IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE

STATE OF NEVADA

E&T VENTURES, LLC,

Petitioner,

VS

DISTRICT **EIGHTH** JUDICIAL **STATE** OF COURT THE OF IN AND FOR NEVADA. THEOF CLARK. COUNTY THE HONORABLE JOANNA KÍSHNER, DISTRICT JUDGE,

Respondent,

EUPPHORIA WELLNESS, LLC Nevada limited liability company,

Real Party in Interest.

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APPENDIX IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR WRIT OF PROHIBITION OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 25th day of January, 2022, I filed the foregoing

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1 EUPHORIA WELLNESS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, 2 Third- Party Plaintiff, 3 4 MIRAL CONSULTING, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; HAPPY 5 CAMPERS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; CBD SUPPLY CO, LLC, a Nevada 6 limited liability company; DOE Individuals I-X, inclusive; and ROE ENTITIES 1-10, 7 inclusive; 8 Third-Party Defendants. 9 The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 1st day of December 2021, a true and correct 10 copy of the MOTION FOR ORDER SHORTENING TIME ON EUPHORIA WELNNESS, 11 LLC'S MOTION FOR DISCOVERY SANCTIONS AGAINST E&T VENTURES, LLC, 12 MIRAL CONSULTING, LLC, HAPPY CAMPERS, LLC, AND CBD SUPPLY CO, LLC, 13 attached hereto as Exhibit A, was filed and served by electronically submitting with the Clerk of 14 the Court using the electronic system and serving all parties with an email-address on record to the 15 following: 16 MITCHELL D. STIPP, ESQ. LAW OFFICE OF MITCHELL STIPP 17 1180 N. Town Center Drive, Suite 100 Las Vegas, Nevada 89144 18 Email: mstipp@stipplaw.com 19 Attorneys for Plaintiff, E&T Ventures, LLC, and

Cross-Defendants, Miral Consulting, LLC, Happy Campers, LLC, and CBD Supply Co, LLC

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E&T VENTURES, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company,

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Defendants.

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E&T VENTURES, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company;

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EUPHORIA WELLNESS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company,

26 Third- Party Plaintiff,

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MIRAL CONSULTING, LLC, a Nevada

CASE NO.: A-19-796919-B DEPT. NO.: XXXI

MOTION FOR ORDER SHORTENING TIME ON EUPHORIA WELNNESS, LLC'S MOTION FOR DISCOVERY SANCTIONS AGAINST E&T VENTURES, LLC, MIRAL CONSULTING, LLC, HAPPY CAMPERS, LLC, AND CBD SUPPLY CO, LLC

HEARING DATE: DECEMBER 28, 2021 HEARING TIME: 8:30 A.M.

limited liability company; HAPPY
CAMPERS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability
company; CBD SUPPLY CO, LLC, a Nevada
limited liability company; DOE Individuals I-
X, inclusive; and ROE ENTITIES 1-10,
inclusive;

Third-Party Defendants.

Defendant/Counterclaimant/Third-Party Plaintiff Euphoria Wellness, LLC ("Euphoria" or "Defendant"), by and through its attorneys of record, the law firm of Jones Lovelock, hereby moves this Honorable Court for an Order Shortening Time on Euphoria's Motion for Discovery Sanctions (the "Motion") against E&T Ventures, LLC ("E&T"), Miral Consulting, LLC ("Miral"), Happy Campers, LLC ("Happy Campers"), and CBD Supply Co, LLC ("CBD Supply")(collectively "E&T Parties"). Pursuant to the current trial order, the deadline to submit rebuttal expert disclosures is December 15, 2021 and the deadline to complete discovery is January 24, 2021. The hearing on Euphoria's Motion is currently set for January 4, 2022. As outlined in the Declation attached hereto, Euphoria believes it would be beneficial to all parties to receive a ruling on its Motion ahead of the upcoming discovery deadlines, prompting this Order Shortening Time.

This motion is made pursuant to Rule 2.26 of the Eighth Judicial District Court Rules ("EDCR") and based upon the following Declaration of Justin C. Jones, Esq., the pleadings and papers on file herein, and any oral argument this court may entertain on this matter.

DATED this 30th day of November 2021.

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ORDER SHORTEING TIME

1	ORDER SHORTEING TIME
2	It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, and good cause appearing therefore, IT IS
3	HEREBY ORDERED that the hearing on MOTION FOR DISCOVERY SANCTIONS
4	AGAINST E&T VENTURES, LLC, MIRAL CONSULTING, LLC, HAPPY CAMPERS,
5	LLC, AND CBD SUPPLY CO, LLC AND APPLICATION FOR ORDER SHORTENING
6 7	TIME may be heard before the Honorable Judge Kishner on December 28, 2021, at the hour of, with an Opposition to be due on or before, 2021, and a Reply
8	thereto to be due on or before 5:00 pm on December 15, 2021.
9	Motion must be served by 12:00 p.m. on December 2, 2021.
0	DATED this <u>1st</u> day of <u>December</u> 2021.
.1	Dated this 1st day of December, 2021
2	HONORABLE JUDGE JOANNA KISHNER
.3	HONORABLE JUDGE JOANNA KISHNER DBA 953 DDEE 8404
4	Submitted By: Joanna S. Kishner District Court Judge
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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES DECLARATION OF COUNSEL IN COMPLIANCE WITH EDCR 2.26 FOR AN ORDER

