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(1) Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award and Request to Enter Judgement and Order Denying Defendant's Countermotion to Vacate Arbitration Award, or in the Alternative, to Stay Confirmation and Final Judgement, which was filed on November 3, 2021. Please see Exhibit A.

Dated this 22 day of November, 2021.

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to NEFCR 9, NRCP 5(b) and EDCR 7.26, I hereby certify that on the 2 day of November, 2021, a true and correct copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF APPEAL was served to the following parties by electronic transmission through the Odyssey eFileNV system:

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# EXHIBIT "A"

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# DISTRICT COURT

# CLARK COUNTY NEVADA

Case No. A-21-839930-B Dept. No. XIII

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONFIRM ARBITRATION AWARD AND REQUEST TO ENTER JUDGMENT

-AND-

ORDER DENYING COUNTERMOTION TO VACATE ARBITRATION AWARD, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, TO STAY CONFIRMATION

-AND-

## FINAL JUDGMENT

THIS MATTER having come on for hearing on October 18, 2021, on Plaintiff Energy Alliance Technology Corporation's Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award and Request to Enter Judgment. Appearing at the hearing were Charles E. Gianelloni, Esq. and Jeff Singletary, Esq. of

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the law firm of Snell & Wilmer L.L.P., counsel for Plaintiff, and Lance A. Maningo, Esq., counsel for Defendant Energy Alliance Company. The Court heard and considered the Motion and its supporting papers, as well as Defendant's Countermotion to Vacate Arbitration Award or, in the Alternative, to Stay Confirmation of Arbitration Award Pending an Evidentiary Hearing and Decision of Related Cases and its supporting papers, and all arguments and reports from counsel at the hearing, and good cause having been shown:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the October 18, 2021 Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award and Request to Enter Judgment is GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Final Arbitration Award, attached as Exhibit 1, is CONFIRMED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that judgment is entered in favor of Plaintiff ENVIRONMENTAL APPLIED TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION f/k/a ENERGY ALLIANCE TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION on the terms stated in the attached Final Award, which is wholly incorporated into this Order and Judgment.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant's Countermotion to Vacate Arbitration Award or, in the Alternative, to Stay Confirmation of Arbitration Award Pending an Evidentiary Hearing and Decision of Related Cases is **DENIED**.

Dated this 3rd day of November, 2021

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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EE8 BE2 0E45 5832 Mark R. Denton District Court Judge

Respectfully submitted by:

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# EXHIBIT 1



## American Arbitration Association

## COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL

In the Matter of the Arbitration between:

Environmental Applied Technology Corporation fka Energy Alliance Technology Corporation, hereinafter referred to as "Claimant" or "EATC NV"

-and-

Energy Alliance Technology Company, hereinafter referred to as "Respondent" or "EATC UT"

AAA Case No: 01-21-0002-1637

#### AWARD OF ARBITRATOR

I, THE UNDERSIGNED ARBITRATOR, having been designated in accordance with the arbitration agreement entered into by the parties, having been duly sworn, having duly heard the proofs and allegations of Claimant, being represented by Jeffrey M. Singletary, Esq., including the testimony of Mr. Andrew Soulakis, and having reviewed Claimant's Arbitration Brief dated July 20, 2021, exhibits (J01-22), and submission on attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs, hereby make the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

## A. Procedural Background

- 1. On or about March 4, 2021, Claimant initiated this arbitration proceeding ("<u>this Arbitration</u>") against Respondent.
- 2. Respondent was duly noticed of this Arbitration and the deadlines imposed by the Preliminary Hearing and Scheduling Order #1 dated June 7, 2021 ("Scheduling Order"), which was, on June 8, 2021, mailed by AAA to Respondent via U.S. and Certified Mail (# 9489 0090 0027 6094 8239 10), at 9700 Baden Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311, and sent via email to preston.tyree@eatcinc.com.
- 3. Thereafter, all documents submitted in this Arbitration have been served on Respondent via email and/or U.S. Mail.

- 4. Respondent has failed to appear and participate in this Arbitration, failed to obtain a postponement or extension of the deadlines set forth in the Scheduling Order, and failed to attend the Final Hearing properly noticed for and held on July 22, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. PST.
- 5. After waiting approximately ten minutes for a representative of Respondent to appear, I found that, given the above, the Final Hearing should proceed in the absence of Respondent.
- 6. The findings set forth in this Award are based on the evidence submitted by Claimant, not on any default of Respondent in this Arbitration.

#### B. The Parties

- 7. Claimant is a corporation that was founded and organized in Nevada in 2014, and is registered in California, originally under the name Fortuneswell Corporation. Claimant's principal place of business is in Glendale, California. Claimant is a company in the energy industry, with a particular focus on fossil fuel enhancement additives.
- 8. Respondent is a corporation that was founded and organized in Utah in 2014. Respondent's principal place of business is in North Centerville, Utah, and prior to that time, Sherman Oaks, California. At the time of the Final Hearing, Respondent was a corporation not in good standing. Like Claimant, Respondent is a company in the energy industry. Respondent staked its early success on its represented ownership of the BIO-T Formula—a revolutionary component of fossil fuel enhancement additives.
- 9. Until December 31, 2018, Claimant was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Respondent.

# C. The BIO-T Formula and the Agreement

- 10. In 2015, Respondent—through its agents, including its President and Director, Preston Tyree ("Mr. Tyree")¹—began supplying the BIO-T Formula to Claimant. Claimant thereafter began using the BIO-T Formula in its fossil fuel enhancement additives. Claimant ran diagnostic testing on the BIO-T Formula, marketed the product containing the BIO-T Formula, and became a leader in this industry sector. Claimant demonstrated that it is on this data and marketing that clients have relied, and continue to rely, on the product for which the BIO-T Formula is utilized.
- 11. On December 31, 2018, Claimant and Respondent entered into the Asset Transfer and Dividend Distribution Agreement (the "Agreement"), whereby Claimant acquired all of Respondent's assets. (See Exhibit Jo1.) As the key consideration for the deal, Claimant acquired the BIO-T Formula and all related rights, materials, product, inventory, and equipment related to it. (Id. at Section 2.1(b)(i), Schedule A.)
- 12. Section 2.1(b)(i) of the Agreement provides, "EATC UT shall transfer to EATC NV all of EATC UT's and such other EATC UT Entities' respective right, title and interest in and to the EATC UT Assets." This includes the following:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mr. Tyree is a current shareholder of Respondent, and one of the three board members for Claimant.

All associated intellectual property relating to BIO-T, meaning any copyrights, patents or patent applications, trademarks, and goodwill and all other intangible assets, including, without limitation, if and to the extent in existence, any and all trade secrets, inventions, designs, copyrights, non-registered trademarks and other intellectual property, know-how manufacturing methods, formulas, and processes.

(See Exhibit Jo1 at Schedule A.)

- 13. In exchange for Respondent's assets, a series of transactions took place that resulted in Claimant distributing its stock to Respondent's shareholders. (See Exhibit Jo1 at Sections 2.1-2.2, 3.1-3.3.)
- 14. Claimant "spun off" completely from Respondent and ceased to be a subsidiary of Respondent as of December 31, 2018.
- 15. Claimant made clear, at all relevant times, that its interest in contracting with Respondent was to obtain the BIO-T Formula. Respondent, in turn, represented that it had been assigned the patent to the BIO-T Formula, that it owned the BIO-T Formula and that it would be providing to Claimant complete ownership of the product through the Agreement. Respondent's representations regarding the BIO-T Formula are the only reason the Agreement was entered into and fully executed.

# D. Respondent Fails to Comply with the Agreement

- 16. For about a year after the Agreement was executed, what was believed to be the BIO-T Formula was supplied to Claimant with no problems—it was received as needed and used in Claimant's product. Vladimir Podlipskiy ("Mr. Podlipskiy"), the scientist who supplied the confidential components of the BIO-T Formula, and had always been the custodian of the product, continued in this role after the Agreement was executed.
- 17. Claimant had previously raised concerns over Mr. Podlipskiy's status as the only custodian of the BIO-T Formula—largely to avoid potential disruptions if anything happened to Mr. Podlipskiy. (See e.g., Exhibits Jo2-05.)
- 18. Claimant made numerous attempts to gain custody of the BIO-T Formula and its complete formulation. (*Id.*) Mr. Podlipskiy never relinquished control over the BIO-T Formula; instead, he only provided an incomplete formulation and claimed to keep sole custody of the "secret ingredient," to be provided to Claimant upon request. (*See* Exhibit Jo6.)
- 19. Claimant chose not to fight the arrangement, at the time, because the process ran relatively smoothly.
- 20. In early 2020, Mr. Podlipskiy, at Mr. Tyree's urging, began refusing to supply Claimant with the BIO-T Formula. The refusal put Claimant in a precarious situation, as Claimant only had a limited supply left on hand.
- 21. Claimant became unable to manage and fulfill its clients' demands as its supply dwindled.
- 22. At the same time, on February 27, 2020, Mr. Tyree sent a demand letter to Mr. Soulakis—Claimant's CEO—demanding numerous corporate documents on behalf of Claimant's board of directors, comprising of himself, Mr. Soulakis, and Harry Hibler. (See Exhibit Jo7.) Claimant responded to Mr. Tyree, providing him with most of the records he requested. (See Exhibit Jo8.)

- 23. In light of the above, Claimant ran diagnostic tests on the remaining BIO-T Formula that it still had on hand. (See Exhibit Jo9.) These tests demonstrated that the product that was being supplied by Mr. Podlipskiy, since execution of the Agreement, was different than the BIO-T Formula provided in 2015. (See id.)
- 24. Respondent, through Mr. Tyree, then claimed that Respondent never owned the BIO-T Formula in the first place. (See Exhibit J10.)
- 25. In an Answer dated July 6, 2021, in separate litigation in California, styled as Environmental Applied Technology Corporation fka Energy Alliance Technology Corporation v. Preston Tyree et al, Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 21STCV07476 ("the California Action"), Mr. Tyree stated that (i) he and Mr. Hibler are the "joint owners of the patent rights on which the BIO-T Formula is based" (id. at ¶ 5(a)), (ii) "[d]espite making the BIO-T Formula available for use by [Respondent], and later by [Claimant], [Mr. Tyree] and Mr. Hibler never assigned, licensed or otherwise transferred to [Respondent]... right or interest [] in the BIO-T Formula...." (id. at ¶ 5(b)), and (iii) under the Agreement, Claimant "alleged acquisition of the BIO-T Formula consisted only of a limited (non-exclusive) right, at the pleasure of Defendant and Mr. Hibler, to use the BIO-T Formula in the manufacture, blending and marketing of fuel additive products and nothing more" (id. at ¶ 39)). These statements in Mr. Tyree's Answer constitute judicial admissions under Nevada law and are, therefore, admissible here. See, e.g., Smith v. Zilverberg, 481 P.3d 1222, 1229 n.6 (Nev. 2021) (holding party to statements made in pleading under the "doctrine of judicial admissions").
- 26. The Agreement does not, expressly or implicitly, state that Respondent does not own the BIO-T Formula or that Respondent is conveying only the "limited (non-exclusive) right" to use the BIO-T Formula.
- 27. Unbeknownst to Claimant, it had been receiving a different product despite Respondent's representations regarding its ownership, and use of, the BIO-T Formula in the Agreement. Mr. Soulakis confirmed during the Final Hearing that the BIO-T Formula was the only reason Claimant entered into the Agreement.
- 28. Respondent misrepresented its ownership of the BIO-T Formula to induce Claimant into entering into the Agreement, and then orchestrated the withholding of the BIO-T Formula in breach of the Agreement.

# E. Indemnity Under the Agreement<sup>2</sup>

29. Article 9 of the Agreement defines the indemnity obligations of the parties. (See Exhibit Jo1 at Article IX.) Section 9.3 of the Agreement specifically governs Respondent's indemnification responsibilities, providing:

Following the Effective Time and subject to <u>Section 12.1</u>, EATC UT shall, and shall cause EATC UT Entities to, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless each EATC NV Entity and its Affiliates, and each of their respective current or former directors, officers, employees, agents, and each of the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of any of the foregoing (each, a "<u>EATC NV Indemnified Party</u>"), from and against any and all Liabilities

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> I address the indemnification provisions in the Agreement with respect to only Claimant's request for attorneys' fees and costs. If Claimant has an indemnification claim and/or separate claims for relief relating to potential Third Party Claims (as defined in the Agreement), no such claims were at issue in this Arbitration.

arising out of or resulting from any of the following items:

(a) each breach by EATC UT or any EATC UT Entity of this Agreement, subject to any specific limitation on liability contained in the applicable agreement and without duplication taking into account the performance by each EATC NV Entity of its indemnification obligations in the agreement.

(Id. at Section 9.3 (emphasis in original).)

- 30. As early as May 27, 2020, and at numerous times thereafter, Claimant notified Respondent of its intent to hold Respondent to its indemnification responsibilities, in compliance with the Agreement. Respondent failed to respond to Claimant's notices, and did not dispute its indemnification responsibilities stemming from this Arbitration.
- 31. The liabilities at issue bring this Arbitration within the indemnification principles of the Agreement. It is on these facts that the Agreement's attorneys' fees provision, found in Section 10.3(c), is applicable to this Arbitration. Section 10.3 specifically provides:

Costs of the arbitration shall be borne equally by the parties involved in the matter, except that each party shall be responsible for its own expenses, unless and to the extent otherwise determined by the arbitrator; provided, in the case of any Disputes relating to the parties rights and obligations with respect to indemnification under this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reimbursement by the other party of its reasonable out-of-pocket fees and expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred in connection with the arbitration.

(See Exhibit Jo1 at Section 10.3(c).)

- 32. Claimant requests an award of \$96,960.68 in attorneys' fees and costs. (See Declaration of Jeffrey M. Singletary executed on July 30, 2021 ("Mr. Singletary's Declaration") at \$\frac{1}{15.}\)
- 33. If any Findings of Fact are properly Conclusions of Law, they shall be treated as though appropriately identified and designated.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. A breach of contract claim lies where there is: (i) the existence of a valid contract; (ii) a breach by the defendant; and (iii) damage as a result thereof. See Rivera v. Peri & Sons Farms, Inc., 735 F.3d 892, 899 (9th Cir. 2013) (citing Richardson v. Jones, 1 Nev. 405, 408 (Nev. 1865)). 3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Agreement "shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the Laws of the State of Nevada, regardless of the Laws that might otherwise govern under applicable principles of conflicts of laws thereof." (See Exhibit Jo1 at Section 10.4.) Likewise, the arbitration provision in the Agreement states that the Arbitrator is "bound exclusively by the laws of the State of Nevada without regard to its choice of law rules." (Id. at Section 10.3(b).)

