### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

**KEVIN DOOLEY KENT, in his** :

capacity as Receiver for Broad Reach

Capital, LP, Broad Reach Partners, : Civil Action

LLC, Bristol Advisors, LLC, and Elm:

Street Investments, LLC, 1500 : No.

Market Street, Suite 3900, West

Tower, Philadelphia, PA 19102-1921, :

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Plaintiff,

V.

:

AGOSTINHO CALCADA, 650 West Avenue, Apt. 2110 Miami Beach, FL 33139-6368,

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Defendant. :

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#### **CIVIL ACTION COMPLAINT**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. This action is brought pursuant to a June 29, 2020 Order (the "Receivership Order") issued by the Honorable Madeline Cox Arleo, United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, in the underlying action brought by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or the "Commission") against Defendants Brenda Smith ("Smith"), Broad Reach Capital, LP ("Broad Reach Fund" or the "Fund"), Broad Reach Partners, LLC ("Partners"), and Bristol Advisors, LLC ("Bristol") (collectively, the "Smith Defendants"), styled *Securities and Exchange* 

Commission v. Smith, et al., Civil Action No. 19-17213 (the "SEC Action"). True and correct copies of the SEC Complaint, the Receivership Order, and an Order amending the Receivership Order nunc pro tunc are attached hereto as Exhibit "A", Exhibit "B", and Exhibit "C", respectively.

- 2. The SEC Action arises out of an investment advisory fraud in which, *inter alia*, the Smith Defendants solicited approximately \$100 million from investors for purported investment in sophisticated securities trading strategies. In reality, Smith took the vast majority of these funds for unrelated companies, to pay back other investors, and for personal use. And, in 2019, confronted with at least one investor trying to redeem its investment, Smith created a fictitious valuation of assets backed by false claims that she held billions of dollars in assets through a company she owned.
- 3. The fraud was perpetrated by the Smith Defendants directly and through numerous affiliated entities owned or controlled by one or more of the Smith Defendants (referred to in the Receivership Order as the "Affiliated Entities").
- 4. The Smith Defendants and Affiliated Entities operated out of offices in West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.
- 5. Smith is also being criminally prosecuted for her conduct. The government filed its criminal complaint against Smith on August 22, 2019 in the matter of *USA v. Smith*, No. 2:20-cr-00475-MCA-1 (D.N.J.) (the "Criminal

Action"). On September 9, 2021, Smith pleaded guilty to Count Seven of the Indictment, which charged her with securities fraud. Smith is scheduled to be sentenced on January 20, 2022.

- 6. The SEC Action is ongoing, but currently subject to a stay pending the completion of the Criminal Action. Under the terms of the stay order, all orders relating to the Receivership and all powers granted to the Receiver remain in full force and effect during the pendency of the stay.
- 7. Plaintiff Kevin Dooley Kent was appointed under the Receivership Order as the receiver ("Receiver" or "Plaintiff") with the goal and purpose to investigate, marshal, and preserve, *inter alia*, the assets, monies, securities, choses in action, and properties of the Smith Defendants and the Affiliated Entities to maximize the recovery available to the investors defrauded by Smith. This includes assets that are (1) attributable to assets derived from investors or clients of the Smith Defendants; (2) are held in constructive trust for the Smith Defendants; (3) were fraudulently transferred by the Smith Defendants; and/or (4) may otherwise be included as assets of the estates of the Smith Defendants or Affiliated Entities (collectively referred to as "Receivership Assets" or "Receivership Estate").
- 8. In the Receivership Order, the Court took exclusive jurisdiction and possession of the Receivership Assets, including, but not limited to, assets of the following Smith Defendants and Affiliated Entities: the Fund; the Partners; Bristol;

BA Smith & Associates LLC; Bristol Advisors LP; CV Brokerage, Inc; Clearview Distribution Services LLC; CV International Investments Limited; CV International Investments PLC; CV Investments LLC; CV Lending LLC; CV Minerals LLC; BD of Louisiana, LLC; TA 1, LLC; FFCC Ventures LLC; Prico Market LLC; GovAdv Funding LLC; Elm Street Investments, LLC; Investment Consulting LLC; and Tempo Resources LLC, (collectively, the "Receivership Parties"). *See* Exhibits "B" and "C".

- 9. Receiver asserts this action to recover \$1,530,740.83 that was loaned by Receivership Party Elm Street Investments, LLC (hereinafter, "Elm Street Investments") to Sunny Ocean 699, LLC ("Sunny Ocean") and Agostinho Calcada for the purchase of property located at 699 Ocean Blvd., Golden Beach, Florida, 33160 ("Golden Beach Property").
- 10. The loan to Sunny Ocean and Agostinho Calcada was documented by a Promissory Note dated October 19, 2016 (the "Note"), which also provides for payment of interest at an annual rate of six percent (6 %), which the Receiver also seeks to recover in this action. A copy of the Note is attached to this Complaint as Exhibit "D".
- 11. The Note was secured by a second mortgage on the Golden Beach Property, to further protect Elm Street Investments, as lender ("Balloon Mortgage").

  A copy of the Balloon Mortgage is attached to this Complaint as Exhibit "E".

- 12. The Golden Beach Property was lost through a Foreclosure Judgment in favor of the Trustee for the first mortgage holder, entered on or about March 13, 2019, and sold at public auction on or about May 1, 2019. A copy of the Final Judgment of Foreclosure is attached hereto as Exhibit "F".
- 13. Since the Golden Beach Property was lost through foreclosure, the Receiver cannot enforce the Balloon Mortgage in order to secure repayment of the Note.
- 14. On August 11, 2021, Receiver demanded payment from Agostinho Calcada of the balance of the Note, plus interest, within thirty (30) days. To date, Agostinho Calcada has not remitted payment to the Receiver.
  - 15. Agostinho Calcada and Sunny Ocean are in default on the Note.

#### **PARTIES**

- 16. Under the Receivership Order, Receiver is a representative of this Court with the full powers of an equity receiver.
- 17. The Receivership Order authorizes the Receiver to institute legal proceedings on behalf of and for the benefit of the Receivership Estate as may be necessary or appropriate in order to recover, conserve or maximize Receivership Assets, including, *inter alia*, actions seeking legal or equitable relief, to avoid fraudulent transfers, to collect debts, for disgorgement of profits, for creation of a constructive trust, for asset turnover, and such other relief as this Court may deem

necessary to enforce the Receivership Order. *See* Ex. "B", ¶¶ 50-51. Receiver is specifically authorized to pursue actions to recover Receivership Assets from third parties, such as the recipients of loans from the Receivership Parties.

- 18. Defendant Agostinho Calcada is an individual with an address of 650 West Avenue, Apt. 2110, Miami Beach, FL 33139-6368.
- 19. Upon information and belief, Defendant, Agostinho Calcada and Elm Street Investments were members of Sunny Ocean.
- 20. Upon information and belief, Defendant, Agostinho Calcada, was the manager of Sunny Ocean, and in that role, was the signatory on the Note and Balloon Mortgage issued to Elm Street Investments on behalf of Sunny Ocean.
- 21. On June 29, 2021, Receiver filed a motion for permission to file this action against Agostinho Calcada.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 22. Federal courts have jurisdiction over all suits in equity and actions at law brought to enforce any liability or duty created by the federal securities laws pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §§ 77v(a) and 78aa, laws at issue in the SEC Action.
- 23. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367, as Receiver brings this action to accomplish the objectives of the Receivership Order entered in the SEC Action, and as such this action forms part of the same case or controversy as the SEC Action.

- 24. Under the Receivership Order, this Court retains exclusive jurisdiction over and possession of the Receivership Assets.
- 25. This Court also has jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 754 and 1692. Receiver has filed copies of the Receivership Order with the United States District Court in each federal judicial district. As a result of those filings, Receiver is vested with complete control over any real or personal property of the Receivership Estate located in any federal judicial district, with the right to take possession of such property.
- 26. Venue is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 754, 1391(b), and 1692.

#### **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

#### **The Fraudulent Scheme**

- 27. Smith, through the Fund, the Partners, and Bristol, offered limited partnership interests in the Fund to investors beginning in early 2016.
- 28. Since the Fund's inception, Smith raised approximately \$100 million from investors, and investors are still owed approximately \$60 million in principal.
- 29. To solicit and retain investors, the Smith Defendants represented that the Fund employed several profitable, sophisticated trading strategies involving highly liquid securities, including those that it was uniquely positioned to pursue because of its access to the Philadelphia Stock Exchange trading floor.

- 30. In reality, only a small fraction of investor money was actually used for these strategies. The vast majority of the funds were moved through bank accounts Smith controlled, funneled into unrelated companies, used to pay back other investors, or utilized for Smith's personal use.
- 31. Smith's fraudulent misappropriation and misuse of investors' funds caused the Receivership Parties to suffer harm which the Receiver seeks to redress under Court authority.
- 32. Smith was able to conceal her fraudulent misappropriation and mishandling of investor funds through numerous misrepresentations to investors and others, including, *inter alia*, by generating and providing false performance statements and fabricated documents regarding the Fund's assets and valuations.

#### **Transfer of Receivership Assets**

- 33. Over the following series of transactions, Smith transferred \$1,530,740.83 for the purchase of the Golden Beach Property, for the benefit of Sunny Ocean and Agostino Calcada:
  - a. On or about October 14, 2016, Smith caused Elm Street Investments, LLC to pay \$250,000.00 toward the purchase of the Golden Beach Property.
  - b. On or about October 19, 2016, Smith caused Elm Street Investments, LLC to pay \$1,280,740.83 toward the purchase of

the Golden Beach Property.

- 34. The \$1,530,7840.83 was disbursed by Elm Street Investments on behalf of Sunny Ocean and Agostinho Calcada, pursuant to the terms of the Note and Balloon Mortgage.
- 35. The transferred funds were derived directly or indirectly from investments made by investors in the Fund.
- 36. Financial records and books belonging to the Receivership Parties and/or Smith provide no indication that these loans were ever repaid to Smith or the Receivership Parties.
- 37. The Receiver has initiated this action to enforce the provisions of the Note against Agostinho Calcada, who is in default on the Note.