- 1. I, JUSTIN C. JONES, ESQ., declare that I am over the age of 18 and competent to testify to these matters.
- 2. I am an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada and represent Defendant/Counterclaimant/Third-Party Plaintiff Euphoria Wellness, LLC ("Euphoria") in this matter.
 - 3. I am a partner of the law firm of Jones Lovelock.
- 4. Pursuant to the Third Amended Scheduling and Trial Order in this matter, the deadline to complete discovery is January 24, 2022.
- 5. On October 14, 2021, this Court extended the rebuttal expert witness disclosure deadline to December 15, 2021.
- 6. On November 24, 2021, Euphoria filed its Motion for Discovery Sanctions (the "Motion") against E&T Ventures, LLC ("E&T"), Miral Consulting, LLC ("Miral Consulting"), Happy Campers, LLC ("Happy Campers"), and CBD Supply Co, LLC ("CBD Supply") (collectively "E&T Parties").
 - The hearing on Euphoria's Motion is currently set for January 4, 2022. 7.
- 8. Hearing this motion in due course will greatly prejudice Euphoria. Specifically, on October 18, 2021, this Court ordered the E&T Parties to supplement their responses to Euphoria's First Set of Interrogatories and First Set of Requests for Production of Documents. On October 25, 2021, the E&T Parties served their court ordered First Supplemental Responses and Objections to Requests for the Production of Documents and Interrogatories ("E&T Parties' Court Ordered Discovery Responses").
- 9. The E&T Parties' Court Ordered Discovery Responses were wholly insufficient. Miral Consulting, Happy Campers, and CBD Supply failed to produce any documents. E&T produced mainly previously disclosed documents and only approximately 96 new pages. Further,

upon information and belief, the E&T Parties willfully disobeyed the Court's Order and intentionally provided incorrect or misleading information.

- 10. Those responses have prejudiced Euphoria in its ability to obtain discovery and litigate this case on the merits. Further, given the E&T Parties' suggestion they are judgment proof, the insufficient responses have further prejudiced Euphoria in establishing alter-ego liability and Euphoria will be left without the ability to recover on any judgment.
- 11. The inadequate responses and resulting prejudice necessitated Euphoria's Motion. The Motion seeks sanctions that will have a substantive impact on related issues in this action, as well as the manner in which the parties (and the Court) proceed in the remaining discovery period and at trial.
- 12. As such, good cause exists to hear the instant Motion on shortened time as the underlying issues and misconduct by the E&T Parties bear directly on the orderly administration of justice and the ability to proceed on the merits in this action. Should this motion be heard twenty (20) days prior to the close of discovery and should the Court grant any of the discovery sanctions sought therein, all parties will be prejudiced by the shortened schedule to complete discovery.
 - 13. Accordingly, good cause exists for an expedited resolution of Euphoria's Motion. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

 DATED this November 30, 2021.

/s/ Justin C. Jones
JUSTIN C. JONES, ESQ.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

Euphoria respectfully requests that its *Motion for Discovery Sanctions against E&T Ventures*, *LLC*, *Miral Consulting*, *LLC*, *Happy Campers*, *LLC*, *and CBD Supply Co*, *LLC* filed on November 24, 2021 ("Motion") be heard on shortened time. EDCR 2.26 provides that motions to shorten time may be granted upon a "declaration under penalty of perjury or affidavit of counsel . . . describing the circumstances claimed to constitute good cause and justify shortening of time." Here, as set forth in the attached Declaration, there is good cause for Euphoria's Motion to be heard ahead of the upcoming deadlines to afford the parties enough time to complete discovery, to avoid waste of resources and preserve judicial economy.

Specifically, on October 18, 2021, this Court ordered the E&T Parties to supplement their responses to Euphoria's First Set of Interrogatories and First Set of Requests for Production of Documents. On October 25, 2021, the E&T Parties served their court ordered First Supplemental Responses and Objections to Requests for the Production of Documents and Interrogatories ("E&T Parties' Court Ordered Discovery Responses").

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The inadequate responses and resulting prejudice necessitated Euphoria's Motion, which is set to be heard on January 4, 2021 (twenty (20) days before the discovery cut-off date). The Motion seeks sanctions that will have a substantive impact on related issues in this action, as well as the

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manner in which the parties (and the Court) proceed in the remaining discovery period and at trial. As such, good cause exists to hear the instant Motion on shortened time as the underlying issues and misconduct by E&T Parties bear directly on the orderly administration of justice and the ability to proceed on the merits in this action. Should this Motion be heard twenty (20) days prior to the close of discovery and should the Court grant any of the discovery sanctions sought therein, all parties will be prejudiced by the shortened schedule to complete discovery.

As such, Euphoria respectfully requests that the Motion be heard on shortened time.

DATED this 30th day of November 2021.

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Defendants.

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CASE NO.: A-19-796919-B DEPT. NO.: XXXI

> OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR DISCOVERY SANCTIONS AND COUNTERMOTION FOR RELATED RELIEF

Hearing Date: December 28, 2021 Time of Hearing: 8:30 a.m.

Plaintiff, E&T Ventures, LLC ("E&T") and Third-Party Defendants, Happy Campers, LLC ("Happy"),

CBD Supply Co., LLC ("CBD"), and Miral Consulting, LLC ("Miral"), 1 by and through Mitchell Stipp, Esq., of the Law Office of Mitchell Stipp, file the above-referenced opposition/countermotion to the motion for sanctions filed by Euphoria Wellness, LLC ("Euphoria").