- 2. An enforceable contract requires "an offer and acceptance, meeting of the minds, and consideration." *Anderson v. Sanchez*, 132 Nev. 357, 360, 373 P.3d 860, 863 (2016). "A meeting of the minds exists when the parties have agreed upon the contract's essential terms." *Certified Fire Prot. Inc. v. Precision Constr.*, 128 Nev. 371, 378 (Nev. 2012).
- 3. Consideration requires something that is "bargained for and given in exchange for an act or promise." Zhang v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court of State ex rel. County of Clark, 120 Nev. 1037, 1042 n.22 (Nev. 2004), abrogated on other grounds by Buzz Stew, LLC v. City of N. Las Vegas, 124 Nev. 224 (Nev. 2008).
- 4. The Agreement must be construed under the well-known rules of contract interpretation. See Canfora v. Coast Hotels & Casinos, Inc., 121 Nev. 771, 776, 121 P.3d 599, 603 (2005) ("Generally, when a contract is clear on its face, it 'will be construed from the written language and enforced as written.' The court has no authority to alter the terms of an unambiguous contract.").
- 5. Accepting Mr. Tyree's admissions in the California Action as true (see J10), Respondent executed the Agreement believing it was only conveying the limited (non-exclusive) right, at the pleasure of Messrs. Tyree and Hibler, to use the BIO-T Formula in the manufacture, blending and marketing of fuel additive products and nothing more, and Claimant executed the Agreement understanding and intending that the conveyance of the BIO-T Formula in Schedule A to the Agreement meant something different. In that case, the required meetings of the mind on all essential terms does not exist on the Agreement, which voids the Agreement altogether, instead of giving rise to breach of contract damages. See Chudacoff v. Univ. Med. Ctr., 954 F. Supp. 2d 1065, 1085 (D. Nev. 2013) ("Under Nevada law, an enforceable contract is formed when there is offer, acceptance, meeting of the minds, and consideration.").
- 6. Alternatively, Claimant demonstrated that it is entitled to rescission under either of the following distinct theories: (i) fraudulent inducement, and (ii) Respondent's failure to perform. See e.g., Awada v. Shuffle Master, Inc., 123 Nev. 613, 622-23 (Nev. 2007) (affirming trial court's rescission of a contract based on fraudulent inducement); Canepa v. Durham, 62 Nev. 417, 427 (Nev. 1944) ("A partial failure of performance of a contract will not give ground for its rescission unless it defeats the very object of the contract or renders that object impossible of attainment, or unless it concerns a matter of such prime importance that the contract would not have been made if default in that particular had been expected or contemplated.") (internal quotation marks omitted).4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Section 12.13 of the Agreement also contemplates the equitable relief awarded here:

In the event of any actual or threatened default in, or breach of, any of the terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement, the affected party shall have the right to specific performance and injunctive or other equitable relief of its rights under this Agreement, in addition to any and all other rights and remedies at law or in equity, and all such rights and remedies shall be cumulative. The other party shall not oppose the granting of such relief. The parties hereto agree that the remedies at law for any breach or threatened breach hereof, including monetary damages, are inadequate compensation for any loss and that any defense in any action for specific performance that a remedy at law would be adequate is waived. Any requirements for the securing and posting of any bond with such remedy are waived.

- 7. "Rescission is an equitable remedy which totally abrogates a contract and which seeks to place the parties in the position they occupied prior to executing the contract." Bergstrom v. Estate of DeVoe, 109 Nev. 575, 577 (Nev. 1993). Rescission of a contract can be accomplished either "legall[y]" or "equitabl[y]." Great Am. Ins. Co. v. Gen. Builders, Inc., 113 Nev. 346, 353 n. 6 (Nev. 1997). Under a theory of "equitable recission," "the aggrieved party brings an action in a court with equitable jurisdiction asking the court to nullify the contract." Id. Whether to rescind a contract lies within a finder of fact's broad discretion. Canepa v. Durham, 65 Nev. 428, 437 (1948).
- 8. Under Nevada law, a party to a contract may seek rescission of that contract based on fraud in the inducement. See Awada, 123 Nev. at 622; see also Havas v. Alger, 85 Nev. 627, 631-33 (Nev. 1969) (affirming rescission of a vehicle sales contract where the purchased vehicle was one year older than represented). The elements for fraudulent inducement are: (i) defendant's false representation; (ii) defendant's knowledge or belief that the representation was false (or knowledge that it had an insufficient basis for making the representation); (iii) defendant's intention to induce plaintiff to consent to the contract's formation; (iv) plaintiff's justifiable reliance on the misrepresentation; and (v) damage to plaintiff resulting from such reliance. See J.A. Jones Const. Co. v. Lehrer McGovern Bovis, Inc., 120 Nev. 277, 290-91 (Nev. 2004). Claimant proved by clear and convincing evidence each of these elements in this Arbitration.
- 9. Respondent (i) made a false representation about its ownership of the BIO-T Formula, and/or (ii) orchestrated withholding of the BIO-T Formula, despite selling the BIO-T Formula to Claimant for its stock.
- 10. Respondent necessarily knew that its representations were false at the time they were made. Respondent withheld delivery of the product. When it did deliver, Respondent delivered a product that was different than the BIO-T Formula from 2015. And, Respondent now claims that it never owned the BIO-T Formula in the first place. Respondent knew, at the time it entered into the Agreement, that it would not, and could not, perform.
- 11. Respondent intended to induce Claimant into entering the Agreement with its false representations. Claimant made clear that its primary goal in entering into the Agreement was to gain ownership of the BIO-T Formula.
- 12. Claimant justifiably relied on the false representations. Claimant entered into the Agreement with the primary goal of acquiring the BIO-T Formula and all related assets. If not for these representations, Claimant would not have contracted with Respondent.
- 13. Claimant has suffered particular money damages as a result of Respondent's actions. Claimant may face future damages stemming from third-party claims arising from product representations using data from the BIO-T Formula received in 2015.
- 14. Also, Nevada has long recognized the right to rescind a contract on another party's failure to perform. See e.g., Canepa, 62 Nev. at 427. The Supreme Court of Nevada has said:

A partial failure of performance of a contract will not give ground for its rescission unless it defeats the very object of the contract or renders that object impossible of attainment, or unless it concerns a matter of such prime importance that the contract would not have been made if default in that particular had been expected or contemplated.

Id. (internal quotation marks omitted). Courts interpreting this standard have required there to be a "substantial breach," which has involved as little as failure to pay money. See Harrington v. Tackett, No. 3:18-CV-00028-WGC, 2020 WL 5749997, at \*11-12 (D. Nev. 2020) (applying Nevada law and finding failure to pay more than \$20,000 on a \$300,000 contract warranted rescission); see also Havas, 85 Nev. at 633-35 (affirming trial court's holding to rescind vehicle sales contract where the subject car was inoperable and, as a result, there was a failure of consideration).

- 15. By proving that Respondent has failed to deliver the BIO-T Formula since the execution of the Agreement—either by withholding the same or never having ownership of it—Claimant has shown, by a preponderance of the evidence, that Respondent failed to perform.
- 16. The Agreement was supposed to be an exchange of Claimant's stock for Respondent's assets, including the BIO-T Formula. Claimant's chief interest in Respondent's assets was the BIO-T Formula. Claimant performed its end of the bargain by distributing its stock to Respondent. Respondent failed to perform its obligations by (i) misrepresenting its ownership of the BIO-T Formula, and/or (ii) orchestrating withholding of the BIO-T Formula. By failing to adhere to its contractual obligations, Respondent is in "substantial breach."
- 17. Nevada law authorizes an award of attorneys' fees when provided for in a contract. See NRS 18.010(1) ("The compensation of an attorney and counselor for his or her services is governed by agreement, express or implied, which is not restrained by law."). Costs are likewise routinely awarded to a prevailing party. See NRS 18.020 (outlining the numerous situations for which a prevailing party is entitled to costs); NRS 18.050 (allowing a prevailing party to recover costs in the discretion of the court).
- 18. Rescission of a contract does not preclude recovery based on an attorneys' fees and costs provision in the void contract. See Mackintosh v. California Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n, 113 Nev. 393, 406, 935 P.2d 1154, 1162 (1997) (agreeing with case that held "that when parties enter into a contract and litigation later ensues over that contract, attorney's fees may be recovered under a prevailing-party attorney's fee provision contained therein even though the contract is rescinded or held to be unenforceable.") (citation omitted).
- 19. Claimant's entitlement to attorneys' fees and costs here stems from the indemnification provisions in the Agreement, which is specifically authorized by Section 10.3(c) of the Agreement. (See Exhibit Jo1 at Section 10.3(c).)<sup>5</sup>
- 20. Under Section 9.3 of the Agreement, Respondent is to indemnify Claimant from, and against any, "[l]iabilities" resulting from, "each breach by EATC UT or any EATC UT Entity of this Agreement, subject to any specific limitation on liability contained in the applicable agreement and without duplication taking into account the performance by each EATC NV Entity of its indemnification obligations in the agreement." (*Id.* at Section 9.3(a).) "Liabilities" also covers "attorneys' fees, the costs and expenses of all demands . . . [.]" (*Id.* at Page 7 of 29.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Alternatively, Claimant would be entitled to an award of its attorneys' fees (and costs) because it did not recover more than \$20,000 in this Arbitration. See NRS 18.010(2)(a) ("In addition to the cases where an allowance is authorized by specific statute, the court may make an allowance of attorney's fees to a prevailing party: . . . When the prevailing party has not recovered more than \$20,000 . . . . "); see also NRS 18.050.

- 21. Claimant is, therefore, entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs as the prevailing party in this Arbitration. See, e.g., Women's Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n of Cleveland v. Nevada Nat. Bank, 623 F. Supp. 469, 470 (D. Nev. 1985) ("A plaintiff may be considered the prevailing party . . . if it succeeds on any significant issue in litigation which achieves some of the benefit it sought in bringing the suit.").
- 22. When considering the reasonableness of attorneys' fees, Nevada courts look to the following four factors:

(a) the qualities of the advocate: his ability, his training, education, experience, professional standing and skill:

(b) the character of the work to be done: its difficulty, its intricacy, its importance, time and skill required, the responsibility imposed and the prominence and character of the parties where they affect the importance of the litigation;

(c) the work actually performed by the lawyer: the skill, time and attention given to the work; and

(d) the result: whether the attorney was successful and what benefits were derived.

Brunzell v. Golden Gate Nat'l Bank, 85 Nev. 345, 349, 455 P.2d 31, 33 (1969); Shuette v. Beazer Homes Holdings Corp., 124 P.3d 530, 549 (Nev. 2005).

- 23. In Nevada, "the method upon which a reasonable fee is determined is subject to the discretion of the court," which "is tempered only by reason and fairness." *Shuette*, 124 P.3d at 548-49. "Accordingly, in determining the amount of fees to award, the court is not limited to one specific approach; its analysis may begin with any method rationally designed to calculate a reasonable amount, including those based on a 'lodestar' amount or a contingency fee." *Id*.
- 24. Here, the qualities and skills of Mr. Singletary, the other attorneys, and the paralegals who worked with him in this Arbitration, are not disputable. And, the hourly rates charged by Claimant's counsel (from \$295 to \$680) are well within the prevailing market rates for commercial litigation in Nevada. See e.g., In re USA Commercial Mortg. Co. v. USA SPE LLC, Case Nos. 2:07-CV-892-RCJ-GWF and 3:07-CV-241-RCJ-GWF, 2013 WL 3944184, \*20 (D. Nev. 2013) ("The Court finds that those suggested hourly rates are reasonable in comparison to prevailing market rates for complex commercial litigation in Nevada of between \$350 and \$775 an hour...."); see also Ingram v. Oroudjian, 647 F.3d 925, 928 (9th Cir. 2011) (agreeing with "[o]ther circuit courts [that] have held that judges are justified in relying on their own knowledge of customary rates and their experience concerning reasonable and proper fees.") (citations omitted). As a result, this factor weighs in favor of the reasonableness of the attorneys' and paralegal fees.
- 25. As to the second and third factors, the work performed by Mr. Singletary and his team is evidenced by his Declaration and the invoices attached thereto as Exhibit 1. The number of hours expended were reasonable. This factor, thus, weighs in favor of the reasonableness of the fees.
- 26. Fourth and finally, the result of the work performed by Mr. Singletary and his team on behalf of Claimant resulted in Claimant prevailing in this Arbitration. This successful result satisfies the fourth prong of the *Brunzell* test. I find that Claimant is entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees in the amount of \$71,892.50.

- 27. Additionally, Claimant seeks to recover the administrative fees of the American Arbitration Association paid by Claimant in the amount of \$6,250, the Arbitrator compensation totaling \$4,950, and travel costs incurred to attend the Final Hearing totaling \$818.18.
- 28. I find that, under the circumstances of this Arbitration and the factors set forth in *Brunzell*, \$83,910.68 represents a reasonable amount of fees, expenses, and costs that Claimant is entitled to be awarded for prosecuting and prevailing in this Arbitration against Respondent.
- 29. If any Conclusions of Law are properly Findings of Fact, they shall be treated as though appropriately identified and designated.

Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, I AWARD as follows:

- 1. Judgment is hereby entered in favor of Claimant EATC NV and against Respondent EAC UT.
- 2. For its remedy, Claimant EATC NV has elected, and is hereby awarded, rescission of the Agreement. Claimant EATC NV and Respondent EATC UT shall be restored to their original positions before the execution of the Agreement. This relief shall include, among other things, Respondent EATC UT returning to Claimant EATC NV all stock issued to Respondent's shareholders pursuant the Agreement, and Claimant EATC NV returning to Respondent EATC UT all assets conveyed by Respondent EATC UT to Claimant EATC NV, including, but not limited to, the alleged BIO-T Formula.
- 3. Claimant EATC NV is also awarded, and Respondent EATC UT shall pay Claimant EATC NV, the sum of EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS AND SIXTY-EIGHT CENTS (\$83,910.68), which represents the amount of reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses Claimant EATC NV is entitled to recover as the prevailing party.

4.	The above sum shall accrue post-judgment interest at the applicable sta	tutory
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5. This Award is in full settlement of all claims submitted to this Arbitration. All claims asserted in this Arbitration not expressly granted herein are hereby denied.

Dated: August 16, 2021.

Arbitrator Signature: Milli Baken

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of August, 2021.