## **COUNT I Breach of Contract**

- 38. Receiver incorporates Paragraphs 1 through 37 of this Complaint as if set forth at length herein.
- 39. On or about October 14, 2016 and October 19, 2016, Brenda Smith caused Elm Street Investments, LLC to loan Sunny Ocean and Agostinho Calcada \$1,530,740.83, the terms for which were confirmed by the October 19, 2016 Note, and which was secured by the Balloon Mortgage executed that same date. *See* Exhibits "D" and "E".
  - 40. Sunny Ocean and Agostinho Calcada, individually, are each identified

as "Borrower" under the Note, and each reference to "Borrower" under the Note applies to each of them separately. *See* Exhibit "D".

- 41. The October 19, 2016 Note was executed by Agostinho Calcada individually, and on behalf of Sunny Ocean, and was witnessed by two third-parties.
- 42. The Note provides: "In return for a loan that the Borrower received, the Borrower promises to pay \$1,530,740.93 (called 'Principal'), plus interest to the order of the Lender. Interest at a yearly rate of 6.0% will be charged on that part of the Principal which has not been paid from the date of this Note until all Principal has been paid." *See* Exhibit "D", ¶ 1.
- 43. Pursuant to the Note, the Borrower was obligated to pay the Principal balance plus any accrued and unpaid interest upon the earlier of (i) the sale of the Golden Beach Property to a third party after Sunny Ocean initially acquires it—which never happened because the property was lost through foreclosure—, or (ii) October 11, 2017. *See id.*, ¶ 2.
- 44. The Note provides that if the Borrower fails to make any payment required by the Note within thirty (30) days of its due date, the Lender may declare the Borrower in default, at which point, the Borrower must immediately pay the full amount of all unpaid Principal, interest, and other amounts due on the Note, and the Lender's costs of collection and reasonable attorney fees. *See id.*, ¶ 5.
  - 45. The Note further provides that the Lender, Elm Street Investments, can

exercise any right under the Note, or under any law, even if the Lender has delayed in exercising that right or has agreed in an earlier instance not to exercise that right. See id.,  $\P$  6.

- 46. Finally, the Note provides that "[t]he Lender may enforce any of the provisions of this Note against any one or more of the Borrowers who sign this Note." *See id.*, ¶ 7.
  - 47. The October 19, 2016 Note is a valid and enforceable contract.
- 48. Agostinho Calcada and Sunny Ocean are in default of the October 19, 2016 Note, having failed to timely make any payments to Elm Street Investments, and again having failed to make payment upon demand by Receiver pursuant to the terms of the Note.
- 49. Under the terms of the Note, Agostinho Calcada and Sunny Ocean currently owe Elm Street Investments as follows:

No.	Payor	Date	Payment Amount			
1	Elm Street Investments LLC	10/14/2016	\$250,000.00			
2	Elm Street Investments LLC	10/19/2016	\$1,280,740.83			
		<b>Total Payments</b>	\$1,530,740.83			
		Plus: Interest at 6%	\$457,460.85			
		<b>Total Due</b>	\$1,988,201.68			

50. Elm Street Investments has been damaged by Agostinho Calcada's and Sunny Ocean's breach of the October 19, 2016 Note in the amount due under the

Note, which continues to increase, plus the costs and attorney's fees associated with the pursuit of this litigation.

51. Agostinho Calcada is liable for the damages caused by his and Sunny Ocean's breach of the Note, pursuant to the express terms of the Note.

#### **Prayer for Relief**

WHEREFORE, Receiver demands judgment against Agostinho Calcada in the amount of \$1,988,201.68, plus interest, post-judgment interest, attorneys' fees and costs, and such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Date: October 11, 2021 /s/Robin S. Weiss

Robin S. Weiss (NJ I.D. No. 018182011)

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# EXHIBIT "A"

### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE :

COMMISSION,

: Civil Action No.

Plaintiff,

v. : Complaint for Violations of the

: Federal Securities Laws

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BRENDA A. SMITH, BROAD REACH

CAPITAL, LP, BROAD REACH PARTNERS, LLC, and BRISTOL

ADVISORS, LLC,

: Jury Trial Demanded

:

**Defendants.** 

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Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"), One Penn Center, 1617 JFK Boulevard, Suite 520, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103, alleges as follows against the following defendants, whose names and last known addresses are set forth below:

- a. Brenda A. Smith
   222 West Rittenhouse Square
   Penthouse 3
   Philadelphia, PA 19103
- b. Broad Reach Capital, LP
   200 Four Falls, Suite 211
   1001 Conshohocken State Road
   West Conshohocken, PA 19428

- c. Broad Reach Partners, LLC
   200 Four Falls, Suite 211
   1001 Conshohocken State Road
   West Conshohocken, PA 19428
- d. Bristol Advisors, LLC
   200 Four Falls, Suite 211
   1001 Conshohocken State Road
   West Conshohocken, PA 19428

#### **SUMMARY**

- 1. This case involves an investment advisory fraud in which Brenda A. Smith and the other Defendants solicited over \$100 million from investors for purported investment in sophisticated securities trading strategies. However, Smith took the vast majority of these funds for unrelated companies, to pay back other investors, and for personal use. And, in 2019, confronted with at least one investor trying to redeem its investment, Smith created a fictitious valuation of assets backed by false claims that she held billions of dollars in assets through a company she owned.
- 2. From at least February 2016 through the present, Smith, defendant Broad Reach Capital, LP ("Broad Reach Fund" or the "Fund"), defendant Broad Reach Partners, LLC ("Partners"), and defendant Bristol Advisors, LLC ("Bristol")

(collectively, without Smith, the "Entity Defendants"), engaged in this fraud.

Smith dominated and controlled the Entity Defendants such that they were essentially her alter egos.

- 3. Through the Entity Defendants, Smith offered limited partnership interests in the Fund to investors beginning in early 2016. Since the Fund's inception, Smith raised approximately \$105 million from at least 40 investors, and investors are still owed more than \$63 million in principal.
- 4. To solicit and retain investors, Defendants represented that the Fund employed several profitable, sophisticated trading strategies involving highly liquid securities, including those that it was uniquely positioned to pursue because of its access to the Philadelphia Stock Exchange trading floor ("Trading Strategies"). In reality, only a small fraction of investor money was actually used for these strategies.
- 5. The vast majority of the funds were moved through the bank accounts of entities Smith controls and ultimately used to, among other things, make her own personal investments and to repay other investors. To lull existing investors and solicit additional investments, Defendants provided monthly account statements reflecting high returns and "tear sheets" touting the Fund's overall

claimed 30%+ yearly return and that the Fund had never had a losing month.

These and other performance statements were false.

- 6. In recent months, several investors have tried—in vain—to redeem. In July 2019, in response to investors' concerns, Defendants distributed a document valuing the Fund's assets at over \$180 million ("Asset List"). To support this valuation, Smith claimed that she owned a \$2.5 billion bond issued by a publicly traded financial institution (the "Bond") and had transferred \$100 million of the Bond to the Fund. She even provided purported brokerage statements reflecting the supposed \$2.5 billion holding. But the documents are fake, and thus, more than \$100 million of claimed holdings of the Fund are an obvious fiction. The vast majority of investors' money is gone from the Fund.
- 7. The Defendants engaged in a fraudulent scheme and made material misrepresentations and omissions to investors and prospective investors. Smith and Bristol also abused their position and breached their fiduciary duties as investment advisers by making material misrepresentations and omissions and failing to act in the best interest of the Fund.
- 8. By engaging in the conduct described in this Complaint, Defendants violated, directly or indirectly, and unless enjoined will continue to violate, Section

17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)], Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5]. In addition, because Smith and Bristol are investment advisers, by engaging in the conduct described in this Complaint, they also violated, directly or indirectly, and unless enjoined will continue to violate, Sections 206(1), (2), and (4) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 ("Advisers Act") [15 U.S.C. § 80b-6] and Rule 206(4)-8 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 275.206(4)-8].

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 9. The Commission brings this action pursuant to Sections 20(b) and 20(d) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 77t(b), (d)], Sections 21(d) and 21(e) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 78u(d), (e)], and Sections 209(d) and 209(e) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-9(d), (e)] to enjoin such acts, practices, and courses of business, and to obtain disgorgement, prejudgment interest, civil money penalties, and such other and further relief the Court may deem just and appropriate.
- 10. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Sections 20(b), 20(d), and 22(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 77t(b), (d), and 77v(a)]; Sections 21(d), 21(e), and 27 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 78u(d), (e), and

78aa]; and Sections 209(d), 209(e), and 214 of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-9(d), (e), 80b-14]. Defendants, directly or indirectly, made use of the mails, or the means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce, or the facility of national security exchanges, in connection with the transactions, acts, practices, and courses of business alleged in this complaint.

11. Venue in this district is proper under Section 27 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78aa] and 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), because certain acts, practices, transactions, and courses of business constituting violations of the federal securities laws occurred within the District of New Jersey. In connection with the fraud, Defendants sent, and/or caused to be sent, wire transmissions through the Fedwire Funds Service, which involved electronic communications between Federal Reserve facilities in New Jersey and Texas.

#### THE DEFENDANTS

12. Brenda A. Smith, age 60, is an individual who, upon information and belief, resides in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Smith owns and/or controls the Entity Defendants and many other entities. Smith operated all of the Entity Defendants out of the same office space in West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania. During the relevant period, Smith owned, controlled, and/or exercised dominion

over the Entity Defendants making them essentially her alter egos. Until recently, Smith owned CV Brokerage, Inc., a registered broker-dealer, and held Series 7, 24, 27, 53, 63, 79, and 99 licenses. On July 2, 2019, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") accepted a letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent from Smith by which she agreed to be barred by FINRA in light of her failure to respond to a written request for documents and information pursuant to FINRA Rule 8210.

