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CHARLES LAM, INDIVIDUALLY AND DERIVATIVELY ON BEHALF OF TRAN ENTERPRISES, LLC, A NEVADA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE NT REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED THE 15TH OF OCTOBER 2009,

Appellant(s),

VS.

P. STERLING KERR, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE NT LEGACY TRUST, DATED THE 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2009; NHU TRAN FOUNDATION, INC., A NEVADA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION; AND COURT APPOINTED RECEIVER, ROBERT ANSARA OF DUNHAM TRUST COMPANY.

Respondent(s),

Case No: A-17-766466-C *Consolidated with A-17-760853-B* 

Docket No: 83730

# RECORD ON APPEAL VOLUME

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# A-17-766466-C Edward Homes Inc, Plaintiff(s) vs.

Tran Enterprises LLC, Defendant(s)

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#### DISTRICT COURT

#### CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

CASE NO.: A-17-766466-C EDWARD HOMES, INC., a Nevada Corporation, Department 31 DEPT. NO.: COMPLAINT Plaintiff. vs. Causes of Action TRAN ENTERPRISES, LLC, a Nevada 1. Breach of Contract; 2. Breach of the Covenant of Good Faith Limited Liability Company; DOE and Fair Dealing; INDIVIDUALS I through X, inclusive and Specific Performance; ROE ENTITIES I through X, inclusive, Defendants. Automatic Exemption from Arbitration Claims involving title to real property and extraordinary relief.

COMES NOW, Plaintiff EDWARD HOMES, INC., a Nevada Corporation, by and through its attorneys of record, ROBERT J. WALSH, ESQ. and MATTHEW P. PAWLOWSKI, ESQ., of WALSH & FRIEDMAN, LTD. and hereby complain of the named Defendant, as follows:

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. Plaintiff EDWARD HOMES, INC. is and was, at all relevant times herein, a Nevada Corporation, duly licensed and conducting business in the County of Clark, State of Nevada.

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- That the negotiations, communications and transactions which are the subject of the instant action took place in Clark County, Nevada.
- That the real property that is the subject of this litigation is situated in the County of Clark, State of Nevada.
- 5. Venue and jurisdiction are vested in the County of Clark, State of Nevada.
- 6. That the true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise, of Defendants, DOES I V and ROE CORPORATIONS VI X, are unknown to Plaintiff, who therefore sue said Defendants by such fictitious names; Plaintiff is informed and believe and thereupon allege that each of the Defendants designated herein as a Doe or Roe is responsible in some manner for the events and happenings referred to and caused damages to Plaintiffs as alleged herein and that Plaintiff will seek leave of this Court to amend this complaint and insert the true names and capacities when the same have been ascertained and enjoin such Defendants in this action.

#### STATEMENT OF PERTINENT FACTS

- Defendant is the owner of five (5) certain parcels of real property in Clark County, Nevada.
- Plaintiff and Defendant entered in to three Commercial Purchase and Sale Agreements for each of these five (5) parcels of land.
- 9. The first Purchase and Sale Contract, referred to herein as, "Contract 1," was executed

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by and between the parties on June 16, 2017, and pertains to two parcels at issue is identified as Parcel Nos. 177-17-701-012 and 177-17-701-013, and are more particularly described as:

177-17-701-012:

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177-17-701-013:

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10. The second Purchase and Sale Contract, referred to herein as, "Contract 2," was executed by and between the parties on June 16, 2017, and pertains to two parcels at issue is identified as Parcel Nos. 176-13-501-036 and 176-13-501-030, and are more particularly described as:

176-13-501-036:

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176-13-501-030:

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11. The third Purchase and Sale Contract, referred to herein as, "Contract 3," was executed by and between the parties on July 10, 2017, and pertains to the parcel at issue is identified as Parcel No. 177-17-701-011, and is more particularly described as:

177-17-701-011:

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- 12. All earnest money deposits and other obligations required of the Plaintiff prior to the close of escrow for Contract 1, Contract 2 and Contract 3, have been fully performed by the Plaintiff.
- 13. Escrow was scheduled to close for Contract 1 and Contract 2 on September 30, 2017, which is Sixty (60) days from the close of Buyer's 45-day inspection period, as contained in Contract 1 and Contract 2.

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14. Escrow was scheduled to close for Contract 3 on October 25, 2017, which is Sixty (60) days from the close of Buyer's 45-day inspection period, as contained in Contract 3.

- At the present time, Plaintiff is ready, willing and able to close escrow on Contracts 1 as described herein.
- 16. To date, Defendant has refused to close escrow on Purchase and Sale Contracts 1-3, described herein.

## FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (Breach of Contract)

- 17. The Plaintiff repeats and realleges all allegations contained in all previous paragraphs of this Complaint, as though set forth fully herein, and further alleges, as follows:
- 18. Defendant is the owner of five (5) certain parcels of real property in Clark County, Nevada.
- 19. Plaintiff and Defendant entered in to three Commercial Purchase and Sale Agreements for each of these five (5) parcels of land.
- 20. The first Purchase and Sale Contract, referred to herein as, "Contract 1," was executed by and between the parties on June 16, 2017, and pertains to two parcels at issue is identified as Parcel Nos. 177-17-701-012 and 177-17-701-013, and are more particularly described as:

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21. The second Purchase and Sale Contract, referred to herein as, "Contract 2," was executed by and between the parties on June 16, 2017, and pertains to two parcels at issue is identified as Parcel Nos. 176-13-501-036 and 176-13-501-030, and are more

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particularly described as:

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176-13-501-030:

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22. The third Purchase and Sale Contract, referred to herein as, "Contract 3," was executed by and between the parties on July 10, 2017, and pertains to the parcel at issue is identified as Parcel No. 177-17-701-011, and is more particularly described as:

177-17-701-011:

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- 23. All earnest money deposits and other obligations required of the Plaintiff prior to the close of escrow for Contract 1, Contract 2 and Contract 3, have been fully performed by the Plaintiff.
- 24. Escrow was scheduled to close for Contract 1 and Contract 2 on September 30, 2017, which is Sixty (60) days from the close of Buyer's 45-day inspection period, as contained in Contract 1 and Contract 2.
- 25. Escrow was scheduled to close for Contract 3 on October 25, 2017, which is Sixty (60) days from the close of Buyer's 45-day inspection period, as contained in Contract 3.
- 26. At the present time, Plaintiff is ready, willing and able to close escrow on Contracts 1-3, as described herein.
- 27. To date, Defendant has refused to close escrow on Purchase and Sale Contracts 1-3, described herein.
- 28. Defendant's express refusal to close escrow on the subject properties, pursuant to Contracts 1-3, described herein, constitutes a breach of Contracts 1-3 by Defendant.

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- 30. As a result of the foregoing, Plaintiff requests that preliminary and permanent injunctive relief issue, thereby preventing the sale or transfer of the subject real property parcels to third parties, other than the Plaintiff.
- 31. As a result of the foregoing, Plaintiff requests the equitable remedy of constructive trust over the subject real property, owed to Plaintiff by Defendant, as the Defendant is believed to be current title holder of said property and should be held to be trustee of that property, for the benefit of Plaintiff, who in good conscience is entitled to it.
- 32. It has been necessary for the Plaintiff to retain the services of Walsh and Friedman, Ltd. to prosecute this action, and as such, a reasonable sum for attorney's fees and costs of suit should be awarded.

### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION (Breach of the Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing)

- 33. The Plaintiff repeats and realleges all allegations contained in all previous paragraphs of this Complaint, as though set forth fully herein, and further allege, as follows:
- 34. Implied in every contract in the State of Nevada is a covenant of good faith and fair dealing between the parties.
- 35. As fully described inter alia, Defendant is in breach of this covenant through their willful and intentional delay in closing escrow, and Defendant's refusal to close escrow, of the real property parcels subject to Contracts 1-3, described herein.
- 36. This willful and intentional failure to close escrow has been perpetrated without just cause or purpose.

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- 38. As a result of the foregoing, Plaintiff requests that preliminary and permanent injunctive relief issue, thereby preventing the sale or transfer of the subject real property to third parties, other than the Plaintiff.
- 39. As a result of the foregoing, Plaintiff requests the equitable remedy of constructive trust over the subject real property, owed to Plaintiff by Defendant, as the Defendant is believed to be current title holder of said property and should be held to be trustee of that property, for the benefit of Plaintiff, who in good conscience is entitled to it.
- 40. It has been necessary for the Plaintiff to retain the services of Walsh and Friedman, Ltd. to prosecute this action, and as such, a reasonable sum for attorney's fees and costs of suit should be awarded.

#### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION (Specific Performance)

- 41. The Plaintiff repeats and realleges all allegations contained in all previous paragraphs of this Complaint, as though set forth fully herein, and further alleges, as follows:
- 42. The terms of the Purchase and Sale Agreement identified herein as Contracts 1-3, for the purchase and sale of the subject parcels of real property, are definite and certain.
- 43. That, as real property is inherently unique, the monetary remedy at law available to Plaintiff is inadequate.
- 44. That the Plaintiff is ready, willing and able to tender full performance under the terms of Contracts 1-3, detailed herein, for the purchase and sale of the subject parcels of real property, at issue in this action.

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- 45. As a result of the foregoing, Plaintiff requests that this Honorable Court order the remedy of specific performance, thereby requiring the Defendant to sell the subject parcels of real property, encompassed by Contracts 1-3, detailed herein, to the Plaintiff, on the clear and certain terms of the parties' agreement for the same.
- 46. As a result of the foregoing, Plaintiff requests that preliminary and permanent injunctive relief issue, thereby preventing the sale or transfer of the subject real property to third parties, other than the Plaintiff.
- 47. As a result of the foregoing, Plaintiff requests the equitable remedy of constructive trust over the subject real property, owed to Plaintiff by Defendant, as the Defendant is believed to be current title holder of said property and should be held to be trustee of that property, for the benefit of Plaintiff, who in good conscience is entitled to it.
- 48. It has been necessary for the Plaintiff to retain the services of Walsh and Friedman, Ltd. to prosecute this action, and as such, a reasonable sum for attorney's fees and costs of suit should be awarded.

WHEREFORE. Plaintiff prays for relief against the named Defendant, as follows:

- For an Order of specific performance, compelling the Defendant to sell the subject parcels of real property to the Plaintiff, under the previously-agreed terms as set forth in Contracts 1-3, detailed herein;
- For a preliminary and permanent injunction, preventing Defendant from selling the subject real property to third persons;
- For a constructive trust, ordering that the subject property be held as and for the benefit of the Plaintiff, pending resolution of this action;

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- 6. For reasonable attorney's fees; and
- 7. For such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

DATED: This 18 day of December, 2017.

Submitted by:

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#### DISTRICT COURT

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Defendants.	)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Plaintiff EDWARD HOMES, INC. commenced the above captioned action against the above-named Defendant, by filing a complaint with this Court on December 19, 2017.

The real property described in Plaintiff's complaint and affected by the action is located in Clark County, Nevada and is commonly known as: Clark County, Nevada

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Assessor's Parcel No. 176-13-501-030, and is more particularly described as:

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DATED: This 20 day of December, 2017.

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Assessor's Parcel No. 176-13-501-036, and is more particularly described as:

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#### DISTRICT COURT

#### CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

EDWARD HOMES, INC., a Nevada
Corporation,

Plaintiff,
vs.

TRAN ENTERPRISES, LLC, a Nevada
Limited Liability Company; DOE
INDIVIDUALS I through X, inclusive and
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Defendants.

#### THREE-DAY NOTICE OF INTENT TO TAKE DEFAULT

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Marquis Aurbach & Coffing and co-counsel Holland & Hart LLP, and hereby answer the Complaint of Plaintiff, Edward Homes, Inc., a Nevada corporation as follows:

#### GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 1. Answering Paragraph 1, Defendant admits that Plaintiff is a Nevada corporation. Answering further, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations, and on that basis, denies the same.
  - 2. Answering Paragraph 2, Defendant admits the allegations of said paragraph.
- 3. Answering Paragraph 3, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
- 4. Answering Paragraph 4, Defendant admits that the Complaint identifies certain parcels of real property as being located in Clark County, Nevada. Answering further, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations, and on that basis, denies the same.
- 5. Answering Paragraph 5, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
- 6. Answering Paragraph 6, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
- 7. Answering Paragraph 7, Defendant admits that it is the owner of real property in Clark County, Nevada. Answering further, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
- 8. Answering Paragraph 8, Defendant asserts that the allegations state conclusions of law for which no responsive pleading and, on that basis, are denied.

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9.	Answering Paragraph 9, Defendant asserts that the allegations state conclusion
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allegations	purporting to particularly describe parcels identified in the Complaint as "at issue
are denied	

- Answering Paragraph 10, Defendant asserts that the allegations state conclusions 10. of law for which no responsive pleading and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, allegations purporting to particularly describe parcels identified in the Complaint as "at issue" are denied.
- 11. Answering Paragraph 11, Defendant asserts that the allegations state conclusions of law for which no responsive pleading and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, allegations purporting to particularly describe parcels identified in the Complaint as "at issue" are denied.
  - 12. Answering Paragraph 12, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 13. Answering Paragraph 13, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 14. Answering Paragraph 14, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
- 15. Answering Paragraph 15, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
  - Answering Paragraph 16, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph. 16.

#### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (Breach of Contract)

- 17. Answering Paragraph 17, Defendant repeats and realleges all responses to Plaintiffs allegations contained in all previous paragraphs of this Complaint, as though set forth fully herein.
- 18. Answering Paragraph 18, Defendant admits that it is the owner of certain parcels of real property in Clark County. Answering further, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to whether it is the owner of the "certain parcels" referenced in said paragraph, and on that basis, deny the same.

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	19.	Answering Paragraph 19, Defendant asserts that the allegations state conclusions
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19, De	efend	ant denies the allegations in said paragraph.

- 20. Answering Paragraph 20, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
- 21. Answering Paragraph 21, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
- 22. Answering Paragraph 22, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
  - Answering Paragraph 23, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph. 23.
  - 24. Answering Paragraph 24, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 25. Answering Paragraph 25, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
- 26. Answering Paragraph 26, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
  - 27. Answering Paragraph 27, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 28. Answering Paragraph 28, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 29. Answering Paragraph 29, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
- 30. Answering Paragraph 30, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 31. Answering Paragraph 31, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
  - 32. Answering Paragraph 32, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.

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#### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION (Breach of the Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing)

- 33. Answering Paragraph 33, Defendant repeats and realleges all responses to Plaintiffs allegations contained in all previous paragraphs of this Complaint, as though set forth fully herein.
- 34. Answering Paragraph 34, Defendant asserts that the allegations are Plaintiff's statement of the law which Plaintiff contends is applicable, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied.
  - 35. Answering Paragraph 35, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 36. Answering Paragraph 36, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 37. Answering Paragraph 37, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
- 38. Answering Paragraph 38, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 39. Answering Paragraph 39, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
  - 40. Answering Paragraph 40, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.

#### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION (Specific Performance)

- 41. Answering Paragraph 41, Defendant repeats and realleges all responses to Plaintiffs allegations contained in all previous paragraphs of this Complaint, as though set forth fully herein.
  - 42. Answering Paragraph 42, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
- 43. Answering Paragraph 43, Defendant asserts that the allegations are Plaintiff's statement of the law which Plaintiff contends is applicable, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.

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- 44. Answering Paragraph 44, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
- 45. Answering Paragraph 45, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 46. Answering Paragraph 46, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 47. Answering Paragraph 47, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
  - 48. Answering Paragraph 48, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.

#### **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

As separate affirmative defenses to the Complaint and each purported claim for relief asserted therein, Defendant alleges as follows:

#### FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff has failed to state a claim against Defendant upon which relief can be granted.

#### SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims and damages are barred based upon the doctrine of estoppel.

#### THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff has failed to name an indispensable party.

#### <u>FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE</u>

Plaintiff has failed to mitigate its damages, if any, to the extent damages existed or were incurred, the existence of which is expressly denied.

#### FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The damages which Plaintiff claims to be owed are the result of conduct of a third party over which Defendant has no control.

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#### **SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Plaintiff is not entitled to relief on the grounds that Defendant's ability to perform is the subject of a court order, which excuses Defendant from any liability or damages claimed by Plaintiff.

#### SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendant reserves the right to amend this Answer to add additional affirmative defenses in the event subsequent information or investigation warrants such amendment.

#### THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT

Third-party Plaintiff, Tran Enterprises, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company ("Thir-Party Plaintiff" or "Tran Enterprises"), by and through Marquis Aurbach Coffing and cocounsel Holland & Hart, its attorneys of record, hereby complains, alleges and states against Third-Party Defendant, Charles Lam, individually, and Charles Lam, as Trustee of the NT Revocable Trust dated the 15th day of October 2009 (collectively, "Third Party Defendants"), as follows:

- 1. This Third-Party Complaint is brought pursuant to NRCP 13(h), NRCP 14 and NRCP 20.
- 2. Tran Enterprises is a Nevada limited liability company duly organized in the State of Nevada.
- Tran Enterprises is the owner of certain parcels of real property located in Clark 3. County, Nevada.
- 4. Third-Party Defendant, Charles Lam ("Lam") is a resident of Clark County, Nevada.
- 5. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Mr. Lam is/was the son of Ms. Nhu Thi Tran (hereinafter, "Ms. Tran"), now deceased.
- 6. Third-Party Defendant, Charles Lam, Trustee of the NT Revocable Living Trust dated the 15th day of October, 2009 ("Revocable Trust"), is the successor trustee of a trust established on or about October 15, 2009, by Ms. Tran, as Trustor or Grantor.
- 7. On or about October 15, 2009, Ms. Tran settled the Revocable Trust, a revocable living trust.

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8.	Ms. Tran was the trustee of the Revocable Trust until her passing on January 25.
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- 9. On or about October 15, 2009, Ms. Tran settled the NT Legacy Trust, dated October 15, 2009 ("Legacy Trust"), a Nevada irrevocable asset protection trust.
- 10. Pursuant to the terms of the Legacy Trust, P. Sterling Kerr and Mary Kaufman were named as co-trustees of the Legacy Trust.
  - 11. In 2016, Ms. Kaufman resigned as trustee of the Legacy Trust.
  - 12. Mr. Kerr remains a trustee of the Legacy Trust.
- 13. Except for the satisfaction of a \$2,000,000 general bequest, Mr. Lam is not entitled to receive from the Legacy Trust, any distribution of money or property.
- 14. At the time that the Legacy Trust was created, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that he was a beneficiary of the Legacy Trust, in the bequest amount of \$2,000,000.00.
  - 15. The Revocable Trust is not a beneficiary of the Legacy Trust.
- 16. The Revocable Trust documents contemplate that after payment of certain funeral expenses and/or other expenses, assets of the Revocable Trust will be distributed to the Legacy Trust.
  - 17. Mr. Lam is not a beneficiary of the Revocable Trust.
- 18. The Revocable Trust does not provide for Mr. Lam to receive any distribution of money or property from the assets of the Revocable Trust.
  - 19. The Revocable Trust has no member or ownership interest in Tran Enterprises.
- 20. At the time that the Revocable Trust was created, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that after Ms. Tran passed away, proceeds from the sale of assets of Tran Enterprises would be distributed to the Legacy Trust.
- 21. At all times relevant hereto, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that the Legacy Trust would hold no assets until after Ms. Tran had passed away.
  - 22. On or about January 25, 2017 Ms. Tran passed away.

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- 23. Upon Ms. Tran's passing, Mr. Lam became the trustee of the Revocable Trust.
- 24. Mr. Lam remains the trustee of the Revocable Trust.
- 25. Prior to March 23, 2017, Mr. Lam was the manager of Tran Enterprises.
- 26. Tran Enterprises is wholly owned by the Legacy Trust.
- 27. March 23, 2017, Mr. Kerr, trustee of the Legacy Trust, replaced Mr. Lam as the manager of Tran Enterprise.
- 28. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Mr. Lam objected to Mr. Kerr replacing him as manager of Tran Enterprises.
- 29. Pursuant to a Land Purchase and Profit Participation Agreement ("Big Teton Agreement") dated as of August 1, 2011, Tran Enterprises agreed to sell to Big Teton, LLC ("Big Teton") certain real property identified in the Land Purchase and Profit Participation Agreement as APN 176-10-401-001 (the "Big Teton Property").
- 30. The Big Teton Agreement provided that upon sale of the Big Teton Property to a third party, net profits would be divided between Big Teton and Tran Enterprises.
  - 31. On or about August 19, 2011, Big Teton purchased the Big Teton Property.
  - 32. On or about January 14, 2015, Big Teton sold the Big Teton Property.
- After closing on the sale of the Big Teton Property to a third-party, Big Teton 33. notified Mr. Lam, at that time the manager of record for Tran Enterprises, that net profits in excess of \$497,973.00 ("Net Profits Distribution") to which Tran Enterprises was entitled under the Big Teton Agreement, were available for distribution to Tran Enterprises.
- 34. While serving as manager of Tran Enterprises, Mr. Lam took no action to have the Net Profits Distribution transferred to an account maintained by Tran Enterprises.
- 35. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that subsequent to receiving notice that Mr. Kerr was the manager of Tran Enterprises, Mr. Lam instructed Big Teton to issue to him personally, multiple Cashier's Checks in amounts aggregating the Net Profits Distribution.

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36. In directing Big Teton to distribute the Net Profits Distribution to him personally, Mr. Lam did not notify Big Teton that he had no legal or equitable basis to instruct Big Teton to disburse to him the Net Profits Distribution.

- 37. In directing Big Teton to distribute the Net Profits Distribution to him personally, Mr. Lam did not notify Big Teton that he was not the manager of Tran Enterprises, but that Mr. Kerr was the manager of Tran Enterprises.
- 38. At all times relevant hereto, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that the Net Profits Distribution was to be paid to Tran Enterprises and not to him personally.
- 39. At all times relevant hereto, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that the Net Profits Distribution were assets of Tran Enterprise and intended to be distributed to the Legacy Trust to satisfy bequests to beneficiaries of the Legacy Trust.
- 40. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that in 2012, in two (2) filings before the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Nevada ("Bankruptcy Court Filings"), it was represented that Ms. Tran had experienced severe and chronic health problems over several years prior to the 2012 Bankruptcy Court Filings, which health problems affected her physical health as well as her cognitive abilities, including the ability to remember events and transactions.
- 41. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that the Bankruptcy Court Filings represented that Ms. Tran's severe and chronic health problems had been exacerbated prior to the 2012 Bankruptcy Filings, which health problems affected her physical health as well as her cognitive abilities, including the ability to remember events and transactions.
- 42. When the Big Teton Property was sold in January 2015, Mr. Lam's mother, Ms. Tran, was elderly and in failing health.
- 43. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Mr. Lam intentionally permitted the Net Profits Distribution to remain in the control of Big Teton, until

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such time as Ms. Tran was deceased, in order to obtain personal control of the Net Profits Distribution.

- 44. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that Ms. Tran had formed the Legacy Trust, and that upon her passing, the assets of Tran Enterprises would be liquidated and distributed to the Legacy Trust.
- 45. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that pursuant to the terms of the Legacy Trust, he would receive a general bequest of \$2,000,000.00, an amount that is materially less than the value of the assets held by Tran Enterprises.
- 46. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that Mr. Kerr, as Trustee of the Legacy Trust and manager of Tran Enterprises, would initiate action to liquidate assets of Tran Enterprises in order to fund the Legacy Trust, in a timely and expedient matter.
- 47. Mr. Lam, as successor trustee of the Revocable Trust, has taken no action to liquidate assets of the Revocable Trust, as contemplated by the Revocable Trust documents.
- 48. Mr. Lam, as successor trustee of the Revocable Trust, has taken no action to distribute assets of the Revocable Trust to the Legacy Trust, if any, as contemplated by the Revocable Trust documents.
- 49. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that Mr. Lam was not satisfied with the \$2,000,000 bequest he was to receive under the Legacy Trust.
- 50. Upon the payment from the Legacy Trust of the \$2,000,000.00, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that he would no longer have individual standing to contest actions taken by Tran Enterprises or Legacy Trust with respect to the liquidation of assets owned by Tran Enterprises or the Legacy Trust.
- 51. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, embarked upon a scheme to delay or prevent the assets of Tran Enterprises from being liquidated and distributed to the Legacy Trust.

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52. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, embarked upon a scheme to usurp control over Tran Enterprises, the Revocable Trust and the Legacy Trust in order to obtain additional money and property in excess of the \$2,000,000.00 he was otherwise entitled to receive.

- 53. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that, in furtherance of his scheme, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, determined to take action to cause the removal of Mr. Kerr as manager of Tran Enterprises and as Trustee of the Legacy Trust.
- 54. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that, in furtherance of his scheme, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, intentionally directed Big Teton to pay him the Net Profit Distribution, in order to circumvent the effort of Mr. Kerr to obtain funds to satisfy the terms of the Legacy Trust.
- As a direct and proximate result of Mr. Tran's action to divert the Net Profit 55. Distribution, it is and was necessary for Tran Enterprises to enter into agreements for the sale of Tran Enterprises property in order to fund the Legacy Trust in an expedient and timely manner.
- 56. On or about September 1, 2017, Third Party Defendants caused to be filed in the Clark County District Court, a Complaint entitled "Charles, individually and derivatively on behalf of Tran Enterprises, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, and as Trustee of the NT Revocable Living Trust, dated the 15th day of October, 2009, Plaintiffs v. P. Sterling Kerr, individually and as manager of the Legacy Trust, dated the 15th day of October, 2009; Mary V. Kaufman, as Trustee of the NT Legacy Trust, dated the 15th day of October, 2009; and DOES I V individuals and ROE VI through X Corporations and Partnerships." (The "Lam/Kerr Action").
- 57. On January 1, 2017, Third Party Defendants filed an Amended Complaint ("Lam/Kerr Amended Complaint") in the Lam/Kerr Action.
- 58. In the Amended Complaint, Mr. Lam alleges that he is a 10% member of Tran Enterprises.
  - 59. Tran Enterprises is not a party to the Lam/Kerr Action.

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- 60. Mr. Lam is not, and never has been, a member or owner of Tran Enterprises.
- 61. Prior to initiating the Lam/Kerr Action, Mr. Lam had never claimed to be a member or owner of Tran Enterprises.
- 62. Prior to initiating the Lam/Kerr Action, Mr. Kerr advised Mr. Lam that Tran Enterprises was selling property owned by Tran Enterprises.
- 63. Prior to the commencement of the Lam/Kerr Action, Tran Enterprises sold certain real property owned by Tran Enterprises.
- 64. Mr. Lam, as successor trustee of the Revocable Trust, has taken no action to liquidate assets of the Revocable Trust, as ordered by the Court in the Lam/KerrAction on November 17, 2017.
- 65. As a result of the Lam/Kerr Action, Mr. Kerr has been prevented from taking any action that would result in the sale by Tran Enterprises of property that it owns, without approval from the Judge presiding in the Lam/Kerr Action.
- 66. As a direct and proximate the Lam/Kerr Action, Tran Enterprises is prevented from taking any action that would result in the sale of property owned by Tran Enterprises, without approval from the Judge presiding in the Lam/Kerr Action.
- 67. Edward Homes has filed a Complaint in the Clark County District Court alleging that Tran Enterprises has breached three (3) purchase and sale agreements for the sale to Edward Homes of certain real property owned by Tran Enterprises.
- 68. Edward Homes alleges, in relevant part, that Tran Enterprises will not close escrow and complete the sale to Edward Homes of certain real property owned by Tran Enterprises.
- 69. Tran Enterprises has been compelled to retain the services of an attorney and has incurred attorney's fees and costs as a result of the foregoing conduct.

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# FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

## (Intentional Interference with Contractual Relations)

- 70. Tran Enterprises repeats, realleges and incorporated all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 71. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew that Tran Enterprises had entered into, or intended to enter into agreements for the sale of property owned by Tran Enterprises.
- 72. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, intentionally and wrongfully engaged in conduct and communications with the express intent to disrupt the contractual relationship between Tran Enterprises and Edward Homes.
- 73. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, have intentionally and wrongfully engaged in conduct and communications with the express intent to cause a default under the terms of the Commercial Purchase and Sale Agreement and Joint Escrow Instructions, to the damage and detriment of Tran Enterprises.
- 74. Third Party Defendants' conduct and communications were done with the intent to interfere with, and to cause damage and harm to Tran Enterprises' credibility and ability to conduct business.
- 75. Third Party Defendants' conduct and communications were done with the intent to interfere with, and to cause damage and harm in order to carry out his scheme to wrongfully usurp control over Tran Enterprises.
- 76. Third Party Defendants' conduct and communications were done with the intent to interfere with, and to cause damage and harm in order to carry out his scheme to obtain additional profit and benefit over and above the \$2,000,000 specific bequest provided under the Legacy Trust documents.
- 77. As a direct and proximate result of Mr. Lam's actions, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, Tran Enterprises has incurred damages in excess of \$15,000, and Tran Enterprises is entitled to punitive and exemplary damages, in an amount to be proven at trial.

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78. Tran Enterprises is entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred herein according to proof at the time of trial.

# SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# (Equitable or Implied Indemnity)

- 79. Tran Enterprises repeats, realleges and incorporated all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 80. Edward Homes has filed a Complaint and commenced an action alleging breach of contract and seeking an award against Tran Enterprises of monetary damages in excess of \$10,000.
- 81. The alleged damages claimed to be owed by Tran Enterprises, if any, are the direct and proximate result of the intentional and wrongful actions of Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust.
- 82. But for the intentional and wrongful actions of Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, Tran Enterprises would not be subject to a claim for damages by Edward Homes.
- 83. Tran Enterprises has been compelled to retain legal counsel and to incur additional expenses to defend the allegations of Edward Homes.
- 84. Tran Enterprises is entitled to equitable indemnification for all monies it has expended to defend against the Edward Homes allegations.
- 85. Tran Enterprises is entitled to equitable indemnification for any and all damages which Tran Enterprises may become obligated if Edward Homes prevails.
- 86. Tran Enterprises has incurred, or may incur, damages in excess of \$15,000, for which damages it is entitled to indemnification from Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust.

WHEREFORE, Tran Enterprises prays for relief against Third-party Defendants, Charles Lam, individually, and as Trustee of the NT Revocable Living Trust:

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- For an award of damages in excess of \$15,000;
- 2. For an award of punitive and exemplary damages in an amount to be proven at trial;
- For his attorneys fees and costs of Court; and
- 4. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem appropriate.

DATED this 15th day of February, 2018.

Lance C. Earl, Esq. (2695) Marquis Aurbach Coffing 10001 Park Run Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89145

Attorneys for Tran Enterprises, LLC

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# **INITIAL APPEARANCE FEE DISCLOSURE**

Pursuant to NRS Chapter 19, as amended by Senate Bill 106, filing fees are submitted for parties appearing in the above-entitled action as indicated below:

TOTAL REMITTED.......\$223.00

Dated this 20th day of February, 2018.

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The undersigned counsel of record certifies that the following are persons and entities as described in NRCP 7.1, and must be disclosed. These representations are made in order that the judges of this court may evaluate possible disqualification or recusal.