Happy, CBD, and Miral are referred to herein collectively as "Third-Party Defendants." The inotion filed on wovember 24, 2021 includes CBD in the title of the motion but does not include CBD in its definition of E&T Parties. See Motion, page 2 (lines 5-8).

This filing is based on the papers and pleadings on file in this case, the memorandum of points and authorities that follow, the exhibits attached hereto or filed separately but concurrently herewith, and the argument of counsel at the hearing.

For the reasons set forth below, the motion by Euphoria is frivolous, unnecessary, and unwarranted. Euphoria's motion for sanctions is meritless and intentionally misleads the court on the compliance by E&T and the Third-Party Defendants with this court's orders and their respective discovery/disclosure obligations under NRCP 16.1 and NRCP 26. The motion should be denied and attorney's fees and costs awarded to E&T and Third-Party Defendants under EDCR 7.60(b).

DATED this 10th day of December, 2021.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. Introduction.

Euphoria seeks "dispositive sanctions" against E&T and the Third-Party Defendants by striking their pleadings in their entirety pursuant to NRCP 37(b)(1)(C). See Motion, page 3(lines 14-16). If the court is unwilling to grant Euphoria's request, Euphoria wants an evidentiary hearing on contempt (based on an order to show cause, which has not been issued). Id. at (lines 16-20). Further, Euphoria requests that non-parties, Alex PETITIONER'S APPENDIX NO. 00302
Taracki, Kristin Taracki, Miro Taracki, and Joe Kennedy be "deemed alter-egos of the respective named party."

Id. at 4 (lines 1-3). It is not clear what Euphoria means by "respective named party," but it appears that Euphoria believes that these non-parties are alter egos of E&T and the Third-Party Defendants. Id. (lines 3-4). As part of the foregoing relief, it appears that Euphoria seeks permission from the court to amend its pleadings to sue these non-parties as alter egos and to assert other causes of action which it does not brief. Id. (lines 9-10). Furthermore, Euphoria wants this court to order counsel of record for E&T and Third-Party Defendants to accept service of process on behalf of two (2) of the non-parties (Alex and Kristin Taracki). Id. (lines 11-14). No subpoena has been issued or notice provided of the same to Mr. and Ms. Taracki. And finally, Euphoria wants E&T and the Third-Party Defendants to pay Euphoria's attorney's fees and costs. Euphoria's motion is punishment for the court granting E&T's motion to compel and an award of attorney's fees and costs.

To quickly review, this case is about the wrongful termination of the joint venture between E&T and Euphoria. It is important to note that the arrangement DID NOT entitle Euphoria to ANY PROFITS from the activities of E&T at the production facility. This fact is not in dispute. E&T agreed to package cannabis product for Euphoria at cost. E&T was entitled to all profits from the production facility, which the parties memorialized as monthly consulting fees booked by Euphoria that matched the sales generated by E&T. Euphoria purportedly conducted an inventory audit of the production facility between March 11, 2019 and March 14, 2019. The **only evidence** of any variances (difference between physical inventory and inventory reported in METRC)² is the spreadsheet attached to the License Incident Report made by Nicole Lovelock to the Nevada Department of Taxation ("DOT") on March 15, 2019. In response to the investigation by DOT arising from the report, Euphoria blamed E&T for the variances.

Euphoria locked-down the production facility at 8am on March 15, 2019 and prohibited E&T from accessing the same (including even to remove its property and business records). This fact is also not in dispute. On April 4, 2019, Euphoria communicated to the state its "Complete Investigation Results." **E&T** was not provided an opportunity to explain the variances or confirm the results of Euphoria's investigation. See Appendix (pages 19-22). On May 22, 2019, Euphoria (though its managing director, Darlene Purdy), terminated

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² METRC is the "seed to sale" system used by the state to track cannabis product.

the joint venture between E&T and Euphoria. Since then, E&T has ceased operating as a going concern. However, Euphoria has been operating the production facility and retaining all profits.

On or about July 9, 2019, the state accepted Euphoria's plan of correction. <u>The case was closed</u>. Euphoria has not been disciplined by the state, and its cannabis production licenses are not in any jeopardy. Euphoria also retained all furniture, fixtures, and equipment provided by E&T for the operation of the production facility. To summarize, Euphoria conducted an audit, reported the results to the state, blamed E&T for the variances, terminated the joint venture agreement with E&T (while retaining E&T's property), and re-started the business. Despite being in a more favorable position financially, Euphoria has alleged a "grand conspiracy" to harm Euphoria by E&T (with the supposed help of Miral, Happy, CBD and Alex, Kristin and Miro Taracki and Joseph Kennedy). <u>There is no dispute that Euphoria has not been harmed as a result of the variances</u>. If Euphoria was not harmed by the variances, what does Euphoria hope to gain by the remedy of alter ego?

Euphoria filed its answer, counterclaims and crossclaims on September 24, 2019. Paragraphs 53-56 of this filing pertains to "Alter-Egos." See id., pg. 11. Judge Allf determined that Euphoria failed to plead alter ego as a remedy properly but was willing to consider such remedy if Euphoria had evidence (more than wild accusations). See Notice of Entry, filed on January 13, 2020. In addition to alter ego claims, Euphoria asserted two (2) direct claims against Third-Party Defendants, which survived Judge Allf's rulings: civil conspiracy and concert of action.

