ordering all claims against Panorama Towers I, LLC, M.J. Dean Construction, Inc. and others in the Prior Litigation be dismissed with prejudice. Notice of Entry of the Order dismissing the Prior Litigation against Panorama Towers I, LLC, M.J. Dean Construction, Inc. and others, with prejudice, was entered on January 23, 2012.

C. The Association's Chapter 40 Notice

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allegedly defective mechanical room piping prior to this removal and replacement of the piping, including, but not limited to, a Chapter 40 Notice. During Builders' March 24, 2016, inspection, Builders also became aware that the allegedly defective sewer piping had also been repaired prior to Builders' inspection. As with the repairs to the mechanical room piping, the Association did not provide notice to Builders of the allegedly defective sewer piping prior to the repair work being performed, including, but not limited to, a Chapter 40 Notice.

On March 29, 2016, Builders sent correspondence to the Association requesting information and documents relating to (1) the sewer line defect allegations identified in the Association's Chapter 40 Notice, including the date of occurrence and date of repair of the alleged defects, and requesting the current location of any sewer line materials that were removed and replaced as part of the Association's repair; and (2) the mechanical room piping defect allegations identified in the Association's Chapter 40 Notice, including the date when the allegedly corroded pipes were replaced, the date the repair work was performed, the identity of the contractor(s) who performed the repair work, and also requesting the Association confirm whether and where the removed mechanical room pipe materials have been stored for safekeeping. (Exhibit "6"). The Association did not respond to Builders' March 29, 2016 correspondence.

On April 29, 2016, Builders sent follow up correspondence to the Association again requesting the Association promptly provide the information and documents requested in Builders' March 29, 2016 correspondence. Builders requested a response from the Association by May 3, 2016. (Exhibit "7"). However, the Association did not respond to Builders' April 29, 2016 correspondence.

On May 24, 2016, Builders served the Association with Builders' Response to the Association's Chapter 40 Notice.¹

On September 26, 2016, Builders and the Association participated in a pre-litigation mediation regarding the claims and defects included in Association's Chapter 40 Notice, as

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¹ Builders' Response to the Association's Chapter 40 Notice is identified as "Intended for Mediation and Settlement Purposes Only." As a result, a copy of the Response has not been included as an Exhibit to Builders' Opposition

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required by NRS 40.680, but were unable to reach a resolution. As a result, the mandatory prelitigation process concluded.

Builders' Tender of Defense and Indemnity to the Association D.

At the pre-litigation mediation on September 26, 2016, Builders tendered their defense and indemnity to the Association pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement. (Exhibit "8"). On November 28, 2016, the Association provided its response to Builders' tender of defense and indemnity, wherein it declined to defend and/or indemnify Builders. (Exhibit "9").

PROCEDURAL STATUS M.

On September 28, 2016, Builders filed a Complaint against the Association, asserting the 10 following claims for relief: (1) Declaratory Relief - Application of AB 125; (2) Declaratory Relief - Claim Preclusion; (3) Failure to Comply with NRS 40.600 et seq.; (4) Suppression of Evidence/Spoliation; (5) Breach of Contract; (6) Declaratory Relief - Duty to Defend; and (7) Declaratory Relief - Duty to Indemnify. In response, the Association filed the pending Motion to Dismiss.

Discovery has not commenced and no trial date has been set.

LEGAL AUTHORITY IV.

Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(5)

Rule 12(b) of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure governs the presentation of a defensive motion, and provides in relevant part:

> (b) How Presented. Every defense, in law or fact, to a claim for relief in any pleading, whether a claim, counterclaim, crossclaim, or third-party claim, shall be asserted in the responsive pleading thereto if one is required, except that the following defenses may at the option of the pleader be made by motion: ... (5) failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted... If, on a motion asserting the defense numbered (5) to dismiss for failure of the pleading to state a claim upon which relief can be granted, matters outside the pleading are presented to and not excluded by the court, the motion shall be treated as one for summary judgment and disposed of as provided in Rule 56, and all parties shall be given reasonable opportunity to present all material made pertinent to such a motion by Rule 56.

(Emphasis added).

The standard of review for a dismissal under NRCP 12(b)(5) is rigorous as this court "must

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1 construe the pleading liberally and draw every fair intendment in favor of the [non-moving 2 | party]." Vacation Village, Inc. v. Hitachi America, Ltd., 110 Nev. 481, 484, 874 P.2d, 744, 746 (1994) (emphasis added) (internal citations omitted). "The test for determining whether the 4 | allegations of a complaint are sufficient to assert a claim for relief is whether the allegations give 5 fair notice of the nature and basis of a legally sufficient claim and the relief requested." Vacation Village, Inc. v. Hitachi America, Ltd., 110 Nev. 481, 484, 874 P.2d, 744, 746 (1994) (dismissal of 7 | appellant's complaint for failure to state a claim on which relief can be granted was error, because the complaint gave fair notice to the respondent as to the nature and basis of a legally sufficient claim and the relief requested).

Thus, a motion to dismiss should not be granted unless it appears to a certainty that the plaintiff is not entitled to relief under any set of facts, which could be provided in support of the plaintiff's claim. See Zalk-Josephs Co. v. Wells Cargo, Inc., 81 Nev. 163, 400 P.2d 621 (1965); Edgar v. Wagner, 101 Nev. 226, 669 p.2d 110 (1985); see also, Tahoe Village Homeowners Association v. Douglas County, 106 Nev. 660, 799 P.2d 556 (1993).

Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 56(c) B.

Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 56(c) provides in pertinent part that,

. judgment sought shall be rendered forthwith if the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with the affidavits, if any, show that there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to a judgment as a matter of law.

The governing legal standard for summary judgment motions is set out in Wood v. Safeway, Inc., 121 Nev. 724, 730 (2005). In Safeway, the Court referred approvingly to prior holdings that when reviewing a motion for summary judgment, the evidence, and any reasonable inferences drawn from it, must be viewed in a light most favorable to the non-moving party.

In setting forth the new standard, the Court stated:

We now adopt the standard employed in Liberty Lobby, Celotex, and Matsushita. Summary judgment is appropriate under NRCP 56 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. The substantive law controls which factual disputes are material and will preclude

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summary judgment; other factual disputes are irrelevant. A factual dispute is genuine when the evidence is such that a rational trier of fact could return a verdict for the nonmoving party.

Id. at 1031 (emphasis added; internal citations omitted).

Summary judgment should only be entered against a party who, after adequate time for discovery, fails to make a showing to establish the existence of an element on which that party will bear the burden of proof at trial. See Celotex Corp. v. Catrett, 477 U.S. 317, 322, 106 S.Ct. 2547, 2552 (1986).

Given that the Association's Motion is asking this Court to consider matters outside of the pleadings (i.e. terms of the Settlement Agreement,² the Court should treat the Association's Motion as a Motion for Summary Judgment, not a Motion to Dismiss. No discovery has taken place in this case. In addition, genuine issues of material fact exist, including but not limited to, whether the claims asserted by the Association in its Chapter 40 Notice were released in the Prior Litigation. On that basis alone, the Association's Motion must be denied.

C. Assembly Bill 125

On February 24, 2015, the Nevada Legislature enacted the Homeowner Protection Act of 2015 (aka Assembly Bill 125) (hereinafter referred to as "AB 125"). (Exhibit "10"). AB 125 resulted in significant changes to Chapter 40, including but not limited to, the requirements for a Chapter 40 Notice, prevents a homeowner's association from bringing claims not involving common areas, and also modified the timeframe for brining construction defect claims.

The Six-Year Statute of Repose D.

AB 125, Section 17, amended NRS 11.202(1), abolishing the previously applicable statutes of limitation and shortening the statute of repose for all claims to six (6) years from the date of substantial completion of an improvement:

> NRS 11.202 Actions for damages for injury or wrongful death caused by deficiency in construction of improvements to real

The Association is asking this Court to consider certain terms in the Settlement Agreement in support of the arguments in its Motion, including that the Settlement Agreement purportedly contemplates future suits by Panorama Towers against Hallier, and that Builders' claims relating to the indemnity provision are inconsistent with the Settlement Agreement. (Motion p. 7, ln. 25 – p. 8, ln. 2.

property.

1. No action may be commenced against the owner, occupier or any person performing or furnishing the design, planning, supervision or observation of construction, or the construction of an improvement to real property more than 6 years after the substantial completion of such an improvement, for the recovery of damages for:

(a) Any deficiency in the design, planning, supervision or observation of construction or the construction of such an

improvement; or

(b) Injury to real or personal property caused by any such deficiency...

* * *

NRS 11.202 (emphasis added).