1. Tran Enterprises, LLC, defendant – no parent corporation.

Dated this 20th day of February, 2018.

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# CHARLES LAM, INDIVIDUALLY

TO THE DEFENDANT(S): A civil Complaint has been filed by the Plaintiff(s) against you for the relief set forth in the Complaint.

- 1. If you intend to defend this lawsuit, within 20 days after this Summons is served on you, exclusive of the day of service, you must do the following:
  - File with the Clerk of this Court, whose address is shown below, a formal (a) written response to the Complaint in accordance with the rules of the Court, with the appropriate filing fee.
  - (b) Serve a copy of your response upon the attorney whose name and address is shown below.
- 2. Unless you respond, your default will be entered upon application of the Plaintiff(s) and failure to so respond will result in a judgment of default against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint, which could result in the taking of money or property or other relief requested in the Complaint.
- 3. If you intend to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your response may be filed on time.
- 4. The State of Nevada, its political subdivisions, agencies, officers, employees, board members, commission members and legislators each have 45 days after service of this Summons within which to file an Answer or other responsive pleading to the Complaint.

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# TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT; THIRD PARTY COMPLAINT

Defendant and Third Party Plaintiff Tran Enterprises, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, by and through its attorneys, the law firm of Marquis Aurbach Coffing, hereby files this Errata to Defendant Tran Enterprises, LLC's Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint; Third Party Complaint (the "Answer and Third Party Complaint") filed February 15, 2018. The purpose of the Errata is to amend the caption to include as a Third-Party Defendant, Charles Lam as Trustee of the NT Revocable Trust dated the 15th day of October 2009, who was inadvertently omitted. The previously filed Answer and Third Party Complaint is attached hereto in its entirety.

ERRATA TO CAPTION ON DEFENDANT TRAN ENTERPRISES, LLC'S ANSWER

Dated this 21st day of February, 2018.

# Marquis Aurbach Coffing

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Marquis Aurbach & Coffing and co-counsel Holland & Hart LLP, and hereby answer the Complaint of Plaintiff, Edward Homes, Inc., a Nevada corporation as follows:

### GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 1. Answering Paragraph 1, Defendant admits that Plaintiff is a Nevada corporation. Answering further, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations, and on that basis, denies the same.
  - 2. Answering Paragraph 2, Defendant admits the allegations of said paragraph.
- 3. Answering Paragraph 3, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
- 4. Answering Paragraph 4, Defendant admits that the Complaint identifies certain parcels of real property as being located in Clark County, Nevada. Answering further, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations, and on that basis, denies the same.
- 5. Answering Paragraph 5, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
- Answering Paragraph 6, Defendant is without knowledge or information 6. sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
- 7. Answering Paragraph 7, Defendant admits that it is the owner of real property in Clark County, Nevada. Answering further, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
- 8. Answering Paragraph 8, Defendant asserts that the allegations state conclusions of law for which no responsive pleading and, on that basis, are denied.

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9.	Answering Paragraph 9, Defendant asserts that the allegations state conclusion
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allegations	purporting to particularly describe parcels identified in the Complaint as "at issue
are denied.	

- 10. Answering Paragraph 10, Defendant asserts that the allegations state conclusions of law for which no responsive pleading and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, allegations purporting to particularly describe parcels identified in the Complaint as "at issue" are denied.
- 11. Answering Paragraph 11, Defendant asserts that the allegations state conclusions of law for which no responsive pleading and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, allegations purporting to particularly describe parcels identified in the Complaint as "at issue" are denied.
  - 12. Answering Paragraph 12, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 13. Answering Paragraph 13, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 14. Answering Paragraph 14, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
- 15. Answering Paragraph 15, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
  - 16. Answering Paragraph 16, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.

# FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (Breach of Contract)

- 17. Answering Paragraph 17, Defendant repeats and realleges all responses to Plaintiffs allegations contained in all previous paragraphs of this Complaint, as though set forth fully herein.
- 18. Answering Paragraph 18, Defendant admits that it is the owner of certain parcels of real property in Clark County. Answering further, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to whether it is the owner of the "certain parcels" referenced in said paragraph, and on that basis, deny the same.

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19	Answering Paragraph 19, Defendant asserts that the allegations state conclusion				
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19, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.					

- 20. Answering Paragraph 20, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
- 21. Answering Paragraph 21, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
- 22. Answering Paragraph 22, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
  - 23. Answering Paragraph 23, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - Answering Paragraph 24, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph. 24.
  - 25. Answering Paragraph 25, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
- 26. Answering Paragraph 26, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
  - 27. Answering Paragraph 27, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 28. Answering Paragraph 28, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 29. Answering Paragraph 29, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
- 30. Answering Paragraph 30, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 31. Answering Paragraph 31, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
  - 32. Answering Paragraph 32, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.

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# SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION (Breach of the Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing)

- 33. Answering Paragraph 33, Defendant repeats and realleges all responses to Plaintiffs allegations contained in all previous paragraphs of this Complaint, as though set forth fully herein.
- 34. Answering Paragraph 34, Defendant asserts that the allegations are Plaintiff's statement of the law which Plaintiff contends is applicable, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied.
  - 35. Answering Paragraph 35, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 36. Answering Paragraph 36, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 37. Answering Paragraph 37, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
- 38. Answering Paragraph 38, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 39. Answering Paragraph 39, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
  - 40. Answering Paragraph 40, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.

# THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION (Specific Performance)

- 41. Answering Paragraph 41, Defendant repeats and realleges all responses to Plaintiffs allegations contained in all previous paragraphs of this Complaint, as though set forth fully herein.
  - 42. Answering Paragraph 42, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
- 43. Answering Paragraph 43, Defendant asserts that the allegations are Plaintiff's statement of the law which Plaintiff contends is applicable, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.

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- 45. Answering Paragraph 45, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 46. Answering Paragraph 46, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 47. Answering Paragraph 47, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
  - 48. Answering Paragraph 48, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.

# AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

As separate affirmative defenses to the Complaint and each purported claim for relief asserted therein, Defendant alleges as follows:

### FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff has failed to state a claim against Defendant upon which relief can be granted.

# **SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claims and damages are barred based upon the doctrine of estoppel.

## THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff has failed to name an indispensable party.

# **FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Plaintiff has failed to mitigate its damages, if any, to the extent damages existed or were incurred, the existence of which is expressly denied.

## FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The damages which Plaintiff claims to be owed are the result of conduct of a third party over which Defendant has no control.

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## SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff is not entitled to relief on the grounds that Defendant's ability to perform is the subject of a court order, which excuses Defendant from any liability or damages claimed by Plaintiff.

# SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendant reserves the right to amend this Answer to add additional affirmative defenses in the event subsequent information or investigation warrants such amendment.

## THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT

Third-party Plaintiff, Tran Enterprises, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company ("Thir-Party Plaintiff" or "Tran Enterprises"), by and through Marquis Aurbach Coffing and co-counsel Holland & Hart, its attorneys of record, hereby complains, alleges and states against Third-Party Defendant, Charles Lam, individually, and Charles Lam, as Trustee of the NT Revocable Trust dated the 15th day of October 2009 (collectively, "Third Party Defendants"), as follows:

- 1. This Third-Party Complaint is brought pursuant to NRCP 13(h), NRCP 14 and NRCP 20.
- 2. Tran Enterprises is a Nevada limited liability company duly organized in the State of Nevada.
- Tran Enterprises is the owner of certain parcels of real property located in Clark County, Nevada.
- 4. Third-Party Defendant, Charles Lam ("Lam") is a resident of Clark County, Nevada.
- 5. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Mr. Lam is/was the son of Ms. Nhu Thi Tran (hereinafter, "Ms. Tran"), now deceased.
- 6. Third-Party Defendant, Charles Lam, Trustee of the NT Revocable Living Trust dated the 15th day of October, 2009 ("Revocable Trust"), is the successor trustee of a trust established on or about October 15, 2009, by Ms. Tran, as Trustor or Grantor.
- 7. On or about October 15, 2009, Ms. Tran settled the Revocable Trust, a revocable living trust.

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	8.	Ms. Tran was the trustee of the Revocable Trust until her passing on January 25,
2017.		

- 9. On or about October 15, 2009, Ms. Tran settled the NT Legacy Trust, dated October 15, 2009 ("Legacy Trust"), a Nevada irrevocable asset protection trust.
- 10. Pursuant to the terms of the Legacy Trust, P. Sterling Kerr and Mary Kaufman were named as co-trustees of the Legacy Trust.
  - 11. In 2016, Ms. Kaufman resigned as trustee of the Legacy Trust.
  - 12. Mr. Kerr remains a trustee of the Legacy Trust.
- 13. Except for the satisfaction of a \$2,000,000 general bequest, Mr. Lam is not entitled to receive from the Legacy Trust, any distribution of money or property.
- 14. At the time that the Legacy Trust was created, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that he was a beneficiary of the Legacy Trust, in the bequest amount of \$2,000,000.00.
  - 15. The Revocable Trust is not a beneficiary of the Legacy Trust.
- 16. The Revocable Trust documents contemplate that after payment of certain funeral expenses and/or other expenses, assets of the Revocable Trust will be distributed to the Legacy Trust.
  - 17. Mr. Lam is not a beneficiary of the Revocable Trust.
- 18. The Revocable Trust does not provide for Mr. Lam to receive any distribution of money or property from the assets of the Revocable Trust.
  - 19. The Revocable Trust has no member or ownership interest in Tran Enterprises.
- 20. At the time that the Revocable Trust was created, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that after Ms. Tran passed away, proceeds from the sale of assets of Tran Enterprises would be distributed to the Legacy Trust.
- 21. At all times relevant hereto, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that the Legacy Trust would hold no assets until after Ms. Tran had passed away.
  - 22. On or about January 25, 2017 Ms. Tran passed away.

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- 24. Mr. Lam remains the trustee of the Revocable Trust.
- 25. Prior to March 23, 2017, Mr. Lam was the manager of Tran Enterprises.
- 26. Tran Enterprises is wholly owned by the Legacy Trust.
- 27. March 23, 2017, Mr. Kerr, trustee of the Legacy Trust, replaced Mr. Lam as the manager of Tran Enterprise.
- 28. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Mr. Lam objected to Mr. Kerr replacing him as manager of Tran Enterprises.
- 29. Pursuant to a Land Purchase and Profit Participation Agreement ("Big Teton Agreement") dated as of August 1, 2011, Tran Enterprises agreed to sell to Big Teton, LLC ("Big Teton") certain real property identified in the Land Purchase and Profit Participation Agreement as APN 176-10-401-001 (the "Big Teton Property").
- 30. The Big Teton Agreement provided that upon sale of the Big Teton Property to a third party, net profits would be divided between Big Teton and Tran Enterprises.
  - 31. On or about August 19, 2011, Big Teton purchased the Big Teton Property.
  - 32. On or about January 14, 2015, Big Teton sold the Big Teton Property.
- 33. After closing on the sale of the Big Teton Property to a third-party, Big Teton notified Mr. Lam, at that time the manager of record for Tran Enterprises, that net profits in excess of \$497,973.00 ("Net Profits Distribution") to which Tran Enterprises was entitled under the Big Teton Agreement, were available for distribution to Tran Enterprises.
- 34. While serving as manager of Tran Enterprises, Mr. Lam took no action to have the Net Profits Distribution transferred to an account maintained by Tran Enterprises.
- 35. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that subsequent to receiving notice that Mr. Kerr was the manager of Tran Enterprises, Mr. Lam instructed Big Teton to issue to him personally, multiple Cashier's Checks in amounts aggregating the Net Profits Distribution.

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- 36. In directing Big Teton to distribute the Net Profits Distribution to him personally, Mr. Lam did not notify Big Teton that he had no legal or equitable basis to instruct Big Teton to disburse to him the Net Profits Distribution.
- 37. In directing Big Teton to distribute the Net Profits Distribution to him personally, Mr. Lam did not notify Big Teton that he was not the manager of Tran Enterprises, but that Mr. Kerr was the manager of Tran Enterprises.
- 38. At all times relevant hereto, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that the Net Profits Distribution was to be paid to Tran Enterprises and not to him personally.
- 39. At all times relevant hereto, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that the Net Profits Distribution were assets of Tran Enterprise and intended to be distributed to the Legacy Trust to satisfy bequests to beneficiaries of the Legacy Trust.
- 40. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that in 2012, in two (2) filings before the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Nevada ("Bankruptcy Court Filings"), it was represented that Ms. Tran had experienced severe and chronic health problems over several years prior to the 2012 Bankruptcy Court Filings, which health problems affected her physical health as well as her cognitive abilities, including the ability to remember events and transactions.
- 41. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that the Bankruptcy Court Filings represented that Ms. Tran's severe and chronic health problems had been exacerbated prior to the 2012 Bankruptcy Filings, which health problems affected her physical health as well as her cognitive abilities, including the ability to remember events and transactions.
- 42. When the Big Teton Property was sold in January 2015, Mr. Lam's mother, Ms. Tran, was elderly and in failing health.
- 43. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Mr. Lam intentionally permitted the Net Profits Distribution to remain in the control of Big Teton, until

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such time as Ms. Tran was deceased, in order to obtain personal control of the Net Profits Distribution.

- 44. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that Ms. Tran had formed the Legacy Trust, and that upon her passing, the assets of Tran Enterprises would be liquidated and distributed to the Legacy Trust.
- 45. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that pursuant to the terms of the Legacy Trust, he would receive a general bequest of \$2,000,000.00, an amount that is materially less than the value of the assets held by Tran Enterprises.
- 46. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that Mr. Kerr, as Trustee of the Legacy Trust and manager of Tran Enterprises, would initiate action to liquidate assets of Tran Enterprises in order to fund the Legacy Trust, in a timely and expedient matter.
- 47. Mr. Lam, as successor trustee of the Revocable Trust, has taken no action to liquidate assets of the Revocable Trust, as contemplated by the Revocable Trust documents.
- 48. Mr. Lam, as successor trustee of the Revocable Trust, has taken no action to distribute assets of the Revocable Trust to the Legacy Trust, if any, as contemplated by the Revocable Trust documents.
- 49. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that Mr. Lam was not satisfied with the \$2,000,000 bequest he was to receive under the Legacy Trust.
- 50. Upon the payment from the Legacy Trust of the \$2,000,000.00, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that he would no longer have individual standing to contest actions taken by Tran Enterprises or Legacy Trust with respect to the liquidation of assets owned by Tran Enterprises or the Legacy Trust.
- 51. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, embarked upon a scheme to delay or prevent the assets of Tran Enterprises from being liquidated and distributed to the Legacy Trust.

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52.	Tran Enterprises is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that Mr. Lam
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over Tran	Enterprises, the Revocable Trust and the Legacy Trust in order to obtain additional
money and	property in excess of the \$2,000,000.00 he was otherwise entitled to receive.