Actionable civil conspiracy arises where two (2) or more persons undertake some concerted action with the intent "to accomplish an unlawful objective for the purpose of harming another," and damage results. Consol. Generator–Nevada, Inc. v. Cummins Engine Co., 114 Nev. 1304, 1311, 971 P.2d 1251, 1256 (1998). Thus, Euphoria is required to allege an explicit or tacit agreement between the alleged conspirators. Id. Euphoria has not alleged there was any agreement between the "E&T Parties." The claim for concert of action also requires some agreement. Ges, Inc. v. Corbitt, 117 Nev. 265 (Nev. 2001). For this cause of action, Euphoria also has failed to allege there was any agreement between the "E&T Parties." Upon a motion to dismiss before Judge Gonzalez, the court declined to dismiss the claims. See Notice of Entry filed on October 28, 2020. The court deferred to Judge Allf and Euphoria's request to continue discovery on alter ego claims; however, Judge

as a remedy.

Gonzales specifically noted on the record that she "would not have made that decision [by Judge Allf]." It is clear that all elements for civil conspiracy and concert of action have not been pled properly. This review of the case history is important because the claims for civil conspiracy and concert of action are the only reasons Happy, Miral, and CBD are parties.

The deadline imposed by the court to amend pleadings/add parties expired on <u>December 1, 2020</u>—more than twelve (12) months ago. <u>See</u> Stipulation and Order, filed on December 5, 2020 (pages 3-4, Sections III and IV). Euphoria was aware of the deadline and voluntarily entered into a stipulation to extend discovery and trial deadlines <u>expressly except for the deadline to amend pleadings/add parties</u>. <u>Id.</u>; see also <u>Gallego v. State</u>, 117 Nev. 348, 368, 23 P.3d 227, 241 (2001) (waiver requires the knowing and voluntary relinquishment of a right). Euphoria had until <u>December 1, 2020</u> to makes its case against the Third-Party Defendants and to re-assert the same or new claims against non-parties based on alter ego.

II. Argument

A. Euphoria fails to comply with EDCR 2.30(a), NRCP 15(a) and NRCP 16(b).

EDCR 2.30(a) expressly provides that "[a] copy of a proposed amended pleading must be attached to any motion to amend the pleading."). Euphoria's motion does not comply as no proposed amended pleading is attached (despite requesting the court to allow it to amend). Under NRCP 15(a), a party should be granted leave to amend a pleading "when justice so requires" and the proposed amendment is not futile. However, when a party seeks to amend a pleading *after the deadline* previously set for seeking such amendment has expired, NRCP 16(b) requires a showing of "good cause" for missing the deadline. Euphoria's sole basis for requesting to amend its pleading is discovery sanctions authorized by NRCP 37(b). Even if there was some basis for sanctions, NRCP 37(b) does not allow amendments to pleadings to add parties and additional causes of action as a remedy.

B. E&T and Third-Party Defendant have complied with all Orders from the Court.

Euphoria filed its motion to compel four (4) months after the parties completed their meet and confer under EDCR 2.34 (and eight (8) months after the deadline to amend pleadings/add parties expired). After substantial briefing and a half-day hearing on the matter, the court granted in part and denied in part Euphoria's motion. See Notice of Entry, filed on October 18, 2021. According to the court's order, Mr. Kennedy was required to appear for a personal deposition and the PMK's for Nye Natural Medicinal Solutions, LLC ("Nye") and Valjo, Inc. ("Valjo"), were required to re-appear for continued depositions to answer specific questions (which were not answered based on the instruction of counsel). Id. On November 19, 2021, Mr. Kennedy appeared for and completed his personal deposition and as the PMK's for Nye and Valjo. Euphoria does not contend otherwise in its motion. Further, E&T and the Third-Party Defendants were ordered to supplement their responses to specific written discovery as identified in Euphoria's motion. Id. at 9-10. And finally, Euphoria's request for contempt and attorney's fees was expressly denied. Id. at 13 (line 5). It was the general understanding of E&T and the Third-Parties that the court believed supplementing their discovery responses at this stage of the litigation was likely required under NRCP 16.1 regardless.

E&T and the Third-Party Defendants supplemented <u>all of their discovery responses</u> (not just the specific responses requested by Euphoria). <u>See</u> Appendix (Pages 1-347), <u>Exhibits 1-5</u>. While these parties had twenty-one (21) days to supplement after notice of entry of the court's order (as stipulated by the parties at the hearing), they voluntarily agreed to respond on or about October 25, 2021 (based on Euphoria subsequent motion that it needed "additional time" to disclose its expert and rebuttal experts). Noteworthy, even after the court extended the expert deadlines, *Euphoria disclosed no report.*³

Euphoria's objection to the supplemental discovery responses appears substantially to be with the production of documents. In its motion, Euphoria sought supplemental production as follows:

Category 1: Ownership, operations, and financial documents.

³ Euphoria did not disclose an expert report on damages because Euphoria actually benefited from the termination of the joint venture with E&T. Euphoria retained E&T's property and re-started the production facility at substantial profit.