Pursuant to AB 125, Section 21(5) and Section 22, the six-year statute of repose applies retroactively to actions in which substantial completion of the improvement to real property occurred before the effective date of the Act (i.e. February 24, 2015). (Exhibit "10," p. 25).

Statutes of repose and statutes of limitation are different and are sometimes confused. In discussing the difference between the statutes of repose and the statutes of limitation, the Nevada Supreme Court has stated:

Statutes of repose bar causes of action after a certain period of time, regardless of whether damage or an injury has been discovered. In contrast, "statutes of limitation" foreclose suits after a fixed period of time following occurrence or discovery of an injury.

G&H Assoc. v. Ernest W. Hahn, Inc., 113 Nev. 265, 271; 934 P.2d 229, 233 (1997) (internal citations omitted) (emphasis added). In other words, a statute of repose sets an outside time limit, after which a claim for construction defects may not be brought. Id. "Therefore, in addition to proving the elements of the cause of action, a plaintiff must also prove that the cause of action was brought within the time frame set forth by the statute of repose." Id.

Although a statute of limitation is generally considered "procedural," a statute of repose defines a "substantive" right "based on a legislative balance of the respective rights of potential plaintiffs and defendants." *Albano v. Shea Homes L.P.*, 227 Ariz. 121, 127, 254 P.3d 360, 366 (2011). Thus, a statute of repose is not subject to "equitable tolling" and bars all suits brought after the statutory timeframe has expired, even if the period ends before a plaintiff has suffered or

became aware of a resulting injury.

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Date of Substantial Completion .

"In determining when a cause of action accrues for purposes of a statute of repose, most 4 | jurisdictions, including Nevada, have concluded that the time limits set forth in a statute of repose commence at the time of substantial completion of the building and not at the time of discovery of an injury." G&H Assoc. v. Ernest W. Hahn, Inc., 113 Nev. 265, 271; 934 P.2d 229, 233 (1997); Tahoe Village Homeowners Association, v. Douglas County, 106 Nev. 660, 663, 799 p.2d 566, 558 (1990); Alsenz v. Twin Lakes Village, Inc., 108 Nev. 1117, 1121, 843 P.2d 834, 836 (1992); see also Lamb, v. Wedgewood South Corp., 302 S.E.2d 868, 873 (N.C. 1983); Texas Gas Exploration v. Fluor Corp., 828 S.W.2d 28, 32 (Tex. Ct. App. 1991) (emphasis added).

NRS 11.2055 provides that in actions for damages caused by alleged construction defects, the date of "substantial completion" of an improvement to real property is determined as follows:

> NRS 11.2055 Actions for damages for injury or wrongful death caused by deficiency in construction of improvements to real property: Determination of date of substantial completion of improvement to real property.

> 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, for the purposes of this section and NRS 11.202, the date of substantial completion of an improvement to real property shall be deemed to be the date on which:

- (a) The final building inspection of the improvement is conducted:
 - (b) A notice of completion is issued for the improvement; or
- (c) A certificate of occupancy is issued for the improvement, whichever occurs later.
- 2. If none of the events described in subsection 1 occurs, the date of substantial completion of an improvement to real property must be determined by the rules of the common law.

(Emphasis added).

LEGAL ARGUMENT

Builders have sustained damages as a result of the Association's improper Chapter 40 claim as well as the Association's breach of the Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation, including but not limited to attorney's fees, expert fees and legal costs in excess of \$36,900.00 (and climbing). Builders properly seek recovery for these damages in their Complaint, and Nevada permits such an action, whether by complaint, by counterclaim, or any other pleading permitted

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A. Builders' Request for Declaratory Relief is Proper

In 1929, Nevada enacted the Uniform Declaratory Judgments Act (NRS 30.010, et seq.) ("UDJA"), which provides in relevant part:

NRS 30.030 Scope. Courts of record within their respective jurisdictions shall have power to declare rights, status and other legal relations whether or not further relief is or could be claimed. No action or proceeding shall be open to objection on the ground that a declaratory judgment or decree is prayed for. The declaration may be either affirmative or negative in form and effect; and such declarations shall have the force and effect of a final judgment or decree. (Emphasis added).

NRS 30.040 Questions of construction or validity of instruments, contracts and statutes.

1. Any person interested under a deed, written contract or other writings constituting a contract, or whose rights, status or other legal relations are affected by a statute, municipal ordinance, contract or franchise, may have determined any question of construction or validity arising under the instrument, statute, ordinance, contract or franchise and obtain a declaration of rights, status or other legal relations thereunder. (Emphasis added)

NRS 30.050 Contract may be construed before or after breach. A contract may be construed either before or after there has been a breach thereof.

NRS 30.140 Construction. NRS 30.010 to 30.160, inclusive, are declared to be remedial; their purpose is to settle and to afford relief from uncertainty and insecurity with respect to rights, status and other legal relations; and are to be liberally construed and administered. (Emphasis added).

The remedial policies served by the UDJA were described by the Nevada Supreme Court in

Kress v. Corey, 65 Nev. 1, 189 P.2d 352 (1948):

It was a defect of the judicial procedure which developed under the common law that the doors of the courts were invitingly opened to a plaintiff whose legal rights had already been violated, but were rigidly closed upon a party who did not wish to violate the rights of another nor to have his own rights violated, thus compelling him, where a controversy arose with his fellow, to run the risk of a violation of his fellow's rights or to wait until the anticipated wrong had been done to himself before an adjudication of their differences could be obtained. Thus was a penalty placed upon the party who wished to act lawfully and in good faith ...

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The declaration has opened the shutters of the forensic camera much wider (than the limits of equity jurisdiction) and admits to judicial cognizance an entirely new group of interests, including aggrieved persons who, being prospective defendants to ordinary actions, were not theretofore perceived by the law until they were sued. They were not allowed to initiate proceedings. As already observed, the disquietude and uncertainty of a prospective defendant and obligor, like an alleged infringer of patents, the covenantors of a building restriction, lessees equally with lessors, justify judicial relief."

Kress v. Corey, 65 Nev. 1, 35 - 38, 189 P.2d 352, 369 - 370 (1948).

In Kress v. Corey, the Court set forth the requirements generally necessary to qualify for a declaratory judgment: (1) there must exist a justiciable controversy (i.e. a controversy in which a claim of right is asserted against one who has an interest in contesting it); (2) the controversy must be between persons whose interests are adverse; (3) the party seeking declaratory relief must have a legally protectable interest in the controversy; and (4) the issue involved in the controversy must be ripe for judicial determination. Kress v. Corey, 65 Nev. 1, 26, 189 P.2d 352, 365 (1948). Builders' Complaint meets each of the elements necessary for declaratory relief relating to its First, Second, Sixth and Seventh Claims for Relief.

1. A Justiciable Controversy Exists Between Builders and the Association

Pursuant to NRS 11.2055, the date of substantial completion of Tower I is January 1, 2008 and the date of substantial completion of Tower II is March 31, 2008. (Exhibits "2" and"3"). Thus, under NRS 11.202(1) as amended by AB 125, the deadline for the Association to bring any action against Builders for construction defects (including a Chapter 40 claim) was not more than six (6) years following the dates of substantial completion — not later than January 1, 2014 for Tower I and not later than March 31, 2014 for Tower II. Any claim after these dates is barred by Nevada law, regardless of when the alleged defect may have been discovered by the Association. G&H Assoc. v. Ernest W. Hahn, Inc., 113 Nev. 265, 271; 934 P.2d 229, 233 (1997); Tahoe Village Homeowners Association, v. Douglas County, 106 Nev. 660, 663, 799 p.2d 566, 558 (1990); Alsenz v. Twin Lakes Village, Inc., 108 Nev. 1117, 1121, 843 P.2d 834, 836 (1992); see also Lamb, v. Wedgewood South Corp., 302 S.E.2d 868, 873 (N.C. 1983); Texas Gas Exploration v. Fluor Corp., 828 S.W.2d 28, 32 (Tex. Ct. App. 1991).

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rights and liabilities relating to the Association's Chapter 40 Notice and the defects alleged in the Notice, including whether any or all of the Association's claims are time barred by AB 125/NRS 11.202(1), whether the Association has standing to bring claims relating to the residential tower windows, and whether Builders have any obligations as it relates to the life/safety issues alleged in the Chapter 40 Notice. In addition, a justiciable controversy exists as to the Association's breach of the Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation and Builders' right to recover its fees and costs 8 against the Association as result of this breach. Furthermore, the Association has declined to defend and indemnify Builders regarding the claims alleged in the Association's Chapter 40 10 Notice. (Exhibits "8" and "9"). Thus, a controversy exists as to the Association's obligation to defend and indemnify Builders.