**NOTARY PUBLIC** 

My Commission expires: March 14, 2022

ERIN L. PARCELLS lotary Public, State of Nevada No. 06-104446-1 My Appt. Exp. Mar. 14, 2022

1 **CSERV** 2 DISTRICT COURT 3 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 4 5 Environmental Applied CASE NO: A-21-839930-B 6 Technology Corporation, 7 DEPT. NO. Department 13 Plaintiff(s) 8 vs. 9 Energy Alliance Technology 10 Company, Defendant(s) 11 12 AUTOMATED CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 13 This automated certificate of service was generated by the Eighth Judicial District Court. The foregoing Order Granting Motion was served via the court's electronic eFile 14 system to all recipients registered for e-Service on the above entitled case as listed below: 15 Service Date: 11/3/2021 16 Sonja Dugan sdugan@swlaw.com 17 Charles Gianelloni 18 cgianelloni@swlaw.com 19 Jill Math jmath@swlaw.com 20 Docket Docket docket las@swlaw.com 21 Aleem Dhalla adhalla@swlaw.com 22 Lance Maningo lance@maningolaw.com 23 Madisyn Schaus madisyn@maningolaw.com 24 D'Andrea Dunn ddunn@swlaw.com 25 26

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7	CLARK COUNTY	, NEVADA	
8	ENERGY ALLIANCE TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION, a Utah Corporation,		
9		) Case No. A-21-839930-B	
10	Appellant,	) Dept. No. 13	
11	vs.	)	
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13	TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION, a Nevada	ý	
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17	Appellant, ENERGY ALLIANCE TECHN	OLOGY COMPANY, a Utah Corporation	
18	("Appellant"), by and through their counsel of record, Lance A. Maningo of MANINGO LAW,		
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20	hereby files this Case Appeal Statement.		
21	1. Name of appellant filing this Case	Appeal Statement:	
22	Defendant, ENERGY ALLIANCE TECHNOLOG	TV COMPANIV a Litch Comparation	
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24	2. Identify the Judge issuing the deci	sion, judgment, or order appealed from:	
25	The Honorable Mark R. Denton.		
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l	3. Identify each appellant and the name and address of counsel for each
1 2	appellant:
3	Appellant, ENERGY ALLIANCE TECHNOLOGY COMPANY, a Utah Corporation is
4	represented by Lance A. Maningo of Maningo Law, 400 South Fourth Street, Suite 650, Las
5	Vegas NV 89101.
6 7	4. Identify each plaintiff and the name and address of appellate counsel, if
8	known, for each plaintiff (if the name of a plaintiff's appellate counsel is unknown,
9	indicated as much and provide the name and address of that plaintiffs' trial counsel):
10	Appellee, ENVIRONMENTAL APPLIED TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION f/k/a
11 12	ENERGY ALLIANCE TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION, a Nevada Corporation is
13	represented by Charles E. Gianelloni Esq. of Snell & Wilmer LLP, 3883 Howard Hughes
14	Parkway, Suite 1100, Las Vegas, N 89169 and Jeff M. Singletary, Esq. of Snell & Wilmer
15	LLP,600 Anton Boulevard, Suite 1400, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.
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17	5. Indicate whether any attorney identified above in response to question 3 or
18	4 is not licensed to practice law in Nevada and, if so, whether the district court granted
19	that attorney permission to appear under SCR 42 (attach a copy of any district court
20	order granting such permission):
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22	Jeff M. Singletary was granted permission to appear under SCR 42 on October 21, 2021 by
23	The Honorable Mark R. Denton.
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25	6. Indicated whether appellant was represented by appointed or retained
26	counsel in the district court:
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Appellant is represented by retained counsel.

7. Indicate whether appellant is represented by appointed or retained counsel on appeal:

Appellant is represented by retained counsel.

8. Indicate whether appellant was granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis, and the date of entry of the district court order granting such leave:

Appellant was not granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

9. Indicate the date the proceedings commenced in the district court (e.g., date complaint indictment, information, or petition was filed):

August 23, 2021.

10. Provide a brief description of the nature of the action and result in the district court, including the type of judgment or order being appealed and the relief granted by the district court:

This is a civil breach of contract case that was handled via arbitration. The Arbitration was initiated by Appellee against Appellant to advance a sham claim to divest Appellee's related entity from millions of shares. Appellee litigated an arbitration against itself, wherein the Board of Directors for Appellee and Appellant were the same. Appellee in obtaining a default judgment elected an unconstitutional remedy, wherein the arbitrator divested millions of non-party Appellee shareholders from their property rights without notice. Appellee moved to confirm the fraudulent arbitration award and Appellant filed a countermotion to Vacate Arbitration Award, or in the Alternative Stay Confirmation and Final Judgment while a companion lawsuit against Appellees moved forward. Appellant now appeals from: (1) Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award and Request to Enter Judgement

and Order Denying Defendant's Countermotion to Vacate Arbitration Award, or in the Alternative, to Stay Confirmation and Final Judgement, which was filed on November 3, 2021.

11. Indicate whether the case has previously been the subject of an appeal to or original writ proceeding in the Supreme Court and, if so, the caption and Supreme Court docket number of the prior proceeding:

This case has not previously been the subject of an appeal to or original writ proceeding in the Supreme Court.

12. Indicate whether this appeal involves child custody or visitation:

This case does not involve child custody or visitation.

13. If this is a civil case, indicate whether this appeal involves the possibility of settlement:

This case does involve the possibility of settlement.

DATED this 22 day of November, 2021.

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By:

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the <u>22</u> day of November, 2021, I did serve a true and correct copy of the foregoing CASE APPEAL STATEMENT by electronically serving parties using the Odyssey E-Filing System as follows:

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16	NOTICE OF POSTING BOND FOR COSTS ON APPEAL
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18	NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Defendant, ENERGY ALLIANC

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Defendant, ENERGY ALLIANCE TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION, a Utah Corporation, in the above-entitled action, by and through its attorney, Lance A. Maningo of MANINGO LAW, deposited with the Clerk of this Court, in compliance with NRAP 7, a check in the amount of \$500.00 for security for costs on appeal, a copy of which is attached hereto. Please see **Exhibit A**.

DATED this 22 day of November, 2021

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By:

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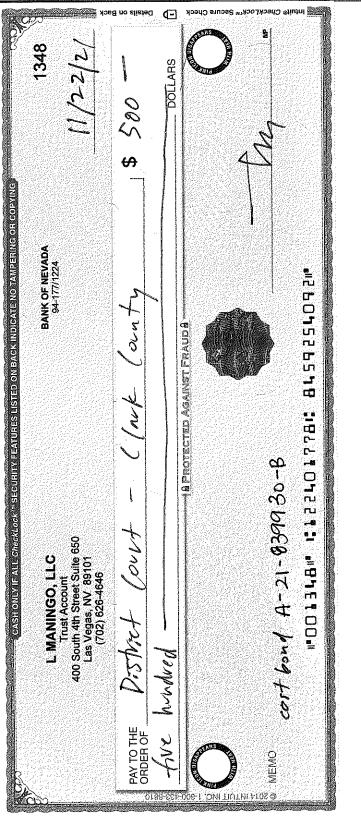
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# EXHIBIT "A"



# **CASE SUMMARY** CASE NO. A-21-839930-B

**Environmental Applied Technology Corporation, Plaintiff** 

**(s)** vs.

Energy Alliance Technology Company, Defendant(s)

Judicial Officer: Denton, Mark R. Filed on: 08/23/2021

Location: Department 13

Case Number History:

Cross-Reference Case A839930

Number:

**CASE INFORMATION** 

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**Statistical Closures** 

11/03/2021 Judgment on Arbitration Case Type:

Purchase/Sale of Stock, Assets,

or Real Estate

Case Flags:

**Appealed to Supreme Court** 

**Business Court** 

Commercial Instrument Case

DATE **CASE ASSIGNMENT** 

**Current Case Assignment** 

Case Number A-21-839930-B Court Department 13 08/24/2021 Date Assigned Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.

**PARTY INFORMATION** 

**Plaintiff Environmental Applied Technology Corporation**  Lead Attorneys

Gianelloni, Charles E

Retained

**Defendant Energy Alliance Technology Company** 

DATE **EVENTS & ORDERS OF THE COURT** INDEX

08/23/2021 Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure

Filed By: Plaintiff Environmental Applied Technology Corporation

[1] Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure

08/23/2021 Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award

> Filed By: Plaintiff Environmental Applied Technology Corporation [2] Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award and Request to Enter Judgment

08/23/2021 Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure

Filed By: Plaintiff Environmental Applied Technology Corporation

[3] Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure

08/24/2021 Notice of Change

[4] Notice of Change of Case Designation

08/24/2021 Clerk's Notice of Hearing

[5] Notice of Hearing

09/08/2021 Affidavit of Service

> Filed By: Plaintiff Environmental Applied Technology Corporation [6] Declaration of Service (Energy Alliance Technology Company)

# CASE SUMMARY CASE NO. A-21-839930-B

	CASE NO. A-21-839930-B
09/16/2021	Stipulation and Order [7] Stipulation and Order to Continue Plaintiff's Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award and Request to Enter Judgment and Stipulation and Order to Continue Briefing Deadline
09/17/2021	Notice of Entry of Order Filed By: Defendant Energy Alliance Technology Company [8] Notice of Entry
09/28/2021	Opposition and Countermotion  Filed By: Defendant Energy Alliance Technology Company [9] Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award and Request For Judgement and Countermotion to Vacate Arbitration Award, or in the Alternative Stay Confirmation of Arbitration Award Pending an Evidentiary Hearing and Decision of Related Cases
09/28/2021	Appendix Filed By: Defendant Energy Alliance Technology Company [10] Appendix in Support of Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award and Request For Judgement and Countermotion to Vacate Arbitration Award, or in the Alternative Stay Confirmation of Arbitration Award Pending an Evidentiary Hearing and Decision of Related Cases
10/11/2021	Reply in Support  Filed By: Plaintiff Environmental Applied Technology Corporation  [11] Reply in Support of Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award and Request to Enter Judgment and Opposition to Defendant's Countermotion to Vacate Arbitration Award, or in the Alternative, Stay Confirmation
10/14/2021	Minute Order (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Denton, Mark R.)  Re: BlueJeans Appearance  Minute Order - No Hearing Held;  Minute Order - No Hearing Held
10/15/2021	Motion to Associate Counsel Filed By: Plaintiff Environmental Applied Technology Corporation [12] Motion to Associate Counsel
10/18/2021	Motion (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Denton, Mark R.)  Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award and Request to Enter Judgment  Granted;  Granted
10/18/2021	Opposition and Countermotion (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Denton, Mark R.)  Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award and Request For Judgement and Countermotion to Vacate Arbitration Award, or in the Alternative Stay Confirmation of Arbitration Award Pending an Evidentiary Hearing and Decision of Related Cases  Denied;  Denied
10/18/2021	Motion to Associate Counsel (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Denton, Mark R.)  Motion to Associate Counsel  Granted;  Granted
10/18/2021	All Pending Motions (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Denton, Mark R.)  Matter Heard;  Matter Heard

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10/18/2021	Clerk's Notice of Hearing [13] Notice of Hearing	
10/21/2021	Order Admitting to Practice Filed By: Plaintiff Environmental Applied Technology Corporation [14] Order Admitting to Practice	
10/21/2021	Notice of Entry of Order  Filed By: Plaintiff Environmental Applied Technology Corporation  [15] Notice of Entry of Order	
10/26/2021	Minute Order (3:30 PM) (Judicial Officer: Denton, Mark R.)  Re: Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award and Request to Enter Judgment and Countermotion to Vacate Arbitration Award or, in the Alternative Stay Confirmation of Arbitration Award Pending an Evidentiary Hearing and Decision of Related Cases  Minute Order - No Hearing Held;  Minute Order - No Hearing Held	
11/03/2021	Order Granting Motion [16] Order Granting Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award and Request to Enter Judgment and Order Denying Countermotion to Vacate Arbitration Award, or in the Alternative, to Stay Confirmation and Final Judgment	
11/03/2021	Notice of Entry of Order  Filed By: Plaintiff Environmental Applied Technology Corporation  [17] Notice of Entry of Order	
11/03/2021	Judgment Upon Arbitration Award (Judicial Officer: Denton, Mark R.) Debtors: Energy Alliance Technology Company (Defendant) Creditors: Environmental Applied Technology Corporation (Plaintiff) Judgment: 11/03/2021, Docketed: 11/04/2021	
11/22/2021	Notice of Appeal Filed By: Defendant Energy Alliance Technology Company [18] Notice of Appeal	
11/22/2021	Case Appeal Statement Filed By: Defendant Energy Alliance Technology Company [19] Case Appeal Statement	
11/22/2021	Notice of Posting of Cost Bond Filed By: Defendant Energy Alliance Technology Company [20] Notice of Posting Bond for Costs on Appeal	
12/02/2021	Status Check (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Denton, Mark R.) Status Check: SCR 42 Compliance (Jeff Singletary, Esq.)	
DATE	FINANCIAL INFORMATION	
	Defendant Energy Alliance Technology Company Total Charges Total Payments and Credits Balance Due as of 11/24/2021	24.00 24.00 <b>0.00</b>
	Plaintiff Environmental Applied Technology Corporation Total Charges	1,530.00

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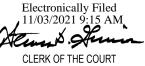
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<b>Defendant</b> Energy Alliance Technology Company Appeal Bond Balance as of 11/24/2021	500.00