- 53. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that, in furtherance of his scheme, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, determined to take action to cause the removal of Mr. Kerr as manager of Tran Enterprises and as Trustee of the Legacy Trust.
- 54. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that, in furtherance of his scheme, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, intentionally directed Big Teton to pay him the Net Profit Distribution, in order to circumvent the effort of Mr. Kerr to obtain funds to satisfy the terms of the Legacy Trust.
- 55. As a direct and proximate result of Mr. Tran's action to divert the Net Profit Distribution, it is and was necessary for Tran Enterprises to enter into agreements for the sale of Tran Enterprises property in order to fund the Legacy Trust in an expedient and timely manner.
- 56. On or about September 1, 2017, Third Party Defendants caused to be filed in the Clark County District Court, a Complaint entitled "Charles, individually and derivatively on behalf of Tran Enterprises, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, and as Trustee of the NT Revocable Living Trust, dated the 15th day of October, 2009, Plaintiffs v. P. Sterling Kerr, individually and as manager of the Legacy Trust, dated the 15th day of October, 2009; Mary V. Kaufman, as Trustee of the NT Legacy Trust, dated the 15th day of October, 2009; and DOES I V individuals and ROE VI through X Corporations and Partnerships." (The "Lam/Kerr Action").
- 57. On January 1, 2017, Third Party Defendants filed an Amended Complaint ("Lam/Kerr Amended Complaint") in the Lam/Kerr Action.
- 58. In the Amended Complaint, Mr. Lam alleges that he is a 10% member of Tran Enterprises.
  - 59. Tran Enterprises is not a party to the Lam/Kerr Action.

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- 60. Mr. Lam is not, and never has been, a member or owner of Tran Enterprises.
- 61. Prior to initiating the Lam/Kerr Action, Mr. Lam had never claimed to be a member or owner of Tran Enterprises.
- 62. Prior to initiating the Lam/Kerr Action, Mr. Kerr advised Mr. Lam that Tran Enterprises was selling property owned by Tran Enterprises.
- 63. Prior to the commencement of the Lam/Kerr Action, Tran Enterprises sold certain real property owned by Tran Enterprises.
- 64. Mr. Lam, as successor trustee of the Revocable Trust, has taken no action to liquidate assets of the Revocable Trust, as ordered by the Court in the Lam/KerrAction on November 17, 2017.
- 65. As a result of the Lam/Kerr Action, Mr. Kerr has been prevented from taking any action that would result in the sale by Tran Enterprises of property that it owns, without approval from the Judge presiding in the Lam/Kerr Action.
- 66. As a direct and proximate the Lam/Kerr Action, Tran Enterprises is prevented from taking any action that would result in the sale of property owned by Tran Enterprises, without approval from the Judge presiding in the Lam/Kerr Action.
- 67. Edward Homes has filed a Complaint in the Clark County District Court alleging that Tran Enterprises has breached three (3) purchase and sale agreements for the sale to Edward Homes of certain real property owned by Tran Enterprises.
- 68. Edward Homes alleges, in relevant part, that Tran Enterprises will not close escrow and complete the sale to Edward Homes of certain real property owned by Tran Enterprises.
- 69. Tran Enterprises has been compelled to retain the services of an attorney and has incurred attorney's fees and costs as a result of the foregoing conduct.

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# FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

### (Intentional Interference with Contractual Relations)

- 70. Tran Enterprises repeats, realleges and incorporated all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 71. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew that Tran Enterprises had entered into, or intended to enter into agreements for the sale of property owned by Tran Enterprises.
- 72. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, intentionally and wrongfully engaged in conduct and communications with the express intent to disrupt the contractual relationship between Tran Enterprises and Edward Homes.
- 73. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, have intentionally and wrongfully engaged in conduct and communications with the express intent to cause a default under the terms of the Commercial Purchase and Sale Agreement and Joint Escrow Instructions, to the damage and detriment of Tran Enterprises.
- 74. Third Party Defendants' conduct and communications were done with the intent to interfere with, and to cause damage and harm to Tran Enterprises' credibility and ability to conduct business.
- 75. Third Party Defendants' conduct and communications were done with the intent to interfere with, and to cause damage and harm in order to carry out his scheme to wrongfully usurp control over Tran Enterprises.
- 76. Third Party Defendants' conduct and communications were done with the intent to interfere with, and to cause damage and harm in order to carry out his scheme to obtain additional profit and benefit over and above the \$2,000,000 specific bequest provided under the Legacy Trust documents.
- 77. As a direct and proximate result of Mr. Lam's actions, , individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, Tran Enterprises has incurred damages in excess of \$15,000, and Tran Enterprises is entitled to punitive and exemplary damages, in an amount to be proven at trial.

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78. Tran Enterprises is entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred herein according to proof at the time of trial.

# SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# (Equitable or Implied Indemnity)

- 79. Tran Enterprises repeats, realleges and incorporated all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 80. Edward Homes has filed a Complaint and commenced an action alleging breach of contract and seeking an award against Tran Enterprises of monetary damages in excess of \$10,000.
- 81. The alleged damages claimed to be owed by Tran Enterprises, if any, are the direct and proximate result of the intentional and wrongful actions of Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust.
- 82. But for the intentional and wrongful actions of Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, Tran Enterprises would not be subject to a claim for damages by Edward Homes.
- 83. Tran Enterprises has been compelled to retain legal counsel and to incur additional expenses to defend the allegations of Edward Homes.
- 84. Tran Enterprises is entitled to equitable indemnification for all monies it has expended to defend against the Edward Homes allegations.
- 85. Tran Enterprises is entitled to equitable indemnification for any and all damages which Tran Enterprises may become obligated if Edward Homes prevails.
- 86. Tran Enterprises has incurred, or may incur, damages in excess of \$15,000, for which damages it is entitled to indemnification from Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust.

WHEREFORE, Tran Enterprises prays for relief against Third-party Defendants, Charles Lam, individually, and as Trustee of the NT Revocable Living Trust:

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- 1. For an award of damages in excess of \$15,000;
- 2. For an award of punitive and exemplary damages in an amount to be proven at trial;
- 3. For his attorneys fees and costs of Court; and
- 4. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem appropriate.

DATED this 15th day of February, 2018.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 15th day of February, 2018, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFENDANT TRAN ENTERPRISES, LLC'S ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT; THIRD PARTY COMPLAINT was served by the following method(s):

- Electronic: by submitting electronically for filing and/or service with the Eighth Judicial District Court's Odyssey eFileNV Electronic Filing system and serving all parties with an email address on record, as indicated below, pursuant to Administrative Order 14-2 and Rule 9 of the .N.E.F.C.R. That date and time of the electronic proof of service in place of the date and place of deposit in the U.S. Mail.
- <u>U.S. Mail</u>: by depositing same in the United States mail, first class postage fully prepaid to the persons and addresses listed below:

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NOTICE! YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOUR BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

## CHARLES LAM, AS TRUSTEE OF THE NT REVOCABLE TRUST DATED THE 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2009

TO THE DEFENDANT(S): A civil Complaint has been filed by the Plaintiff(s) against you for the relief set forth in the Complaint.

- 1. If you intend to defend this lawsuit, within 20 days after this Summons is served on you, exclusive of the day of service, you must do the following:
  - (a) File with the Clerk of this Court, whose address is shown below, a formal written response to the Complaint in accordance with the rules of the Court, with the appropriate filing fee.
  - (b) Serve a copy of your response upon the attorney whose name and address is shown below.
- 2. Unless you respond, your default will be entered upon application of the Plaintiff(s) and failure to so respond will result in a judgment of default against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint, which could result in the taking of money or property or other relief requested in the Complaint.
- 3. If you intend to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your response may be filed on time.
- 4. The State of Nevada, its political subdivisions, agencies, officers, employees, board members, commission members and legislators each have 45 days after

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service of this Summons within which to file an Answer or other responsive pleading to the Complaint.

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Defendants.

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## ERRATA TO DEFENDANT TRAN ENTERPRISES, LLC'S ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT; THIRD PARTY COMPLAINT

Defendant and Third Party Plaintiff Tran Enterprises, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, by and through its attorneys, the law firm of Marquis Aurbach Coffing, hereby files this Errata to Defendant Tran Enterprises, LLC's Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint; Third Party Complaint (the "Answer and Third Party Complaint") filed February 15, 2018. The purpose of the Errata is to amend the caption to include as a Third-Party Defendant, Charles Lam as Trustee of the NT Revocable Living Trust dated the 15th day of October 2009, which was incorrectly referenced. Additionally, the Errata hereby revises and replaces any reference of "Charles Lam, as Trustee of the NT Revocable Trust dated the 15th day of October 2009" with "Charles Lam, as Trustee of the Revocable Living Trust dated the 15th day of October 2009". The previously filed Answer and Third Party Complaint is attached hereto in its entirety. Dated this 22nd day of February, 2018.

## **Marquis Aurbach Coffing**

/s/ Lance C. Earl, Esq.
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Marquis Aurbach & Coffing and co-counsel Holland & Hart LLP, and hereby answer the Complaint of Plaintiff, Edward Homes, Inc., a Nevada corporation as follows:

## **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- Answering Paragraph 1, Defendant admits that Plaintiff is a Nevada corporation. Answering further, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations, and on that basis, denies the same.
  - 2. Answering Paragraph 2, Defendant admits the allegations of said paragraph.
- 3. Answering Paragraph 3, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
- 4. Answering Paragraph 4, Defendant admits that the Complaint identifies certain parcels of real property as being located in Clark County, Nevada. Answering further, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations, and on that basis, denies the same.
- 5. Answering Paragraph 5, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
- 6. Answering Paragraph 6, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
- 7. Answering Paragraph 7, Defendant admits that it is the owner of real property in Clark County, Nevada. Answering further, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same,
- 8. Answering Paragraph 8, Defendant asserts that the allegations state conclusions of law for which no responsive pleading and, on that basis, are denied.

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- 10. Answering Paragraph 10, Defendant asserts that the allegations state conclusions of law for which no responsive pleading and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, allegations purporting to particularly describe parcels identified in the Complaint as "at issue" are denied.
- 11. Answering Paragraph 11, Defendant asserts that the allegations state conclusions of law for which no responsive pleading and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, allegations purporting to particularly describe parcels identified in the Complaint as "at issue" are denied.
  - 12. Answering Paragraph 12, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 13. Answering Paragraph 13, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 14. Answering Paragraph 14, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
- 15. Answering Paragraph 15, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
  - 16. Answering Paragraph 16, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.

## FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (Breach of Contract)

- 17. Answering Paragraph 17, Defendant repeats and realleges all responses to Plaintiffs allegations contained in all previous paragraphs of this Complaint, as though set forth fully herein.
- 18. Answering Paragraph 18, Defendant admits that it is the owner of certain parcels of real property in Clark County. Answering further, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to whether it is the owner of the "certain parcels" referenced in said paragraph, and on that basis, deny the same.

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- 19, Answering Paragraph 19, Defendant asserts that the allegations state conclusions of law for which no responsive pleading and, on that basis, are denied. Answering Paragraph 19, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 20. Answering Paragraph 20, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 21. Answering Paragraph 21, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
- 22. Answering Paragraph 22, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
  - 23, Answering Paragraph 23, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 24. Answering Paragraph 24, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 25. Answering Paragraph 25, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
- 26. Answering Paragraph 26, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
  - Answering Paragraph 27, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph. 27.
  - 28. Answering Paragraph 28, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 29, Answering Paragraph 29, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
- 30. Answering Paragraph 30, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 31. Answering Paragraph 31, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
  - 32. Answering Paragraph 32, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.

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## SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION (Breach of the Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing)

- 33. Answering Paragraph 33, Defendant repeats and realleges all responses to Plaintiffs allegations contained in all previous paragraphs of this Complaint, as though set forth fully herein.
- 34. Answering Paragraph 34, Defendant asserts that the allegations are Plaintiff's statement of the law which Plaintiff contends is applicable, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied.
  - 35. Answering Paragraph 35, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 36. Answering Paragraph 36, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 37. Answering Paragraph 37, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
- 38. Answering Paragraph 38, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 39. Answering Paragraph 39, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
  - 40. Answering Paragraph 40, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.

## THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION (Specific Performance)

- 41. Answering Paragraph 41, Defendant repeats and realleges all responses to Plaintiffs allegations contained in all previous paragraphs of this Complaint, as though set forth fully herein.
  - 42. Answering Paragraph 42, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
- 43. Answering Paragraph 43, Defendant asserts that the allegations are Plaintiff's statement of the law which Plaintiff contends is applicable, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.

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- Answering Paragraph 45, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief 45. which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 46. Answering Paragraph 46, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 47. Answering Paragraph 47, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
  - 48. Answering Paragraph 48, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.

## **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

As separate affirmative defenses to the Complaint and each purported claim for relief asserted therein, Defendant alleges as follows:

## FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff has failed to state a claim against Defendant upon which relief can be granted.

## SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims and damages are barred based upon the doctrine of estoppel.

## THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff has failed to name an indispensable party.

## **FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Plaintiff has failed to mitigate its damages, if any, to the extent damages existed or were incurred, the existence of which is expressly denied.

## FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The damages which Plaintiff claims to be owed are the result of conduct of a third party over which Defendant has no control.

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## SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff is not entitled to relief on the grounds that Defendant's ability to perform is the subject of a court order, which excuses Defendant from any liability or damages claimed by Plaintiff.

## SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendant reserves the right to amend this Answer to add additional affirmative defenses in the event subsequent information or investigation warrants such amendment,

## THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT

Third-party Plaintiff, Tran Enterprises, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company ("Thir-Party Plaintiff" or "Tran Enterprises"), by and through Marquis Aurbach Coffing and cocounsel Holland & Hart, its attorneys of record, hereby complains, alleges and states against Third-Party Defendant, Charles Lam, individually, and Charles Lam, as Trustee of the NT Revocable Trust dated the 15th day of October 2009 (collectively, "Third Party Defendants"), as follows:

- 1. This Third-Party Complaint is brought pursuant to NRCP 13(h), NRCP 14 and NRCP 20.
- 2. Tran Enterprises is a Nevada limited liability company duly organized in the State of Nevada.
- 3. Tran Enterprises is the owner of certain parcels of real property located in Clark County, Nevada.
- 20 Third-Party Defendant, Charles Lam ("Lam") is a resident of Clark County, 4. 21 Nevada.
  - 5. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Mr. Lam is/was the son of Ms. Nhu Thi Tran (hereinafter, "Ms. Tran"), now deceased.
  - 6. Third-Party Defendant, Charles Lam, Trustee of the NT Revocable Living Trust dated the 15th day of October, 2009 ("Revocable Trust"), is the successor trustee of a trust established on or about October 15, 2009, by Ms. Tran, as Trustor or Grantor.
  - 7. On or about October 15, 2009, Ms. Tran settled the Revocable Trust, a revocable living trust.

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- 8. Ms. Tran was the trustee of the Revocable Trust until her passing on January 25, 2017.
- 9. On or about October 15, 2009, Ms. Tran settled the NT Legacy Trust, dated October 15, 2009 ("Legacy Trust"), a Nevada irrevocable asset protection trust.
- 10. Pursuant to the terms of the Legacy Trust, P. Sterling Kerr and Mary Kaufman were named as co-trustees of the Legacy Trust.
  - 11. In 2016, Ms. Kaufman resigned as trustee of the Legacy Trust.
  - 12. Mr. Kerr remains a trustee of the Legacy Trust.
- 13. Except for the satisfaction of a \$2,000,000 general bequest, Mr. Lam is not entitled to receive from the Legacy Trust, any distribution of money or property.
- At the time that the Legacy Trust was created, Mr. Lam, individually and as 14. trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that he was a beneficiary of the Legacy Trust, in the bequest amount of \$2,000,000.00.
  - 15. The Revocable Trust is not a beneficiary of the Legacy Trust.
- 16. The Revocable Trust documents contemplate that after payment of certain funeral expenses and/or other expenses, assets of the Revocable Trust will be distributed to the Legacy Trust.
  - 17. Mr. Lam is not a beneficiary of the Revocable Trust.
- 18. The Revocable Trust does not provide for Mr. Lam to receive any distribution of money or property from the assets of the Revocable Trust.
  - 19. The Revocable Trust has no member or ownership interest in Tran Enterprises.
- 20. At the time that the Revocable Trust was created, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that after Ms. Tran passed away, proceeds from the sale of assets of Tran Enterprises would be distributed to the Legacy Trust.
- 21. At all times relevant hereto, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that the Legacy Trust would hold no assets until after Ms. Tran had passed away.
  - 22. On or about January 25, 2017 Ms. Tran passed away.