A justiciable controversy exists between Builders and the Association as to their respective

The facts associated with controversy and each of Builders' causes of action alleged in their Complaint, as well as the damages sustained by Builders, are present, ascertained or ascertainable, and are not hypothetical or speculative. As noted by Justice Badt in his concurrence in Cox v. Glenbrook Co., declaratory relief is still proper such as here when the Association has expressed its future intent to pursue claims against Builders.

> "While it is undoubtedly true that "factual circumstances which may arise in the future cannot be fairly determined now," it is likewise true than an expressed purpose and intention to perform acts that will, under satisfactory proof, surcharge the servient tenement with an unreasonable burden is a present threat of invasion of plaintiff's rights and subject to declaratory determination. It need not await event." NRS 30.030, 30.040, 30.050, 30.070, 30.140; Kress v. Corey, 65 Nev. 1, 189 P.2d 352, and cases therein cited).

Cox v. Glenbrook Co., 78 Nev. 254, 271, 371 P.2d 647, 657 (1962) (emphasis added).

The express remedial purpose of the UDJA is to settle and to provide relief from uncertainty with respect to a party's rights, and Builders properly seek such relief from this Court. NRS 30.010 et seq.

The Interests of Builders and the Association are Adverse

Builders contend that the Association may not recover damages against Builders relating to the claims in the Association's Chapter 40 Notice, and Builders seek recovery of their fees and

costs incurred as a result of the Association's improper Chapter 40 Notice/Chapter 40 claims. The Association asserts that Builders may not seek such recovery unless and until the Association files a lawsuit against Builders. In addition, the Association's Chapter 40 Notice expressly states: "Please take notice that the Panorama Towers Condominium Unit Owners' Association, Inc., ... intends to pursue claims against you pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes NRS) 40.600 et seq., arising from defects in the design and/or construction of the Panorama Towers condominium development..." (Exhibit "5," p. 1., ¶ 1)(underline emphasis added; bold text in original). For these reasons, the interests of Builders and the Association are clearly adverse to each other.

3. Builders Have a Legally Protectible Interest in the Controversy

Builders have a legally protectible interest with respect to enforcement of the terms of the Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation, including the defects settled and released in the Prior Litigation. The UDJA expressly provides for a judicial determination of Builders' rights as to the Settlement Agreement, and Builders' request for this relief is permitted by law. NRS 30.040, NRS 30.050.

4. The Issues Involved in the Controversy are Ripe for Judicial Determination

Builders have incurred fees and costs in excess of \$36,900.00 (and climbing), as a result of the Association's improper Chapter 40 claim and the Association's breach of the Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation. As a result, the controversy is ripe for judicial determination.

B. Builders' Affirmative Claims for Relief Are Proper

The Association's Chapter 40 claim against Builders is improper for multiple reasons: (1) the Association's Chapter 40 Notice fails to comply with NRS 40.600 et seq.; (2) the claims are time barred by NRS 11.202(1) as amended by AB 125; (3) the Association's claim involves alleged defects, which were both known by the Association and settled and released by the Association in the Prior Litigation, and in bringing these released claims the Association has breached the terms of the Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation. Builders have sustained damages as a result of the Association's improper Chapter 40 claim as well as the Association's breach of the Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation, including but not limited to attorney's fees, expert fees and legal

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1. Third Claim For Relief: Failure to Comply with Chapter 40

The Association failed to comply with NRS 40.645(2)(b) and (c) in that its Chapter 40 Notice does not identify in specific detail the alleged defect, damage and injury, including without limitation, the exact location of the alleged defect, damage and injury, relating to the alleged residential tower window defects, the alleged residential tower fire blocking defects, the alleged mechanical room piping defects or the alleged sewer line defects. (Exhibit "5").

In addition, the Association failed to comply with NRS 40.645(1)(a) in that the Association failed to provide a Chapter 40 Notice to Builders prior to performing repairs to the allegedly defective residential tower windows, mechanical room piping, or sewer piping. (Affidavit of Peter C. Brown, Esq., p. 6, ¶¶ 12-13). The Association contends that "because Hallier has a remedy for any defective notice if and when Panorama files suit," Builders were not required to retain legal counsel and Builders only damages are "self-inflicted." (Motion, p. 9, lns. 1 - 3). The Association's Chapter 40 Notice expressly states the Association "intends to pursue claims against [Builders.]" (Exhibit "5," p. 1 ¶ 1). It also contends that the alleged residential tower window and the residential tower fire blocking "present an unreasonable risk of injury to a person or property," and that the alleged sewer problem "presented an unreasonable risk of injury to a person or property." (Exhibit "5," p. 1 - 2). In order to protect their rights under Chapter 40, and to respond to the alleged life-safety issues that the Association alleges it intends to pursue Builders for, Builders had to retain experts to inspect the claims alleged in the Notice, at a cost of \$2,065.30. Given the alleged present life-safety issues, Builders had no alternative but to take the Association at its word and inspect these conditions rather than to solely challenge the adequacy of the Chapter 40 Notice. Builders have incurred damages as a result of the Association's failure to Comply with Chapter 40 and the Association's Motion should be denied.

2. Fourth Claim For Relief: Suppression of Evidence/Spoliation

The Association does not deny that it has failed to respond to Builders' two prior requests for information and documents relating to the repairs performed to the sewer line and mechanical room piping. (Exhibits "6" and "7"). To the extent the Court finds that no independent cause of

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action exists for spoliation of the above evidence, Builders request leave to amend their Complaint to allege additional facts to support this cause of action.

Fifth Claim for Relief: Breach of Contract 3.

Builders and the Association entered into a Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation, whereby: (1) in full and complete settlement of the claims asserted in the Prior Litigation, Builders paid a monetary settlement to the Association, the amount of which is confidential; (2) the Association expressly agreed it would not bring any other claim, action, suit or proceeding against Builders (and others) regarding the matters settled, released and dismissed in the Prior Litigation; and (3) the Association agreed to defend and indemnify Builders (and others) and to hold Builders (and others) harmless with respect to any litigation relating to defects that were known to the Association at the time the Association executed the Settlement Agreement. (Exhibit "4").

The Association contends that Builders have failed to identify which matters were settled, released and dismissed in the Prior Litigation. (Motion, p. 10). As discussed above, there is no such requirement under NRCP or Nevada law for Builders to provide such information in its Complaint. Furthermore, the matters settled and released in the Prior Litigation are issues of fact, which are in dispute and for which discovery has not commenced. As a result, summary judgment against Builders on their Fifth Cause of Action is improper.

4. Sixth and Seventh Claims for Relief: Duty to Defend and Duty to Indemnity

In order to consider the Association's arguments relating to the Association's duty to defend and duty to indemnify Builders, the Court must consider evidence outside the Association's Motion (i.e. the Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation), and thus, must apply the standard for summary judgment under NRCP 56(c). The Association, as the moving party, has failed to provide any evidence to show the absence of a disputed material fact. In addition, summary judgment would be improper as discovery has not commenced. See Celotex Corp. v. Catrett, 477 U.S. 317, 322, 106 S.Ct. 2547, 2552 (1986). As a result, the Association's Motion should be denied.

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VI. CONCLUSION

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Actions for declaratory relief in Nevada are governed by the same liberal pleading standards that are applied to other civil actions. Breliant v. Preferred Equities Corp., 109 Nev. 842, 858 P. 2d 1258 (1993); Vacation Village, Inc. v. Hitachi America, Ltd., 110 Nev. 481, 484, 874 P.2d 744, 746 (1994). Thus, Builders are not required to argue the merits of their case or provide evidentiary support for each claim alleged in their Complaint. Rather, NRCP 8(e)(1) merely requires that "[e]ach averment of a pleading shall be simple, concise and direct. No technical forms of pleading or motions are required." Builders' Complaint complies with NRCP 8(e)(1), and Builders are entitled to seek declaratory relief, whether or not further relief is or could be claimed under NRS 30.030.

In addition to their affirmative claims against the Association, Builders seek declaratory judgment of their rights under UDJA, not on a hypothetical basis, but upon present and established facts as demonstrated above. The declaration of Builders' rights by this Court is essential, and Builders have no other true and speedy remedy at law of any kind. Under NRCP 12(b)(5), this Court must construe Builders' Complaint liberally and as the non-moving party the Court must draw every fair inference in favor of Builders and deny the Association's Motion. In addition, summary judgment is improper under NRCP 56(c) because there are genuine issues of material fact as it relates to the claims settled and released in the Prior Litigation and brought again by the Association in its Chapter 40 claim. For these reasons, Builders respectfully request this Court deny the Association's Motion and allow Builders to pursue their claims on the merits.