- 13. Broad Reach Capital, LP (also referred to as "Broad Reach Fund" or "Fund") is a Delaware limited partnership established by Smith in February 2016 and operates as a purported hedge fund. The Fund's principal place of business is in West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.
- 14. Broad Reach Partners, LLC (also referred to as "Partners") is a

  Delaware limited company with its principal place of business in West

  Conshohocken, Pennsylvania. It serves as the general partner for the Fund.

  Partners has no employees other than Smith and conducts no business other than serving as the Fund's general partner. Partners passed much of the money invested in the Fund through its bank account to entities or accounts controlled by Smith.
- 15. Bristol Advisors, LLC (also referred to as "Bristol") is a Delaware limited liability company with a principal place of business in West

Conshohocken, Pennsylvania. It is a registered investment advisor that purports to provide investment advisory services to its sole client, the Fund. Smith is the sole owner of Bristol and the person who makes all advisory decisions for Bristol.

Bristol has no business operations other than advising the Fund.

#### **RELEVANT PERSONS AND ENTITIES**

- 16. CV International Investments, Ltd., is a purported UK company with its principal place of business in London, UK. Smith formed CV International and controls it.
- 17. "Investor 1" is an individual residing in Florida. Investor 1 invested his own assets with the Fund.
- 18. "Investor 2" is an individual residing in Puerto Rico. Investor 2 invested assets of investment vehicles he controlled with the Fund. Later, he combined and merged these investments into an investment made by Investor 3.
- 19. "Investor 3" is a limited partnership with its principal place of business in Montreal, Canada.

#### **FACTS**

#### A. Smith Controlled the Entity Defendants and Misused Investor Funds

- 20. Smith dominated and controlled each of the Entity Defendants—the Fund, Partners, and Bristol—such that they were essentially her alter-egos. She controlled their brokerage and bank accounts, and every other aspect of the businesses. In addition, during the period February 2016 to the present, Smith also controlled or had signatory authority on the brokerage and/or bank accounts of at least 35 additional entities.
- 21. Defendants offered limited partnership interests in the Fund to investors. Defendants raised approximately \$105 million from at least 40 investors since the Fund's inception.
- 22. Defendants represented to investors and prospective investors that the Fund would invest their assets in the Trading Strategies, which involved highly liquid securities and which Defendants claimed the Fund was uniquely positioned to pursue.
- 23. However, contrary to those representations, investors' money rarely ended up in the brokerage accounts participating in the Trading Strategies that

Defendants had touted and promised. Defendants used only a small fraction of the money received from investors to engage in the Trading Strategies.

- 24. Instead, Defendants funneled the bulk of investor funds through a web of entities Smith controlled. Ultimately, Smith used the funds to make her own apparent investments wholly unrelated to the Trading Strategies. There is no evidence that the Fund owns any of these other investments.
- 25. Unbeknownst to investors, Defendants also used some of the money they had invested to pay other investors seeking to redeem. Further, since the Fund's inception, Smith used over \$2 million of the Fund's assets (filtered through three of her entities) to pay American Express bills. None of this capital was engaged in the claimed profitable Trading Strategies.
- 26. Indeed, although investors contributed approximately \$105 million to the Fund, the high point of all brokerage and bank accounts in the name of the Fund and its purported affiliates was no more than \$31.8 million in December 2016.
- 27. Since December 2016, the total assets within bank and brokerage accounts of the Broad Reach Fund have steadily declined, even as tens of millions of new investment money poured into the Fund.

- **B.** Defendants Made Material Misrepresentations and Omissions to Induce Investors to Invest
  - 1. The Fund's Written Materials Marketed the Trading Strategies to Potential Investors
- 28. According to the Fund's Private Placement Memoranda ("PPM"), the Fund's investment objective and strategy is to "invest its account with managers that represent a diverse set of assets" that would include "equities, bonds, options, commodities, foreign exchange, and energy."
- 29. In other documents Defendants provided to investors, created by Smith or at her direction, Defendants presented an even narrower focus, stating that the Fund would invest in the Trading Strategies. For example, the Fund's "Investor Presentation," dated February 2018, made clear that the Fund's strategy was an equities trading strategy designed to "[i]dentify, utilize, monitor and manage the managers who execute risk strategies through proven mathematical models to generate positive uncorrelated returns." A series of "[c]ompetitive advantages" listed in the presentation exclusively referred to securities trading. The presentation also provided detailed charts relating to the three primary securities trading strategies: Dividend Capture, Short-Term Opportunistic Trading, and VIX Convergence.

- 30. In or about October 2016, Defendants provided a "tear sheet" (a single-page document touting the returns of the Fund's Trading Strategies) to certain current and prospective investors, including Investor 2. This tear sheet purported to reflect the Fund's historical performance and mentioned no investments other than the Trading Strategies.
- 31. The tear sheet also posed the rhetorical question "Why Broad Reach," and went on to tout its "Distinctly Different Trading Strategies," "direct access to floor traders," and "specialized" trades.
- 32. Similarly, Defendants provided a March 31, 2018 "tear sheet" to certain current and prospective investors (including Investor 2), purporting to reflect the Fund's historical performance. Again, the tear sheet mentioned no investments other than the Trading Strategies, and touted an "efficient execution platform" and "high level of liquidity," noting that "[t]he current portfolio of strategies include Dividend Capture, VIX Convergence, Volatility Skew, S&P Premium Capture, Opportunities and Intraday Trading." Each of these is a securities trading strategy.
- 33. Both the Investor Presentation and the tear sheets also boasted of the Fund's steady, positive returns. They included a chart reflecting that each month

since January 2015 (which predates the origin of the Fund itself by approximately a year) the Fund had positive returns, with the 2018 documents claiming annual returns of over 35% in 2016 and 33% in 2017. The presentation and 2018 tear sheet also asserted that the Fund had a positive return of 6.07% in the first three months of 2018, including a gain of 1.76% for February 2018.

34. In reality, the limited funds invested in the Trading Strategies declined by over 50% in February 2018. And, even when the Trading Strategies were profitable, there was simply not enough money devoted to them to generate the claimed positive returns for the overall Fund.

#### 2. Defendants Defrauded Investors 1, 2, and 3

35. The specific experiences of three of Defendants' largest investors are illustrative of the fraud.

#### a. Investor 1

36. Investor 1 invested approximately \$9.5 million in the Fund with the understanding, based on representations by Smith and written documentation concerning the Fund she provided, that his capital would be allocated to the Trading Strategies.

- 37. Investor 1 confirmed this understanding in a December 1, 2016 side letter agreement, a document permitted by the Fund's Private Placement Memorandum. That side letter specifically stated that Investor 1's investment would be allocated to the Trading Strategies and required Defendants to provide Investor 1 with written notice if any material changes in the Trading Strategies were made. A list of the referenced Trading Strategies was attached to the side letter, which Smith signed on behalf of the Fund.
- 38. Despite the side letter and other representations, Defendants only used a small portion of Investor 1's funds in the Trading Strategies.
- 39. For example, between December 19, 2016 and January 23, 2017,
  Defendants received over \$8.9 million in new funds from investors into the Fund's bank account (as well as a \$1 million transfer from a brokerage account), of which \$5.6 million was an investment made by Investor 1. However, only \$550,000 of the \$9.9 million was transferred to Fund brokerage accounts for trading.
- 40. Instead, Defendants transferred over \$8.7 million of that investor capital to other entities that Smith controlled. Smith appears to have used this money for, among other things, a mining and mineral company and a restaurant, entities with no relation to the Trading Strategies.

41. There is no evidence that these entities were owned by the Fund, and bank records do not reflect that they paid any returns to the Fund. Moreover, these entities are not even identified as "investments," either in the Fund's 2016 Financial Statements disseminated to investors or on the Asset List distributed to investors in July 2019. Smith simply took these funds for her own personal investment or use.

#### b. Investor 2

- 42. Investor 2 understood from the Defendants that his investment would be used exclusively to trade securities using the Trading Strategies. Defendants sent Investor 2 documents, touting the uniqueness of the Trading Strategies and their historically high returns, to induce investment.
- 43. During a September 2016 meeting with Investor 2, Smith created a handwritten document for Investor 2 representing that the Fund derived all revenue and returns from the Trading Strategies.
- 44. Investor 2 also received the false March 31, 2018 tear sheet with the fabricated February 2018 returns.

- 45. Investor 2 invested over \$26.7 million with the Fund, in a series of payments over time, on behalf of certain investment funds he managed, including his family partnership.
- 46. Defendants routinely used capital obtained from Investor 2 for purposes other than the Trading Strategies. For instance, on July 5, 2017, Investor 2 wired \$3 million to the Fund's bank account. Within three days, over \$2.2 million of that capital was transferred to other entities controlled by Smith, including \$1.8 million to an entity that Smith utilized for her own investments.
- 47. In May 2018, Investor 2 wired \$5.43 million to the Fund's bank account, again with the understanding that this capital would be used in the Trading Strategies. However, none of this money was transferred to a Fund brokerage account. Instead, within weeks, Defendants transferred roughly half of Investor 2's funds to other entities controlled by Smith, and used the other half to fund redemptions by other investors in the Fund.

#### c. Investor 3

48. Defendants similarly made oral and written misrepresentations to Investor 3 concerning the use of his investment funds. To signify that its investment would involve the "dividend capture" trading strategy of the Fund,

Investor 3 went so far as to name the entity making the investment the "Dividend Capture" fund.