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- 24. Mr. Lam remains the trustee of the Revocable Trust.
- 25. Prior to March 23, 2017, Mr. Lam was the manager of Tran Enterprises.
- 26, Tran Enterprises is wholly owned by the Legacy Trust.
- 27. March 23, 2017, Mr. Kerr, trustee of the Legacy Trust, replaced Mr. Lam as the manager of Tran Enterprise.
- 28. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Mr. Lam objected to Mr. Kerr replacing him as manager of Tran Enterprises.
- 29. Pursuant to a Land Purchase and Profit Participation Agreement ("Big Teton Agreement") dated as of August 1, 2011, Tran Enterprises agreed to sell to Big Teton, LLC ("Big Teton") certain real property identified in the Land Purchase and Profit Participation Agreement as APN 176-10-401-001 (the "Big Teton Property").
- 30. The Big Teton Agreement provided that upon sale of the Big Teton Property to a third party, net profits would be divided between Big Teton and Tran Enterprises.
  - 31. On or about August 19, 2011, Big Teton purchased the Big Teton Property.
  - 32. On or about January 14, 2015, Big Teton sold the Big Teton Property.
- 33. After closing on the sale of the Big Teton Property to a third-party, Big Teton notified Mr. Lam, at that time the manager of record for Tran Enterprises, that net profits in excess of \$497,973.00 ("Net Profits Distribution") to which Tran Enterprises was entitled under the Big Teton Agreement, were available for distribution to Tran Enterprises.
- 34. While serving as manager of Tran Enterprises, Mr. Lam took no action to have the Net Profits Distribution transferred to an account maintained by Tran Enterprises.
- 35. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that subsequent to receiving notice that Mr. Kerr was the manager of Tran Enterprises, Mr. Lam instructed Big Teton to issue to him personally, multiple Cashier's Checks in amounts aggregating the Net Profits Distribution.

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- 36. In directing Big Teton to distribute the Net Profits Distribution to him personally, Mr. Lam did not notify Big Teton that he had no legal or equitable basis to instruct Big Teton to disburse to him the Net Profits Distribution.
- 37. In directing Big Teton to distribute the Net Profits Distribution to him personally, Mr. Lam did not notify Big Teton that he was not the manager of Tran Enterprises, but that Mr. Kerr was the manager of Tran Enterprises.
- 38. At all times relevant hereto, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that the Net Profits Distribution was to be paid to Tran Enterprises and not to him personally.
- 39. At all times relevant hereto, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that the Net Profits Distribution were assets of Tran Enterprise and intended to be distributed to the Legacy Trust to satisfy bequests to beneficiaries of the Legacy Trust.
- Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should 40. have known that in 2012, in two (2) filings before the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Nevada ("Bankruptcy Court Filings"), it was represented that Ms. Tran had experienced severe and chronic health problems over several years prior to the 2012 Bankruptcy Court Filings, which health problems affected her physical health as well as her cognitive abilities, including the ability to remember events and transactions.
- Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that the Bankruptcy Court Filings represented that Ms. Tran's severe and chronic health problems had been exacerbated prior to the 2012 Bankruptcy Filings, which health problems affected her physical health as well as her cognitive abilities, including the ability to remember events and transactions.
- 42. When the Big Teton Property was sold in January 2015, Mr. Lam's mother, Ms. Tran, was elderly and in failing health.
- 43. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Mr. Lam intentionally permitted the Net Profits Distribution to remain in the control of Big Teton, until

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such time as Ms. Tran was deceased, in order to obtain personal control of the Net Profits Distribution.

- 44. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that Ms. Tran had formed the Legacy Trust, and that upon her passing, the assets of Tran Enterprises would be liquidated and distributed to the Legacy Trust.
- Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that pursuant to the terms of the Legacy Trust, he would receive a general bequest of \$2,000,000.00, an amount that is materially less than the value of the assets held by Tran Enterprises.
- 46. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that Mr. Kerr, as Trustee of the Legacy Trust and manager of Tran Enterprises, would initiate action to liquidate assets of Tran Enterprises in order to fund the Legacy Trust, in a timely and expedient matter.
- 47. Mr. Lam, as successor trustee of the Revocable Trust, has taken no action to liquidate assets of the Revocable Trust, as contemplated by the Revocable Trust documents.
- 48. Mr. Lam, as successor trustee of the Revocable Trust, has taken no action to distribute assets of the Revocable Trust to the Legacy Trust, if any, as contemplated by the Revocable Trust documents.
- 49. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that Mr. Lam was not satisfied with the \$2,000,000 bequest he was to receive under the Legacy Trust.
- Upon the payment from the Legacy Trust of the \$2,000,000.00, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that he would no longer have individual standing to contest actions taken by Tran Enterprises or Legacy Trust with respect to the liquidation of assets owned by Tran Enterprises or the Legacy Trust.
- 51. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, embarked upon a scheme to delay or prevent the assets of Tran Enterprises from being liquidated and distributed to the Legacy Trust.

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52. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, embarked upon a scheme to usurp control over Tran Enterprises, the Revocable Trust and the Legacy Trust in order to obtain additional money and property in excess of the \$2,000,000.00 he was otherwise entitled to receive.

- 53. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that, in furtherance of his scheme, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, determined to take action to cause the removal of Mr. Kerr as manager of Tran Enterprises and as Trustee of the Legacy Trust.
- 54. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that, in furtherance of his scheme, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, intentionally directed Big Teton to pay him the Net Profit Distribution, in order to circumvent the effort of Mr. Kerr to obtain funds to satisfy the terms of the Legacy Trust.
- 55. As a direct and proximate result of Mr. Tran's action to divert the Net Profit Distribution, it is and was necessary for Tran Enterprises to enter into agreements for the sale of Tran Enterprises property in order to fund the Legacy Trust in an expedient and timely manner.
- 56. On or about September 1, 2017, Third Party Defendants caused to be filed in the Clark County District Court, a Complaint entitled "Charles, individually and derivatively on behalf of Tran Enterprises, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, and as Trustee of the NT Revocable Living Trust, dated the 15th day of October, 2009, Plaintiffs v. P. Sterling Kerr, individually and as manager of the Legacy Trust, dated the 15th day of October, 2009; Mary V. Kaufman, as Trustee of the NT Legacy Trust, dated the 15th day of October, 2009; and DOES I V individuals and ROE VI through X Corporations and Partnerships." (The "Lam/Kerr Action").
- 57. On January 1, 2017, Third Party Defendants filed an Amended Complaint ("Lam/Kerr Amended Complaint") in the Lam/Kerr Action.
- 58. In the Amended Complaint, Mr. Lam alleges that he is a 10% member of Tran Enterprises.
  - 59. Tran Enterprises is not a party to the Lam/Kerr Action.

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- 60. Mr. Lam is not, and never has been, a member or owner of Tran Enterprises.
- 61. Prior to initiating the Lam/Kerr Action, Mr. Lam had never claimed to be a member or owner of Tran Enterprises.
- 62. Prior to initiating the Lam/Kerr Action, Mr. Kerr advised Mr. Lam that Tran Enterprises was selling property owned by Tran Enterprises.
- 63. Prior to the commencement of the Lam/Kerr Action, Tran Enterprises sold certain real property owned by Tran Enterprises.
- Mr. Lam, as successor trustee of the Revocable Trust, has taken no action to liquidate assets of the Revocable Trust, as ordered by the Court in the Lam/KerrAction on November 17, 2017.
- 65. As a result of the Lam/Kerr Action, Mr. Kerr has been prevented from taking any action that would result in the sale by Tran Enterprises of property that it owns, without approval from the Judge presiding in the Lam/Kerr Action.
- 66. As a direct and proximate the Lam/Kerr Action, Tran Enterprises is prevented from taking any action that would result in the sale of property owned by Tran Enterprises, without approval from the Judge presiding in the Lam/Kerr Action.
- 67. Edward Homes has filed a Complaint in the Clark County District Court alleging that Tran Enterprises has breached three (3) purchase and sale agreements for the sale to Edward Homes of certain real property owned by Tran Enterprises.
- 68. Edward Homes alleges, in relevant part, that Tran Enterprises will not close escrow and complete the sale to Edward Homes of certain real property owned by Tran Enterprises.
- 69. Tran Enterprises has been compelled to retain the services of an attorney and has incurred attorney's fees and costs as a result of the foregoing conduct.

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### FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

## (Intentional Interference with Contractual Relations)

- 70. Tran Enterprises repeats, realleges and incorporated all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 71. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew that Tran Enterprises had entered into, or intended to enter into agreements for the sale of property owned by Tran Enterprises.
- 72. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, intentionally and wrongfully engaged in conduct and communications with the express intent to disrupt the contractual relationship between Tran Enterprises and Edward Homes.
- 73. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, have intentionally and wrongfully engaged in conduct and communications with the express intent to cause a default under the terms of the Commercial Purchase and Sale Agreement and Joint Escrow Instructions, to the damage and detriment of Tran Enterprises.
- 74. Third Party Defendants' conduct and communications were done with the intent to interfere with, and to cause damage and harm to Tran Enterprises' credibility and ability to conduct business.
- 75. Third Party Defendants' conduct and communications were done with the intent to interfere with, and to cause damage and harm in order to carry out his scheme to wrongfully usurp control over Tran Enterprises.
- 76. Third Party Defendants' conduct and communications were done with the intent to interfere with, and to cause damage and harm in order to carry out his scheme to obtain additional profit and benefit over and above the \$2,000,000 specific bequest provided under the Legacy Trust documents.
- 77. As a direct and proximate result of Mr. Lam's actions, , individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, Tran Enterprises has incurred damages in excess of \$15,000, and Tran Enterprises is entitled to punitive and exemplary damages, in an amount to be proven at trial.

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78. Tran Enterprises is entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred herein according to proof at the time of trial.

## SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

## (Equitable or Implied Indemnity)

- 79. Tran Enterprises repeats, realleges and incorporated all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- Edward Homes has filed a Complaint and commenced an action alleging breach of contract and seeking an award against Tran Enterprises of monetary damages in excess of \$10,000.
- 81. The alleged damages claimed to be owed by Tran Enterprises, if any, are the direct and proximate result of the intentional and wrongful actions of Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust.
- 82. But for the intentional and wrongful actions of Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, Tran Enterprises would not be subject to a claim for damages by Edward Homes.
- 83. Tran Enterprises has been compelled to retain legal counsel and to incur additional expenses to defend the allegations of Edward Homes.
- 84. Tran Enterprises is entitled to equitable indemnification for all monies it has expended to defend against the Edward Homes allegations.
- Tran Enterprises is entitled to equitable indemnification for any and all damages which Tran Enterprises may become obligated if Edward Homes prevails.
- Tran Enterprises has incurred, or may incur, damages in excess of \$15,000, for which damages it is entitled to indemnification from Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust.

WHEREFORE, Tran Enterprises prays for relief against Third-party Defendants, Charles Lam, individually, and as Trustee of the NT Revocable Living Trust:

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- 1. For an award of damages in excess of \$15,000;
- 2. For an award of punitive and exemplary damages in an amount to be proven at trial;
- 3. For his attorneys fees and costs of Court; and
- 4. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem appropriate.

DATED this 15th day of February, 2018.

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Attorneys for Tran Enterprises, LLC

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 15th day of February, 2018, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFENDANT TRAN ENTERPRISES, LLC'S ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT; THIRD PARTY COMPLAINT was served by the following method(s):

- Electronic: by submitting electronically for filing and/or service with the Eighth Judicial District Court's Odyssey eFileNV Electronic Filing system and serving all parties with an email address on record, as indicated below, pursuant to Administrative Order 14-2 and Rule 9 of the .N.E.F.C.R. That date and time of the electronic proof of service in place of the date and place of deposit in the U.S. Mail.
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## DISTRICT COURT

## **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

CHARLES LAM, individually and derivatively on behalf of TRAN ENTERPRISES, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company, and as Trustee of the NT REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, dated the 15th day of October, 2009,

25 P. STERLING KERR, individually and as Trustee of the NT LEGACY TRUST, dated the 26 l 15th day of October, 2009; NHU TRAN

corporation; and DOES I through V

FOUNDATION, INC., a Nevada non-profit individuals; and ROE VI through X Corporations and Partnerships,

Case No.: A-17-760853-B

Dept. No.: XIII

Consolidated with:

Case No. P-17-093391-T Case No. P-17-093258-T

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Case No. : A-17-766466-C Dept. No. : XXXI

Defendants P. STERLING KERR, individually and as Trustee of the NT LEGACY TRUST dated October 15, 2009, and Nhu Tran Foundation, Inc., a Nevada non-profit corporation and Manager of Tran Enterprises, LLC ("Tran Enterprises") (collectively "Legacy Trust"), by and through their attorneys Holland & Hart, hereby moves this Court under NRCP

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42(a) and EDCR 2.50, to consolidate the matter of Edward v. Tran Enterprises, et. al., case no. A-17-766466-C, which is currently before Department No. 31, with this proceeding (the "Motion"). This Motion is based upon the following Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the pleadings and papers on file with this Court, and any argument by counsel this Court may consider.

DATED this 2nd day of March, 2018.

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## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned will bring the foregoing MOTION TO

CONSOLIDATE, on for hearing before the above-entitled Court on the <u>5th</u> day of APRIL , 2018, at the hour of <u>9:00</u> a .m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard in Dept.

DATED this ZM day of March, 2018.

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## MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

When actions involving a common question of law or fact are pending before the court, it may order a joint hearing or trial of any or all the matters in issue in the actions; it may order all the actions consolidated; and it may make such orders concerning proceedings therein as may tend to avoid unnecessary costs or delay. See NRCP 42(a). Under EDCR 2.50(a)(1), motions for consolidation of two or more cases must be heard by the judge assigned to the case first commenced. Such a motion would be prematurely brought if done in advance of the filing of an answer. Id. If consolidation is granted, the consolidated case will be heard before the judge ordering consolidation. Id.

In the matter of Edward v. Tran Enterprises, et. al., case no. A-17-766466-C, Edward

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Homes has brought action against Tran Enterprises regarding the sale of certain real property, alleging several causes of action, including specific performance. Though already in the Court's pleading and papers, for the Court's convenience, attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a copy of the Edward v. Tran Enterprises complaint.

On February 15, 2018, Tran Enterprises answered the Edward v. Tran Enterprises complaint. In addition to answering, Tran Enterprises also asserted third party claims against Charles Lam, for intentional interference with contractual relationship and equitable and implied indemnity, in connection with his efforts in this case which prevented Tran Enterprises for selling property. Though already in the Court's pleading and papers, for the Court's convenience, attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a copy of Tran Enterprises' Answer and Third Party Complaint.

This Court is reminded, on September 1, 2017, Charles Lam as Plaintiff commence this matter and sought immediate relief to stop the sale of properties. On or about September 6, 2017, this Court entered temporary restraining order preventing NT Legacy Trust and its Trustee, P. Sterling Kerr, from taking any actions on behalf of Tran Enterprises. This restriction continued in one form or another, ultimately resulting in the January 17, 2018 Court Order Granting in part and denying in part P. Sterling Kerr's Petition to assume in rem jurisdiction over the NT Legacy Trust, dated October 15, 2009; Petition to Confirm Trustee and for Instructions; petition for Declaration that the NT Legacy Trust is the sole Member of Tran Enterprises, LLC; and petition to Expunge Lis Pendens, wherein this Court required "...that there will be no sale or disposition of the any of the subject properties without approval of the Court.".