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11	CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA			
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13	LAURENT HALLIER, an individual;) Case No. A-16-744146-D PANORAMA TOWERS I, LLC, a Nevada) Dept. XXII			
14	limited liability company; PANORAMA TOWERS I MEZZ, LLC, a Nevada limited APPENDIX TO PLAINTIFFS'			
15	liability company; and M.J. DEAN CONSTRUCTION, INC., a Nevada Corporation, PANORAMA TOWERS UNIT OWNERS			
16) ASSOCIATION'S MOTION TO Plaintiffs, DISMISS COMPLAINT			
17	vs.			
18	PANORAMA TOWERS CONDOMINIUM)			
19	UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, a Nevada) non-profit corporation,)			
20	Defendant.)			
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22	COMES NOW Plaintiffs LAURENT HALLIER, PANORAMA TOWERS I, LLC,			
23	PANORAMA TOWERS I MEZZ, LLC, and M.J. DEAN CONSTRUCTION, INC. by and through			
24	their attorneys of record, Peter C. Brown, Esq. and Darlene M. Cartier, Esq. of the law firm			
25	BREMER, WHYTE, BROWN & O'MEARA, LLP, and hereby submits their APPENDIX TO			
26	PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT PANORAMA TOWERS UNIT OWNERS			
27	ASSOCIATION'S MOTION TO DISMISS COMPLAINT, filed on January 4, 2017.			
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Exhibit No.	Brief Description	# of Pages (including exhibit page)	Location of exhibit within Opposition
1	A true and correct copy of the e-mail and instructions received from Mr. Johnson	10	Page 4
2	A true and correct copy of the Certificate of Occupancy for Tower I, obtained from the Clark County website	2	Pages 4 & 9
3	A true and correct copy of the Certificate of Occupancy for Tower II, obtained from the Clark County website	2	Pages 4 & 9
4	A true and correct copy of the Settlement Agreement in the Prior Litigation has been provided to the Court in camera, concurrently with the filing of Builders' Opposition (submitted in camera to the Court)	23	Pages 6, 10 & 22
5	A true and correct copy of the Association's Chapter 40 Notice dated February 24, 2016	52	Pages 6, 10, 20 & 21
6	A true and correct copy of Builders' March 29, 2016 correspondence to the Association	3	Pages 7 & 11
7	A true and correct copy of Builders' April 29, 2016 correspondence to the Association	3	Pages 7 & 11
8	A true and correct copy of Builders' tender of defense and indemnity, dated September 26, 2016	4	Pages 7 & 12
9	A true and correct copy of the Association's November 28, 2016 correspondence, declining to defend and/or indemnify Builders	3	Pages 7 & 12
10	A true and correct copy of AB 125	29	Pages 8, 14 & 15

21 Dated: January 4, 2017

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE I hereby certify that on this 4th day of January, 2017, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was electronically served through Wiznet upon all parties on the master e-file and serve list. Cuystal Willias Crystal Williams, an Employee of BREMER, WHYTE, BROWN & O'MEARA, LLC

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Exhibit 1

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Rachel Bounds

From:

Jeremy A. Johnson < Jeremy. Johnson@ClarkCountyNV.gov>

Sent:

Thursday, December 29, 2016 2:52 PM

To:

Rachel Bounds

Subject:

Records Research Instructions

Attachments:

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Per our conversation, please see the attached instruction sheet on how to access and use the Clark County Building & Fire Prevention document image search web page to find the document(s) you're looking for. If you have any questions feel free to call us at (702) 455-3029 and we'll help you out.

Thanks and have a great day.

v/r

Jeremy

Jeremy Johnson Records Technician

Clark County Building Department

Phone: 702-455-3029 Fax: 702-382-3566

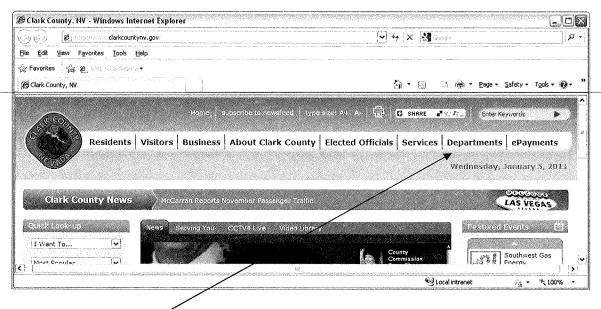
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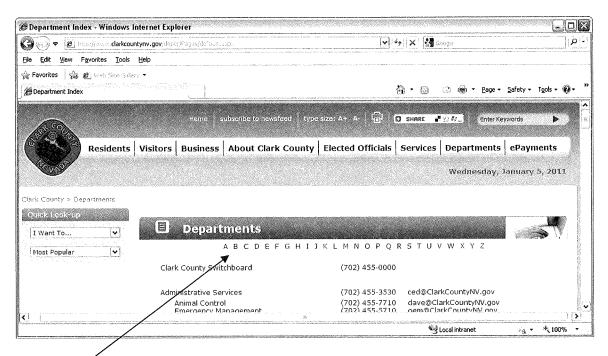
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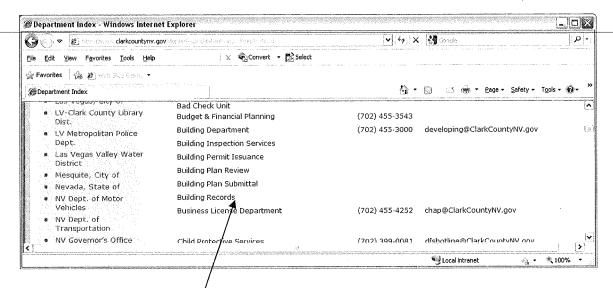