- 49. As with Investor 1 and Investor 2, Defendants used only a small fraction of Investor 3's funds in any kind of securities trading. Investor 3 first invested \$2.285 million in late December 2018, transferring the funds to the Fund's bank account at a time when the balance in the account was less than \$1,000.
- 50. By January 15, 2019, Defendants had exhausted the more than \$2 million invested by Investor 3, but had transferred only \$31,875 to brokerage accounts. Instead, Defendants caused the transfer of approximately \$1.36 million to other entities Smith controlled and wired \$1 million to a real estate firm, each with no relation to the Trading Strategies.
- 51. On January 29, 2019, Investor 3 invested another \$2 million in the Fund, wiring the money to the Fund's bank account at a time when the balance in the account was less than \$75. That same day, Defendants wired \$2 million to another investor in the Fund with an outstanding redemption request.
- 52. Two days later, on January 31, 2019, Investor 3 wired an additional \$225,000 to the Fund's bank account. That same day, Defendants wired the funds

obtained from Investor 3 to the aforementioned Fund investor to fund a redemption request. None of Investor 3's January 2019 investments were deposited into a brokerage account for the purpose of conducting the Trading Strategies.

53. Smith also misled Investor 3 regarding the Fund's historical performance during Investor 3's due diligence process. During an August 30, 2018 phone call, Smith misrepresented to Investor 3 that the Fund's Trading Strategy relating to volatility had produced a substantial profit in February 2018. To the contrary, the Fund's brokerage accounts suffered massive losses in February 2018, with the primary Broad Reach account losing over 50% of its value, dropping from approximately \$17.7 million to approximately \$8.8 million by the end of the month.

### C. Defendants Have Continued to Make Material Misrepresentations and Omissions About the Fund's Assets

54. In approximately February 2019, Investor 2 transferred his investment in the Fund to Investor 3. After this transfer, the Fund's books and records reflected that the total value of Investor 3's holdings was approximately \$46.6 million. This included all principal and purported investment gains for Investors 2 and 3.

- 55. Shortly therafter, Defendants took issue with the transfer. As a result of this dispute, in March 2019, Investor 3 decided to fully redeem the combined \$46.6 million investment in the Fund. Defendants accepted Investor 3's redemption request and stated that the funds would be wired on May 15, 2019.
- 56. The Fund did not redeem Investor 3 on May 15, however, and Smith has made various excuses as to why the Fund has not fulfilled the redemption request. Finally, on May 31, 2019, Defendants, still having failed to return Investor 3's investment, instead provided Investor 3 with what Smith claimed was the Fund's "proof of funds" to assure Investor 3 that his capital was intact.
- 57. This "proof of funds" was a purported board resolution by CV International Investments Limited ("CV International"), another entity owned by Smith and unconnected to the Fund. The resolution stated that CV International had transferred \$100 million worth of a bond to the Fund, effective December 31, 2017. Smith signed the document as a Director of CV International.
- 58. Later that same day, Defendants emailed a purported bank statement to Investor 3 indicating that CV International owned \$2.5 billion of the Bond referred to in the corporate resolution. Defendants sent these documents to support the assertion that CV International—the supposed owner of the \$2.5 billion

Bond—had transferred \$100 million worth of the Bond to the Fund in December 2017, and thus, the Fund had sufficient capital to satisfy redemption requests.

- 59. Defendants also provided the Asset List—a one-page document listing the fund's purported assets as of June 30, 2019—to Investor 3. According to the Asset List, as of June 30, 2019, the Fund's assets were valued at over \$180 million, with the largest asset being \$129.56 million of the Bond.
- 60. Defendants listed the value of the Fund's brokerage account at only approximately \$2.6 million, but even this limited amount was false. The actual June 2019 balance of the Fund's brokerage account was approximately \$652,000.
- 61. Soon after, apparently spurred by other investors seeking redemptions,
  Defendants provided the Asset List to other investors in the Fund.
- 62. Smith's continuing claim that her entity, CV International, owns (or recently owned) \$2.5 billion worth of the Bond is false and the brokerage statement indicating CV International's ownership is a fiction.
- 63. Public records indicate that the entire issuance of the Bond was valued at \$2.5 billion. The real Bond is a liquid security that is actively traded in United States and international bond markets. Public records show that there are multiple, large institutional holders of the Bond. Conversely, there is no public record that

indicates that CV International, Defendants, or any other known entity controlled by Smith owns any of the Bond, let alone the entire issuance. Smith's claims that \$100 million of the Bond's value (now inexplicably valued at over \$129 million) was transferred to the Fund and represents 71% of the Fund's assets, are simply false.

- 64. The majority of the Fund's other listed assets on the Asset List are also dubious. For instance, the Fund's second largest purported asset is \$20.25 million in "securitized cryptocurrency." Attempting to substantiate this claim, Defendants provided Investor 3 with only a two-page, unintelligible document entitled "Wallet," which shows a few lines of text with dollar figures. Fund bank records do not reflect the purchase of this purported asset.
- by the misuse of investor funds and losses generated by the Trading Strategies.

  Putting aside the outlandish and inaccurate claims of 30% plus yearly gains, of the approximately \$105 million invested in the Fund, based on amounts returned to investors, almost always from other investors' money, the Fund still owes investors more than \$63 million in principal.

66. There is no evidence that assets sufficient to satisfy that obligation are currently held by the Fund or any other affiliated entity.

### D. Defendants Violated The Anti-Fraud Provisions of the Federal Securities Laws

- 67. During the relevant period, Smith operated, controlled, and dominated the Entity Defendants such that they were essentially her alter egos.
- 68. The limited partnership interests in the Fund sold by Defendants are investment contracts, and therefore securities. Likewise, Defendants' fraudulent scheme concerned investing in securities.
- 69. All of the misrepresentations and omissions set forth herein, individually and in the aggregate, are material. There is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable investor would consider the misrepresented facts and omitted information regarding how their money would be invested, how the supposed investments performed, the value of those investments, and the ability to repay those investments important, and/or that disclosure of the omitted facts or accurate information would alter the "total mix" of information available to investors.
- 70. In connection with the conduct described herein, Defendants acted knowingly and/or recklessly. Among other things, Defendants knew or were

reckless in not knowing that they were making material misrepresentations and omitting material facts in connection with selling or offering of securities.

- 71. Smith and the Entity Defendants had ultimate authority for their false and misleading statements and omissions made orally and in documents provided to clients and prospective clients.
- 72. Defendants knowingly and/or recklessly disseminated false and misleading statements to investors and prospective investors with the intent to deceive.
- 73. Through their material misrepresentations and omissions, Defendants knowingly, recklessly, or negligently obtained money or property from investors.
- 74. Through this scheme, Defendants knowingly and/or recklessly engaged in acts, transactions or courses of business that operated as a fraud or deceit upon their investors and client.
- 75. Smith and Bristol acted as investment advisers during the relevant period by providing investment advisory services for a fee.
- 76. Smith and Bristol provided investment advisory services to a pooled investment vehicle, the Fund.

77. In connection with the conduct described herein, Smith and Bristol breached the fiduciary duty they owed to the Fund.

### **CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

# FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF Violations of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act (Against All Defendants)

- 78. The Commission realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation in paragraphs 1 through 77, above, as if the same were fully set forth herein.
- 79. From at least February 2016 through the present, as a result of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants knowingly or recklessly or, with respect to subparts b and c below, negligently, in the offer or sale of securities, directly or indirectly, by the use of the means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce, or the means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce, or the mails, or the facilities of a national securities exchange:
  - a. employed devices, schemes or artifices to defraud;
- b. obtained money or property by means of, or made, untrue statements of material fact, or omitted to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were

made, not misleading; or

- c. engaged in acts, transactions, practices, or courses of business that operated as a fraud or deceit upon offerees, purchasers, and prospective purchasers of securities.
- 80. By engaging in the foregoing conduct, Defendants violated, and unless restrained and enjoined will continue to violate, Section 17(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)].

# SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF Violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 Thereunder (Against All Defendants)

- 81. The Commission re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation in paragraphs 1 through 77 inclusive, as if they were fully set forth herein.
- 82. By engaging in the conduct described above, from February 2016 to the present, Defendants directly or indirectly, by use of the means or instruments of interstate commerce or of the mails, or the facility of a national securities exchanges, in connection with the purchase and sale of securities described herein, knowingly or recklessly:
  - a. employed devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud;

- b. made untrue statements of material facts and omitted to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and/or
- c. engaged in acts, practices, and courses of business which operated or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person, in connection with the purchase or sale of any security.
- 83. Defendants knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly engaged in the aforementioned devices, schemes and artifices to defraud, made untrue statements of material facts and omitted to state material facts, and engaged in fraudulent acts, practices and courses of business. By engaging in such conduct, Defendants acted with scienter, that is, with an intent to deceive, manipulate or defraud or with a severely reckless disregard for the truth.
- 84. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants, directly and indirectly, violated and, unless restrained and enjoined, will continue to violate Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5].

# THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF Violations of Section 206(1) and (2) of the Advisers Act (Against Defendants Smith and Bristol)

- 85. The Commission realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation in paragraphs 1 through 77, above, as if the same were fully set forth herein.
- 86. From at least February 2016 through the present, as a result of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants Smith and Bristol, knowingly or recklessly or, with respect to subpart b below, negligently, as investment advisers, directly or indirectly, by use of the means or instrumentality of interstate commerce or of the mails:
- a. employed devices, schemes or artifices to defraud any client or prospective client;
- b. engaged in transactions, practices, or courses of business which operated or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any client or prospective client.
- 87. By engaging in the foregoing conduct, Defendants Smith and Bristol violated, and unless restrained and enjoined will continue to violate, Sections 206(1) and (2) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-6(1), (2)].

# FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF Violations of Section 206(4) of the Advisers Act and Rule 206-4 thereunder (Against Smith and Bristol)

- 88. The Commission realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation in paragraphs 1 through 77, above, as if the same were fully set forth herein.
- 89. Defendants Smith and Bristol, by engaging in the conduct described above, directly or indirectly, by use of means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce or use of the mails, which acting as investment advisors, engaged in acts, practices, or courses of business that were fraudulent, deceptive, and manipulative.
- 90. Defendants Smith and Bristol, while acting as investment advisers to pooled investment vehicles: (a) made untrue statements of material facts or omitted to state material facts necessary in order to make statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, to investors or prospective investors in the pooled investment vehicle; or (b) engaged in acts, practices, or courses of business that were fraudulent, deceptive, or manipulative with respect to investors or prospective investors in the pooled investment vehicle.

91. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants Smith and Bristol violated and, unless restrained and enjoined, will continue to violate Section 206(4) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-6(4)] and Rule 206(4)-8 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 275.206(4)-8].

# **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, the Commission respectfully requests that this Court enter a final judgment:

I.

Permanently restraining and enjoining Defendants from, directly or indirectly, violating Section 17(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)], Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5]; and permanently restraining and enjoining Smith and Bristol from violating Sections 206(1), (2), and (4) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-6] and Rule 206(4)-8 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 275.206(4)-8];

II.

Ordering disgorgement by Defendants of all ill-gotten gains or unjust enrichment with prejudgment interest, to effect the remedial purposes of the federal securities laws;

III.

Ordering Defendants to pay civil penalties pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(d)] and Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3)], and, as to Defendants Smith and Bristol, pursuant to Section 209(e) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-9(e)]; and

## IV.

Granting such other and further relief as this Court may determine to be just and necessary.

#### **JURY DEMAND**

Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff demands that this case be tried to a jury.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: August 27, 2019

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

COMMISSION,	Case No.
Plaintiff,	DESIGNATION OF AGENT
V.	FOR SERVICE
BRENDA A. SMITH, et al.,	

Defendants.

Pursuant to Local Rule 101.1(f), because the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") does not have an office in this district, the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey is hereby designated as eligible as an alternative to the Commission to receive service of all notices or papers in the captioned action. Therefore, service upon the United States or its authorized designee, David Dauenheimer, Deputy Chief, Civil Division, United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey, 970 Broad Street, 7th Floor,

Newark, NJ 07102 shall constitute service upon the Commission for purposes of this action.

Respectfully submitted,

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# EXHIBIT "B"

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE :

COMMISSION,

C. A. No. 2:19-cv-17213 (MCA)

Plaintiff,

v.

:

BRENDA SMITH, BROAD REACH CAPITAL, LP, BROAD REACH PARTNERS, LLC, and BRISTOL ADVISORS, LLC,

:

Defendants.

## [AMENDED PROPOSED] ORDER APPOINTING RECEIVER

**WHEREAS** this matter has come before this Court upon Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission's (the "SEC") Motion for an Order Appointing a Receiver;

WHEREAS Defendants and their affiliate entities possess significant assets—the full nature and extent of which are not currently known to the Court—including, but not limited to, cash, real and personal property, investments of any kind, such as ownership interests in companies or partnerships, minerals, cryptocurrency, and other assets, the value of which should be preserved during the pendency of this litigation;

WHEREAS the Court finds that, based on the record in these proceedings, the appointment of a receiver in this action is necessary and appropriate for the purposes of marshaling and preserving all assets of Defendants Brenda Smith; Broad Reach Capital, LP; Broad Reach Partners, LLC; and Bristol Advisors, LLC (collectively "Defendants") and affiliated companies owned or controlled by one or more Defendants, including BA Smith &

Associates LLC; Bristol Advisors LP; CV Brokerage, Inc; Clearview Distribution Services LLC; CV International Investments Limited; CV International Investments PLC; CV Investments LLC; CV Lending LLC; CV Minerals LLC; BD of Louisiana, LLC; TA 1, LLC; FFCC Ventures LLC; Prico Market LLC; GovAdv Funding LLC; Elm Street Investors LLC; Investment Consulting LLC; and Tempo Resources LLC ("Affiliated Entities"), that: (1) are attributable to assets derived from investors or clients of Defendants; (2) are held in constructive trust for the Defendants; (3) were fraudulently transferred by the Defendants; and/or (4) may otherwise be included as assets of the estates of the Defendants or Affiliated Entities (collectively "the Receivership Estate" or "Receivership Assets");

**WHEREAS** this Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action and personal jurisdiction over Defendants, and venue properly lies in this district;

**WHEREAS** nothing in this Order shall be construed as to require Smith to waive her rights under the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

1. This Court hereby takes exclusive jurisdiction and possession of the Receivership Assets, including, but not limited to, assets of the following Defendants and Affiliated Entities: Broad Reach Capital, LP; Broad Reach Partners, LLC; Bristol Advisors, LLC; BA Smith & Associates LLC; Bristol Advisors LP; CV Brokerage, Inc; Clearview Distribution Services LLC; CV International Investments Limited; CV International Investments PLC; CV Investments LLC; CV Lending LLC; CV Minerals LLC; BD of Louisiana, LLC; TA 1, LLC; FFCC Ventures LLC; Prico Market LLC; GovAdv Funding LLC; Elm Street Investors LLC; Investment

Consulting LLC; and Tempo Resources LLC, (collectively, the "Receivership Parties"). The Receiver may petition the Court to add additional entities to the Receivership Parties.

- 2. As way of further specification, the Receivership Assets shall also include the following known assets, believed to be owned, possessed, or controlled by the Receivership Parties or Brenda Smith ("Smith"): personal property at Smith's former residence at 222 West Rittenhouse Square, Penthouse 3, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; any vehicles owned by Smith, the Receivership Parties, or Affiliated Entities; personal property and office equipment at the former office space used by Defendants at 200 Four Falls Corp., Suite 211, 1001 Conshohocken State Road, West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania; certain real property at David Road and Adams Road, Parish of Tangipahoa, Louisiana; bank or brokerage accounts held or controlled by Smith; interests in any securities (such as stock, bonds, and options); any securities purchased by Prico LLC, including but not limited to securities of LYFT Inc. and Palantir Technologies; interests in any cryptocurrency, digital currencies, or virtual currencies; digital or electronic property; intellectual property; receivables; minerals or mineral rights; and interests in any companies or partnerships.
- 3. Moreover, the Receivership Assets also include frozen accounts in the names of the following: Prophecy Alpha Fund LP; Raffle Trading LLC; Ardeleigh Investment Advisory Services, Ltd.; Taylor Trading LLC; Awooton Consulting; and Rybicki Capital Partners LLC. It is understood that certain third parties, including Taylor Trading LLC, Awooton Consulting, and Rybicki Capital Partners LLC, have expressed an interest in or ownership of certain assets. Nothing in this Order shall be considered an adjudication of such asserted rights or claims, and it is without prejudice to such claims being asserted in this Court.

- 4. To the extent any person or entity believes that these assets, or any of the Receivership Parties is not a proper part of the Receivership Estate, he, she, or it may petition the Court for relief.
- 5. Until further Order of this Court, Kevin D. Kent, Esq., of the firm Conrad O'Brien, is hereby appointed to serve without bond as receiver (the "Receiver") to assume control of, marshal, pursue, and preserve the Receivership Assets.

#### I. Asset Freeze

6. Previously, the Court issued a Preliminary Injunction Freezing Assets and Granting Other Relief in this matter. (Dkt. 7). Except as otherwise specified herein, that asset freeze remains in effect. Furthermore, to the extent not encompassed by the Preliminary Injunction and except as otherwise specified herein, all assets of Defendants and Receivership Parties (collectively, "Receivership Assets") are frozen until further order of this Court. "Receivership Assets" means assets of any and every kind whatsoever, including without limitation all assets described in this Order, that are: (a) owned, controlled, or held, in whole or in part, by or for the benefit of any of the Receivership Parties; (b) in the actual or constructive possession of any of the Receivership Parties, or other individual or entity acting in concert with any of the Receivership Parties; (c) held by an agent of any of the Receivership Parties, including as a retainer for the agent's provision of services; or (d) owned, controlled, or held, in whole or in part, by, or in the actual or constructive possession of, or otherwise held for the benefit of, any corporation, partnership, trust, or other entity directly or indirectly owned, controlled, or held, in whole or in part, by any of the Receivership Parties, including assets that have been transferred to other persons or entities but as to which assets such persons or entities do not have a legitimate claim. Accordingly, all persons, institutions, and entities with direct or indirect control over any Receivership Assets— other than the Receiver or law enforcement officials acting within the

course and scope of their official duties—are hereby restrained and enjoined from directly or indirectly transferring, setting off, receiving, changing, selling, pledging, assigning, liquidating or otherwise disposing of or withdrawing such Receivership Assets. This freeze shall include, but not be limited to, Receivership Assets that are on deposit with financial institutions such as banks, brokerage firms, and mutual funds, or other institutions, including but not limited to interests in loans, participation agreements, companies, partnerships, and/or their successors and assigns.

#### II. General Powers and Duties of Receiver

- 7. Except as limited herein, the Receiver shall have all powers, authorities, rights, and privileges heretofore possessed by the officers, directors, managers, and general and limited partners of the Receivership Parties under applicable state and federal law, by the governing charters, by-laws, articles and/or agreements in addition to all powers and authority of a receiver at equity, and all powers conferred upon a receiver by the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §§ 754, 959 and 1692, Fed. R. Civ. P. 66, and this Order, including but not limited to paragraphs 48 and 49 of this Order.
- 8. The trustees, directors, officers, managers, investment advisors, accountants, attorneys, and other agents of the Receivership Parties are hereby dismissed and the powers of any partners, directors, and/or managers are hereby suspended. Such persons and entities shall have no authority with respect to the Receivership Parties' operations or assets, except to the extent as hereafter may be expressly granted by the Receiver. This Order, however, does not dismiss Defendants' attorneys, if any, who file an appearance in this action, nor does it authorize any payments to any such attorneys from assets of the Receivership Parties. The Receiver shall assume and control the operation of the non-individual Receivership Parties and shall preserve all of their claims or interests using the powers set forth in this Order.