1	<i>E&T</i> : RFP Nos. 6-14
2	<i>CBD Supply</i> : RFP Nos. 1-2, 5-13, 26
3	Happy Campers: RFP Nos. 1, 5-13, 26
4	Miral Consulting: RFP Nos. 1, 5-13, 26
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6	Category 2: The Department of Taxation's investigations, audits, and complaints.
7	<i>E&T</i> : RFP Nos. 2, 5
8	<u>Category 3:</u> Documents and information relating to Euphoria.
9	<i>E&T</i> : RFP Nos. 15-18
10	CBD Supply: RFP Nos. 14, 18, 22
11	Happy Campers: RFP Nos. 14, 18, 22
12	Miral Consulting: RFP Nos. 14, 18, 22
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14	<u>Category 4:</u> Documents and information relating to the equipment
15	<i>E&T</i> : RFP Nos. 19-20
16	CBD Supply: RFP Nos. 23-25
17	Happy Campers: RFP Nos. 23-25
18	Miral Consulting: RFP Nos. 23-25
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20	<u>Category 5:</u> Documents and information relating to product test results and the variances.
21	<i>E&T</i> : RFP No. 21
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23	<u>Category 6:</u> E&T's documents and information relating to third parties
24	<i>E&T</i> : RFP Nos. 22, 29-33
25	EX1. KIT NOS. 22, 27-33
26	Category 7: The Third-Party Defendants' documents and information
27	relating to the parties in this litigation
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CBD Supply: RFP Nos. 15-17, 19-21 1 2 Happy Campers: RFP Nos. 15-17, 19-21 3 Miral Consulting: RFP Nos. 15-17, 19-21 4 5 **Category 8:** Kristin Ehasz's Declaration. CBD Supply: 6 RFP Nos. 23-25 7 Happy Campers: RFP Nos. 22, 23 8 Miral Consulting: RFP Nos. 23-26 9 For clarity, based on Euphoria's requests above, E&T was asked to supplement its responses to RFP Nos. 2, 5, 10 11 6-22, and 29-33; CBD was asked to supplement its responses to RFP Nos. 1-2 and 5-26; Happy was asked to 12 supplement its responses to RFP Nos. 1 and 5-26; and Miral was asked to supplement its responses to RFP Nos. 13 1 and 5-26. The court did not award attorney's fees and costs and did not find these parties in contempt. 14 15 As a preliminary matter, the fact that documents are not physically produced in response to a request 16 for production is not evidence of discovery misconduct. A party is only required to produce non-privileged 17 records in its possession, custody, or control in response to a discovery request. See NRCP 26; 34(a)(1). Further, 18 referencing documents by bates number previously produced by others is acceptable production. Under these 19 circumstances, the number of actual pages physically produced means nothing. For example, Euphoria was 20 required to supplement its discovery responses (including to forty-five (45) requests for production) in response 21 to E&T's motion to compel (see Order filed on November 16, 2021), and in response to the court's order, 22 Euphoria produced only thirty-three (33) pages of additional records. See Supplemental Disclosures attached 23 as Exhibit 6 to Appendix (pages 348-395). Nothing can be inferred by the number of pages physically 24 produced by a party (or non-party). 25 26 E&T and the Third-Party Defendants do not have cannabis licenses. That fact is undisputed (despite 27 Euphoria's contention in its motion to the contrary). The cannabis production licenses are owned by Euphoria. PETITIONER'S APPENDIX NO. 00308 28 The Third-Party Defendants *are not parties* to the joint venture between E&T and Euphoria and do not have any

relationship with Euphoria. That fact is also undisputed. The Third-Party Defendants were affiliated with Alex and Kristin Taracki. After E&T was unlawfully evicted by Euphoria from the production facility, many of E&T's business records were confiscated and retained *by Euphoria*. Fortunately, since Euphoria is the cannabis license-holder and is regulated by the Cannabis Compliance Board ("CCB") and DOT, Euphoria is required to file financial reports (including during the time E&T operated the production facility). NCCR 6.135 (as adopted by the CCB) expressly provides as follows:

6.135 Quarterly reporting concerning production, purchases and sales of cannabis and cannabis products. Each cannabis cultivation facility, cannabis production facility and cannabis sales facility shall submit the report required pursuant to NRS 372A.285 to the Board on or before the 30th day of each January, April, July and October containing information concerning the 3 months immediately preceding the date of the report. Each cannabis cultivation facility, cannabis production facility and cannabis sales facility shall submit such a report regardless of whether any purchases or sales have occurred.

NRS 372A.285(2) (as referenced in NCCR 6.135 above) provides the details on the report as follows:

- 2. Each cannabis production facility shall submit a report to the Department that includes the following information, reported separately for each calendar month included in the report:
 - (a) The amount of cannabis purchased;
 - (b) The amount of cannabis products produced;
 - (c) Sales by product type;
 - (d) Prices by product type; and
 - (e) Such other information as the Department may require.

The court should note that at the time Euphoria filed its motion for sanctions Euphoria had not disclosed any of these reports (despite a stipulated protective order being in place and an obligation to do so under NRCP 16.1). Further, E&T has asked Euphoria to produce financial information concerning the production facility and Euphoria has declined without a valid basis under Nevada law to do so. See Exhibit 7 to Appendix (pages 396-430) (e.g., RFP Nos. 50 and 51 and Euphoria's Responses on pages 404-412). While

⁴ Even if available, Euphoria is generally not entitled to tax returns and financial records (especially if Euphoria is not entitled to any profits from the facility). See Hetter v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court, 110 Nev. 513, 520, 874 P.2d 762, 766 (1994) (recognizing that tax returns and financial records are relevant to the matter of punitive damages, not privileged, and discoverable so long as the plaintiff demonstrates "some factual basis" supporting punitive damages). As pointed out, Euphoria also has no damages (because it is operating the facility and retaining all profits). Further, limited liability companies which are disregarded or pass-through entities for federal income tax purposes are not required to file a partnership return. Profits and losses can be reported on Schedule C of the member's partnership Addeed Which is the case here).