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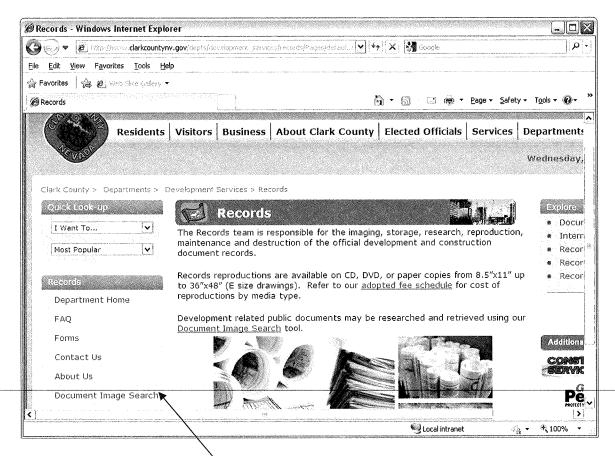
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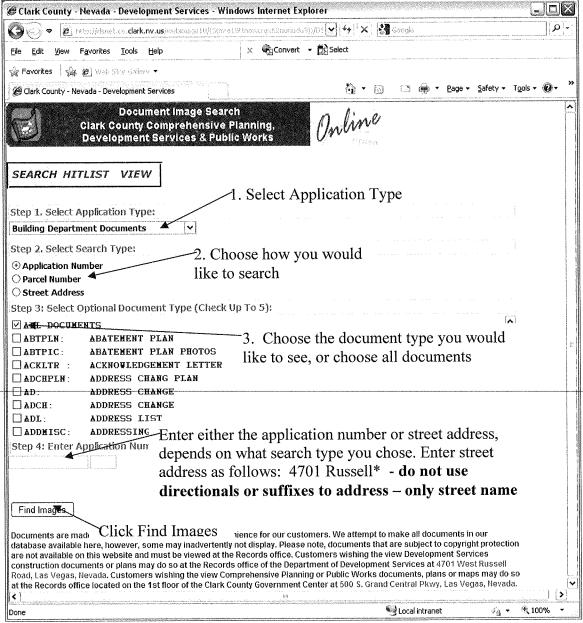
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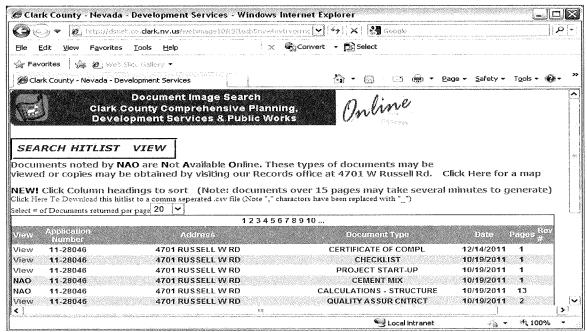
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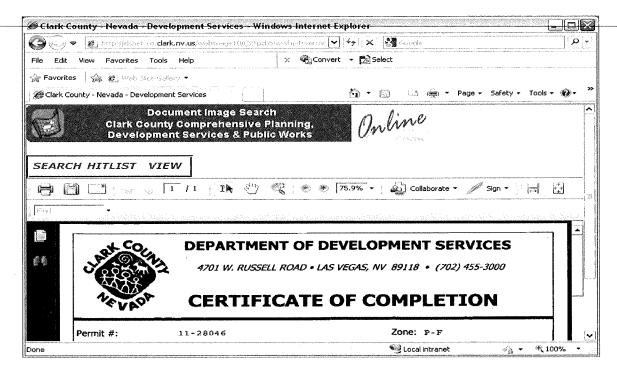
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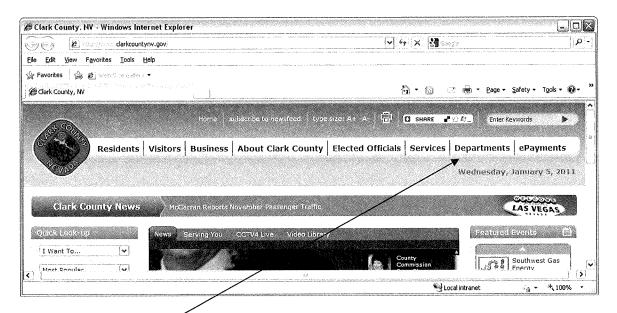
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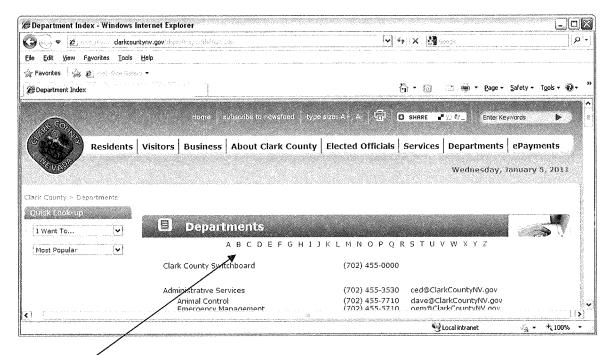
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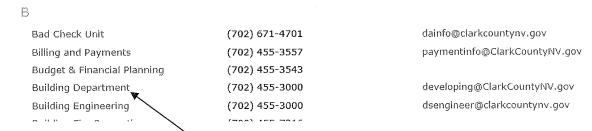
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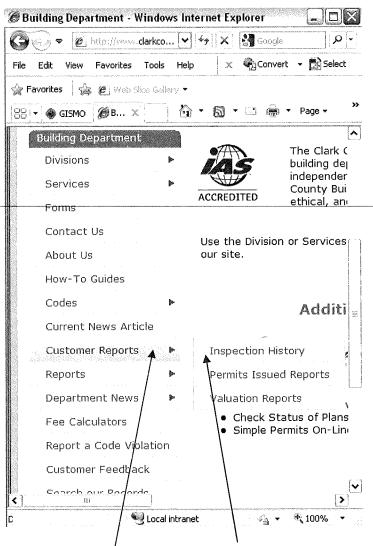
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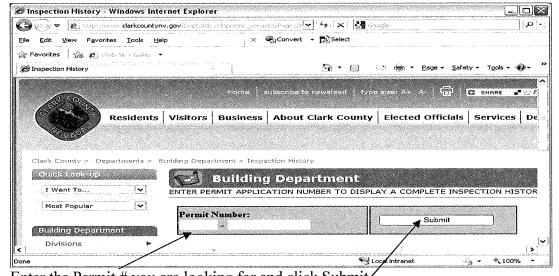
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Exhibit 2

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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

4701 W. RUSSELL RD. LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89118 (702) 455-3000

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

Permit #:

04-36699

Zone: U-V

Site Address:

4525 DEAN MARTIN DR

Prop. Description:

PARCEL MAP FILE 108 PAGE 93 LOT 1

Project Name:

PANORAMA TOWERS CONDOMINIUMS

Tenant Name:

PANORAMA TOWERS

Tenant # :

Owner Name:

PANORAMA TOWERS I L L C

Contractor Name:

M J DEAN CONSTRUCTION INC

State Lic. #: 0032338

Contractor Addr.:

5055 W PATRICK LN **STE 101**

LAS VEGAS NV, LAS VEGAS NV 89118

Ctr. Phone:

(702) 873-1947 Parcel #: 162-20-302-020

of Units:

313

Principal Design Professional: KLAI JUBA ARCHITECTURAL

Construction Type: I-A

Occupancy: R2

Occupant Load:

Sq. Ft.:

668677

Building Final: 3/16/07

Issue Date: 1/16/08

Application Type:

CONDOMINIUM-NEW (PHASED)

Description of Work

CONDOMINIUM TOWER 34 STORIES

NOTICE TO APPLICANT

This structure is deemed to be in substantial compliance with fire, life safety and structual provisions of the adopted codes of construction. Records concerning the construction of this building are on file with the building department in compliance with the appropriate records procedures.

This Certificate must be posted and maintained within any non-single family building or structure referenced above. Any construction to be done beyond the final building inspection date, above, requires a new building permit.

1/16/08

DATE APPROVED

RONALD L. LYNN & UILDING OFFICIAL

This Certificate of Occupancy provides no warranty or guarantee either expressed or implied.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

4701 W. RUSSELL RD. LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89118 (702) 455-3000

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

Permit #:

05-2857

Zone: U-V

Site Address:

4575 DEAN MARTIN DR

Prop. Description:

PARCEL MAP FILE 108 PAGE 93 LOT 2

Project Name:

PANORAMA TOWER II CONDOMINIUMS

Tenant Name:

PANORAMA TOWER II CONDO

Tenant #:

Owner Name:

PANORAMA TOWERS I L L C

Contractor Name

M J DEAN CONSTRUCTION INC

State Lic. #: 0032338

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309 # of Units:

Principal Design Professional: KLAI JUBA ARCHITECT

Construction Type: I-A

Occupancy: R2

Occupant Load:

Sq. Ft.:

427230

Building Final: 7/16/07

Issue Date: 3/31/08

Application Type:

CONDOMINIUM-NEW (PHASED)

Description of Work NEW CONDOMINIUM TOWER II

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3/31/08

DATE APPROVED

RONALD L. LYNN, & UILDING OFFICIAL

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Exhibit 4

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THIS EXHIBIT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED FOR AN IN CAMERA REVIEW

Exhibit 5

Exhibit 5

Certified Article Number

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SENDERS RECORD

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Leach Johnson Song & Gruchow

Edward J. Song, Esq.

esong@leachjohnson.com

February 24, 2016

Mr. Laurent Hallier, aka Laurence Hallier 2510 E. Sunset Road, #5-400 Las Vegas, NV 89120

NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR PURSUANT TO NEVADA REVISED STATUTES, SECTION 40.645

Please take notice that Panorama Towers Condominium Unit Owners' Association, Inc., a Nevada non-profit corporation (Claimant), intends to pursue claims against you pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 40.600 et seq., arising from defects in the design and/or construction of the Panorama Towers condominium development located at 4525 Dean Martin Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada (the Development). Your legal rights are affected by this notice which is being given to satisfy the requirements of NRS 40.645.

Notice to others responsible. Pursuant to NRS 40.646, you must forward a copy of this Notice within 30 days, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of each subcontractor, supplier or design professional whom you reasonably believe is responsible for the constructional defects identified below. Failure to send this Notice may restrict your ability to commence an action against such a subcontractor, supplier or design professional.

Response to notice. Pursuant to NRS 40.6472, you must provide a written response to each of the defects identified below within 90 days from your receipt of this Notice. Your response must state, as to each constructional defect identified below, whether you elect to repair the defect, propose to pay monetary compensation for the defect, or disclaim liability for the defect and the reasons therefore.

Your response to this Notice, and all communications pertaining to this Notice, should be directed to Edward J. Song, Esq., Leach Johnson Song & Gruchow, 8945 West Russell Road, Ste. 330, Las Vegas, Nevada 89148 (702/538-9074).

Preliminary list of constructional defects. This claim pertains to the following defects and resulting damages:

1. **Residential tower windows** – There are two tower structures in the Development, consisting of 616 residential condominium units located above common areas and retails spaces below. The window assemblies in the residential tower units were defectively designed such that water entering the assemblies does not have an appropriate means of exiting the assemblies. There are no sill pans, proper weepage components or other drainage provisions designed to direct water from and through the window assemblies to the exterior of the building.

This is a design deficiency that exists in all (100%) of the residential tower window assemblies.

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As a consequence of this deficiency, water that should have drained to the exterior of the building has been entering the metal framing components of the exterior wall and floor assemblies, including the curb walls that support the windows, and is causing corrosion damage to the metal parts and components within these assemblies. Further, this damage to the metal components of the tower structures presents an unreasonable risk of injury to a person or property resulting from the degradation of these structural assemblies.