- 9. The Receiver shall not have the power to initiate suits in law or in equity without further Order of this Court, except and to the extent necessary to preserve any limitations period in which case the Receiver shall seek this Court's approval to proceed any further with any such suit.
- 10. No person holding or claiming any position of any sort with any of the Receivership Parties shall possess any authority to act by or on behalf of any of the non-individual Receivership Parties, unless expressly authorized, in writing, by the Receiver.
- 11. Subject to the specific provisions in Sections III through XIV, below, the Receiver shall have the following general powers and duties:
  - A. To use reasonable efforts to determine the nature, location, and value of all property interests of the Receivership Parties, including, but not limited to, monies, funds, securities, credits, investments, savings, options, shares, cash, currencies, checks, accounts, real property, vehicles, boats, equipment, fixtures, effects, goods, chattels, lands, premises, leases, claims, causes of action, notes, membership interests in any limited liability company, partnership interests, contracts, certificates of title, instruments, inheritances, interests in any trust, art, collectibles, furnishings, jewelry, personal effects, digital currencies, virtual currencies, cryptocurrencies, digital or electronic property, intellectual property, receivables, minerals or mineral rights, casino accounts, deposits, or chips, rights, and other assets, together with all rents, profits, dividends, interest, or other income attributable thereto, of whatever kind, which the

- directly or indirectly;
- B. To take custody, control, and possession of all Receivership Assets and records relevant thereto from Smith and the Receivership Parties;
- C. To manage, control, operate, and maintain the Receivership Estate and hold in his possession, custody, and control all Receivership Assets, pending further Order of this Court;
- D. To use Receivership Assets for the benefit of the Receivership Estate, making payments and disbursements and incurring expenses as may be necessary or advisable in the ordinary course of business in discharging his duties as Receiver;
- E. To take any action which, if not for the entry of this Order, could have been taken by the officers, directors, partners, managers, trustees, and agents of the Receivership Parties, except as limited by this Order;
- F. Subject to other provisions of this Order, including paragraph 69, to engage and employ persons in his discretion to assist him in carrying out his duties and responsibilities hereunder, including, but not limited to, accountants, attorneys, securities traders, registered representatives, financial or business advisers, liquidating agents, real estate agents, forensic experts, brokers, traders, or auctioneers, provided that the reasonable expected cost for any such engagements does not exceed \$10,000 in a calendar year;
- G. To take such action as necessary and appropriate for the preservation of Receivership Assets or to prevent the dissipation or concealment of

- Receivership Assets;
- H. To issue subpoenas for documents and testimony consistent with the
   Federal Rules of Civil Procedure;
- I. Subject to other provisions of this Order, including paragraphs 38-40, resist and defend all suits, actions, claims and demands which may now be pending or which may be brought by or asserted against the Receivership Parties or Receivership Assets;
- K. To establish and operate a website for the Receivership, to facilitate dissemination of information to investors and for such other purposes as the Receiver deems appropriate and in the interest of the Receivership Estate; and
- J. To take such other action as may be approved by this Court.
- 12. Unless otherwise limited by this Order, the Receiver is authorized to exercise all equitable powers under applicable law.
- 13. The Receiver may delegate to his agents any of the powers of the Receiver granted to him by this Order.
- 14. The Receiver may seek further Orders of this Court regarding standing powers of the Receiver, operations of Receivership Parties, and administration of Receivership Assets as may be deemed necessary to conserve the Receivership Assets, secure the best interests of creditors, investors, and other stakeholders of the Receivership Parties, and protect the interests of the Receiver.

#### **III.** Access to Information

15. Smith and the past and/or present officers, directors, agents, managers, general and limited partners, trustees, attorneys, accountants, and employees of the Receivership Parties,

as well as those acting in their place, including third parties storing financial and other business information and/or email communications, or other assets or documents, are hereby ordered and directed to preserve and turn over to the Receiver forthwith all paper and electronic information of, and/or relating to, the Receivership Parties and/or all Receivership Assets; such information shall include but not be limited to books, records, documents, accounts, all financial and accounting records, balance sheets, income statements, bank records (including monthly statements, canceled checks, records of wire transfers, details of items deposited, and check registers), client lists, title documents, writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, audio and video recordings, computer records, computer files, databases and other data compilations, including but not limited to records relating to any investments or other transfers of money or other assets made by or on behalf of Receivership Parties, including but not limited to all electronically stored records and information, including any information stored by third parties or using cloud-based services, access codes, security codes, passwords, safe deposit keys, combinations, and all other instruments, papers, and electronic data or records of any kind or nature. This does not, however, include any documents or files of Smith's personal attorneys, if any, that are protected by the work-product doctrine and/or attorney-client privilege.

16. Within ten (10) days of the entry of this Order, the Receivership Parties shall serve upon the Receiver and the SEC a sworn statement, listing: (a) the identity, location, and estimated value of all Receivership Assets, including contact information for the party in possession of all assets of such Receivership Party, held jointly or singly, including without limitation all assets held outside the territory of the United States; (b) all employees (and job titles thereof), other personnel, attorneys, accountants, and any other agents or contractors of the Receivership Parties; and (c) the amount and nature of all liabilities of such Receivership Party,

including without limitation the names, addresses, and amounts of claims of all known creditors of the Receivership Parties. Such sworn statement shall include the names, addresses, telephone numbers, facsimile numbers, and e-mail addresses of the holders of any legal, equitable, or beneficial interests in such assets and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, facsimile numbers, and e-mail addresses of any financial institutions or other persons or entities holding such assets, along with the account numbers and balances. The sworn statements shall be accurate as of the date of this Order, shall be signed and verified as true and complete under penalty of perjury.

- 17. Within thirty (30) days of the entry of this Order, the Receivership Parties shall serve upon the Receiver and the SEC a sworn statement and accounting, with complete documentation, covering the period from January 1, 2013 to the present:
  - A. Of all Receivership Assets, wherever located, held by or in the name of the Receivership Parties, or in which any of them, directly or indirectly, has or had any beneficial interest, or over which any of them maintained or maintains and/or exercised or exercises control, including, but not limited to: (a) all securities, investments, funds, real estate, automobiles, jewelry, digital assets, including but not limited to any assets contained in digital assets held at crypto-currency exchanges, and other assets, stating the location of each; and (b) any and all accounts, including all funds held in such accounts, with any bank, brokerage, or other financial institution, or any other institution, including but not limited to casinos, held by, in the name of, or for the benefit of any of them, directly or indirectly, or over which any of them maintained or maintains and/or exercised or exercises

- any direct or indirect control, or in which any of them had or has a direct or indirect beneficial interest, including the account statements from each bank, brokerage, or other financial institution;
- B. Identifying every account at every bank, brokerage, or other financial institution: (a) over which Receivership Parties have signatory authority; and (b) opened by, in the name of, or for the benefit of, or used by, the Receivership Parties;
- C. Identifying all credit, bank, charge, debit or other deferred payment card issued to or used by each Receivership Party, including but not limited to the issuing institution, the card or account number(s), all persons or entities to which a card was issued and/or with authority to use a card, the balance of each account and/or card as of the most recent billing statement, and all statements for the last twelve months;
- Of all assets received by any of Receivership Parties from any person or entity, including the value, location, and disposition of any assets so received;
- E. Of all funds received by the Receivership Parties, and each of them, in any way related, directly or indirectly, to the conduct alleged in the SEC's Complaint. The submission must clearly identify, among other things, all investors, the securities they purchased, the date and amount of their investments, and the current location of such funds;
- F. Of all expenditures exceeding \$1,000 made by any of Receivership
   Parties, including those made on their behalf by any person or entity; and

- G. Of all transfers of assets made by any of Receivership Parties.
- 18. Within thirty (30) days of the entry of this Order, the Receivership Parties shall provide to the Receiver and the Commission copies of the Receivership Parties' federal income tax returns for 2013 through the present with all relevant and necessary underlying documentation.
- 19. The Receivership Parties' past and/or present officers, directors, agents, attorneys, managers, shareholders, employees, accountants, debtors, creditors, managers and general and limited partners, and other appropriate persons or entities shall answer all questions which the Receiver may put to them and produce all documents as required by the Receiver regarding the business of the Receivership Parties, or any other matter relevant to the operation or administration of the receivership or the collection of funds due to the Receivership Parties. The Receiver maintains and controls the attorney-client privilege for all Receivership Parties, provided, however, that nothing in this Order shall operate as or effectuate a waiver of the attorney-client privilege regarding communications between Defendant Smith and her personal attorneys, if any, and such personal attorneys shall not be compelled by this Order to divulge information that would otherwise be protected by the attorney-client or any other applicable privilege.
- 20. The Receivership Parties are required to assist the Receiver in fulfilling his duties and obligations. As such, they must respond promptly and truthfully to all requests for information and documents from the Receiver. This cooperation and assistance shall include, but not be limited to: (a) providing any information or documents that the Receiver deems necessary or appropriate to the exercise of the Receiver's authority and the discharge of the Receiver's responsibilities under this Order; (b) providing any keys, including but not limited to

physical, digital, and cryptographic keys, codes, the combination to the safe located at the office space used by one or more Receivership Parties at 200 Four Falls Corp., Suite 211, 1001 Conshohocken State Road, West Conshohocken, PA, device PINs, and passwords, including but not limited to account, encryption, email account, financial account, online account (including but not limited to web-based financial services and banking accounts) and computer passwords required to access any computer, electronic file, or telephonic data in any medium; (c) immediately advising all persons who owe money or currency of any kind to the Receivership Parties that all debts should be paid directly to the Receiver; (d) providing full access to all Receivership Assets; and (e) maintaining and not wasting, damaging, disposing of, or transferring in any manner any Receivership Assets.