# **BUSINESS COURT CIVIL COVER SHEET**

CASE NO:	A-21-839930-C
	Department 15

I. Party Information (provide both home and mailing addresses if different)				
Plaintiff(s) (name/address/phone):			Defendant(s) (name/address/phone):	
Environmental Applied Technology Corporation f/k/a			Alliance Technology Company	
Energy Alliance Technology Corporation				
Attorney (name/address/phone):		Attorne	ey (name/address/phone):	
Charles E. Gianelloni (NV Bar #12747); Al	leem A. Dhalla (NV Bar #14188)			
Snell & Wilmer L.L.P.				
3883 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 1100	, Las Vegas, NV 89169			
702.784.5200				
II. Nature of Controversy (Please cha	eck the applicable boxes for both the civ	vil case typ	e and business court case type)	
Arbitration Requested				
Civil Case I	Filing Types		Business Court Filing Types	
Real Property	Torts		CLARK COUNTY BUSINESS COURT	
Landlord/Tenant	Negligence		NRS Chapters 78-89	
Unlawful Detainer	Auto		Commodities (NRS 91)	
Other Landlord/Tenant	Premises Liability		Securities (NRS 90)	
Title to Property	Other Negligence		Mergers (NRS 92A)	
Judicial Foreclosure	Malpractice		Uniform Commercial Code (NRS 104)	
Other Title to Property	Medical/Dental		Purchase/Sale of Stock, Assets, or Real Estate	
Other Real Property	Legal		Trademark or Trade Name (NRS 600)	
Condemnation/Eminent Domain	Accounting		Enhanced Case Management	
Other Real Property	Other Malpractice		Other Business Court Matters	
Construction Defect & Contract	Other Torts			
Construction Defect	Product Liability			
Chapter 40	Intentional Misconduct		WASHOE COUNTY BUSINESS COURT	
Other Construction Defect	Employment Tort		NRS Chapters 78-88	
Contract Case	Insurance Tort		Commodities (NRS 91)	
Uniform Commercial Code	Other Tort		Securities (NRS 90)	
Building and Construction	Civil Writs		Investments (NRS 104 Art. 8)	
Insurance Carrier	Writ of Habeas Corpus		Deceptive Trade Practices (NRS 598)	
Commercial Instrument	Writ of Mandamus		Trademark/Trade Name (NRS 600)	
Collection of Accounts	Writ of Quo Warrant		Trade Secrets (NRS 600A)	
Employment Contract  Writ of Prohibition			Enhanced Case Management	
Other Contract	Other Civil Writ		Other Business Court Matters	
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Foreclosure Mediation Case Foreign Judgment				
Appeal Other Other Civil Matters				
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August 23, 2021				
Date Signature of initiating party or representative				

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THIS MATTER having come on for hearing on October 18, 2021, on Plaintiff Energy Alliance Technology Corporation's Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award and Request to Enter Judgment. Appearing at the hearing were Charles E. Gianelloni, Esq. and Jeff Singletary, Esq. of

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the law firm of Snell & Wilmer L.L.P., counsel for Plaintiff, and Lance A. Maningo, Esq., counsel for Defendant Energy Alliance Company. The Court heard and considered the Motion and its supporting papers, as well as Defendant's Countermotion to Vacate Arbitration Award or, in the Alternative, to Stay Confirmation of Arbitration Award Pending an Evidentiary Hearing and Decision of Related Cases and its supporting papers, and all arguments and reports from counsel at the hearing, and good cause having been shown: IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the October 18, 2021 Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award and Request to Enter Judgment is **GRANTED**. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Final Arbitration Award, attached as Exhibit 1, is CONFIRMED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that judgment is entered in favor of Plaintiff ENVIRONMENTAL APPLIED TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION f/k/a ENERGY ALLIANCE TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION on the terms stated in the attached Final Award, which is wholly incorporated into this Order and Judgment. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant's Countermotion to Vacate Arbitration Award or, in the Alternative, to Stay Confirmation of Arbitration Award Pending an Evidentiary Hearing and Decision of Related Cases is **DENIED**. Dated this 3rd day of November, 2021 IT IS SO ORDERED. **ABG** EE8 BE2 0E45 5832 Mark R. Denton **District Court Judge** Respectfully submitted by: Approved by: MANINGO LAW SNELL & WILMER L.L.P. /s/ Charles E. Gianelloni /s/ Lance A. Maningo Lance A. Maningo (NV Bar No. 6405) Charles E. Gianelloni (NV Bar No. 12747) 400 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 650 3883 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 1100 Las Vegas, NV 89169 Las Vegas, NV 89101 Telephone: (702) 784-5200 Telephone: (702) 626-4646 Jeff M. Singletary, Esq. (CA Bar No. 233528) Attorneys for Defendant Energy Alliance (Admitted Pro Hac Vice) Technology Company

Technology Corporation

Attorneys for Plaintiff Environmental Applied

# Math, Jill

From: Lance Maningo < Lance@maningolaw.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 12:05 PM

**To:** Gianelloni, Charles **Cc:** Math, Jill; Madisyn Schaus

**Subject:** RE: EATC - order on mot. to conform arbitration award and countermotion to vacate

# [EXTERNAL] lance@maningolaw.com

Hi Charles- no edits and please e-sign for me.

Thanks,

### Lance A Maningo

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From: Gianelloni, Charles <cgianelloni@swlaw.com>

**Sent:** Monday, November 1, 2021 7:54 AM **To:** Lance Maningo < Lance@maningolaw.com>

Cc: Math, Jill <jmath@swlaw.com>

Subject: EATC - order on mot. to conform arbitration award and countermotion to vacate

Lance - here's a draft order for your review and comment. If there are no comments or edits, please let me know if I can affix your e-signature and submit to the court for approval. The minute order is also attached for reference.

Thanks,

Charles E. Gianelloni Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. 3883 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 1100 Las Vegas, NV 89169

Direct: 702-784-5373
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# EXHIBIT 1



#### American Arbitration Association

#### COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL

In the Matter of the Arbitration between:

Environmental Applied Technology Corporation fka Energy Alliance Technology Corporation, hereinafter referred to as "Claimant" or "EATC NV"

-and-

Energy Alliance Technology Company, hereinafter referred to as "Respondent" or "EATC UT"

AAA Case No: 01-21-0002-1637

#### AWARD OF ARBITRATOR

I, THE UNDERSIGNED ARBITRATOR, having been designated in accordance with the arbitration agreement entered into by the parties, having been duly sworn, having duly heard the proofs and allegations of Claimant, being represented by Jeffrey M. Singletary, Esq., including the testimony of Mr. Andrew Soulakis, and having reviewed Claimant's Arbitration Brief dated July 20, 2021, exhibits (J01-22), and submission on attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs, hereby make the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

#### A. Procedural Background

- 1. On or about March 4, 2021, Claimant initiated this arbitration proceeding ("this Arbitration") against Respondent.
- 2. Respondent was duly noticed of this Arbitration and the deadlines imposed by the Preliminary Hearing and Scheduling Order #1 dated June 7, 2021 ("Scheduling Order"), which was, on June 8, 2021, mailed by AAA to Respondent via U.S. and Certified Mail (# 9489 0090 0027 6094 8239 10), at 9700 Baden Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311, and sent via email to preston.tyree@eatcinc.com.
- 3. Thereafter, all documents submitted in this Arbitration have been served on Respondent via email and/or U.S. Mail.

- 4. Respondent has failed to appear and participate in this Arbitration, failed to obtain a postponement or extension of the deadlines set forth in the Scheduling Order, and failed to attend the Final Hearing properly noticed for and held on July 22, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. PST.
- 5. After waiting approximately ten minutes for a representative of Respondent to appear, I found that, given the above, the Final Hearing should proceed in the absence of Respondent.
- 6. The findings set forth in this Award are based on the evidence submitted by Claimant, not on any default of Respondent in this Arbitration.

#### **B.** The Parties

- 7. Claimant is a corporation that was founded and organized in Nevada in 2014, and is registered in California, originally under the name Fortuneswell Corporation. Claimant's principal place of business is in Glendale, California. Claimant is a company in the energy industry, with a particular focus on fossil fuel enhancement additives.
- 8. Respondent is a corporation that was founded and organized in Utah in 2014. Respondent's principal place of business is in North Centerville, Utah, and prior to that time, Sherman Oaks, California. At the time of the Final Hearing, Respondent was a corporation not in good standing. Like Claimant, Respondent is a company in the energy industry. Respondent staked its early success on its represented ownership of the BIO-T Formula—a revolutionary component of fossil fuel enhancement additives.
- 9. Until December 31, 2018, Claimant was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Respondent.

#### C. The BIO-T Formula and the Agreement

- 10. In 2015, Respondent—through its agents, including its President and Director, Preston Tyree ("Mr. Tyree")¹—began supplying the BIO-T Formula to Claimant. Claimant thereafter began using the BIO-T Formula in its fossil fuel enhancement additives. Claimant ran diagnostic testing on the BIO-T Formula, marketed the product containing the BIO-T Formula, and became a leader in this industry sector. Claimant demonstrated that it is on this data and marketing that clients have relied, and continue to rely, on the product for which the BIO-T Formula is utilized.
- 11. On December 31, 2018, Claimant and Respondent entered into the Asset Transfer and Dividend Distribution Agreement (the "Agreement"), whereby Claimant acquired all of Respondent's assets. (See Exhibit Jo1.) As the key consideration for the deal, Claimant acquired the BIO-T Formula and all related rights, materials, product, inventory, and equipment related to it. (Id. at Section 2.1(b)(i), Schedule A.)
- 12. Section 2.1(b)(i) of the Agreement provides, "EATC UT shall transfer to EATC NV all of EATC UT's and such other EATC UT Entities' respective right, title and interest in and to the EATC UT Assets." This includes the following:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mr. Tyree is a current shareholder of Respondent, and one of the three board members for Claimant.

All associated intellectual property relating to BIO-T, meaning any copyrights, patents or patent applications, trademarks, and goodwill and all other intangible assets, including, without limitation, if and to the extent in existence, any and all trade secrets, inventions, designs, copyrights, non-registered trademarks and other intellectual property, know-how manufacturing methods, formulas, and processes.

(See Exhibit Jo1 at Schedule A.)

- 13. In exchange for Respondent's assets, a series of transactions took place that resulted in Claimant distributing its stock to Respondent's shareholders. (*See* Exhibit Jo1 at Sections 2.1-2.2, 3.1-3.3.)
- 14. Claimant "spun off" completely from Respondent and ceased to be a subsidiary of Respondent as of December 31, 2018.
- 15. Claimant made clear, at all relevant times, that its interest in contracting with Respondent was to obtain the BIO-T Formula. Respondent, in turn, represented that it had been assigned the patent to the BIO-T Formula, that it owned the BIO-T Formula and that it would be providing to Claimant complete ownership of the product through the Agreement. Respondent's representations regarding the BIO-T Formula are the only reason the Agreement was entered into and fully executed.

#### D. Respondent Fails to Comply with the Agreement

- 16. For about a year after the Agreement was executed, what was believed to be the BIO-T Formula was supplied to Claimant with no problems—it was received as needed and used in Claimant's product. Vladimir Podlipskiy ("Mr. Podlipskiy"), the scientist who supplied the confidential components of the BIO-T Formula, and had always been the custodian of the product, continued in this role after the Agreement was executed.
- 17. Claimant had previously raised concerns over Mr. Podlipskiy's status as the only custodian of the BIO-T Formula—largely to avoid potential disruptions if anything happened to Mr. Podlipskiy. (*See e.g.*, Exhibits J02-05.)
- 18. Claimant made numerous attempts to gain custody of the BIO-T Formula and its complete formulation. (*Id.*) Mr. Podlipskiy never relinquished control over the BIO-T Formula; instead, he only provided an incomplete formulation and claimed to keep sole custody of the "secret ingredient," to be provided to Claimant upon request. (*See* Exhibit Jo6.)
- 19. Claimant chose not to fight the arrangement, at the time, because the process ran relatively smoothly.
- 20. In early 2020, Mr. Podlipskiy, at Mr. Tyree's urging, began refusing to supply Claimant with the BIO-T Formula. The refusal put Claimant in a precarious situation, as Claimant only had a limited supply left on hand.
- 21. Claimant became unable to manage and fulfill its clients' demands as its supply dwindled.
- 22. At the same time, on February 27, 2020, Mr. Tyree sent a demand letter to Mr. Soulakis—Claimant's CEO—demanding numerous corporate documents on behalf of Claimant's board of directors, comprising of himself, Mr. Soulakis, and Harry Hibler. (*See* Exhibit Jo7.) Claimant responded to Mr. Tyree, providing him with most of the records he requested. (*See* Exhibit Jo8.)

- 23. In light of the above, Claimant ran diagnostic tests on the remaining BIO-T Formula that it still had on hand. (*See* Exhibit Jo9.) These tests demonstrated that the product that was being supplied by Mr. Podlipskiy, since execution of the Agreement, was different than the BIO-T Formula provided in 2015. (*See id.*)
- 24. Respondent, through Mr. Tyree, then claimed that Respondent never owned the BIO-T Formula in the first place. (*See* Exhibit J10.)
- 25. In an Answer dated July 6, 2021, in separate litigation in California, styled as Environmental Applied Technology Corporation fka Energy Alliance Technology Corporation v. Preston Tyree et al, Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 21STCV07476 ("the California Action"), Mr. Tyree stated that (i) he and Mr. Hibler are the "joint owners of the patent rights on which the BIO-T Formula is based" (id. at ¶ 5(a)), (ii) "[d]espite making the BIO-T Formula available for use by [Respondent], and later by [Claimant], [Mr. Tyree] and Mr. Hibler never assigned, licensed or otherwise transferred to [Respondent]... right or interest [] in the BIO-T Formula...." (id. at ¶ 5(b)), and (iii) under the Agreement, Claimant "alleged acquisition of the BIO-T Formula consisted only of a limited (non-exclusive) right, at the pleasure of Defendant and Mr. Hibler, to use the BIO-T Formula in the manufacture, blending and marketing of fuel additive products and nothing more" (id. at ¶ 39)). These statements in Mr. Tyree's Answer constitute judicial admissions under Nevada law and are, therefore, admissible here. See, e.g., Smith v. Zilverberg, 481 P.3d 1222, 1229 n.6 (Nev. 2021) (holding party to statements made in pleading under the "doctrine of judicial admissions").
- 26. The Agreement does not, expressly or implicitly, state that Respondent does not own the BIO-T Formula or that Respondent is conveying only the "limited (non-exclusive) right" to use the BIO-T Formula.
- 27. Unbeknownst to Claimant, it had been receiving a different product despite Respondent's representations regarding its ownership, and use of, the BIO-T Formula in the Agreement. Mr. Soulakis confirmed during the Final Hearing that the BIO-T Formula was the only reason Claimant entered into the Agreement.
- 28. Respondent misrepresented its ownership of the BIO-T Formula to induce Claimant into entering into the Agreement, and then orchestrated the withholding of the BIO-T Formula in breach of the Agreement.

#### E. Indemnity Under the Agreement<sup>2</sup>

29. Article 9 of the Agreement defines the indemnity obligations of the parties. (*See* Exhibit Jo1 at Article IX.) Section 9.3 of the Agreement specifically governs Respondent's indemnification responsibilities, providing:

Following the Effective Time and subject to <u>Section 12.1</u>, EATC UT shall, and shall cause EATC UT Entities to, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless each EATC NV Entity and its Affiliates, and each of their respective current or former directors, officers, employees, agents, and each of the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of any of the foregoing (each, a "<u>EATC NV Indemnified Party</u>"), from and against any and all Liabilities

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> I address the indemnification provisions in the Agreement with respect to only Claimant's request for attorneys' fees and costs. If Claimant has an indemnification claim and/or separate claims for relief relating to potential Third Party Claims (as defined in the Agreement), no such claims were at issue in this Arbitration.

arising out of or resulting from any of the following items:

(a) each breach by EATC UT or any EATC UT Entity of this Agreement, subject to any specific limitation on liability contained in the applicable agreement and without duplication taking into account the performance by each EATC NV Entity of its indemnification obligations in the agreement.