2. **Residential tower fire blocking** — The plans called for fire blocking insulation, as required by the building code, in the ledger shelf cavities and steel stud framing cavities at the exterior wall locations between residential floors in the two tower structures. (See plan detail attached as Exhibit A.) The purpose of this insulation is to deter the spread of fire from one tower unit to the units above or below. However, the insulation was not installed as required by the plans and building code.

This installation deficiency exists in all (100%) of the residential tower units, in which insulation was omitted either from the ledger shelf cavity, from the steel stud framing cavity, or from both.

This deficiency presents an unreasonable risk of injury to a person or property resulting from the spread of fire.

- 3. *Mechanical room piping* The piping in the two lower and two upper mechanical rooms in the two tower structures has sustained corrosion damage as described in the attached ATMG report dated November 17, 2011 (Exhibit B).
- 4. **Sewer problem** The main sewer line connecting the Development to the city sewer system ruptured due to installation error during construction, causing physical damage to adjacent common areas. This deficiency has been repaired. In addition to causing damage, the defective installation presented an unreasonable risk of injury to a person or property resulting from the disbursement of unsanitary matter.

Additional constructional defects. Claimant is still in the process of investigating the existing conditions at the Development, and accordingly, this preliminary list of defects is not intended as a complete statement of all of the defects in or at the Development. Claimant reserves the right to amend or update this list in the event that new defects and/or resulting damages are discovered during the course of investigation.

Requested documents. Pursuant to NRS 40.681, this will serve as Claimant's demand that you provide copies of all relevant documents pertaining to the construction of the Development, including plans, specifications, shop drawings, warranties, contracts, subcontracts, change orders, requests for information, inspection or other reports, soil and other engineering reports, photos, correspondence, memoranda, work orders for repair, videotapes,

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audiotapes, and any and all policies of insurance that provided liability insurance coverage for your services or work in connection with the Development.

Mediation demand. Pursuant to NRS 40.680, this well serve as Claimant's demand for pre-litigation mediation with a mediator to be agreed to by the parties.

LEACH JOHNSON SONG & GRUCHOW

Edward J. Song, Esq.

8945 West Russell Road, Suite 330, Las Vegas, Nevada 89148 Telephone: (702) 538-9074 - Facsimile (702) 538-9113 LEACH JOHNSON SONG & GRUCHOW

Dennis Kariger, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

The undersigned on behalf of Claimant the Panorama Towers Condominium Unit Owners' Association verifies that they have reviewed the expert reports included and referenced to said notice as enumerated in Exhibit 1 and that the defects, damages, and injuries set forth in those reports exist at the locations depicted therein within the Panorama Towers Condominium community.

Verification was executed on this 24th day of February, 2016.

Signature

[Signature] I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this

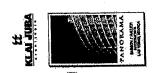
Subscribed and sworn on before me

MERLIN ANN CALIMPONG Notary Public State of Nevada No. 98-0827-1 My Appt. Exp. Jan. 10, 2018

County and State

Exhibit "A"

Exhibit "A"









FREDAM SPRAY 100 + TOP AND YERL SUFFACE OF METAL STUD GURB BAKKE BEAL W/ APPOVED SEALANT CAMPDISO -APPROVED FIRE STOP W/ 2-HOUR RATING EXTEND TO FACE OF EXT. GLAZAG NTERNATIVE VEHT, FRAME BEYOND BACKE BEAL W/ APPONED BEALANT FLOOR BLAB, RE STRUCTURAL -ELEC. BOX (MFERE OCCURB) * * INSTANTED GLAZING SYS. -EXT. GRADE ##EATHWG - ELFS. PANEL, TYP. -SEALANT, TYP. -FLASTING TYPICAL CURB DETAIL

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Exhibit "B"

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PANORAMA TOWER 1 UPPER MECHANICAL ROOM Replacement Recommendation

UNIT / AREA	PART	DISPOSITION Replace with Stainless Steel, Brass*, Bronze, Copper as applicable		Photo Reference	
		Now	1 - 5 years	Long Term	
Media Tanks	4 ferrous check valves		X		6
	Culligan ferrous parts		Х		7
	tank steel flanges	our theodoraeon crail ser	Salacha da sa marangan	Х	a data kanananan ara
City Water Inlet	2 ferrous butterfly valves	x			4
	3 overhead butterfly valves	Х			5
Zone 4 Hot Water Tank	ferrous check valve		x		2
	inlet carbon steel nipple		Х		
	carbon steel drains		X		
Zone 3 Hot Water Tank	2 ferrous check valves		x		3
	inlet carbon steel nipple		х		
	carbon steel drains		X		
Hot Water Recirculation Pump	ferrous pump bowl assembly	X			1
	steel nipple		X		Apr. 1994 1994
Unidentified pipe run	carbon steel pipes, fittings, nipples	A-1870.75	x		8

*Note: ferrous refers to carbon steel, ductile iron, or cast iron; if brass is used as a replacement, use red brass or 15% zinc maximum brass alloy

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UNIT / AREA	PART	DISPOSITION Replace with Stainless Steel, Brass*, Bronze, Copper as applicable			Photo Reference
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	Culligan ferrous parts		X		7
100 (100 (100 (100 (100 (100 (100 (100	tank steel flanges		naVh AlSe 20 SVA kaz	X	
City Water Inlet	2 ferrous butterfly valves	X			4
	3 overhead butterfly valves	x			5
Zone 4 Hot Water Tank	ferrous check valve		X		2
	inlet carbon steel nipple		X		
	carbon steel drains		X		
Zone 3 Hot Water Tank	2 ferrous check valves		X		3
	inlet carbon steel nipple		X		
	carbon steel drains				
Hot Water Recirculation Pump	ferrous pump bowl assembly	х			1
	steel nipple		X		
Unidentified pipe	carbon steel pipes, fittings, nipples		X		8

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PANORAMA TOWER 2 LOWER MECHANICAL ROOM Replacement Recommendation

UNIT / AREA	PART	DISPOSITION Replace with Stainless Steel, Brass*, Bronze, Copper as applicable			Photo Reference
			Now	1 - 5 years	Long Term
BP-1 Pump Unit	ferrous* pump bowls			Х	2
	angle valves		Х		1
	bypass butterfly valve	Х			4
	inlet butterfly valve	Χ			4
	outlet butterfly valve	Χ			4
	flex connections with steel flanges			Х	3
	pump butterfly valves	Χ			2
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BP-2 Pump Unit	ferrous pump bowls	erities autilities afficiences	A The grade of particles (New Library and Sec. 2)	Χ	5
	angle valves		Х		5
	bypass butterfly valve	Х			9
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	outlet butterfly valve	Х			9
	flex connections with steel flanges			Х	9
	pressure gage nipple	Х			5
	pump butterfly valves	X			6
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Media Tanks	4 ferrous check valves		x		12
	Culligan ferrous parts	Х		***************************************	27
	tank steel flanges			X	12
Pressure Regulator	ferrous butterfly				I
Manifold	valves	Х			13
	3 ferrous strainers	X			13
	4 ductile iron				13
	pressure regulator		x		13, 19
	bodies		^		10, 10
	3 ductile iron				
	regulator bonnets (tops)		Х		13, 18, 19
	leaking plastic lined steel nipples	Х			14, 15
	non-leaking plastic		Х		16
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PANORAMA TOWER 2 LOWER MECHANICAL ROOM Replacement Recommendation

UNIT / AREA	PART	DISPOSITION Replace with Stainless Steel, Brass*, Bronze, Copper as applicable			Photo Reference
		Now	1 - 5 years	Long Term	
,,,,	6 ferrous butterfly valves	Х			20
	2 ferrous strainers	X			20
	2 pressure regulator ductile iron bodies		X		20
Tank I	ferrous butterfly valve	x		15 Table 1 10 A 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	23, 24
	ferrous check valve		│ X		23, 24
Zone 2 Hot Water Tank	ferrous butterfly valve	×			21, 22
	ferrous check valve		X		21, 22
Hot Water Recirculation Pumps	ferrous pump bowl assemblies	X			25, 26
Outlet Piping Sample Connections; Connections to Sink in Maintenance room	carbon steel nipples	x			28
Filter Bank	replace all carbon steel nipples, fittings	X			na