⁵ E&T intends to file a motion to compel. The parties completed their meet and confer under EDCR 2.34 on December

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Euphoria continues to complain about the lack of data from E&T, Euphoria has direct access to METRC and possession (because it filed the reports) of all relevant inventory and sales data with respect to the production facility at issue. Further, Ms. Purdy, the managing director of Euphoria, was the cannabis agent responsible for inventory controls under NAC 453D.426 (now NCCR 6.080) while E&T operated the production facility. In other words, Ms. Purdy as the agent for Euphoria was responsible for any variances (deference between physical inventory and inventory reported in METRC). This fact (which is not in dispute) was confirmed by Keoki Allen during her deposition as the PMK for the CCB and DOT. Ms. Allen was also the person responsible for investigating the variances claimed by Euphoria. ⁶

The CCB and DOT disclosed all investigative records in response to E&T's subpoena. As Euphoria is aware, all such investigations are closed, and no action was taken by the state against E&T. Euphoria was asked to submit and obtain approval of a plan of correction. There is nothing more to produce other than what the state produced on the matters of the investigation. *Even if there were actual variances, Euphoria was not harmed*. The duplicity of Euphoria should be clear to the court. Euphoria refused to provide the state's investigative file in response to E&T's discovery requests based on a lack of a protective order. After a protect order was entered, Euphoria still claimed confidentiality as to the state's files. Rather than battle Euphoria to produce discovery, E&T provided notice of its subpoena to the state, and Euphoria filed a motion for a protective order (which motion was denied by Judge Gonzalez). See Order filed on May 7, 2021. Unfortunately, it appears E&T is exactly in the same position regarding financial matters concerning the production facility.

C. E&T and Third-Party Defendants provided true and accurate responses to all discovery requests.

As expected, Euphoria also appears to have issues with responses to certain interrogatories. Although Euphoria claims they are inconsistent with the record, Euphoria does not provide any authority for its position

^{9, 2021.} During the discovery conference, Euphoria failed to agree to supplement any of its discovery responses. As the court should see, Euphoria's objections are based on relevancy. E&T's damages include the profit earned by Euphoria after it terminated the joint venture and commenced operating the production facility. The joint venture was a five (5) year term.

⁶ Given Euphoria's failure to comply with disclosure and discovery obligations, EET IS OF ECT to Obtain financial information on the production facility from the Nevada Department of Taxation. See Exhibit 8 to Appendix (pages 431-439).

1	(including to "the record" it believes contradicts the supplemental discovery responses).
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3	1. Kristin Taracki's Verification on Behalf of E&T included with E&T's Supplemental
4	Discovery Responses was accurate.
5	Euphoria complains that Ms. Taracki's verification is false and/or E&T's counsel has violated his ethical
6	duties in connection with such responses. <u>To remind the court, neither Mr. Taracki nor Mrs. Taracki is a large transfer of the court o</u>
7	party to this case. The primary basis for Euphoria's argument is E&T's supplemental response to Euphoria's
8	Interrogatory No. 1.
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10	INTERROGATORY NO. 1: Please provide the name and current addresses of the principals of E&T.
11	RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 1:
12	E&T incorporates general objections herein. The term "principals" is not defined. NRCP 26 does not permit discovery of the personal addresses of members and managers of E&T (assuming they are
13	principals), since such matters are not relevant and cannot lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. The members and managers of E&T are not parties to this case. Discovery may not invade
14	the right to privacy of these individuals without weighing the needs of the case, the amount in controversy, the importance of the issues at stake, the potential for finding relevant material, and the
15	importance of the proposed discovery in resolving the issues.
16	SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 1: For purposes of responding to this Interrogatory, E&T will assume the term "principals" mean the
17 18	members of E&T. The members of E&T are Alex and Kristin Taracki. E&T is informed and believes based on available records for E&T that Mr. and Mrs. Taracki's address is as follows:
19	2244 Summerwind Circle
20	Henderson 89053
21	The supplemental response is true and accurate. See Exhibit 2 to Appendix (pages 207-247, specifically page
22	234). The undersigned counsel for E&T and the Third-Party Defendants does not represent Mr. or Mrs. Taracki
23	Further, Mr. and Mrs. Taracki are no longer affiliated with E&T. ⁷
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 $^{^{7}}$ Euphoria has never provided notice of any subpoena to be served on Alex, Kristin or Miro Taracki. It is unclear what if anything Euphoria attempted to serve at the purported address of Alex and Kristin Taracki.

2. E&T and Third-Party Defendants' supplemental responses regarding their respective relationships were accurate.

Euphoria claims the fact that E&T has not identified any communications with Mr. Kennedy is inconsistent with "the record" in this case. Euphoria points to E&T's supplemental response to Euphoria's RFP No. 28 (as referenced in footnote 24 as part of Euphoria's motion). Below is the actual request, initial response and supplemental response by E&T:

DOCUMENT REOUEST NO. 28:

Produce any Document in Your possession, custody, or control regarding any of Your communications with Joseph Kennedy regarding this litigation.

RESPONSE TO DOCUMENT REQUEST NO. 28:

Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, E&T has not identified any documents that are responsive to this request. However, discovery is on-going, and E&T reserves the right to supplement its response.

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO DOCUMENT REQUEST NO. 28:

After good faith efforts, E&T has not identified any documents responsive to this request. Discovery is on-going, and E&T reserves the right further to supplement its response to Document Request No. 28.

See Exhibit 2 to Appendix (pages 207-247, specifically page 230). Euphoria intentionally misrepresents the scope of the discovery request and ignores contrary evidence which undermines its position.