(*Id.* at Section 9.3 (emphasis in original).)

- 30. As early as May 27, 2020, and at numerous times thereafter, Claimant notified Respondent of its intent to hold Respondent to its indemnification responsibilities, in compliance with the Agreement. Respondent failed to respond to Claimant's notices, and did not dispute its indemnification responsibilities stemming from this Arbitration.
- 31. The liabilities at issue bring this Arbitration within the indemnification principles of the Agreement. It is on these facts that the Agreement's attorneys' fees provision, found in Section 10.3(c), is applicable to this Arbitration. Section 10.3 specifically provides:

Costs of the arbitration shall be borne equally by the parties involved in the matter, except that each party shall be responsible for its own expenses, unless and to the extent otherwise determined by the arbitrator; provided, in the case of any Disputes relating to the parties rights and obligations with respect to indemnification under this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reimbursement by the other party of its reasonable out-of-pocket fees and expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred in connection with the arbitration.

(See Exhibit Jo1 at Section 10.3(c).)

- 32. Claimant requests an award of \$96,960.68 in attorneys' fees and costs. (*See* Declaration of Jeffrey M. Singletary executed on July 30, 2021 ("Mr. Singletary's Declaration") at ¶ 15.)
- 33. If any Findings of Fact are properly Conclusions of Law, they shall be treated as though appropriately identified and designated.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. A breach of contract claim lies where there is: (i) the existence of a valid contract; (ii) a breach by the defendant; and (iii) damage as a result thereof. *See Rivera v. Peri & Sons Farms, Inc.*, 735 F.3d 892, 899 (9th Cir. 2013) (citing *Richardson v. Jones*, 1 Nev. 405, 408 (Nev. 1865)). <sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Agreement "shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the Laws of the State of Nevada, regardless of the Laws that might otherwise govern under applicable principles of conflicts of laws thereof." (*See* Exhibit Jo1 at Section 10.4.) Likewise, the arbitration provision in the Agreement states that the Arbitrator is "bound exclusively by the laws of the State of Nevada without regard to its choice of law rules." (*Id.* at Section 10.3(b).)

- 2. An enforceable contract requires "an offer and acceptance, meeting of the minds, and consideration." *Anderson v. Sanchez*, 132 Nev. 357, 360, 373 P.3d 860, 863 (2016). "A meeting of the minds exists when the parties have agreed upon the contract's essential terms." *Certified Fire Prot. Inc. v. Precision Constr.*, 128 Nev. 371, 378 (Nev. 2012).
- 3. Consideration requires something that is "bargained for and given in exchange for an act or promise." *Zhang v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court of State ex rel. County of Clark*, 120 Nev. 1037, 1042 n.22 (Nev. 2004), *abrogated on other grounds by Buzz Stew, LLC v. City of N. Las Vegas*, 124 Nev. 224 (Nev. 2008).
- 4. The Agreement must be construed under the well-known rules of contract interpretation. *See Canfora v. Coast Hotels & Casinos, Inc.*, 121 Nev. 771, 776, 121 P.3d 599, 603 (2005) ("Generally, when a contract is clear on its face, it 'will be construed from the written language and enforced as written.' The court has no authority to alter the terms of an unambiguous contract.").
- 5. Accepting Mr. Tyree's admissions in the California Action as true (*see* J10), Respondent executed the Agreement believing it was only conveying the limited (non-exclusive) right, at the pleasure of Messrs. Tyree and Hibler, to use the BIO-T Formula in the manufacture, blending and marketing of fuel additive products and nothing more, and Claimant executed the Agreement understanding and intending that the conveyance of the BIO-T Formula in Schedule A to the Agreement meant something different. In that case, the required meetings of the mind on all essential terms does not exist on the Agreement, which voids the Agreement altogether, instead of giving rise to breach of contract damages. *See Chudacoff v. Univ. Med. Ctr.*, 954 F. Supp. 2d 1065, 1085 (D. Nev. 2013) ("Under Nevada law, an enforceable contract is formed when there is offer, acceptance, meeting of the minds, and consideration.").
- 6. Alternatively, Claimant demonstrated that it is entitled to rescission under either of the following distinct theories: (i) fraudulent inducement, and (ii) Respondent's failure to perform. *See e.g.*, *Awada v. Shuffle Master*, *Inc.*, 123 Nev. 613, 622-23 (Nev. 2007) (affirming trial court's rescission of a contract based on fraudulent inducement); *Canepa v. Durham*, 62 Nev. 417, 427 (Nev. 1944) ("A partial failure of performance of a contract will not give ground for its rescission unless it defeats the very object of the contract or renders that object impossible of attainment, or unless it concerns a matter of such prime importance that the contract would not have been made if default in that particular had been expected or contemplated.") (internal quotation marks omitted).<sup>4</sup>

In the event of any actual or threatened default in, or breach of, any of the terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement, the affected party shall have the right to specific performance and injunctive or other equitable relief of its rights under this Agreement, in addition to any and all other rights and remedies at law or in equity, and all such rights and remedies shall be cumulative. The other party shall not oppose the granting of such relief. The parties hereto agree that the remedies at law for any breach or threatened breach hereof, including monetary damages, are inadequate compensation for any loss and that any defense in any action for specific performance that a remedy at law would be adequate is waived. Any requirements for the securing and posting of any bond with such remedy are waived.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Section 12.13 of the Agreement also contemplates the equitable relief awarded here:

- 7. "Rescission is an equitable remedy which totally abrogates a contract and which seeks to place the parties in the position they occupied prior to executing the contract." *Bergstrom v. Estate of DeVoe*, 109 Nev. 575, 577 (Nev. 1993). Rescission of a contract can be accomplished either "legall[y]" or "equitabl[y]." *Great Am. Ins. Co. v. Gen. Builders, Inc.*, 113 Nev. 346, 353 n. 6 (Nev. 1997). Under a theory of "equitable recission," "the aggrieved party brings an action in a court with equitable jurisdiction asking the court to nullify the contract." *Id.* Whether to rescind a contract lies within a finder of fact's broad discretion. *Canepa v. Durham*, 65 Nev. 428, 437 (1948).
- 8. Under Nevada law, a party to a contract may seek rescission of that contract based on fraud in the inducement. *See Awada*, 123 Nev. at 622; *see also Havas v. Alger*, 85 Nev. 627, 631-33 (Nev. 1969) (affirming rescission of a vehicle sales contract where the purchased vehicle was one year older than represented). The elements for fraudulent inducement are: (i) defendant's false representation; (ii) defendant's knowledge or belief that the representation was false (or knowledge that it had an insufficient basis for making the representation); (iii) defendant's intention to induce plaintiff to consent to the contract's formation; (iv) plaintiff's justifiable reliance on the misrepresentation; and (v) damage to plaintiff resulting from such reliance. *See J.A. Jones Const. Co. v. Lehrer McGovern Bovis, Inc.*, 120 Nev. 277, 290-91 (Nev. 2004). Claimant proved by clear and convincing evidence each of these elements in this Arbitration.
- 9. Respondent (i) made a false representation about its ownership of the BIO-T Formula, and/or (ii) orchestrated withholding of the BIO-T Formula, despite selling the BIO-T Formula to Claimant for its stock.
- 10. Respondent necessarily knew that its representations were false at the time they were made. Respondent withheld delivery of the product. When it did deliver, Respondent delivered a product that was different than the BIO-T Formula from 2015. And, Respondent now claims that it never owned the BIO-T Formula in the first place. Respondent knew, at the time it entered into the Agreement, that it would not, and could not, perform.
- 11. Respondent intended to induce Claimant into entering the Agreement with its false representations. Claimant made clear that its primary goal in entering into the Agreement was to gain ownership of the BIO-T Formula.
- 12. Claimant justifiably relied on the false representations. Claimant entered into the Agreement with the primary goal of acquiring the BIO-T Formula and all related assets. If not for these representations, Claimant would not have contracted with Respondent.
- 13. Claimant has suffered particular money damages as a result of Respondent's actions. Claimant may face future damages stemming from third-party claims arising from product representations using data from the BIO-T Formula received in 2015.
- 14. Also, Nevada has long recognized the right to rescind a contract on another party's failure to perform. *See e.g., Canepa*, 62 Nev. at 427. The Supreme Court of Nevada has said:

A partial failure of performance of a contract will not give ground for its rescission unless it defeats the very object of the contract or renders that object impossible of attainment, or unless it concerns a matter of such prime importance that the contract would not have been made if default in that particular had been expected or contemplated.

*Id.* (internal quotation marks omitted). Courts interpreting this standard have required there to be a "substantial breach," which has involved as little as failure to pay money. *See Harrington v. Tackett,* No. 3:18-CV-00028-WGC, 2020 WL 5749997, at \*11-12 (D. Nev. 2020) (applying Nevada law and finding failure to pay more than \$20,000 on a \$300,000 contract warranted rescission); *see also Havas,* 85 Nev. at 633-35 (affirming trial court's holding to rescind vehicle sales contract where the subject car was inoperable and, as a result, there was a failure of consideration).

- 15. By proving that Respondent has failed to deliver the BIO-T Formula since the execution of the Agreement—either by withholding the same or never having ownership of it—Claimant has shown, by a preponderance of the evidence, that Respondent failed to perform.
- 16. The Agreement was supposed to be an exchange of Claimant's stock for Respondent's assets, including the BIO-T Formula. Claimant's chief interest in Respondent's assets was the BIO-T Formula. Claimant performed its end of the bargain by distributing its stock to Respondent. Respondent failed to perform its obligations by (i) misrepresenting its ownership of the BIO-T Formula, and/or (ii) orchestrating withholding of the BIO-T Formula. By failing to adhere to its contractual obligations, Respondent is in "substantial breach."
- 17. Nevada law authorizes an award of attorneys' fees when provided for in a contract. See NRS 18.010(1) ("The compensation of an attorney and counselor for his or her services is governed by agreement, express or implied, which is not restrained by law."). Costs are likewise routinely awarded to a prevailing party. See NRS 18.020 (outlining the numerous situations for which a prevailing party is entitled to costs); NRS 18.050 (allowing a prevailing party to recover costs in the discretion of the court).
- 18. Rescission of a contract does not preclude recovery based on an attorneys' fees and costs provision in the void contract. *See Mackintosh v. California Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n*, 113 Nev. 393, 406, 935 P.2d 1154, 1162 (1997) (agreeing with case that held "that when parties enter into a contract and litigation later ensues over that contract, attorney's fees may be recovered under a prevailing-party attorney's fee provision contained therein even though the contract is rescinded or held to be unenforceable.") (citation omitted).
- 19. Claimant's entitlement to attorneys' fees and costs here stems from the indemnification provisions in the Agreement, which is specifically authorized by Section 10.3(c) of the Agreement. (*See* Exhibit Jo1 at Section 10.3(c).)<sup>5</sup>
- 20. Under Section 9.3 of the Agreement, Respondent is to indemnify Claimant from, and against any, "[l]iabilities" resulting from, "each breach by EATC UT or any EATC UT Entity of this Agreement, subject to any specific limitation on liability contained in the applicable agreement and without duplication taking into account the performance by each EATC NV Entity of its indemnification obligations in the agreement." (*Id.* at Section 9.3(a).) "Liabilities" also covers "attorneys' fees, the costs and expenses of all demands . . . [.]" (*Id.* at Page 7 of 29.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Alternatively, Claimant would be entitled to an award of its attorneys' fees (and costs) because it did not recover more than \$20,000 in this Arbitration. *See* NRS 18.010(2)(a) ("In addition to the cases where an allowance is authorized by specific statute, the court may make an allowance of attorney's fees to a prevailing party: . . . When the prevailing party has not recovered more than \$20,000 . . . . "); *see also* NRS 18.050.

- 21. Claimant is, therefore, entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs as the prevailing party in this Arbitration. *See, e.g., Women's Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n of Cleveland v. Nevada Nat. Bank*, 623 F. Supp. 469, 470 (D. Nev. 1985) ("A plaintiff may be considered the prevailing party . . . if it succeeds on any significant issue in litigation which achieves some of the benefit it sought in bringing the suit.").
- 22. When considering the reasonableness of attorneys' fees, Nevada courts look to the following four factors:
  - (a) the qualities of the advocate: his ability, his training, education, experience, professional standing and skill;
  - (b) the character of the work to be done: its difficulty, its intricacy, its importance, time and skill required, the responsibility imposed and the prominence and character of the parties where they affect the importance of the litigation;
  - (c) the work actually performed by the lawyer: the skill, time and attention given to the work; and
  - (d) the result: whether the attorney was successful and what benefits were derived.

Brunzell v. Golden Gate Nat'l Bank, 85 Nev. 345, 349, 455 P.2d 31, 33 (1969); Shuette v. Beazer Homes Holdings Corp., 124 P.3d 530, 549 (Nev. 2005).

- 23. In Nevada, "the method upon which a reasonable fee is determined is subject to the discretion of the court," which "is tempered only by reason and fairness." *Shuette*, 124 P.3d at 548–49. "Accordingly, in determining the amount of fees to award, the court is not limited to one specific approach; its analysis may begin with any method rationally designed to calculate a reasonable amount, including those based on a 'lodestar' amount or a contingency fee." *Id*.
- 24. Here, the qualities and skills of Mr. Singletary, the other attorneys, and the paralegals who worked with him in this Arbitration, are not disputable. And, the hourly rates charged by Claimant's counsel (from \$295 to \$680) are well within the prevailing market rates for commercial litigation in Nevada. See e.g., In re USA Commercial Mortg. Co. v. USA SPE LLC, Case Nos. 2:07-CV-892-RCJ-GWF and 3:07-CV-241-RCJ-GWF, 2013 WL 3944184, \*20 (D. Nev. 2013) ("The Court finds that those suggested hourly rates are reasonable in comparison to prevailing market rates for complex commercial litigation in Nevada of between \$350 and \$775 an hour...."); see also Ingram v. Oroudjian, 647 F.3d 925, 928 (9th Cir. 2011) (agreeing with "[o]ther circuit courts [that] have held that judges are justified in relying on their own knowledge of customary rates and their experience concerning reasonable and proper fees.") (citations omitted). As a result, this factor weighs in favor of the reasonableness of the attorneys' and paralegal fees.
- 25. As to the second and third factors, the work performed by Mr. Singletary and his team is evidenced by his Declaration and the invoices attached thereto as Exhibit 1. The number of hours expended were reasonable. This factor, thus, weighs in favor of the reasonableness of the fees.
- 26. Fourth and finally, the result of the work performed by Mr. Singletary and his team on behalf of Claimant resulted in Claimant prevailing in this Arbitration. This successful result satisfies the fourth prong of the *Brunzell* test. I find that Claimant is entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees in the amount of \$71,892.50.