The Edward v. Tran Enterprises, et. al., case no. A-17-766466-C action is the collateral result of the order sought by Charles Lam.

Central to both this matter and the Edward v. Tran Enterprises, et. al., matter are common questions of law and of fact regarding Tran Enterprises ability to sell certain real property. There are common parties as well.

By consolidating the proceedings, the unnecessary costs and delays are avoided and judicial

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economy is preserved. In addition, the potential for conflicting ruling by the Court are avoided.

Therefore, this Court should issue an order consolidating *Edward v. Tran Enterprises, et.* al., case no. A-17-766466-C with this matter, with this matter Case No. A-17-760853-B being the lead case and heard by Pept. 13.

DATED this day of March, 2018.

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I hereby certify that on the Landay of March, 2018, a true and correct copy of the
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## DISTRICT COURT

## CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

EDWARD HOMES, INC., a Nevada Corporation,	CASE NO.: A-17-766466-C  DEPT. NO.: Department 31
Plaintiff.	) <u>COMPLAINT</u>
vs.	Causes of Action
TRAN ENTERPRISES, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company; DOE INDIVIDUALS I through X, inclusive and ROE ENTITIES I through X, inclusive.	1. Breach of Contract; 2. Breach of the Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing; 3. Specific Performance;
Defendants.	Automatic Exemption from Arbitration Claims involving title to real property as

COMES NOW, Plaintiff EDWARD HOMES, INC., a Nevada Corporation, by and through its attorneys of record, ROBERT J. WALSH, ESQ, and MATTHEW P. PAWLOWSKI, ESQ., of WALSH & FRIEDMAN, LTD, and hereby complain of the named Defendant, as follows:

## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. Plaintiff EDWARD HOMES, INC. is and was, at all relevant times herein, a Nevada Corporation, duly licensed and conducting business in the County of Clark. State of Nevada.

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2.	Upon information and belief, Defendant TRAN ENTERPRISES, LLC is and at all
	times relevant herein was a Nevada Limited Liability Company, duly licensed and
	doing business in the State of Nevada, County of Clark.

- That the negotiations, communications and transactions which are the subject of the instant action took place in Clark County, Nevada.
- That the real property that is the subject of this fitigation is situated in the County of Clark. State of Nevada.
- 5. Venue and jurisdiction are vested in the County of Clark. State of Nevada.
- 6. That the true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise, of Defendants, DOES I V and ROE CORPORATIONS VI X, are unknown to Plaintiff, who therefore suc said Defendants by such fictitious names: Plaintiff is informed and believe and thereupon allege that each of the Defendants designated herein as a Doc or Roe is responsible in some manner for the events and happenings referred to and caused damages to Plaintiffs as alleged herein and that Plaintiff will seek leave of this Court to amend this complaint and insert the true names and capacities when the same have been ascertained and enjoin such Defendants in this action.

## STATEMENT OF PERTINENT FACTS

- Defendant is the owner of five (5) certain parcels of real property in Clark County.
   Nevada.
- Plaintiff and Defendant entered in to three Commercial Purchase and Sale Agreements for each of these five (5) parcels of land.
- 9. The first Purchase and Sale Contract, referred to herein as, "Contract 1," was executed

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by and between the parties on June 16, 2017, and pertains to two parcels at issue is identified as Parcel Nos. 177-17-701-012 and 177-17-701-013, and are more particularly described as:

177-17-701-012: PT NW4 SE4 SEC 17 22 61

177-17-701-013: PT NW4 SE4 SEC 17 22 61

10. The second Purchase and Sale Contract, referred to herein as, "Contract 2," was executed by and between the parties on June 16, 2017, and pertains to two parcels at issue is identified as Parcel Nos. 176-13-501-036 and 176-13-501-030, and are more particularly described as:

176-13-501-036: PT NW4 NE4 SEC 13 22 60

176-13-501-030; PT NW4 NE4 SEC 13 22 60

- 11. The third Purchase and Sale Contract, referred to herein as, "Contract 3," was executed by and between the parties on July 10, 2017, and pertains to the parcel at issue is identified as Parcel No. 177-17-701-011, and is more particularly described as:

  [77-17-701-011: PT NW4 SE4 SEC 17 22 61]
- 12. All carnest money deposits and other obligations required of the Plaintiff prior to the close of escrow for Contract 1, Contract 2 and Contract 3, have been fully performed by the Plaintiff.
- 13. Escrow was scheduled to close for Contract 1 and Contract 2 on September 30, 2017, which is Sixty (60) days from the close of Buyer's 45-day inspection period, as contained in Contract 1 and Contract 2.

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14.	. Escrow was scheduled to close for Contract 3 on October 25, 2017, which is Sixty
	(60) days from the close of Buyer's 45-day inspection period, as contained in Contrac
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- 15. At the present time, Plaintiff is ready, willing and able to close escrow on Contracts !-3. as described herein.
- To date, Defendant has refused to close escrow on Purchase and Sale Contracts 1-3, described herein.

## FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (Breach of Contract)

- 17. The Plaintiff repeats and realleges all allegations contained in all previous paragraphs of this Complaint, as though set forth fully herein, and further alleges, as follows:
- Defendant is the owner of five (5) certain parcels of real property in Clark County.
   Nevada.
- Plaintiff and Defendant entered in to three Commercial Purchase and Sale Agreements for each of these five (5) parcels of land.
- 20. The first Purchase and Sale Contract, referred to herein as, "Contract I," was executed by and between the parties on June 16, 2017, and pertains to two parcels at issue is identified as Parcel Nos. 177-17-701-012 and 177-17-701-013, and are more particularly described as:

177-17-701-012; PT NW4 SE4 SEC 17 22 61

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- 22. The third Purchase and Sale Contract, referred to herein as, "Contract 3," was executed by and between the parties on July 10, 2017, and pertains to the parcel at issue is identified as Parcel No. 177-17-701-011, and is more particularly described as:

  177-17-701-011: PT NW4 SE4 SEC 17 22 61
- 23. All earnest money deposits and other obligations required of the Plaintiff prior to the close of escrow for Contract 1, Contract 2 and Contract 3, have been fully performed by the Plaintiff.
- 24. Escrow was scheduled to close for Contract 1 and Contract 2 on September 30, 2017, which is Sixty (60) days from the close of Buyer's 45-day inspection period, as contained in Contract 1 and Contract 2.
- 25. Escrow was scheduled to close for Contract 3 on October 25, 2017, which is Sixty (60) days from the close of Buyer's 45-day inspection period, as contained in Contract3.
- 26. At the present time, Plaintiff is ready, willing and able to close escrow on Contracts 1-3. as described herein.
- To date, Defendant has refused to close escrow on Purchase and Sale Contracts 1-3, described herein.
- 28. Defendant's express refusal to close escrow on the subject properties, pursuant to Contracts 1-3, described herein, constitutes a breach of Contracts 1-3 by Defendant.

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- 29. As a result of the foregoing breach, the Plaintiff has been damaged in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00, and should be awarded the same.
- 30. As a result of the foregoing, Plaintiff requests that preliminary and permanent injunctive relief issue, thereby preventing the sale or transfer of the subject real property parcels to third parties, other than the Plaintiff.
- 31. As a result of the foregoing, Plaintiff requests the equitable remedy of constructive trust over the subject real property, owed to Plaintiff by Defendant, as the Defendant is believed to be current title holder of said property and should be held to be trustee of that property, for the benefit of Plaintiff, who in good conscience is entitled to it.
- 32. It has been necessary for the Plaintiff to retain the services of Walsh and Friedman. Ltd. to prosecute this action, and as such, a reasonable sum for attorney's fees and costs of suit should be awarded.

### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION (Breach of the Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing)

- 33. The Plaintiff repeats and realleges all allegations contained in all previous paragraphs of this Complaint, as though set forth fully herein, and further allege, as follows:
- 34. Implied in every contract in the State of Nevada is a covenant of good faith and fair dealing between the parties.
- 35. As fully described inter alia, Defendant is in breach of this covenant through their willful and intentional delay in closing escrow, and Defendant's refusal to close escrow, of the real property parcels subject to Contracts 1-3, described herein.
- 36. This willful and intentional failure to close escrow has been perpetrated without just cause or purpose.

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- 38. As a result of the foregoing, Plaintiff requests that preliminary and permanent injunctive relief issue, thereby preventing the sale or transfer of the subject real property to third parties, other than the Plaintiff.
- 39. As a result of the foregoing. Plaintiff requests the equitable remedy of constructive trust over the subject real property, owed to Plaintiff by Defendant, as the Defendant is believed to be current title holder of said property and should be held to be trustee of that property, for the benefit of Plaintiff, who in good conscience is entitled to it.
- 40. It has been necessary for the Plaintiff to retain the services of Walsh and Friedman.
  1.td. to prosecute this action, and as such, a reasonable sum for attorney's fees and costs of suit should be awarded.

### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION (Specific Performance)

- 41. The Plaintiff repeats and realleges all allegations contained in all previous paragraphs of this Complaint, as though set forth fully herein, and further alleges, as follows:
- 42. The terms of the Purchase and Sale Agreement identified herein as Contracts 1-3, for the purchase and sale of the subject parcels of real property, are definite and certain.
- 43. That, as real property is inherently unique, the monetary remedy at law available to Plaintiff is inadequate.
- 44. That the Plaintiff is ready, willing and able to tender full performance under the terms of Contracts 1-3, detailed herein, for the purchase and sale of the subject parcels of real property, at issue in this action.

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- 45. As a result of the foregoing, Plaintiff requests that this Honorable Court order the remedy of specific performance, thereby requiring the Defendant to sell the subject parcels of real property, encompassed by Contracts 1-3, detailed herein, to the Plaintiff, on the clear and certain terms of the parties' agreement for the same.
- 46. As a result of the foregoing, Plaintiff requests that preliminary and permanent injunctive relief issue, thereby preventing the sale or transfer of the subject real property to third parties, other than the Plaintiff.
- 47. As a result of the foregoing, Plaintiff requests the equitable remedy of constructive trust over the subject real property, owed to Plaintiff by Defendant, as the Defendant is believed to be current title holder of said property and should be held to be trustee of that property, for the benefit of Plaintiff, who in good conscience is entitled to it.
- 48. It has been necessary for the Plaintiff to retain the services of Walsh and Friedman.

  Ltd. to prosecute this action, and as such, a reasonable sum for attorney's fees and costs of suit should be awarded.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief against the named Defendant, as follows:

- For an Order of specific performance, compelling the Defendant to sell the subject parcels of real property to the Plaintiff, under the previously-agreed terms as set forth in Contracts 1-3, detailed herein;
- For a preliminary and permanent injunction, preventing Defendant from selling the subject real property to third persons;
- For a constructive trust, ordering that the subject property be held as and for the benefit of the Plaintiff, pending resolution of this action:

4.	For Compensator	ry damages	in	the	amount	of	in	excess	of	Ten	Thousand	Dollars
	(\$10,000.00);											

- 5. For costs and expenses of litigation;
- 6. For reasonable attorney's fees: and
- 7. For such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

DATED: This 18 day of December, 2017.

Submitted by:

WALSH & FRIEDMAN, LTD.

MATTHEW P. PAWLOWSKI, ESQ.

State Bar No. 009889 400 South Maryland Parkway Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Autorney for Plaintiff

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Marquis Aurbach & Coffing and co-counsel Holland & Hart LLP, and hereby answer the Complaint of Plaintiff, Edward Homes, Inc., a Nevada corporation as follows:

#### GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- Answering Paragraph 1, Defendant admits that Plaintiff is a Nevada corporation. 1. Answering further, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations, and on that basis, denies the same.
  - 2. Answering Paragraph 2, Defendant admits the allegations of said paragraph.
- Answering Paragraph 3, Defendant is without knowledge or information 3. sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
- Answering Paragraph 4, Defendant admits that the Complaint identifies certain 4. parcels of real property as being located in Clark County, Nevada. Answering further, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations, and on that basis, denies the same.
- Answering Paragraph 5, Defendant is without knowledge or information 5. sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
- 6. Answering Paragraph 6, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
- Answering Paragraph 7, Defendant admits that it is the owner of real property in 7. Clark County, Nevada. Answering further, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
- Answering Paragraph 8, Defendant asserts that the allegations state conclusions 8. of law for which no responsive pleading and, on that basis, are denied.

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9, Answering Paragraph 9, Defendant asserts that the allegations state conclusions of law for which no responsive pleading and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, allegations purporting to particularly describe parcels identified in the Complaint as "at issue" are denied.

- 10. Answering Paragraph 10, Defendant asserts that the allegations state conclusions of law for which no responsive pleading and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, allegations purporting to particularly describe parcels identified in the Complaint as "at issue" are denied.
- 11. Answering Paragraph 11, Defendant asserts that the allegations state conclusions of law for which no responsive pleading and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, allegations purporting to particularly describe parcels identified in the Complaint as "at issue" are denied.
  - 12. Answering Paragraph 12, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph,
  - 13. Answering Paragraph 13, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 14. Answering Paragraph 14, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
- 15. Answering Paragraph 15, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
  - Answering Paragraph 16, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph. 16.

### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (Breach of Contract)

- Answering Paragraph 17, Defendant repeats and realleges all responses to 17. Plaintiffs allegations contained in all previous paragraphs of this Complaint, as though set forth fully herein.
- 18. Answering Paragraph 18, Defendant admits that it is the owner of certain parcels of real property in Clark County. Answering further, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to whether it is the owner of the "certain parcels" referenced in said paragraph, and on that basis, deny the same.

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- 19. Answering Paragraph 19, Defendant asserts that the allegations state conclusions of law for which no responsive pleading and, on that basis, are denied. Answering Paragraph 19, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 20. Answering Paragraph 20, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 21. Answering Paragraph 21, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
- 22. Answering Paragraph 22, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
  - 23. Answering Paragraph 23, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 24, Answering Paragraph 24, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 25. Answering Paragraph 25, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
- 26. Answering Paragraph 26, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and on that basis, deny the same.
  - 27. Answering Paragraph 27, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 28. Answering Paragraph 28, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 29. Answering Paragraph 29, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
- 30. Answering Paragraph 30, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 31. Answering Paragraph 31, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
  - 32. Answering Paragraph 32, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.

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### (Breach of the Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing)

- 33. Answering Paragraph 33, Defendant repeats and realleges all responses to Plaintiffs allegations contained in all previous paragraphs of this Complaint, as though set forth fully herein.
- Answering Paragraph 34, Defendant asserts that the allegations are Plaintiff's 34. statement of the law which Plaintiff contends is applicable, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied.
  - Answering Paragraph 35, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph. 35.
  - 36. Answering Paragraph 36, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
  - 37. Answering Paragraph 37, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
- 38. Answering Paragraph 38, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 39. Answering Paragraph 39, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
  - 40. Answering Paragraph 40, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.

### (Specific Performance)

- 41. Answering Paragraph 41, Defendant repeats and realleges all responses to Plaintiffs allegations contained in all previous paragraphs of this Complaint, as though set forth fully herein.
  - 42. Answering Paragraph 42, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph.
- 43. Answering Paragraph 43, Defendant asserts that the allegations are Plaintiff's statement of the law which Plaintiff contends is applicable, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.

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- 45. Answering Paragraph 45, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- Answering Paragraph 46, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief 46. which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- Answering Paragraph 47, Defendant asserts that the allegations state the relief 47. which Plaintiff seeks, for which no responsive pleading is required, and, on that basis, are denied. Answering further, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
  - Answering Paragraph 48, Defendant denies the allegations in said paragraph. 48.

### AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

As separate affirmative defenses to the Complaint and each purported claim for relief asserted therein, Defendant alleges as follows:

### FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff has failed to state a claim against Defendant upon which relief can be granted.

### SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims and damages are barred based upon the doctrine of estoppel.

### THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff has failed to name an indispensable party.

### FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff has failed to mitigate its damages, if any, to the extent damages existed or were incurred, the existence of which is expressly denied.

### FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The damages which Plaintiff claims to be owed are the result of conduct of a third party over which Defendant has no control.

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#### SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff is not entitled to relief on the grounds that Defendant's ability to perform is the subject of a court order, which excuses Defendant from any liability or damages claimed by Plaintiff.

### SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendant reserves the right to amend this Answer to add additional affirmative defenses in the event subsequent information or investigation warrants such amendment.

### THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT

Third-party Plaintiff, Tran Enterprises, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company ("Thir-Party Plaintiff" or "Tran Enterprises"), by and through Marquis Aurbach Coffing and cocounsel Holland & Hart, its attorneys of record, hereby complains, alleges and states against Third-Party Defendant, Charles Lam, individually, and Charles Lam, as Trustee of the NT Revocable Trust dated the 15th day of October 2009 (collectively, "Third Party Defendants"), as follows:

- This Third-Party Complaint is brought pursuant to NRCP 13(h), NRCP 14 and 1. NRCP 20.
- 2. Tran Enterprises is a Nevada limited liability company duly organized in the State of Nevada.
- 3. Tran Enterprises is the owner of certain parcels of real property located in Clark County, Nevada.
- 4. Third-Party Defendant, Charles Lam ("Lam") is a resident of Clark County, Nevada.
- Tran Enterprises is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Mr. Lam is/was the son of Ms. Nhu Thi Tran (hereinafter, "Ms. Tran"), now deceased.
- 6. Third-Party Defendant, Charles Lam, Trustee of the NT Revocable Living Trust dated the 15th day of October, 2009 ("Revocable Trust"), is the successor trustee of a trust established on or about October 15, 2009, by Ms. Tran, as Trustor or Grantor.
- 7. On or about October 15, 2009, Ms. Tran settled the Revocable Trust, a revocable living trust.

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- 8. Ms. Tran was the trustee of the Revocable Trust until her passing on January 25, 2017.
- 9. On or about October 15, 2009, Ms. Tran settled the NT Legacy Trust, dated October 15, 2009 ("Legacy Trust"), a Nevada irrevocable asset protection trust.
- 10. Pursuant to the terms of the Legacy Trust, P. Sterling Kerr and Mary Kaufman were named as co-trustees of the Legacy Trust.
  - 11. In 2016, Ms. Kaufman resigned as trustee of the Legacy Trust.
  - 12. Mr. Kerr remains a trustee of the Legacy Trust.
- 13. Except for the satisfaction of a \$2,000,000 general bequest, Mr. Lam is not entitled to receive from the Legacy Trust, any distribution of money or property.
- 14. At the time that the Legacy Trust was created, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that he was a beneficiary of the Legacy Trust, in the bequest amount of \$2,000,000.00.
  - 15. The Revocable Trust is not a beneficiary of the Legacy Trust.
- 16. The Revocable Trust documents contemplate that after payment of certain funeral expenses and/or other expenses, assets of the Revocable Trust will be distributed to the Legacy Trust.
  - 17. Mr. Lam is not a beneficiary of the Revocable Trust.
- 18. The Revocable Trust does not provide for Mr. Lam to receive any distribution of money or property from the assets of the Revocable Trust.
  - 19. The Revocable Trust has no member or ownership interest in Tran Enterprises.
- 20. At the time that the Revocable Trust was created, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that after Ms. Tran passed away, proceeds from the sale of assets of Tran Enterprises would be distributed to the Legacy Trust.
- 21. At all times relevant hereto, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that the Legacy Trust would hold no assets until after Ms. Tran had passed away.
  - 22. On or about January 25, 2017 Ms. Tran passed away.

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- 23. Upon Ms. Tran's passing, Mr. Lam became the trustee of the Revocable Trust.
- 24. Mr. Lam remains the trustee of the Revocable Trust.
- 25. Prior to March 23, 2017, Mr. Lam was the manager of Tran Enterprises.
- 26. Tran Enterprises is wholly owned by the Legacy Trust.
- 27. March 23, 2017, Mr. Kerr, trustee of the Legacy Trust, replaced Mr. Lam as the manager of Tran Enterprise.
- 28. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Mr. Lam objected to Mr. Kerr replacing him as manager of Tran Enterprises.
- 29. Pursuant to a Land Purchase and Profit Participation Agreement ("Big Teton Agreement") dated as of August 1, 2011, Tran Enterprises agreed to sell to Big Teton, LLC ("Big Teton") certain real property identified in the Land Purchase and Profit Participation Agreement as APN 176-10-401-001 (the "Big Teton Property").
- 30. The Big Teton Agreement provided that upon sale of the Big Teton Property to a third party, net profits would be divided between Big Teton and Tran Enterprises.
  - 31. On or about August 19, 2011, Big Teton purchased the Big Teton Property.
  - 32. On or about January 14, 2015, Big Teton sold the Big Teton Property.
- 33. After closing on the sale of the Big Teton Property to a third-party, Big Teton notified Mr. Lam, at that time the manager of record for Tran Enterprises, that net profits in excess of \$497,973.00 ("Net Profits Distribution") to which Tran Enterprises was entitled under the Big Teton Agreement, were available for distribution to Tran Enterprises.
- 34. While serving as manager of Tran Enterprises, Mr. Lam took no action to have the Net Profits Distribution transferred to an account maintained by Tran Enterprises.
- 35. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that subsequent to receiving notice that Mr. Kerr was the manager of Tran Enterprises, Mr. Lam instructed Big Teton to issue to him personally, multiple Cashier's Checks in amounts aggregating the Net Profits Distribution.

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In directing Big Teton to distribute the Net Profits Distribution to him 36. personally, Mr. Lam did not notify Big Teton that he had no legal or equitable basis to instruct Big Teton to disburse to him the Net Profits Distribution.

- 37. In directing Big Teton to distribute the Net Profits Distribution to him personally, Mr. Lam did not notify Big Teton that he was not the manager of Tran Enterprises, but that Mr. Kerr was the manager of Tran Enterprises.
- 38. At all times relevant hereto, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that the Net Profits Distribution was to be paid to Tran Enterprises and not to him personally.
- 39. At all times relevant hereto, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that the Net Profits Distribution were assets of Tran Enterprise and intended to be distributed to the Legacy Trust to satisfy bequests to beneficiaries of the Legacy Trust.
- 40. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that in 2012, in two (2) filings before the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Nevada ("Bankruptcy Court Filings"), it was represented that Ms. Tran had experienced severe and chronic health problems over several years prior to the 2012 Bankruptcy Court Filings, which health problems affected her physical health as well as her cognitive abilities, including the ability to remember events and transactions.
- 41. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that the Bankruptcy Court Filings represented that Ms. Tran's severe and chronic health problems had been exacerbated prior to the 2012 Bankruptcy Filings, which health problems affected her physical health as well as her cognitive abilities, including the ability to remember events and transactions.
- 42. When the Big Teton Property was sold in January 2015, Mr. Lam's mother, Ms. Tran, was elderly and in failing health.
- 43. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Mr. Lam intentionally permitted the Net Profits Distribution to remain in the control of Big Teton, until

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such time as Ms. Tran was deceased, in order to obtain personal control of the Net Profits Distribution.

- 44. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that Ms. Tran had formed the Legacy Trust, and that upon her passing, the assets of Tran Enterprises would be liquidated and distributed to the Legacy Trust.
- 45. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that pursuant to the terms of the Legacy Trust, he would receive a general bequest of \$2,000,000.00, an amount that is materially less than the value of the assets held by Tran Enterprises.
- 46. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that Mr. Kerr, as Trustee of the Legacy Trust and manager of Tran Enterprises, would initiate action to liquidate assets of Tran Enterprises in order to fund the Legacy Trust, in a timely and expedient matter.
- 47. Mr. Lam, as successor trustee of the Revocable Trust, has taken no action to liquidate assets of the Revocable Trust, as contemplated by the Revocable Trust documents.
- 48. Mr. Lam, as successor trustee of the Revocable Trust, has taken no action to distribute assets of the Revocable Trust to the Legacy Trust, if any, as contemplated by the Revocable Trust documents.
- 49. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that Mr. Lam was not satisfied with the \$2,000,000 bequest he was to receive under the Legacy Trust.
- 50. Upon the payment from the Legacy Trust of the \$2,000,000,00, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew or should have known that he would no longer have individual standing to contest actions taken by Tran Enterprises or Legacy Trust with respect to the liquidation of assets owned by Tran Enterprises or the Legacy Trust.
- 51. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, embarked upon a scheme to delay or prevent the assets of Tran Enterprises from being liquidated and distributed to the Legacy Trust.

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52. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, embarked upon a scheme to usurp control over Tran Enterprises, the Revocable Trust and the Legacy Trust in order to obtain additional money and property in excess of the \$2,000,000.00 he was otherwise entitled to receive.

- Tran Enterprises is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that, in 53. furtherance of his scheme, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, determined to take action to cause the removal of Mr. Kerr as manager of Tran Enterprises and as Trustee of the Legacy Trust.
- 54. Tran Enterprises is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that, in furtherance of his scheme, Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, intentionally directed Big Teton to pay him the Net Profit Distribution, in order to circumvent the effort of Mr. Kerr to obtain funds to satisfy the terms of the Legacy Trust.
- 55. As a direct and proximate result of Mr. Tran's action to divert the Net Profit Distribution, it is and was necessary for Tran Enterprises to enter into agreements for the sale of Tran Enterprises property in order to fund the Legacy Trust in an expedient and timely manner.
- On or about September 1, 2017, Third Party Defendants caused to be filed in the 56. Clark County District Court, a Complaint entitled "Charles, individually and derivatively on behalf of Tran Enterprises, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, and as Trustee of the NT Revocable Living Trust, dated the 15th day of October, 2009, Plaintiffs v. P. Sterling Kerr, individually and as manager of the Legacy Trust, dated the 15th day of October, 2009; Mary V. Kaufman, as Trustee of the NT Legacy Trust, dated the 15th day of October, 2009; and DOES I V individuals and ROE VI through X Corporations and Partnerships." (The "Lam/Kerr Action").
- 57. On January 1, 2017, Third Party Defendants filed an Amended Complaint ("Lam/Kerr Amended Complaint") in the Lam/Kerr Action.
- In the Amended Complaint, Mr. Lam alleges that he is a 10% member of Tran 58. Enterprises.
  - Tran Enterprises is not a party to the Lam/Kerr Action. 59.

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- 61. Prior to initiating the Lam/Kerr Action, Mr. Lam had never claimed to be a member or owner of Tran Enterprises.
- 62. Prior to initiating the Lam/Kerr Action, Mr. Kerr advised Mr. Lam that Tran Enterprises was selling property owned by Tran Enterprises.
- 63. Prior to the commencement of the Lam/Kerr Action, Tran Enterprises sold certain real property owned by Tran Enterprises.
- 64. Mr. Lam, as successor trustee of the Revocable Trust, has taken no action to liquidate assets of the Revocable Trust, as ordered by the Court in the Lam/KerrAction on November 17, 2017.
- 65. As a result of the Lam/Kerr Action, Mr. Kerr has been prevented from taking any action that would result in the sale by Tran Enterprises of property that it owns, without approval from the Judge presiding in the Lam/Kerr Action.
- 66. As a direct and proximate the Lam/Kerr Action, Tran Enterprises is prevented from taking any action that would result in the sale of property owned by Tran Enterprises, without approval from the Judge presiding in the Lam/Kerr Action.
- 67. Edward Homes has filed a Complaint in the Clark County District Court alleging that Tran Enterprises has breached three (3) purchase and sale agreements for the sale to Edward Homes of certain real property owned by Tran Enterprises.
- 68. Edward Homes alleges, in relevant part, that Tran Enterprises will not close escrow and complete the sale to Edward Homes of certain real property owned by Tran Enterprises.
- 69. Tran Enterprises has been compelled to retain the services of an attorney and has incurred attorney's fees and costs as a result of the foregoing conduct.

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### FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

### (Intentional Interference with Contractual Relations)

- 70. Tran Enterprises repeats, realleges and incorporated all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 71. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, knew that Tran Enterprises had entered into, or intended to enter into agreements for the sale of property owned by Tran Enterprises.
- 72. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, intentionally and wrongfully engaged in conduct and communications with the express intent to disrupt the contractual relationship between Tran Enterprises and Edward Homes.
- 73. Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, have intentionally and wrongfully engaged in conduct and communications with the express intent to cause a default under the terms of the Commercial Purchase and Sale Agreement and Joint Escrow Instructions, to the damage and detriment of Tran Enterprises.
- 74. Third Party Defendants' conduct and communications were done with the intent to interfere with, and to cause damage and harm to Tran Enterprises' credibility and ability to conduct business.
- 75. Third Party Defendants' conduct and communications were done with the intent to interfere with, and to cause damage and harm in order to carry out his scheme to wrongfully usurp control over Tran Enterprises.
- 76. Third Party Defendants' conduct and communications were done with the intent to interfere with, and to cause damage and harm in order to carry out his scheme to obtain additional profit and benefit over and above the \$2,000,000 specific bequest provided under the Legacy Trust documents.
- 77. As a direct and proximate result of Mr. Lam's actions, , individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, Tran Enterprises has incurred damages in excess of \$15,000, and Tran Enterprises is entitled to punitive and exemplary damages, in an amount to be proven at trial.

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78. Tran Enterprises is entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred herein according to proof at the time of trial.

### **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

### (Equitable or Implied Indemnity)

- 79. Tran Enterprises repeats, realleges and incorporated all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 80. Edward Homes has filed a Complaint and commenced an action alleging breach of contract and seeking an award against Tran Enterprises of monetary damages in excess of \$10,000.
- 81. The alleged damages claimed to be owed by Tran Enterprises, if any, are the direct and proximate result of the intentional and wrongful actions of Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust.
- 82. But for the intentional and wrongful actions of Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust, Tran Enterprises would not be subject to a claim for damages by Edward Homes.
- 83. Tran Enterprises has been compelled to retain legal counsel and to incur additional expenses to defend the allegations of Edward Homes.
- 84. Tran Enterprises is entitled to equitable indemnification for all monies it has expended to defend against the Edward Homes allegations.
- 85. Tran Enterprises is entitled to equitable indemnification for any and all damages which Tran Enterprises may become obligated if Edward Homes prevails.
- 86. Tran Enterprises has incurred, or may incur, damages in excess of \$15,000, for which damages it is entitled to indemnification from Mr. Lam, individually and as trustee of the Revocable Trust.

WHEREFORE, Tran Enterprises prays for relief against Third-party Defendants, Charles Lam, individually, and as Trustee of the NT Revocable Living Trust:

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- 2. For an award of punitive and exemplary damages in an amount to be proven at trial;
- 3. For his attorneys fees and costs of Court; and
- 4. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem appropriate.

DATED this 15th day of February, 2018.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 15th day of February, 2018, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **DEFENDANT TRAN ENTERPRISES, LLC'S ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT; THIRD PARTY COMPLAINT** was served by the following method(s):

- Electronic: by submitting electronically for filing and/or service with the Eighth Judicial District Court's Odyssey eFileNV Electronic Filing system and serving all parties with an email address on record, as indicated below, pursuant to Administrative Order 14-2 and Rule 9 of the .N.E.F.C.R. That date and time of the electronic proof of service in place of the date and place of deposit in the U.S. Mail.
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### **SUMMONS - CIVIL**

NOTICE! YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOUR BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

### CHARLES LAM, AS TRUSTEE OF THE NT REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED THE 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2009

TO THE DEFENDANT(S): A civil Complaint has been filed by the Plaintiff(s) against you for the relief set forth in the Complaint.