At Mr. Kennedy's deposition as the PMK for Nye, Mr. Kennedy testified that Nye did not have any documents or communications concerning E&T, the proposed transaction between E&T and Nye was not reduced to writing, and Mr. Kennedy's dealings as an agent for Nye were with Mr. Taracki (on behalf of E&T) and were *entirely verbal*. See Pages 29-32 of Deposition Transcript included as part of *Exhibit 9* to Appendix (pages 440-481, specifically 448-449). Further, at Mr. Kennedy's deposition as the PMK for Valjo, Mr. Kennedy testified that all documents were produced concerning the loan from Valjo to E&T and any communications with E&T regarding the same were verbal. See Pages 47-48 of Deposition Transcript included as part of *Exhibit 10* to Appendix (pages 482-538, specifically 495); see also Responses to Discovery by Valjo attached as *Exhibit 11* to Appendix (pages 539-564). It is unclear how or why Euphoria believes Mr. Kennedy's appearance at a hearing on June 27, 2019 in this case makes E&T's supplemental response regarding written

communications false or misleading.8

Happy was previously a dissolved limited liability company. The supplemental discovery responses by Happy are accurate. Happy was revived on or about July 29, 2021. Mr. Kennedy testified to these facts accurately on November 19, 2021. Euphoria believes the response to Euphoria's Interrogatory No. 8 is false. Below is the actual request, initial response, and supplemental response:

INTERROGATORY NO. 8:

Please provide a detailed description of the nature and extent of Happy Campers' business functions and activities.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 8:

HAPPY incorporates general objections herein. The interrogatory is compound. Further, HAPPY is not a party to the Joint Venture Agreement. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Happy is a Nevada limited liability company, which has been dissolved.

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 8:

HAPPY attempted to enter the business of cannabidiol (CBD) extraction. HAPPY's efforts were not successful. HAPPY was previously dissolved. HAPPY is not conducting business.

<u>See Exhibit 3</u> to Appendix (pages 248-277, specifically page 271). Nothing about Happy's supplemental response is false or misleading. Just because Happy was revived does not mean it is also a going concern.

Euphoria further claims that Happy's response to Euphoria's Interrogatory No. 9 is false. Below is the actual request, initial response, and supplemental response:

20 INTERROGATORY NO. 9:

Please provide a detailed description of the nature and extent of Happy Camper's relationship with E&T.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 9:

HAPPY incorporates general objections herein. HAPPY is not a party to the Joint Venture Agreement. NRCP 26 does not permit discovery of HAPPY's relationship with E&T, since such matters are not relevant and cannot lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Discovery may not invade HAPPY's right to privacy without weighing the needs of the case, the amount in controversy, the importance of the issues at stake, the potential for finding relevant material, and the importance of the proposed discovery in resolving the issues.

⁸ On November 19, 2021, Mr. Kennedy appeared for and completed the continued depositions as the PMK's for Nye and Valjo.

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 9:

HAPPY does not have a relationship with E&T. However, Alex and Kristin Taracki were members of HAPPY and purported members of E&T. Joseph Kennedy was a member of HAPPY, but upon information and belief, Mr. Kennedy was not a manager or member of E&T.

See id. (page 272). Happy did not provide that it had "no relationship" with E&T as falsely claimed by Euphoria in its motion. The fact that Mr. and Mrs. Taracki as members of E&T used \$300,000.00 from the loan by Valjo, Inc. to invest in Happy does not mean there is any "relationship" between E&T and Happy. Valjo, Inc. made a loan to E&T (making Valjo, Inc. the "lender" and E&T the "borrower"). E&T has every right to use any portion of the loan proceeds (including distributing the same to Alex and Kristin Taracki, who used the same to invest in Happy). Again, there is nothing false or inaccurate about Happy's supplemental response.⁹

Counsel for E&T and Third-Party Defendants has never represented to Euphoria's attorneys that Third-Party Defendants "were created as ancillary entities to E&T." Counsel for E&T and Third-Party Defendants has represented to Euphoria's attorneys that litigation over whether Third-Party Defendants are alter egos of E&T is *ancillary* to the dispute between the Euphoria and E&T—the actual parties to the joint venture agreement. Given that these entities are not going concerns, it is inexplicable why or how the remedy of alter ego helps Euphoria. Again, alter ego is a remedy (not a cause of action). If Euphoria is the prevailing party and judgment is entered against E&T, it does not matter whether Third-Party Defendants are alter egos of E&T. E&T's only assets are the value of its claims in this case against Euphoria. The Third-Party Defendants have no assets from which to pay any judgment against E&T in favor of Euphoria. Where is the "lack of justice" by continuing to recognize the separate existences of E&T and Third-Party Defendants as LLC's? Gardner v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court of Nev., 405 P.3d 651 (Nev. 2017) (alter ego theory applies to LLC's to do justice whenever it appears the protections provided by the LLC under NRS 86 are abused).

If Euphoria has real concerns over the supplemental discovery responses by Third-Party Defendants, Euphoria still has every right before the end of discovery to conduct depositions (including under NRCP 30(b)(6) for E&T and Third-Party Defendants). *To date, Euphoria has failed to do so*. It seems like depositions would

⁹ Euphoria also complains about the failure to produce operating agreements by E&T and Third-Party Defendants. There are none. Operating agreements for limited liability companies are not required to be adopted. NRS 86.286(1).

be the best way to get clarification on any supplemental responses. The only depositions taken by Euphoria in this case have been with *non-parties*, Joseph Kennedy personally and Mr. Kennedy as the person most knowledgeable for Valjo and Nye. Again, Mr. Kennedy, Valjo and Nye are not parties to this case.