- 27. Additionally, Claimant seeks to recover the administrative fees of the American Arbitration Association paid by Claimant in the amount of \$6,250, the Arbitrator compensation totaling \$4,950, and travel costs incurred to attend the Final Hearing totaling \$818.18.
- 28. I find that, under the circumstances of this Arbitration and the factors set forth in *Brunzell*, \$83,910.68 represents a reasonable amount of fees, expenses, and costs that Claimant is entitled to be awarded for prosecuting and prevailing in this Arbitration against Respondent.
- 29. If any Conclusions of Law are properly Findings of Fact, they shall be treated as though appropriately identified and designated.

Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, I AWARD as follows:

- 1. Judgment is hereby entered in favor of Claimant EATC NV and against Respondent EAC UT.
- 2. For its remedy, Claimant EATC NV has elected, and is hereby awarded, rescission of the Agreement. Claimant EATC NV and Respondent EATC UT shall be restored to their original positions before the execution of the Agreement. This relief shall include, among other things, Respondent EATC UT returning to Claimant EATC NV all stock issued to Respondent's shareholders pursuant the Agreement, and Claimant EATC NV returning to Respondent EATC UT all assets conveyed by Respondent EATC UT to Claimant EATC NV, including, but not limited to, the alleged BIO-T Formula.
- 3. Claimant EATC NV is also awarded, and Respondent EATC UT shall pay Claimant EATC NV, the sum of EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS AND SIXTY-EIGHT CENTS (\$83,910.68), which represents the amount of reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses Claimant EATC NV is entitled to recover as the prevailing party.

4.	The above sum shall accrue post-judgment interest at the app	plicable statutory
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This Award is in full settlement of all claims submitted to this Arbitration. All claims asserted in this Arbitration not expressly granted herein are hereby denied.

Dated: August 16, 2021.

Arbitrator Signature: Milli Haken

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of August, 2021.

**NOTARY PUBLIC** 

My Commission expires: March 14, 2022

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A copy of said Order is attached as **Exhibit 1**.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigne	d, declare under penalty of perjury, that I am over the age of eighteen (18)
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Electronically Filed 11/03/2021 9:15 AM CLERK OF THE COURT 1 Charles E. Gianelloni, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 12747 2 SNELL & WILMER L.L.P. 3883 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 1100 3 Las Vegas, NV 89169 Telephone: (702) 784-5200 4 Facsimile: (702) 784-5252 Email: cgianelloni@swlaw.com 5 Jeff M. Singletary, Esq. 6 California Bar No. 233528 (Admitted Pro Hac Vice) 7 Plaza Tower 600 Anton Blvd., Suite 1400 8 Costa Mesa, CA 92626-7689 Telephone: (714) 427-7000 9 Facsimile: (714) 427-7799 Email: jsingletary@swlaw.com 10 Attorneys for Plaintiff Environmental Applied 11 Technology Corporation f/k/a Energy Alliance Technology Corporation 12 **DISTRICT COURT** 13 CLARK COUNTY NEVADA 14 15 ENVIRONMENTAL APPLIED Case No. A-21-839930-B TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION f/k/a **ENERGY ALLIANCE TECHNOLOGY** 16 Dept. No. XIII CORPORATION, a Nevada corporation; 17 Plaintiff, **ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO** 18 CONFIRM ARBITRATION AWARD AND REQUEST TO ENTER JUDGMENT V. 19 ENERGY ALLIANCE COMPANY, a Utah -AND-20 corporation; ORDER DENYING COUNTERMOTION TO 21 VACATE ARBITRATION AWARD, OR IN Defendant. THE ALTERNATIVE, TO STAY 22 CONFIRMATION 23 -AND-24 FINAL JUDGMENT 25 THIS MATTER having come on for hearing on October 18, 2021, on Plaintiff Energy 26

Alliance Technology Corporation's *Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award and Request to Enter Judgment*. Appearing at the hearing were Charles E. Gianelloni, Esq. and Jeff Singletary, Esq. of

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the law firm of Snell & Wilmer L.L.P., counsel for Plaintiff, and Lance A. Maningo, Esq., counsel for Defendant Energy Alliance Company. The Court heard and considered the Motion and its supporting papers, as well as Defendant's Countermotion to Vacate Arbitration Award or, in the Alternative, to Stay Confirmation of Arbitration Award Pending an Evidentiary Hearing and Decision of Related Cases and its supporting papers, and all arguments and reports from counsel at the hearing, and good cause having been shown: IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the October 18, 2021 Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award and Request to Enter Judgment is **GRANTED**. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Final Arbitration Award, attached as Exhibit 1, is CONFIRMED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that judgment is entered in favor of Plaintiff ENVIRONMENTAL APPLIED TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION f/k/a ENERGY ALLIANCE TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION on the terms stated in the attached Final Award, which is wholly incorporated into this Order and Judgment. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant's Countermotion to Vacate Arbitration Award or, in the Alternative, to Stay Confirmation of Arbitration Award Pending an Evidentiary Hearing and Decision of Related Cases is **DENIED**. Dated this 3rd day of November, 2021 IT IS SO ORDERED. **ABG** EE8 BE2 0E45 5832 Mark R. Denton **District Court Judge** Respectfully submitted by: Approved by: MANINGO LAW SNELL & WILMER L.L.P. /s/ Charles E. Gianelloni /s/ Lance A. Maningo Lance A. Maningo (NV Bar No. 6405) Charles E. Gianelloni (NV Bar No. 12747) 400 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 650 3883 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 1100 Las Vegas, NV 89169 Las Vegas, NV 89101 Telephone: (702) 784-5200 Telephone: (702) 626-4646 Jeff M. Singletary, Esq. (CA Bar No. 233528) Attorneys for Defendant Energy Alliance (Admitted Pro Hac Vice) Technology Company

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Hi Charles- no edits and please e-sign for me.

Thanks,

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Lance - here's a draft order for your review and comment. If there are no comments or edits, please let me know if I can affix your e-signature and submit to the court for approval. The minute order is also attached for reference.

Thanks,

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#### American Arbitration Association

#### COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL

In the Matter of the Arbitration between:

Environmental Applied Technology Corporation fka Energy Alliance Technology Corporation, hereinafter referred to as "Claimant" or "EATC NV"

-and-

Energy Alliance Technology Company, hereinafter referred to as "Respondent" or "EATC UT"

AAA Case No: 01-21-0002-1637

#### AWARD OF ARBITRATOR

I, THE UNDERSIGNED ARBITRATOR, having been designated in accordance with the arbitration agreement entered into by the parties, having been duly sworn, having duly heard the proofs and allegations of Claimant, being represented by Jeffrey M. Singletary, Esq., including the testimony of Mr. Andrew Soulakis, and having reviewed Claimant's Arbitration Brief dated July 20, 2021, exhibits (J01-22), and submission on attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs, hereby make the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

#### A. Procedural Background

- 1. On or about March 4, 2021, Claimant initiated this arbitration proceeding ("this Arbitration") against Respondent.
- 2. Respondent was duly noticed of this Arbitration and the deadlines imposed by the Preliminary Hearing and Scheduling Order #1 dated June 7, 2021 ("Scheduling Order"), which was, on June 8, 2021, mailed by AAA to Respondent via U.S. and Certified Mail (# 9489 0090 0027 6094 8239 10), at 9700 Baden Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311, and sent via email to preston.tyree@eatcinc.com.
- 3. Thereafter, all documents submitted in this Arbitration have been served on Respondent via email and/or U.S. Mail.

- 4. Respondent has failed to appear and participate in this Arbitration, failed to obtain a postponement or extension of the deadlines set forth in the Scheduling Order, and failed to attend the Final Hearing properly noticed for and held on July 22, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. PST.
- 5. After waiting approximately ten minutes for a representative of Respondent to appear, I found that, given the above, the Final Hearing should proceed in the absence of Respondent.
- 6. The findings set forth in this Award are based on the evidence submitted by Claimant, not on any default of Respondent in this Arbitration.

#### **B.** The Parties

- 7. Claimant is a corporation that was founded and organized in Nevada in 2014, and is registered in California, originally under the name Fortuneswell Corporation. Claimant's principal place of business is in Glendale, California. Claimant is a company in the energy industry, with a particular focus on fossil fuel enhancement additives.
- 8. Respondent is a corporation that was founded and organized in Utah in 2014. Respondent's principal place of business is in North Centerville, Utah, and prior to that time, Sherman Oaks, California. At the time of the Final Hearing, Respondent was a corporation not in good standing. Like Claimant, Respondent is a company in the energy industry. Respondent staked its early success on its represented ownership of the BIO-T Formula—a revolutionary component of fossil fuel enhancement additives.
- 9. Until December 31, 2018, Claimant was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Respondent.

#### C. The BIO-T Formula and the Agreement

- 10. In 2015, Respondent—through its agents, including its President and Director, Preston Tyree ("Mr. Tyree")¹—began supplying the BIO-T Formula to Claimant. Claimant thereafter began using the BIO-T Formula in its fossil fuel enhancement additives. Claimant ran diagnostic testing on the BIO-T Formula, marketed the product containing the BIO-T Formula, and became a leader in this industry sector. Claimant demonstrated that it is on this data and marketing that clients have relied, and continue to rely, on the product for which the BIO-T Formula is utilized.
- 11. On December 31, 2018, Claimant and Respondent entered into the Asset Transfer and Dividend Distribution Agreement (the "Agreement"), whereby Claimant acquired all of Respondent's assets. (*See* Exhibit Jo1.) As the key consideration for the deal, Claimant acquired the BIO-T Formula and all related rights, materials, product, inventory, and equipment related to it. (*Id.* at Section 2.1(b)(i), Schedule A.)
- 12. Section 2.1(b)(i) of the Agreement provides, "EATC UT shall transfer to EATC NV all of EATC UT's and such other EATC UT Entities' respective right, title and interest in and to the EATC UT Assets." This includes the following:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mr. Tyree is a current shareholder of Respondent, and one of the three board members for Claimant.

All associated intellectual property relating to BIO-T, meaning any copyrights, patents or patent applications, trademarks, and goodwill and all other intangible assets, including, without limitation, if and to the extent in existence, any and all trade secrets, inventions, designs, copyrights, non-registered trademarks and other intellectual property, know-how manufacturing methods, formulas, and processes.

(See Exhibit Jo1 at Schedule A.)

- 13. In exchange for Respondent's assets, a series of transactions took place that resulted in Claimant distributing its stock to Respondent's shareholders. (*See* Exhibit Jo1 at Sections 2.1-2.2, 3.1-3.3.)
- 14. Claimant "spun off" completely from Respondent and ceased to be a subsidiary of Respondent as of December 31, 2018.
- 15. Claimant made clear, at all relevant times, that its interest in contracting with Respondent was to obtain the BIO-T Formula. Respondent, in turn, represented that it had been assigned the patent to the BIO-T Formula, that it owned the BIO-T Formula and that it would be providing to Claimant complete ownership of the product through the Agreement. Respondent's representations regarding the BIO-T Formula are the only reason the Agreement was entered into and fully executed.

#### D. Respondent Fails to Comply with the Agreement

- 16. For about a year after the Agreement was executed, what was believed to be the BIO-T Formula was supplied to Claimant with no problems—it was received as needed and used in Claimant's product. Vladimir Podlipskiy ("Mr. Podlipskiy"), the scientist who supplied the confidential components of the BIO-T Formula, and had always been the custodian of the product, continued in this role after the Agreement was executed.
- 17. Claimant had previously raised concerns over Mr. Podlipskiy's status as the only custodian of the BIO-T Formula—largely to avoid potential disruptions if anything happened to Mr. Podlipskiy. (*See e.g.*, Exhibits J02-05.)
- 18. Claimant made numerous attempts to gain custody of the BIO-T Formula and its complete formulation. (*Id.*) Mr. Podlipskiy never relinquished control over the BIO-T Formula; instead, he only provided an incomplete formulation and claimed to keep sole custody of the "secret ingredient," to be provided to Claimant upon request. (*See* Exhibit Jo6.)
- 19. Claimant chose not to fight the arrangement, at the time, because the process ran relatively smoothly.
- 20. In early 2020, Mr. Podlipskiy, at Mr. Tyree's urging, began refusing to supply Claimant with the BIO-T Formula. The refusal put Claimant in a precarious situation, as Claimant only had a limited supply left on hand.
- 21. Claimant became unable to manage and fulfill its clients' demands as its supply dwindled.
- 22. At the same time, on February 27, 2020, Mr. Tyree sent a demand letter to Mr. Soulakis—Claimant's CEO—demanding numerous corporate documents on behalf of Claimant's board of directors, comprising of himself, Mr. Soulakis, and Harry Hibler. (*See* Exhibit Jo7.) Claimant responded to Mr. Tyree, providing him with most of the records he requested. (*See* Exhibit Jo8.)

- 23. In light of the above, Claimant ran diagnostic tests on the remaining BIO-T Formula that it still had on hand. (*See* Exhibit Jo9.) These tests demonstrated that the product that was being supplied by Mr. Podlipskiy, since execution of the Agreement, was different than the BIO-T Formula provided in 2015. (*See id.*)
- 24. Respondent, through Mr. Tyree, then claimed that Respondent never owned the BIO-T Formula in the first place. (*See* Exhibit J10.)
- 25. In an Answer dated July 6, 2021, in separate litigation in California, styled as Environmental Applied Technology Corporation fka Energy Alliance Technology Corporation v. Preston Tyree et al, Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 21STCV07476 ("the California Action"), Mr. Tyree stated that (i) he and Mr. Hibler are the "joint owners of the patent rights on which the BIO-T Formula is based" (id. at ¶ 5(a)), (ii) "[d]espite making the BIO-T Formula available for use by [Respondent], and later by [Claimant], [Mr. Tyree] and Mr. Hibler never assigned, licensed or otherwise transferred to [Respondent]... right or interest [] in the BIO-T Formula...." (id. at ¶ 5(b)), and (iii) under the Agreement, Claimant "alleged acquisition of the BIO-T Formula consisted only of a limited (non-exclusive) right, at the pleasure of Defendant and Mr. Hibler, to use the BIO-T Formula in the manufacture, blending and marketing of fuel additive products and nothing more" (id. at ¶ 39)). These statements in Mr. Tyree's Answer constitute judicial admissions under Nevada law and are, therefore, admissible here. See, e.g., Smith v. Zilverberg, 481 P.3d 1222, 1229 n.6 (Nev. 2021) (holding party to statements made in pleading under the "doctrine of judicial admissions").
- 26. The Agreement does not, expressly or implicitly, state that Respondent does not own the BIO-T Formula or that Respondent is conveying only the "limited (non-exclusive) right" to use the BIO-T Formula.
- 27. Unbeknownst to Claimant, it had been receiving a different product despite Respondent's representations regarding its ownership, and use of, the BIO-T Formula in the Agreement. Mr. Soulakis confirmed during the Final Hearing that the BIO-T Formula was the only reason Claimant entered into the Agreement.
- 28. Respondent misrepresented its ownership of the BIO-T Formula to induce Claimant into entering into the Agreement, and then orchestrated the withholding of the BIO-T Formula in breach of the Agreement.