- 1. If you intend to defend this lawsuit, within 20 days after this Summons is served on you, exclusive of the day of service, you must do the following:
  - (a) File with the Clerk of this Court, whose address is shown below, a formal written response to the Complaint in accordance with the rules of the Court, with the appropriate filing fee.
  - (b) Serve a copy of your response upon the attorney whose name and address is shown below.
- 2. Unless you respond, your default will be entered upon application of the Plaintiff(s) and failure to so respond will result in a judgment of default against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint, which could result in the taking of money or property or other relief requested in the Complaint.
- 3. If you intend to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your response may be filed on time.
- 4. The State of Nevada, its political subdivisions, agencies, officers, employees, board members, commission members and legislators each have 45 days after

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### **SUMMONS - CIVIL**

NOTICE! YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOUR BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

### CHARLES LAM, INDIVIDUALLY

**TO THE DEFENDANT(S):** A civil Complaint has been filed by the Plaintiff(s) against you for the relief set forth in the Complaint.

- 1. If you intend to defend this lawsuit, within 20 days after this Summons is served on you, exclusive of the day of service, you must do the following:
  - (a) File with the Clerk of this Court, whose address is shown below, a formal written response to the Complaint in accordance with the rules of the Court, with the appropriate filing fee.
  - (b) Serve a copy of your response upon the attorney whose name and address is shown below.
- 2. Unless you respond, your default will be entered upon application of the Plaintiff(s) and failure to so respond will result in a judgment of default against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint, which could result in the taking of money or property or other relief requested in the Complaint.
- 3. If you intend to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your response may be filed on time.
- 4. The State of Nevada, its political subdivisions, agencies, officers, employees, board members, commission members and legislators each have 45 days after

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#### DISTRICT COURT

### **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

CHARLES LAM, individually and derivatively on behalf of TRAN ENTERPRISES, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company, and as Trustee of the NT REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, dated the 15th day of October, 2009,

P. STERLING KERR, individually and as Trustee of the NT LEGACY TRUST, dated the 15th day of October, 2009; NHU TRAN FOUNDATION, INC., a Nevada non-profit corporation; and DOES I through V individuals; and ROE VI through X Corporations and Partnerships,

Case No.: A-17-760853-B Dept. No.: XIII

Consolidated with:

Case No. P-17-093391-T Case No. P-17-093258-T

NOTICE OF NON-OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE AND PROPOSED ORDER

EDWARD v. TRAN ENTERPRISES, et.al. CASE NO. A-17-766466-C DEPT. No. XXXI

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### Defendants. 2 In the matter of the 3 NT LEGACY TRUST, dated October 15, 2009 5 In the matter of the 6 NT REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, dated October 15, 2009. EDWARD HOMES, INC., a Nevada Corporation, 9 Plaintiffs, 10 11 TRAN ENTERPRISES, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company, DOE 13 INDIVIDUALS I through X, inclusive and ROE ENTITIES I through x, inclusive, 14 Defendants. 15 TRAN ENTERPRISES, LLC, a Nevada 16 Limited Liability Company, 17 Third Party Plaintiff, 18 19 CHARLES LAM, individually, and as Trustee of the NR Revocable Living Trust dated the 21 15th day of October 2009, 22 Third Party Defendants. 23 24

Case No.: A-17-766466-C Dept. No.: XXXI

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Motion to Consolidate (the "Motion") filed by Defendants P. STERLING KERR, individually and as Trustee of the NT LEGACY TRUST dated October 15, 2009, and Nhu Tran Foundation, Inc., a Nevada non-profit corporation and Manager of Tran Enterprises, LLC ("Tran Enterprises") (collectively "Legacy Trust") is

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unopposed. The Motion was filed and electronically served on March 2, 2018, and sought to consolidate the matter of *Edward v. Tran Enterprises, et al.*, case no. A-17-766466-C with this proceeding. In accordance with local rules, an opposition was required to be filed and served no later than March 19, 2018. However, no such opposition has been filed.

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In addition, Counsel for Plaintiffs in the main case, Michael Oakes, Esq. has confirmed they do not object to the consolidation. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** is an email from Michael Oakes, Esq.

Likewise, Counsel for Plaintiffs in the case to be consolidated, Mathew Pawlowski, Esq., had confirmed they do not object to the consolidation. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** is an email from Mathew Pawlowski, Esq.

Finally, failure to timely file and serve a written opposition may be construed as an admission that the motion is meritorious and that the non-moving party consents to the granting of same. EDCR 2.20(e).

Accordingly, Legacy Trust respectfully requests that this Court grant its Motion to Consolidate and vacate the hearing date of April 5, 2018. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** is a proposed Order granting the motion.

Legacy Trust thanks the Court for its time and attention to this matter.

DATED this March 21, 2018.

/s/ Lars K. Evensen Lars K. Evensen, Esq. (8061) Holland & Hart LLP 9555 Hillwood Drive, 2nd Floor Las Vegas, Nevada 89134

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 21st day of March, 2018, a true and correct copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF NON-OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE was served by the following method(s):

Electronic: by submitting electronically for filing and/or service with the Eighth Judicial District Court's Odyssey eFileNV Electronic Filing system and serving all parties with an email address on record, as indicated below, pursuant to Administrative Order 14-2 and Rule 9 of the .N.E.F.C.R. That date and time of the electronic proof of service in place of the date and place of deposit in the U.S. Mail.

J. Michael Oakes, Esq. FOLEY & OAKS, PC 626 So. 8<sup>th</sup> Street Las Vegas, NV 89101 Email: <u>mike@foleyoakes.com</u> Robert J. Walsh, Esq. Matthew P. Pawlowski, Esq. WALSH & FRIEDMAN, LTD. 400 S. Maryland Parkway Las Vegas, NV 89101

Attorneys for Plaintiffs

Attorneys for Edward Homes, Inc.

<u>U.S. Mail</u>: by depositing same in the United States mail, first class postage fully prepaid to the persons and addresses listed below:

Charles Lam P.O. Box 27738 Las Vegas, Nevada 89126

/s/ Susann Thompson
An Employee of Holland & Hart LLP

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### EXHIBIT "1"

### **Susann Thompson**

From:

Lars Evensen

Sent:

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 4:15 PM

To:

Mike Oakes

Cc:

Lance C. Earl; Susann Thompson

Subject:

RE: Motion to Consolidate - Edwards v. Tran

Mike -

Thanks I will attach your email to the notice of non-opposition.

Lars

From: Mike Oakes [mailto:mike@foleyoakes.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 2:29 PM

To: Lars Evensen < LKEvensen@hollandhart.com>

Cc: Lance C. Earl <learl@maclaw.com>

Subject: RE: Motion to Consolidate - Edwards v. Tran

I am not opposing it, but I don't want to put in time on it. You can do a notice of non-opposition, or just show up at the hearing.

Thanks for checking. I appreciate that.

From: Lars Evensen [mailto:LKEvensen@hollandhart.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 2:08 PM

To: Mike Oakes Cc: Lance C. Earl

Subject: Motion to Consolidate - Edwards v. Tran

Mike -

I did not see yesterday an opposition to the motion to consolidate the Edwards v. Tran matter with our matter.

Will you stipulate to the consolidation?

OR do you want to put on the same calendar as all the other motions? If so, will you draft the stipulation.

Sincerely -

### Lars Evensen

Partner

9555 Hillwood Drive, 2nd Floor, Las Vegas, NV 89134

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### EXHIBIT "2"

### Susann Thompson

From:

mpp@walshandfriedman.com

Sent: To: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 11:53 AM Lars Evensen; Susann Thompson

Subject:

RE: Motion to Consolidate

Hi Lars -

I apologize but I did not see the Motion come through via e-service to me. I will get a joinder and notice of non-opposition on file today.

Matthew P. Pawlowski, Esq. Walsh & Friedman, Ltd. 400 S. Maryland Parkway Las Vegas, NV 89101 Phone: (702) 474-4660

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Date: Wed, March 21, 2018 10:38 am

To: "mpp@walshandfriedman.com" <mpp@walshandfriedman.com>, Susann

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Cc: Susann Thompson <SThompson@hollandhart.com>

Matt -

Did you file anything? If not can your just confirm for me that you consent to the consolidation. I will file an notice non-opposition, and attached your email saying you do not object, so we can avoid the hearing.

Lars

From: <a href="mpp@walshandfriedman.com">mpp@walshandfriedman.com</a> [mailto:mpp@walshandfriedman.com]

Sent: Monday, March 5, 2018 8:46 AM

To: Susann Thompson <SThompson@hollandhart.com>

Cc: Lars Evensen < LKEvensen@hollandhart.com>

Subject: RE: Motion to Consolidate

I will get that done immediately. Apologies for the oversight.

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## **EXHIBIT "3"**

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20	on behalf of TRAN ENTERPRISES, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company, and as	Dept. No.: XIII		
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23	Plaintiffs,	Case No. P-17-093258-T		
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HEREBY GRANTS AND ORDERS the motion to consolidate case no. A-17-766466-C with this consolidated matter A-17-760853-B. As case no. A-17-760853-B is the lower case number, all matter shall be heard by Department No. 13.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2018.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Submitted by:

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EDWARD HOMES, INC., a Nevada Corporation,

CASE NO.: A-17-766466-C

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Plaintiff,

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PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF NON-

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DEFENDANT TRAN ENTERPRISES,

LLC'S MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

**CASES** 

13 VS.

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Limited Liability Company; DOE
INDIVIDUALS I through X, inclusive and
ROE ENTITIES I through X, inclusive,

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Defendants.

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TRAN ENTERPRISES, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company,

CHARLES LAM, individually,

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Third Party Plaintiff,

Third Party Defendant.

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through its attorneys, ROBERT J. WALSH, ESQ. and MATTHEW P. PAWLOWSKI, ESQ.,

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WALSH & FRIEDMAN, LTD. 400 S. Maryland Parkway Las Vegos, NV 89101 (702) 474-4660

COMES NOW, Plaintiff EDWARD HOMES, INC., a Nevada Corporation, by and

of WALSH & FRIEDMAN, LTD., and hereby submits this Notice of Non-Opposition to Defendant TRAN ENTERPRISES, LLC'S Motion to Consolidate, as follows:

After review of Defendant's pleading, as well as the points and authorities, Plaintiff believes that consolidation of this action, Plaintiff Edward Homes, Inc. does not oppose the Motion to Consolidate Cases, as filed by the Defendant and joins in the legal points, authorities and arguments in support thereof.

As such, Plaintiff respectfully submits that Defendant Tran Enterprises, LLC's Motion to Consolidate Cases should be granted in its entirety.

DATED: This 21 day of March, 2018.

WALSH & FRIEDMAN, LTD.

MATTHEW P. PAWLOWSKI, ESQ.

Nevada Bar No. 009889 400 South Maryland Parkway Las Vegas, NV 89101 Attorney for Plaintiff

> WALSH & FRIEDMAN, LTD. 400 S. Maryland Parkway Las Vegas, NV 89101 (702) 474-4660

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF NON-OPPOSITION AND JOINDER TO DEFENDANT TRAN ENTERPRISES, LLC'S MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE CASES was submitted electronically for filing and/or service with the Eighth Judicial District Court on the \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2018. Electronic service of the foregoing document was made in accordance with the all parties listed on the Wiznet e-service list associated with the subject litigation.

I further certify that I served a copy of this document by mailing a true and correct copy thereof, postage prepaid, addressed to:

n/a

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& Christine Moreno
Christine Moreno, an employee of
WALSH & FRIEDMAN, LTD.

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to EDCR 8.05(a), each party who submits an E-Filed document through the E-Filing System consents to electronic service in accordance with NRCP 5(b)(2)(D).

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

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 Plaintiff EDWARD HOMES, INC. hereby acknowledges and consents to the release of said lis pendens in its entirety.

DATED: This **ZZ** day of October, 2018.

WALSH & FRIEDMAN, LTD.

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Plaintiff.

Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Plaintiff EDWARD HOMES, INC. hereby RELEASES the lis pendens previously recorded against the real property described in Plaintiff's complaint and affected by the action, located in Clark County, Nevada and is commonly known as: Clark County, Nevada Assessor's Parcel No. 177-17-701-012, and is more particularly described as:

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Said Notice of Lis Pendens was recorded on January 4, 2018, as Instrument No. 20180104-0000443, Receipt No. 3288424. Plaintiff EDWARD HOMES, INC. hereby acknowledges and consents to the release of said lis pendens in its entirety.

DATED: This 22 day of October, 2018.

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Said Notice of Lis Pendens was recorded on January 4, 2018, as Instrument No. 20180104-0000719, Receipt No. 3288643. Plaintiff EDWARD HOMES, INC. hereby acknowledges and consents to the release of said lis pendens in its entirety.

DATED: This 22 day of October, 2018.

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**CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA** 

EDWARD HOMES, INC., a Nevada CASE NO.: A-17-766466-C Corporation, DEPT. NO.: XXXI Plaintiff, VS. CONSOLIDATED WITH CASE NOS.: TRAN ENTERPRISES, LLC, a Nevada A-17-760853-B Limited Liability Company; DOE P-17-093391-T INDIVIDUALS I through X, inclusive and P-17-093258-T ROE ENTITIES I through X, inclusive, RELEASE OF LIS PENDENS Defendants. **PURSUANT TO NRS 14.010** 

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Said Notice of Lis Pendens was recorded on December 29, 2017, as Instrument No.20171229-0002355, Receipt No. 3285544. Plaintiff EDWARD HOMES, INC. hereby acknowledges and consents to the release of said lis pendens in its entirety.

DATED: This 22 day of October, 2018.

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### DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Other Civil Matters		COURT MINUTES	April 03, 2018	
A-17-766466-C	Edward Homes Inc, Plaintiff(s) vs. Tran Enterprises LLC, Defendant(s)			
April 03, 2018	8:00 AM	Minute Order	Minute Order Re: Deft's Motion to Consolidate A760853 & A766466	
HEARD BY: Denton, Mark R.		COURTROOM:	Chambers	
COURT CLERK: April Watkins				
RECORDER:				
REPORTER:				
PARTIES PRESENT:				

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- Cause appearing, and pursuant to EDCR 2.20(e) and EDCR 2.23 (c), the Court GRANTS Defendant s Motions to Consolidate without oral argument and ORDERS such Motion removed from its civil motion calendar of Thursday, April 5, 2018. The Court has signed the proposed order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

CLERK S NOTE: This Minute Order was electronically served by Courtroom Clerk, April Watkins, to all registered parties for Odyssey File & serve. aw

PRINT DATE: 02/04/2022 Page 1 of 1 Minutes Date: April 03, 2018

# **Certification of Copy and Transmittal of Record**

State of Nevada County of Clark SS

Pursuant to the Supreme Court order dated January 19, 2022, I, Steven D. Grierson, the Clerk of the Court of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, State of Nevada, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct copy of the complete trial court record for the case referenced below. The record comprises one volume with pages numbered 1 through 162.

EDWARD HOMES, INC.,

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

TRAN ENTERPRISES, LLC,

Defendant(s),

now on file and of record in this office.

Case No: A-17-766466-C

Consolidated with A-17-760853-B

Dept. No: XIII

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and Affixed the seal of the Court at my office, Las Vegas, Nevada This 4 day of February 2022.

Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of the Court

Heather Ungermann, Deputy Clerk