#### IV. Access to Books, Records, and Accounts

- 21. The Receiver is authorized to take immediate possession of all assets, bank accounts or other financial accounts, books, and records and all other documents or instruments relating to the Receivership Parties. All persons and entities having control, custody, or possession of any Receivership Assets are hereby directed to turn such property, including but not limited to all accounts, over to the Receiver.
- 22. The Receivership Parties, as well as their agents, servants, employees, attorneys, any persons acting for or on behalf of the Receivership Parties, including third party vendors of the Receivership Parties, and any persons receiving notice of this Order by personal service, facsimile transmission, overnight mail, U.S. mail, electronic mail, or otherwise, having possession of the property, business, books, records, accounts, or assets of the Receivership Parties are hereby directed to deliver the same to the Receiver, his agents, and/or employees.
- 23. All banks, brokerage firms, financial institutions, and other persons or entities which have possession, custody, or control of any assets or funds held by, in the name of, or for

the benefit of, directly or indirectly, the Receivership Parties that receive actual notice of this Order by personal service, facsimile transmission, electronic mail, or otherwise shall:

- A. Not liquidate, transfer, sell, convey, or otherwise transfer any assets, securities, funds, or accounts in the name of or for the benefit of the Receivership Parties except upon instructions from the Receiver;
- B. Not exercise any form of set-off, alleged set-off, lien, or any form of self-help whatsoever, or refuse to transfer any funds or assets to the Receiver's control without the permission of this Court;
- C. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of that notice, serve on the Receiver and counsel for the SEC a certified statement setting forth, with respect to each such account or other asset, the balance in the account or description of the assets as of the close of business on the date of receipt of the notice; and,
- D. Cooperate expeditiously in providing information and transferring funds, assets, and accounts to the Receiver or at the direction of the Receiver.

## V. Access to Real and Personal Property

- 24. Promptly after service of this Order upon them, or within such period as may be permitted by the Receiver, upon the Receiver's request, all Receivership Parties, and all other persons in active concert or participation with any of them, and all financial institutions who receive actual notice of this Order, whether by personal service or otherwise, and whether acting directly or through any corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, shall transfer or deliver to the Receiver's possession, custody and control all Receivership Assets as well as all records and other materials belonging to the Receivership Estate.
- 25. The Receiver is authorized but not directed to take immediate possession of all personal property of the Receivership Parties, wherever located, including but not limited to

electronically stored information, computers, laptops, hard drives, external storage drives, and any other such memory, media or electronic storage devices, books, papers, data processing records, evidence of indebtedness, bank records and accounts, savings records and accounts, brokerage records and accounts, certificates of deposit, stocks, bonds, debentures, and other securities and investments, contracts, mortgages, furniture, office supplies, equipment, cars, and any personal property in Smith's former residence.

- 26. The Receiver is authorized but not directed to take immediate possession of all real property of the Receivership Parties, wherever located, including but not limited to all ownership and leasehold interests and fixtures. Upon receiving actual notice of this Order by personal service, facsimile transmission, overnight mail, U.S. mail, electronic mail, or otherwise, all persons other than law enforcement officials acting within the course and scope of their official duties, are (without the express written permission of the Receiver) prohibited from: (a) entering such premises; (b) removing anything from such premises; or, (c) destroying, concealing, or erasing anything on such premises. This paragraph shall not be read to authorize or excuse any such action taken prior to the receipt of actual notice of this Order and the Receiver shall retain the authority to investigate and/or challenge any such action pursuant to the powers and duties set forth in this Order.
- 27. In order to execute the express and implied terms of this Order, the Receiver is authorized to change door locks to the premises described above. The Receivership Parties, all other persons in possession or control of Receivership Assets, or any other person acting or purporting to act on their behalf, are ordered not to change the locks in any manner, nor to have duplicate keys made, nor shall they have keys in their possession during the term of the receivership.

- 28. The Receiver is authorized to open all mail directed to or received by or at the offices or post office boxes of the Receivership Parties, and to inspect all mail opened prior to the entry of this Order, to determine whether items or information therein fall within the mandates of this Order.
- 29. Upon the request of the Receiver, the United States Marshal Service, in any judicial district, is hereby ordered to assist the Receiver in carrying out his duties to take possession, custody and control of, or identify the location of, any assets, records, or other materials belonging to the Receivership Estate. In addition, the Receiver is authorized to request similar assistance from any other federal, state, county, or civil law enforcement officer(s) or constable(s) of any jurisdiction.

#### VI. Notice to Third Parties

- 30. The Receiver shall promptly give notice of his appointment to all known officers, directors, agents, employees, shareholders, creditors, debtors, managers, and general and limited partners of the Receivership Parties, as the Receiver deems necessary or advisable to effectuate the operation of the receivership.
- 31. All persons and entities owing any obligation, debt, or distribution with respect to an ownership interest to any Receivership Party shall, until further ordered by this Court, pay all such obligations in accordance with the terms thereof to the Receiver, and its receipt for such payments shall have the same force and effect as if the Receivership Party had received such payment. This requirement applies to, inter alia, the related, interpleader action filed in this district, and captioned *Spouting Rock Holdings, LLC v. Broad Reach Capital, LP, et al.*, No. 20-cv-02498 (D.N.J.) (MCA) ("Interpleader Action"). The funds at issue in the Interpleader Action shall be paid to the Receiver for the benefit of the Receivership Estate. However, Spouting Rock

Holdings, LLC may appear in this action for the limited purpose of seeking any other remedies it sought in the Interpleader Action.

- 32. In furtherance of his responsibilities in this matter, the Receiver is authorized to communicate with, and/or serve this Order upon, any person, entity, or government office that he deems appropriate to inform them of the status of this matter and/or the financial condition of the Receivership Estate. All government offices which maintain public files of security interests in real and personal property shall, consistent with such office's applicable procedures, record this Order upon the request of the Receiver or the SEC.
- 33. The Receiver is authorized to instruct the United States Postmaster to hold and/or reroute mail which is related, directly or indirectly, to the business, operations, or activities of any of the Receivership Parties (the "Receiver's Mail"), including all mail addressed to, or for the benefit of, the Receivership Parties. The Postmaster shall not comply with, and shall immediately report to the Receiver, any change of address or other instruction given by anyone other than the Receiver concerning the Receiver's Mail. The Receivership Parties shall not open any of the Receiver's Mail and shall immediately turn over such mail, regardless of when received, to the Receiver. All personal mail of Smith, any mail appearing to contain privileged information, and/or any mail not falling within the mandate of the Receiver, shall be released to the named addressee or addressee's attorney by the Receiver. The foregoing instructions shall apply to any proprietor, whether individual or entity, of any private mail box, depository, business or service, or mail courier or delivery service, hired, rented, or used by the Receivership Parties. The Receivership Parties shall not open a new mailbox, or take any steps or make any arrangements to receive mail in contravention of this Order, whether through the U.S. mail, a private mail depository, or courier service.

34. Subject to payment for services provided, any entity furnishing water, electric, telephone, sewage, garbage, or trash removal services to the Receivership Parties shall maintain such service and transfer any such accounts to the Receiver unless instructed to the contrary by the Receiver.

#### VII. Injunction Against Interference with Receiver

- 35. The Receivership Parties, other persons in possession or control of Receivership Assets, and all persons, other than law enforcement officials acting within the course and scope of their official duties, receiving notice of this Order by personal service, facsimile, electronic mail, or otherwise, are hereby restrained and enjoined from directly or indirectly taking any action or causing any action to be taken, without the express written agreement of the Receiver, which would:
  - A. Interfere with the Receiver's efforts to take control, possession, or management of any Receivership Assets; such prohibited actions include but are not limited to, using self-help or executing or issuing or causing the execution or issuance of any court attachment, subpoena, replevin, execution, or other process for the purpose of impounding or taking possession of or interfering with or creating or enforcing a lien upon any Receivership Assets;
  - B. Hinder, obstruct or otherwise interfere with the Receiver in the performance of his duties; such prohibited actions include but are not limited to, concealing, destroying, or altering records or information;
  - C. Dissipate or otherwise diminish the value of any Receivership Assets; such prohibited actions include but are not limited to, releasing claims or disposing, transferring, exchanging, assigning or in any way conveying

- any Receivership Assets, enforcing judgments, assessments, or claims against any Receivership Assets or any Receivership Defendant, attempting to modify, cancel, terminate, call, extinguish, revoke or accelerate (the due date), of any lease, loan, mortgage, indebtedness, security agreement or other agreement executed by any Receivership Defendant or which otherwise affects any Receivership Assets; or,
- D. Transact any of the business of the Receivership Parties or transfer any Receivership Assets to anyone other than the Receiver or the Receiver's expressly designated agents;
- E. Destroy, secret, deface, transfer, delete, or otherwise alter or dispose of any documents of or pertaining to the Receivership Parties or the Receivership Assets and to the extent any such documents are no longer in existence, fail to disclose the nature and contents of such documents and how, when, and by whom such documents were caused to no longer be in existence;
- F. Fail to notify the Receiver of any Receivership Assets, including accounts constituting Receivership Assets held in any name other than the name of a Receivership Party, or by any person other than the Receivership Parties, or fail to provide any assistance or information requested by the Receiver in connection with obtaining possession, custody, or control of such Receivership Assets;
- G. Refuse to cooperate with the Receiver or the Receiver's duly authorized agents in the exercise of their powers, duties, or authority under any order

of this Court; or

- H. Interfere with or harass the Receiver, or interfere in any manner with the exclusive jurisdiction of this Court over the Receivership Estate.
- 36. The Receivership Parties shall cooperate with and assist the Receiver in the performance of his duties.
- 37. The Receiver shall promptly notify the Court and SEC counsel of any failure or apparent failure of any person or entity to comply in any way with the terms of this Order.