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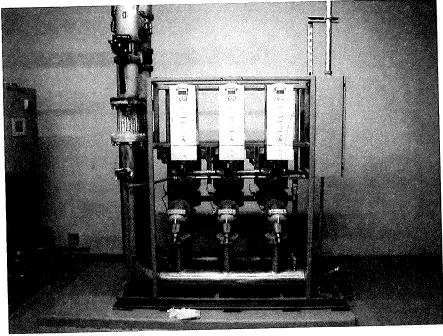
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	Culligan ferrous parts	Х			
	tank steel flanges	1	487.50	X	
Overhead piping	cold to zone 3 and 4 - 2 carbon steel nipples		X		2
	carbon steel nipple to main cold line	X			1
Zone 4 Hot Water Tank	ferrous butterfly valve	X			As Egil Agen St. Will Space.
	ferrous check valve		X		
Zone 3 Hot Water Tank	ferrous butterfly valve	×			
	ferrous check valve		X		
Hot Water Recirculation Pumps	ferrous pump bowl assemblies	x			
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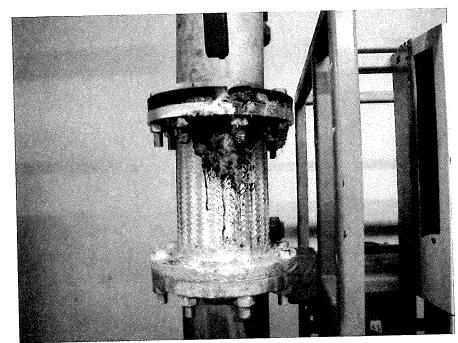
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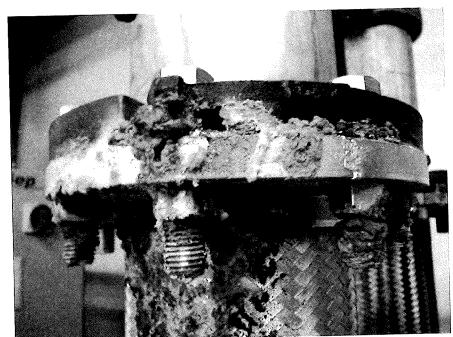
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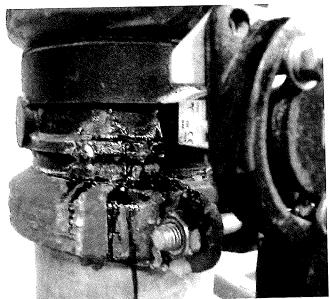
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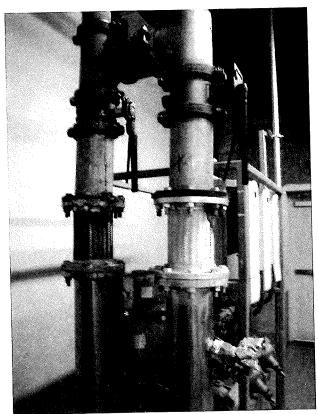


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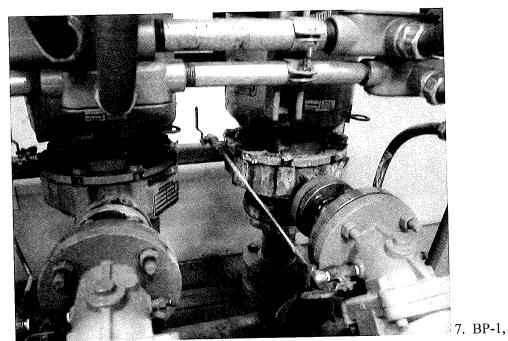
close up of leaking flex flange connection (jpg72)



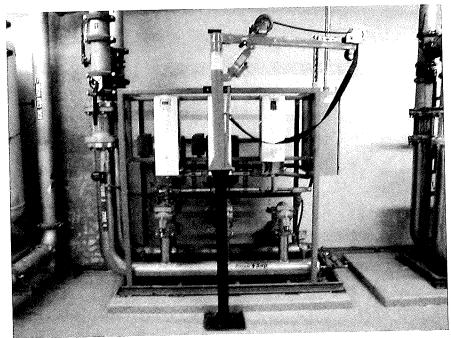
5. BP-1 (jpg 73)



6. BP-1 (jpg(74)

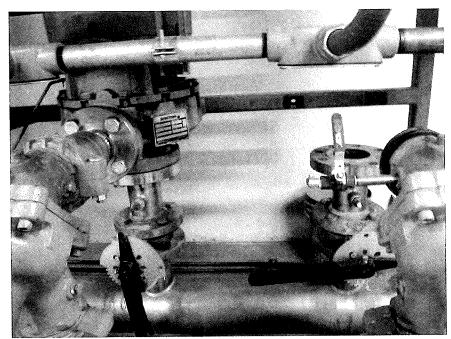


replace leaking ferrous pump housing now (jpg75).



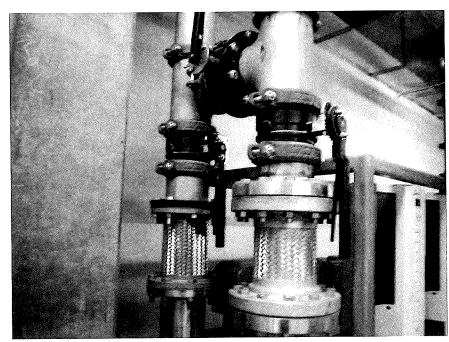
8. BP-2, (jpg

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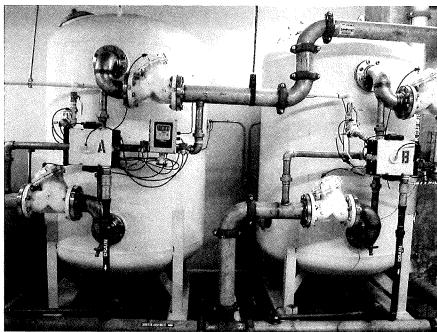
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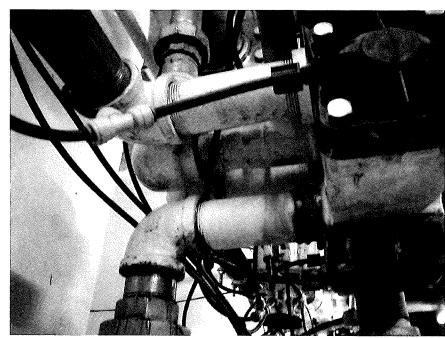
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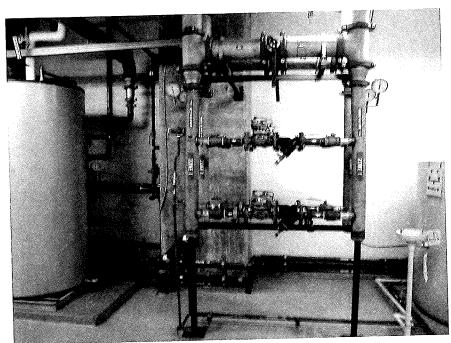


tanks (jpg80)



carbon steel parts (jpg81).

12. Culligan



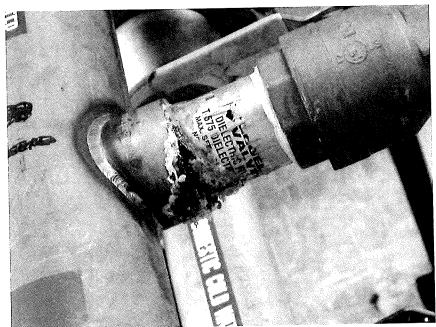
13. Pressure

regulator manifold (jpg82).



14. Pressure

regulator manifold (jpg83) replace plastic lined steel nipple with stainless steel.



15. Another

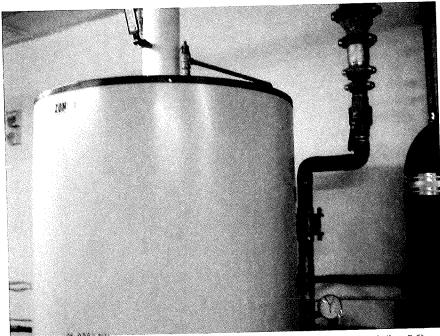
view of previous photo (jpg84).



16. Pressure

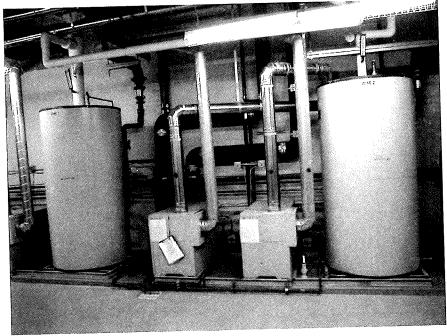
regulating manifold, leaking plastic lined nipple – replace with stainless steel now(jpg85).