#### E. Indemnity Under the Agreement<sup>2</sup>

29. Article 9 of the Agreement defines the indemnity obligations of the parties. (*See* Exhibit Jo1 at Article IX.) Section 9.3 of the Agreement specifically governs Respondent's indemnification responsibilities, providing:

Following the Effective Time and subject to <u>Section 12.1</u>, EATC UT shall, and shall cause EATC UT Entities to, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless each EATC NV Entity and its Affiliates, and each of their respective current or former directors, officers, employees, agents, and each of the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of any of the foregoing (each, a "<u>EATC NV Indemnified Party</u>"), from and against any and all Liabilities

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> I address the indemnification provisions in the Agreement with respect to only Claimant's request for attorneys' fees and costs. If Claimant has an indemnification claim and/or separate claims for relief relating to potential Third Party Claims (as defined in the Agreement), no such claims were at issue in this Arbitration.

arising out of or resulting from any of the following items:

(a) each breach by EATC UT or any EATC UT Entity of this Agreement, subject to any specific limitation on liability contained in the applicable agreement and without duplication taking into account the performance by each EATC NV Entity of its indemnification obligations in the agreement.

(*Id.* at Section 9.3 (emphasis in original).)

- 30. As early as May 27, 2020, and at numerous times thereafter, Claimant notified Respondent of its intent to hold Respondent to its indemnification responsibilities, in compliance with the Agreement. Respondent failed to respond to Claimant's notices, and did not dispute its indemnification responsibilities stemming from this Arbitration.
- 31. The liabilities at issue bring this Arbitration within the indemnification principles of the Agreement. It is on these facts that the Agreement's attorneys' fees provision, found in Section 10.3(c), is applicable to this Arbitration. Section 10.3 specifically provides:

Costs of the arbitration shall be borne equally by the parties involved in the matter, except that each party shall be responsible for its own expenses, unless and to the extent otherwise determined by the arbitrator; provided, in the case of any Disputes relating to the parties rights and obligations with respect to indemnification under this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reimbursement by the other party of its reasonable out-of-pocket fees and expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred in connection with the arbitration.

(See Exhibit Jo1 at Section 10.3(c).)

- 32. Claimant requests an award of \$96,960.68 in attorneys' fees and costs. (*See* Declaration of Jeffrey M. Singletary executed on July 30, 2021 ("Mr. Singletary's Declaration") at ¶ 15.)
- 33. If any Findings of Fact are properly Conclusions of Law, they shall be treated as though appropriately identified and designated.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. A breach of contract claim lies where there is: (i) the existence of a valid contract; (ii) a breach by the defendant; and (iii) damage as a result thereof. *See Rivera v. Peri & Sons Farms, Inc.*, 735 F.3d 892, 899 (9th Cir. 2013) (citing *Richardson v. Jones*, 1 Nev. 405, 408 (Nev. 1865)). <sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Agreement "shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the Laws of the State of Nevada, regardless of the Laws that might otherwise govern under applicable principles of conflicts of laws thereof." (*See* Exhibit Jo1 at Section 10.4.) Likewise, the arbitration provision in the Agreement states that the Arbitrator is "bound exclusively by the laws of the State of Nevada without regard to its choice of law rules." (*Id.* at Section 10.3(b).)

- 2. An enforceable contract requires "an offer and acceptance, meeting of the minds, and consideration." *Anderson v. Sanchez*, 132 Nev. 357, 360, 373 P.3d 860, 863 (2016). "A meeting of the minds exists when the parties have agreed upon the contract's essential terms." *Certified Fire Prot. Inc. v. Precision Constr.*, 128 Nev. 371, 378 (Nev. 2012).
- 3. Consideration requires something that is "bargained for and given in exchange for an act or promise." *Zhang v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court of State ex rel. County of Clark*, 120 Nev. 1037, 1042 n.22 (Nev. 2004), *abrogated on other grounds by Buzz Stew, LLC v. City of N. Las Vegas*, 124 Nev. 224 (Nev. 2008).
- 4. The Agreement must be construed under the well-known rules of contract interpretation. *See Canfora v. Coast Hotels & Casinos, Inc.*, 121 Nev. 771, 776, 121 P.3d 599, 603 (2005) ("Generally, when a contract is clear on its face, it 'will be construed from the written language and enforced as written.' The court has no authority to alter the terms of an unambiguous contract.").
- 5. Accepting Mr. Tyree's admissions in the California Action as true (*see* J10), Respondent executed the Agreement believing it was only conveying the limited (non-exclusive) right, at the pleasure of Messrs. Tyree and Hibler, to use the BIO-T Formula in the manufacture, blending and marketing of fuel additive products and nothing more, and Claimant executed the Agreement understanding and intending that the conveyance of the BIO-T Formula in Schedule A to the Agreement meant something different. In that case, the required meetings of the mind on all essential terms does not exist on the Agreement, which voids the Agreement altogether, instead of giving rise to breach of contract damages. *See Chudacoff v. Univ. Med. Ctr.*, 954 F. Supp. 2d 1065, 1085 (D. Nev. 2013) ("Under Nevada law, an enforceable contract is formed when there is offer, acceptance, meeting of the minds, and consideration.").
- 6. Alternatively, Claimant demonstrated that it is entitled to rescission under either of the following distinct theories: (i) fraudulent inducement, and (ii) Respondent's failure to perform. *See e.g.*, *Awada v. Shuffle Master*, *Inc.*, 123 Nev. 613, 622-23 (Nev. 2007) (affirming trial court's rescission of a contract based on fraudulent inducement); *Canepa v. Durham*, 62 Nev. 417, 427 (Nev. 1944) ("A partial failure of performance of a contract will not give ground for its rescission unless it defeats the very object of the contract or renders that object impossible of attainment, or unless it concerns a matter of such prime importance that the contract would not have been made if default in that particular had been expected or contemplated.") (internal quotation marks omitted).<sup>4</sup>

In the event of any actual or threatened default in, or breach of, any of the terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement, the affected party shall have the right to specific performance and injunctive or other equitable relief of its rights under this Agreement, in addition to any and all other rights and remedies at law or in equity, and all such rights and remedies shall be cumulative. The other party shall not oppose the granting of such relief. The parties hereto agree that the remedies at law for any breach or threatened breach hereof, including monetary damages, are inadequate compensation for any loss and that any defense in any action for specific performance that a remedy at law would be adequate is waived. Any requirements for the securing and posting of any bond with such remedy are waived.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Section 12.13 of the Agreement also contemplates the equitable relief awarded here:

- 7. "Rescission is an equitable remedy which totally abrogates a contract and which seeks to place the parties in the position they occupied prior to executing the contract." *Bergstrom v. Estate of DeVoe*, 109 Nev. 575, 577 (Nev. 1993). Rescission of a contract can be accomplished either "legall[y]" or "equitabl[y]." *Great Am. Ins. Co. v. Gen. Builders, Inc.*, 113 Nev. 346, 353 n. 6 (Nev. 1997). Under a theory of "equitable recission," "the aggrieved party brings an action in a court with equitable jurisdiction asking the court to nullify the contract." *Id.* Whether to rescind a contract lies within a finder of fact's broad discretion. *Canepa v. Durham*, 65 Nev. 428, 437 (1948).
- 8. Under Nevada law, a party to a contract may seek rescission of that contract based on fraud in the inducement. *See Awada*, 123 Nev. at 622; *see also Havas v. Alger*, 85 Nev. 627, 631-33 (Nev. 1969) (affirming rescission of a vehicle sales contract where the purchased vehicle was one year older than represented). The elements for fraudulent inducement are: (i) defendant's false representation; (ii) defendant's knowledge or belief that the representation was false (or knowledge that it had an insufficient basis for making the representation); (iii) defendant's intention to induce plaintiff to consent to the contract's formation; (iv) plaintiff's justifiable reliance on the misrepresentation; and (v) damage to plaintiff resulting from such reliance. *See J.A. Jones Const. Co. v. Lehrer McGovern Bovis, Inc.*, 120 Nev. 277, 290-91 (Nev. 2004). Claimant proved by clear and convincing evidence each of these elements in this Arbitration.
- 9. Respondent (i) made a false representation about its ownership of the BIO-T Formula, and/or (ii) orchestrated withholding of the BIO-T Formula, despite selling the BIO-T Formula to Claimant for its stock.
- 10. Respondent necessarily knew that its representations were false at the time they were made. Respondent withheld delivery of the product. When it did deliver, Respondent delivered a product that was different than the BIO-T Formula from 2015. And, Respondent now claims that it never owned the BIO-T Formula in the first place. Respondent knew, at the time it entered into the Agreement, that it would not, and could not, perform.
- 11. Respondent intended to induce Claimant into entering the Agreement with its false representations. Claimant made clear that its primary goal in entering into the Agreement was to gain ownership of the BIO-T Formula.
- 12. Claimant justifiably relied on the false representations. Claimant entered into the Agreement with the primary goal of acquiring the BIO-T Formula and all related assets. If not for these representations, Claimant would not have contracted with Respondent.
- 13. Claimant has suffered particular money damages as a result of Respondent's actions. Claimant may face future damages stemming from third-party claims arising from product representations using data from the BIO-T Formula received in 2015.
- 14. Also, Nevada has long recognized the right to rescind a contract on another party's failure to perform. *See e.g., Canepa*, 62 Nev. at 427. The Supreme Court of Nevada has said:

A partial failure of performance of a contract will not give ground for its rescission unless it defeats the very object of the contract or renders that object impossible of attainment, or unless it concerns a matter of such prime importance that the contract would not have been made if default in that particular had been expected or contemplated.

*Id.* (internal quotation marks omitted). Courts interpreting this standard have required there to be a "substantial breach," which has involved as little as failure to pay money. *See Harrington v. Tackett,* No. 3:18-CV-00028-WGC, 2020 WL 5749997, at \*11-12 (D. Nev. 2020) (applying Nevada law and finding failure to pay more than \$20,000 on a \$300,000 contract warranted rescission); *see also Havas,* 85 Nev. at 633-35 (affirming trial court's holding to rescind vehicle sales contract where the subject car was inoperable and, as a result, there was a failure of consideration).

- 15. By proving that Respondent has failed to deliver the BIO-T Formula since the execution of the Agreement—either by withholding the same or never having ownership of it—Claimant has shown, by a preponderance of the evidence, that Respondent failed to perform.
- 16. The Agreement was supposed to be an exchange of Claimant's stock for Respondent's assets, including the BIO-T Formula. Claimant's chief interest in Respondent's assets was the BIO-T Formula. Claimant performed its end of the bargain by distributing its stock to Respondent. Respondent failed to perform its obligations by (i) misrepresenting its ownership of the BIO-T Formula, and/or (ii) orchestrating withholding of the BIO-T Formula. By failing to adhere to its contractual obligations, Respondent is in "substantial breach."
- 17. Nevada law authorizes an award of attorneys' fees when provided for in a contract. See NRS 18.010(1) ("The compensation of an attorney and counselor for his or her services is governed by agreement, express or implied, which is not restrained by law."). Costs are likewise routinely awarded to a prevailing party. See NRS 18.020 (outlining the numerous situations for which a prevailing party is entitled to costs); NRS 18.050 (allowing a prevailing party to recover costs in the discretion of the court).
- 18. Rescission of a contract does not preclude recovery based on an attorneys' fees and costs provision in the void contract. *See Mackintosh v. California Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n*, 113 Nev. 393, 406, 935 P.2d 1154, 1162 (1997) (agreeing with case that held "that when parties enter into a contract and litigation later ensues over that contract, attorney's fees may be recovered under a prevailing-party attorney's fee provision contained therein even though the contract is rescinded or held to be unenforceable.") (citation omitted).
- 19. Claimant's entitlement to attorneys' fees and costs here stems from the indemnification provisions in the Agreement, which is specifically authorized by Section 10.3(c) of the Agreement. (*See* Exhibit Jo1 at Section 10.3(c).)<sup>5</sup>
- 20. Under Section 9.3 of the Agreement, Respondent is to indemnify Claimant from, and against any, "[l]iabilities" resulting from, "each breach by EATC UT or any EATC UT Entity of this Agreement, subject to any specific limitation on liability contained in the applicable agreement and without duplication taking into account the performance by each EATC NV Entity of its indemnification obligations in the agreement." (*Id.* at Section 9.3(a).) "Liabilities" also covers "attorneys' fees, the costs and expenses of all demands . . . [.]" (*Id.* at Page 7 of 29.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Alternatively, Claimant would be entitled to an award of its attorneys' fees (and costs) because it did not recover more than \$20,000 in this Arbitration. *See* NRS 18.010(2)(a) ("In addition to the cases where an allowance is authorized by specific statute, the court may make an allowance of attorney's fees to a prevailing party: . . . When the prevailing party has not recovered more than \$20,000 . . . . "); *see also* NRS 18.050.

- 21. Claimant is, therefore, entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs as the prevailing party in this Arbitration. *See, e.g., Women's Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n of Cleveland v. Nevada Nat. Bank*, 623 F. Supp. 469, 470 (D. Nev. 1985) ("A plaintiff may be considered the prevailing party . . . if it succeeds on any significant issue in litigation which achieves some of the benefit it sought in bringing the suit.").
- 22. When considering the reasonableness of attorneys' fees, Nevada courts look to the following four factors:
  - (a) the qualities of the advocate: his ability, his training, education, experience, professional standing and skill;
  - (b) the character of the work to be done: its difficulty, its intricacy, its importance, time and skill required, the responsibility imposed and the prominence and character of the parties where they affect the importance of the litigation;
  - (c) the work actually performed by the lawyer: the skill, time and attention given to the work; and
  - (d) the result: whether the attorney was successful and what benefits were derived.