D. There is no basis for an award of any discovery sanctions (including striking the pleadings of E&T and Third-Party Defendants).

District courts in Nevada may sanction abusive litigation practices through their inherent powers. Young v. Johnny Ribeiro Bldg., Inc., 106 Nev. 88, 92, 787 P.2d 777, 779 (1990). A court's inherent power to sanction is designed "to protect the dignity and decency of its proceedings and to enforce its decrees, and thus it may issue contempt orders and sanction or dismiss an action for litigation abuses." Halverson v. Hardcastle, 123 Nev. 245, 261, 163 P.3d 428, 440 (2007). Generally, "[the appellate courts] will not reverse sanctions absent a clear showing of abuse of discretion." Hamlett v. Reynolds, 114 Nev. 863, 865, 963 P.2d 457, 458 (1998). However, case-ending sanctions require "a somewhat heightened standard of review." Foster v. Dingwall, 126 Nev. 56, 65, 227 P.3d 1042, 1048 (2010). That somewhat-heightened review requires a determination whether (1) the sanction is just and relates to the specific conduct at issue; and (2) the district court engaged in an express, thoughtful, and preferably written analysis of all material factors. Id.; Young, 106 Nev. at 92-93, 787 P.2d at 779-80. Such factors might include:

[1] the degree of willfulness of the offending party, [2] the extent to which the non-offending party would be prejudiced by a lesser sanction, [3] the severity of the sanction of dismissal relative to the severity of the discovery abuse, [4] whether any evidence has been irreparably lost, [5] the feasibility and fairness of alternative, less severe sanctions, such as an order deeming facts relating to improperly withheld or destroyed evidence to be admitted by the offending party, [6]the policy favoring adjudication on the merits, [7] whether sanctions unfairly operate to penalize a party for the misconduct of his or her attorney, and [8] the need to deter both the parties and future litigants from similar abuses.

Young, 106 Nev. at 93, 787 P.2d at 780.

E&T and the Third-Party Defendants have not violated any order refit the Nebras (in relucing to the coorder to

supplement discovery responses). First, the subject order does not require any party to produce a document that does not exist (emails, operating agreements, tax returns, etc.). Further, records which were retained by Euphoria when it shut-down the production facility and evicted E&T remain in the exclusive possession, custody, or control of Euphoria. If the court believes E&T and Third-Party Defendants have committed misconduct, Euphoria does not explain why a lesser sanction would be inadequate. Third, given the evidence in the record concerning Euphoria's discovery misconduct and the fact that Euphoria suffered no harm as a result of the variances, the discovery sanctions requested by Euphoria are far more severe than the alleged Fourth, no evidence has been lost or destroyed. Financial information concerning E&T and misconduct. Third-Party Defendants is available from non-parties. Euphoria has had more than ample time to conduct thirdparty discovery. Further, Euphoria has access to METRC and submitted reports of production activities (including sales) to the state for the production facility. Under these facts, it is difficult to understand Euphoria's request for punishment. Fifth, alternative sanctions exist if the court actually believes there was misconduct. It is difficult to propose any alternatives given the lack of any misconduct. Sixth, striking the pleadings would be entirely contrary to Nevada's policy favoring adjudication on the merits, particularly in this case, where actual claims against Third-Party Defendants have not been properly pled, Third-Party Defendants are not parties to the agreement between E&T and Euphoria, and Euphoria has no damages. E&T is not aware of any law, rule or authority that would allow the district court to deem non-parties like Alex, Kristin and Miro Taracki together with Joe Kennedy alter egos. Seventh, counsel for E&T and Third-Party Defendants has not violated any rules (including rules of professional conduct). Mr. Stipp is not withholding knowledge of the addresses for Mr. and Ms. Taracki. There is no duty to create records which do not exist or to accept service of process on parties an attorney does not represent. Euphoria appears to be making up its own rules of professional conduct. Finally, deterrence would not be best served by striking the pleadings because Euphoria is seeking sanctions far in excess of the conduct sought to be punished. The reality is deterrence is not necessary because no discovery misconduct

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III. Conclusion

For the reasons set forth above, Euphoria's motion should be denied, and the court should award E&T and Third-Party Defendants their attorney's fees and costs. ¹⁰ The motion is frivolous and was designed purely to harass E&T and Third-Party Defendants.

DECLARATION OF MITCHELL STIPP

The undersigned, Mitchell Stipp, declares under penalty of perjury as follows:

- 1. I am counsel of record in the above referenced case for Plaintiff and Third-Party Defendants.
- 2. I submit the above-titled declaration in support of the opposition/countermotion. I have personal knowledge of the discovery dispute briefed therein unless otherwise qualified by information and belief or such knowledge is based on the record in this case, and I am competent to testify thereto, and such facts are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- Dated this 10th day of December, 2021.
- 15 | /s/ Mitchell Stipp

Mitchell Stipp, Esq., Counsel for Plaintiff and Third-Party Defendants

Matters related to a privilege log are addressed in a separate motion by Euphoria (despite also being briefed in Euphoria's motion for sanctions). For this reason, they are not addressed here. In short, E&T and Third-Party Defendants have not asserted the attorney-client and/or work product privilege in their supplemental Fellows To App Miscovery 12 duests. Euphoria's separate motion is entirely frivolous, and like the motion for sanctions, was filed to punish E&T for its successful motion to compel and determination by the court that E&T is entitled to its attorney's fees and costs.