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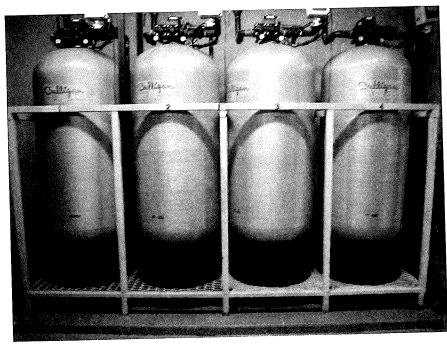


17. Hot water

tank ferrous check valve – replace with bronze or stainless steel (jpg86).

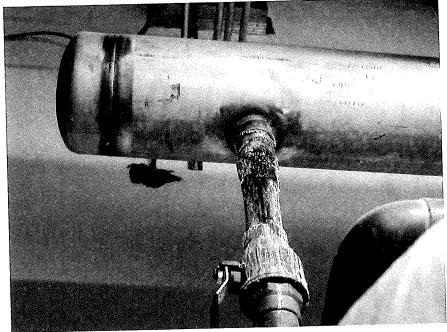


18. (jpg87)



19. Filter

bank (jpg88).

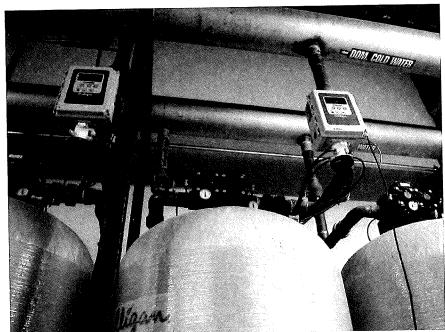


20. (jpg89)

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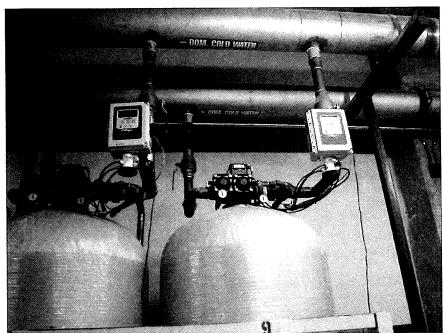


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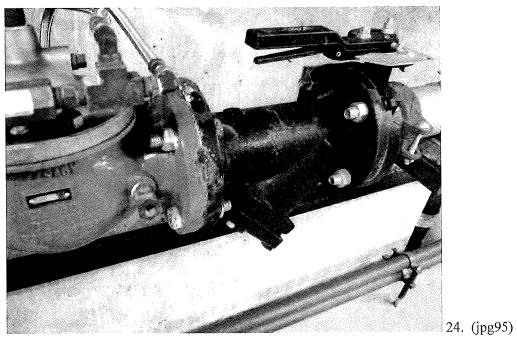


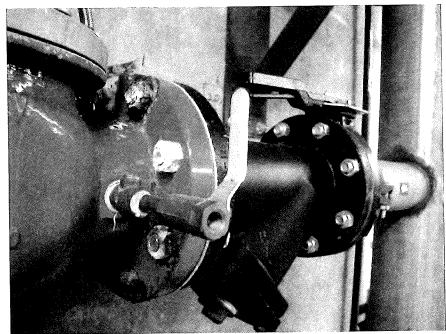
22. (jpg93)

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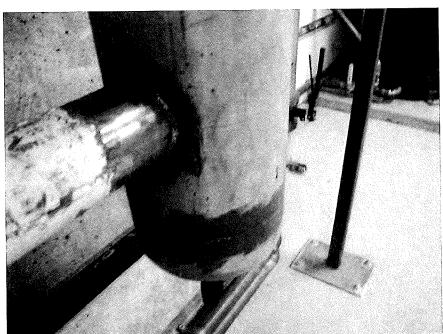


23. (jpg94)





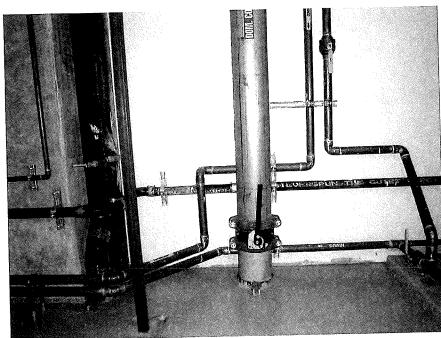
25. (jpg96)



26. Evidence

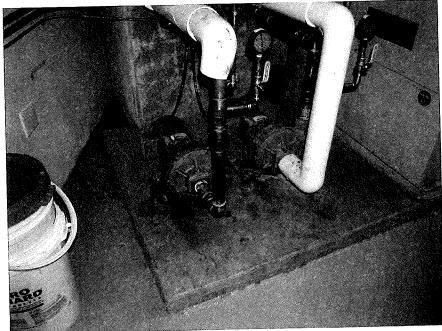
of removing welding tarnish with an acid e.g. hydrochloric; recommend cleaning with a stainless steel cleaner containing nitric acid.

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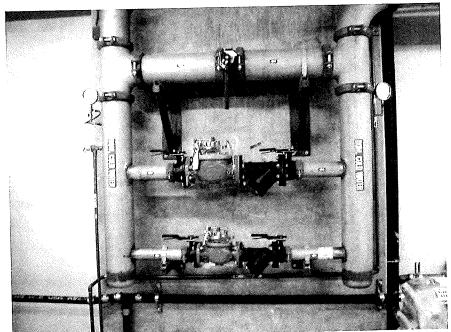
27. City

water inlet; replace ferrous butterfly valve with stainless steel (jpg98).



28. Hot water

recirculation pumps – replace with nonferrous alloy (jpg99).

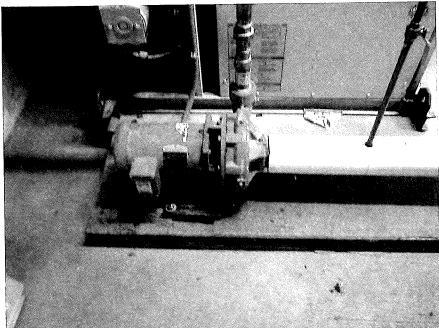


29 City water

inlet manifold; rust is from acid cleaning to remove tarnish (jpg65A).

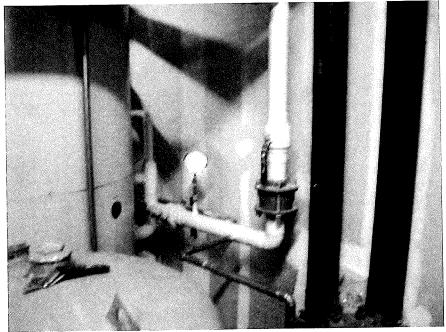
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1. Hot water

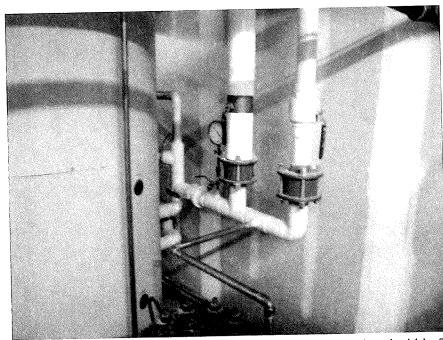
ferrous recirculation pump body requires replacement with a non-ferrous alloy now; replace carbon steel nipples now (jpg103).



2. Zone 4 hot

water system with ferrous check valve – replace within 5 years (jpg104).

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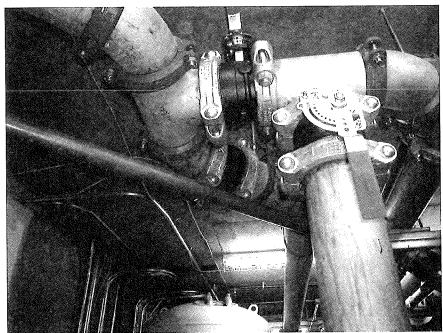
3. Zone 3 hot

water system with 2 ferrous check valves that need to be replaced within 5 years.



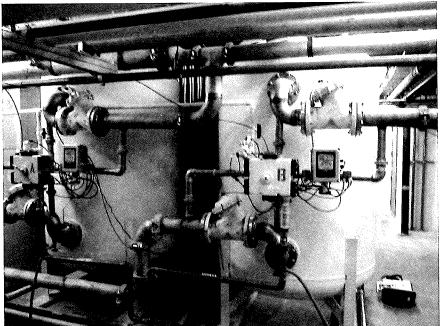
4. City water

inlet, Zone 3 and 4 ferrous butterfly valves – replace with stainless or bronze valves (jpg106).



5. Feed water

to water conditioners and bypass ferrous butterfly valves - replace now (jpg107).



6. Media

tanks with 4 ferrous check valves - replace valves within 5 years (jpg109).