Brunzell v. Golden Gate Nat'l Bank, 85 Nev. 345, 349, 455 P.2d 31, 33 (1969); Shuette v. Beazer Homes Holdings Corp., 124 P.3d 530, 549 (Nev. 2005).

- 23. In Nevada, "the method upon which a reasonable fee is determined is subject to the discretion of the court," which "is tempered only by reason and fairness." *Shuette*, 124 P.3d at 548–49. "Accordingly, in determining the amount of fees to award, the court is not limited to one specific approach; its analysis may begin with any method rationally designed to calculate a reasonable amount, including those based on a 'lodestar' amount or a contingency fee." *Id*.
- 24. Here, the qualities and skills of Mr. Singletary, the other attorneys, and the paralegals who worked with him in this Arbitration, are not disputable. And, the hourly rates charged by Claimant's counsel (from \$295 to \$680) are well within the prevailing market rates for commercial litigation in Nevada. See e.g., In re USA Commercial Mortg. Co. v. USA SPE LLC, Case Nos. 2:07-CV-892-RCJ-GWF and 3:07-CV-241-RCJ-GWF, 2013 WL 3944184, \*20 (D. Nev. 2013) ("The Court finds that those suggested hourly rates are reasonable in comparison to prevailing market rates for complex commercial litigation in Nevada of between \$350 and \$775 an hour...."); see also Ingram v. Oroudjian, 647 F.3d 925, 928 (9th Cir. 2011) (agreeing with "[o]ther circuit courts [that] have held that judges are justified in relying on their own knowledge of customary rates and their experience concerning reasonable and proper fees.") (citations omitted). As a result, this factor weighs in favor of the reasonableness of the attorneys' and paralegal fees.
- 25. As to the second and third factors, the work performed by Mr. Singletary and his team is evidenced by his Declaration and the invoices attached thereto as Exhibit 1. The number of hours expended were reasonable. This factor, thus, weighs in favor of the reasonableness of the fees.
- 26. Fourth and finally, the result of the work performed by Mr. Singletary and his team on behalf of Claimant resulted in Claimant prevailing in this Arbitration. This successful result satisfies the fourth prong of the *Brunzell* test. I find that Claimant is entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees in the amount of \$71,892.50.

- 27. Additionally, Claimant seeks to recover the administrative fees of the American Arbitration Association paid by Claimant in the amount of \$6,250, the Arbitrator compensation totaling \$4,950, and travel costs incurred to attend the Final Hearing totaling \$818.18.
- 28. I find that, under the circumstances of this Arbitration and the factors set forth in *Brunzell*, \$83,910.68 represents a reasonable amount of fees, expenses, and costs that Claimant is entitled to be awarded for prosecuting and prevailing in this Arbitration against Respondent.
- 29. If any Conclusions of Law are properly Findings of Fact, they shall be treated as though appropriately identified and designated.

Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, I AWARD as follows:

- 1. Judgment is hereby entered in favor of Claimant EATC NV and against Respondent EAC UT.
- 2. For its remedy, Claimant EATC NV has elected, and is hereby awarded, rescission of the Agreement. Claimant EATC NV and Respondent EATC UT shall be restored to their original positions before the execution of the Agreement. This relief shall include, among other things, Respondent EATC UT returning to Claimant EATC NV all stock issued to Respondent's shareholders pursuant the Agreement, and Claimant EATC NV returning to Respondent EATC UT all assets conveyed by Respondent EATC UT to Claimant EATC NV, including, but not limited to, the alleged BIO-T Formula.
- 3. Claimant EATC NV is also awarded, and Respondent EATC UT shall pay Claimant EATC NV, the sum of EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS AND SIXTY-EIGHT CENTS (\$83,910.68), which represents the amount of reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses Claimant EATC NV is entitled to recover as the prevailing party.

•	The above sum shall accrue post-judgment interest at the applicable statutory t commencing on August 17, 2021, until paid in full.
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This Award is in full settlement of all claims submitted to this Arbitration. All claims asserted in this Arbitration not expressly granted herein are hereby denied.

Dated: August 16, 2021.

Arbitrator Signature: Milli Haken

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of August, 2021.

**NOTARY PUBLIC** 

My Commission expires: March 14, 2022

ERIN L. PARCELLS otary Public, State of Nevada No. 06-104446-1 Ay Appt. Exp. Mar. 14, 2022

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2		ISTRICT COURT	
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5	Environmental Applied	CASE NO: A-21-839930-B	
7	Technology Corporation,	DEPT. NO. Department 13	
8	Plaintiff(s)		
9	VS.		
10	Energy Alliance Technology Company, Defendant(s)		
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12	AUTOMATED	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
13	This automated certificate of se	ervice was generated by the Eighth Judicial District	
14	Court. The foregoing Order Granting Motion was served via the court's electronic eFile system to all recipients registered for e-Service on the above entitled case as listed below:		
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16	Service Date: 11/3/2021		
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## DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Purchase/Sale of Stock, Assets, COURT MINUTES October 14, 2021 or Real Estate

A-21-839930-B Environmental Applied Technology Corporation, Plaintiff(s) vs. Energy Alliance Technology Company, Defendant(s)

October 14, 2021 9:30 AM Minute Order

**HEARD BY:** Denton, Mark R. **COURTROOM:** Chambers

**COURT CLERK:** Madalyn Kearney

**RECORDER:** 

**REPORTER:** 

PARTIES PRESENT:

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Until further notice, Department 13 will be conducting court hearings REMOTELY using the BlueJeans Video Conferencing system. Department 13 has adopted this policy as a precautionary measure in light of public health concerns for Coronavirus COVID-19, and the Court orders that any party intending to appear before Department 13 for law and motion matters do so by BlueJeans only. As a result, your matter scheduled October 18, 2021 in this case will be conducted via BlueJeans. You have the choice to appear either by phone or computer/video.

Dial the following number: 1-408-419-1715

Meeting ID: 869 862 085 Participant Passcode: 0049

URL: https://bluejeans.com/869862085/0049

To connect by phone, dial the number provided and enter the meeting ID followed by #.

To connect by computer if you do NOT have the app, copy the URL link into a web browser. Google Chrome is preferred but not required. Once you are on the BlueJeans website click on Join with Browser which is located on the bottom of the page. Follow the instructions and prompts given by

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BlueJeans.

You may also download the BlueJeans app and join the meeting by entering the meeting ID.

PLEASE NOTE the following protocol each participant will be required to follow:

You will be automatically muted upon entry to the meeting. Please remain muted while waiting for your matter to be called. If you are connecting by phone, you can mute/unmute yourself on your phone or by pressing \*4.

Do NOT place the call on hold since some phones may play wait/hold music.

Please do NOT use speaker phone as it causes a loud echo/ringing noise.

Please state your name each time you speak so that the court recorder can capture a clear record.

Please be mindful of rustling papers, background noise, and coughing or loud breathing.

Please be mindful of where your camera is pointing.

We encourage you to visit the Bluejeans.com website to get familiar with the BlueJeans phone/videoconferencing system before your hearing.

If your hearing gets continued to a different date after you have already received this minute order please note a new minute order will issue with a different meeting ID since the ID number changes with each meeting/hearing.

Please be patient if you call in and we are in the middle of oral argument from a previous case. Your case should be called shortly. Again, please keep your phone or computer mic on MUTE until your case is called.

CLERK'S NOTE: This Minute Order was electronically served by Courtroom Clerk, Madalyn Kearney, to all registered parties for Odyssey File & Serve. /mk 10/14/21

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## DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Purchase/Sale of Stock, Assets, or Real Estate

**COURT MINUTES** 

October 18, 2021

A-21-839930-B

Environmental Applied Technology Corporation, Plaintiff(s)

VS.

Energy Alliance Technology Company, Defendant(s)

October 18, 2021

9:00 AM

All Pending Motions

**HEARD BY:** Denton, Mark R.

**COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 03D

COURT CLERK:

Madalyn Kearney

**Brittany Ates** 

RECORDER:

Jennifer Gerold

REPORTER:

**PARTIES** 

PRESENT:

Gianelloni, Charles E

Attorney

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- MOTION TO ASSOCIATE COUNSEL...DEFENDANT'S OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO CONFIRM ARBITRATION AWARD AND REQUEST FOR JUDGEMENT AND COUNTERMOTION TO VACATE ARBITRATION AWARD, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE STAY CONFIRMATION OF ARBITRATION AWARD PENDING AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING AND DECISION OF RELATED CASES...MOTION TO CONFIRM ARBITRATION AWARD AND REQUEST TO ENTER JUDGMENT

Jeff Singletary, Esq. present for Plaintiff. Lance Maningo, Esq. present for Defendant. Counsel present via BlueJeans.

Mr. Gianelloni requested Mr. Singletary be able to argue today. Court noted everything appears to be in order relative to Mr. Singletary's Pro Hac Vice Application. Upon Court's inquiry, Mr. Maningo had no objection to advancing the hearing on that motion to today. All things considered and having reviewed the Motion to Associate Counsel, COURT ORDERED, Motion to Associate Counsel GRANTED and matter SET for Status Check regarding SCR 42 Compliance. Court noted if the record

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shows notice of entry of the order was sent to the State Bar there will be no need to appear at the Status Check. Following arguments by Mr. Singletary and Mr. Maningo, COURT FURTHER ORDERED, Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award and Request to Enter Judgment and Countermotion to Vacate Arbitration Award, or in the Alternative Stay Confirmation of Arbitration Award Pending an Evidentiary Hearing and Decision of Related Cases UNDER ADVISEMENT.

12/2/21 9:00 AM STATUS CHECK: SCR 42 COMPLIANCE (JEFF SINGLETARY, ESQ.)

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## DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Purchase/Sale of Stock, Assets, COURT MINUTES October 26, 2021 or Real Estate

A-21-839930-B Environmental Applied Technology Corporation, Plaintiff(s) vs.
Energy Alliance Technology Company, Defendant(s)

October 26, 2021 3:30 PM Minute Order

**HEARD BY:** Denton, Mark R. **COURTROOM:** Chambers

**COURT CLERK:** Madalyn Kearney

**RECORDER:** 

**REPORTER:** 

PARTIES PRESENT:

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- HAVING further reviewed and considered the parties' filings and argument of counsel pertaining to Plaintiff's "Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award and Request to Enter Judgment" and "Defendant's...Countermotion to Vacate Arbitration Award or, in the Alternative Stay Confirmation of Arbitration Award Pending an Evidentiary Hearing and Decision of Related Cases," heard and taken under advisement on October 18, 2021, and being fully advised in the premises, and having determined that Plaintiff's Motion and supportive contentions are meritorious and that Defendant's Countermotion lacks merits in both of its aspects, the Court GRANTS Plaintiff's Motion and DENIES Defendant's Countermotion. Counsel for Plaintiff is directed to submit a proposed order consistent herewith and with supportive briefing/argument following submission of the same to opposing counsel for signification of approval/disapproval. Instead of seeking to clarify or litigate meaning or any disapproval through correspondence to the Court or to counsel with copies to the Court, any such clarification or disapproval should be the subject of appropriate motion practice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

CLERK'S NOTE: This Minute Order was electronically served by Courtroom Clerk, Madalyn Kearney, to all registered parties for Odyssey File & Serve. / mk 10/26/21

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## EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY ON APPEAL TO NEVADA SUPREME COURT

LANCE A. MANINGO 400 S. 4TH ST., SUITE 650 LAS VEGAS, NV 89101

DATE: November 24, 2021 CASE: A-21-839930-B

**RE CASE**: ENVIRONMENTAL APPLIED TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION fka ENERGY ALLIANCE TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION vs. ENERGY ALLIANCE TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION

NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED: November 22, 2021

YOUR APPEAL HAS BEEN SENT TO THE SUPREME COURT.

PLEASE NOTE: DOCUMENTS **NOT** TRANSMITTED HAVE BEEN MARKED:

<ul> <li>Supreme Court Filing Fee (Make Check Payable to the Supreme Court)**</li> <li>If the \$250 Supreme Court Filing Fee was not submitted along with the original Notice of Appeal, it must b mailed directly to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court Filing Fee will not be forwarded by this office if submitted after the Notice of Appeal has been filed.</li> </ul>
\$24 – District Court Filing Fee (Make Check Payable to the District Court)**
<ul> <li>\$500 - Cost Bond on Appeal (Make Check Payable to the District Court)**</li> <li>NRAP 7: Bond For Costs On Appeal in Civil Cases</li> <li>Previously paid Bonds are not transferable between appeals without an order of the District Court.</li> </ul>
Case Appeal Statement - NRAP 3 (a)(1), Form 2
Order
Notice of Entry of Order

#### NEVADA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE 3 (a) (3) states:

"The district court clerk must file appellant's notice of appeal despite perceived deficiencies in the notice, including the failure to pay the district court or Supreme Court filing fee. The district court clerk shall apprise appellant of the deficiencies in writing, and shall transmit the notice of appeal to the Supreme Court in accordance with subdivision (g) of this Rule with a notation to the clerk of the Supreme Court setting forth the deficiencies. Despite any deficiencies in the notice of appeal, the clerk of the Supreme Court shall docket the appeal in accordance with Rule 12."

Please refer to Rule 3 for an explanation of any possible deficiencies.

\*\*Per District Court Administrative Order 2012-01, in regards to civil litigants, "...all Orders to Appear in Forma Pauperis expire one year from the date of issuance." You must reapply for in Forma Pauperis status.

### **Certification of Copy**

State of Nevada
County of Clark

I, Steven D. Grierson, the Clerk of the Court of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, State of Nevada, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct copy of the hereinafter stated original document(s):

NOTICE OF APPEAL; CASE APPEAL STATEMENT; NOTICE OF POSTING BOND FOR COSTS ON APPEAL; DISTRICT COURT DOCKET ENTRIES; CIVIL COVER SHEET; ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONFIRM ARBITRATION AWARD AND REQUEST TO ENTER JUDGMENT -AND- ORDER DENYING COUNTERMOTION TO VACATE ARBITRATION AWARD, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, TO STAY CONFIRMATION -AND- FINAL JUDGMENT; NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER; DISTRICT COURT MINUTES; NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY

ENVIRONMENTAL APPLIED TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION fka ENERGY ALLIANCE TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION,

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

ENERGY ALLIANCE TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION,

Defendant(s),

now on file and of record in this office.

Case No: A-21-839930-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 24 day of November 2021.

Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of the Court

Heather Ungermann, Deputy Clerk