#### VIII. Stay of Litigation

- 38. As set forth in detail below, the following proceedings, excluding the instant proceeding, all criminal, police, or regulatory actions, actions of the SEC related to the above-captioned enforcement action, and the civil proceedings described in paragraph 41 below, are stayed upon entry of this Order and until further Order of this Court: all civil legal proceedings of any nature, including, but not limited to, bankruptcy proceedings, arbitration proceedings, foreclosure actions, default proceedings, or other actions of any nature involving: (a) the Receiver, in his capacity as Receiver; (b) any Receivership Assets, wherever located; (c) any of the Receivership Parties, including subsidiaries and partnerships; or (d) any of the Receivership Parties' past or present officers, directors, managers, or general or limited partners sued for, or in connection with, any action taken by them while acting in such capacity of any nature, whether as plaintiff, defendant, third-party plaintiff, third-party defendant, or otherwise (such proceedings are hereinafter referred to as "Ancillary Proceedings").
- 39. The parties to any and all Ancillary Proceedings are enjoined from commencing or continuing any such legal proceeding, or from taking any action, in connection with any such proceeding, including, but not limited to, the issuance or employment of process.

- 40. Except as set forth in paragraph 41 below, all Ancillary Proceedings are stayed in their entirety. Further, as to a cause of action accrued or accruing in favor of one or more of the Receivership Parties against a third person or party any applicable statute of limitation is tolled during the period in which this injunction against commencement of legal proceedings is in effect as to that cause of action.
- 41. This stay does not apply to the claims asserted against parties other than the Receivership Parties and Smith in the pending case in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania entitled *Surefire Dividend Capture, LP v. Brenda Smith, et al.*, Civil Action No.: 2:19-CV-04088-BMS, and the pending arbitration matter *Surefire Dividend Capture, LP v. Broad Reach Capital, LP, Broad Reach Capital, LLC, Bristol Advisors, LLC, and Brenda Smith, JAMS*Demand for Arbitration, Index No.: 1450006353 (collectively "Pending Third-Party Actions").

  For clarity, the stay does not apply to Surefire's claims against Renato Escobar Iregui, William Thomas McCormack, Scott Anthony Kopenheffer, Sanville & Co., and the Nottingham Company. However, absent further order of this Court, the parties to the Pending Third-Party Actions are stayed from collecting on any judgment obtained in the Pending Third-Party Actions and this Court shall determine the equitable distribution of assets among interested parties and/or priority as to competing claims between the Receiver and parties in the pending Third-Party Actions, if any.
- 42. Any person seeking modification or relief from the stay imposed herein may, seven days after giving the Receiver and counsel for the Commission written notice by email, petition the Court for such modification or relief.

#### IX. Managing Assets

- 43. The Receiver shall establish one or more custodial accounts at Bank of America, a federally insured bank, to receive and hold all cash equivalent Receivership Assets (the "Receivership Funds").
- 44. The Receiver's deposit account shall be entitled "Receiver's Account, Estate of Broad Reach Capital, LP, et al." together with the name of the action, or a title to that effect.
- 45. Without further Order of this Court, the Receiver may not liquidate or otherwise dispose of Receivership Assets, including real estate, other than in the ordinary course of business or in the Receiver's judgment the asset is of *de minimus* value and/or the costs associated with maintaining the asset is likely to exceed its value.
- 46. The Receiver's duties shall include, using reasonable efforts, identifying, marshaling, taking custody of, and preserving the value of the Receivership Assets. Defendant Smith shall retain responsibility, and the Receiver shall assume no responsibility, for preparing and filing her personal income tax returns.
- 47. Upon further Order of this Court, pursuant to such procedures as may be required by this Court and additional authority such as 28 U.S.C. §§ 2001 and 2004, the Receiver will be authorized to sell, and transfer clear title to, all real property in the Receivership Estate.
- 48. The Receiver is authorized to take all actions to manage, maintain, and/or wind-down business operations of the Receivership Parties, including making legally required payments to pre-appointment creditors, employees, and agents of the Receivership Estate and communicating with vendors, investors, governmental and regulatory authorities, and others, as appropriate. Any debts or amounts owed by Receivership Parties that pre-date this Order, including for services rendered before that date, shall not be paid absent order of the Court. The Receiver will consult with the SEC and recommend a claims procedure to the Court at the

appropriate time, and stake holders will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed claims procedure.

49. The Receiver shall take all necessary steps to enable the Receivership Funds to obtain and maintain the status of a taxable "Settlement Fund," within the meaning of Section 468B of the Internal Revenue Code and of the regulations, when applicable. The Receiver shall file tax returns in accordance with regulations applicable to any such "Settlement Fund" status.

## X. Investigate and Prosecute Claims

- 50. Subject to the requirement, in Section VII above, that leave of this Court is required to resume or commence litigation, the Receiver is authorized, empowered and directed to investigate, prosecute, defend, intervene in or otherwise participate in, compromise, and/or adjust actions in any state, federal or foreign court or proceeding of any kind as may in his discretion, and in consultation with SEC counsel, be advisable or proper to recover, conserve and/or maximize Receivership Assets.
- 51. Subject to the obligation to expend Receivership Assets in a reasonable and costeffective manner, the Receiver is authorized, empowered and directed to investigate the manner
  in which the financial and business affairs of the Receivership Parties were conducted and (after
  obtaining leave of this Court) to institute such actions and legal proceedings, for the benefit and
  on behalf of the Receivership Estate, as the Receiver deems necessary and appropriate; the
  Receiver may seek, among other legal and equitable relief, the imposition of constructive trusts,
  disgorgement of profits, asset turnover, avoidance of fraudulent transfers, rescission and
  restitution, collection of debts, and such other relief from this Court as may be necessary to
  enforce this Order. The Receiver should provide prior notice to Counsel for the Commission
  before commencing investigations and/or actions. Nothing in this paragraph shall be read to

require the Receiver to waive any applicable legal privilege, such as the attorney-client privilege, or work product protection.

- 52. The Receiver hereby holds, and is therefore empowered to waive, all privileges, including the attorney-client privilege, held by all Receivership Parties, but not any personal privilege held by Smith.
- 53. The Receiver has a continuing duty to ensure that there are no conflicts of interest between the Receiver, the Retained Personnel (as that term is defined below), and the Receivership Estate.

#### XI. Bankruptcy Filing

- 54. The Receiver may seek an Order of this Court authorizing the Receiver to file voluntary petitions for relief under Title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") for the Receivership Parties, or any of them. If a Receivership Party is placed in bankruptcy proceedings, the Receiver may become, and may be empowered to operate each of the Receivership Estate as, a debtor in possession. In such a situation, the Receiver shall have all of the powers and duties as provided a debtor in possession under the Bankruptcy Code to the exclusion of any other person or entity. Pursuant to Paragraph 7 above, the Receiver is vested with management authority for all Receivership Parties and may therefore file and manage a Chapter 11 petition.
- 55. The provisions of Section VIII above bar any person or entity, other than the Receiver, from placing any of the Receivership Parties in bankruptcy proceedings.

#### XII. Liability of Receiver

- 56. Until further Order of this Court, the Receiver shall not be required to post bond or give an undertaking of any type in connection with his fiduciary obligations in this matter.
  - 57. Subject to other provisions of this Order, the Receiver may choose, engage and

employ attorneys, accountants, appraisers, and any other independent contractors and technical specialists, including, but not limited to, securities traders, registered representatives, financial or business advisers, liquidating agents, real estate agents, forensic experts, property managers, brokers, traders, and auctioneers (collectively, "Retained Personnel") as the Receiver deems advisable or necessary in the performance of the Receiver's duties and responsibilities under the authority granted by this Order. The Receiver and his Retained Personnel, acting within scope of such agency, are entitled to rely on all outstanding rules of law and Orders of this Court and shall not be liable to anyone for their own good faith compliance with any order, rule, law, judgment, or decree. In no event shall the Receiver or Retained Personnel be liable to anyone for their good faith compliance with their duties and responsibilities as Receiver or Retained Personnel, including compliance with applicable law governing the collection of debt, nor shall the Receiver or Retained Personnel be liable to anyone for any actions taken or omitted by them except upon a finding by this Court that they acted or failed to act as a result of malfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence, or in reckless disregard of their duties.

- 58. This Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction over any action filed against the Receiver or Retained Personnel based upon acts or omissions alleged to have been committed in their representative capacities.
- 59. In the event the Receiver decides to resign, the Receiver shall first give written notice to the SEC's counsel of record and the Court of its intention, and the resignation shall not be effective until the Court appoints a successor. The Receiver shall then follow such instructions as the Court may provide.
- 60. The Receiver shall not be personally liable for any liabilities that have accrued or will accrue to the Receivership Estate or the Receivership Parties.

#### XIII. Insurance

- 61. The Court recognizes that the Receiver accepts this appointment without time for independent verification that appropriate insurance is in place on the property or that appropriate liability or other insurance is in place to protect the Receivership Assets and the Receivership Estate. Accordingly, the Court acknowledges that the Receiver has no responsibility or liability until such time as he can confirm that such insurance is in place or acquire the appropriate insurance. The Receiver shall make it a priority to verify or obtain insurance coverage immediately upon this Order Appointing Receiver being entered; however, the SEC, Receivership Parties, and Court acknowledge there may be a gap of time before such insurance may be in place to properly protect the assets of the estate and any employees of the estate, and that the Receiver has no responsibility or liability until such time as he/it has notified the Court by filing a notice that insurance is in place.
- 62. Defendants are ordered to immediately provide the Receiver with all available insurance information for both existing and prior insurance policies. This includes all applications, policies, riders, correspondence, endorsements, claims and other information. Defendants are ordered: (1) to advise the insurance agent(s) of this Order in writing, (2) designate all authority over the policies to the Receiver, and (3) take no action with regard to terminating or modifying existing insurance policies.
- 63. Any insurance broker, agent, carrier, or underwriter is specifically ordered by the Court to cooperate with the Receiver by timely furnishing the following: (1) copies of all insurance policies including any riders, endorsements and applications with respect to policies related to the Receivership Estate, (2) loss history for five consecutive years or for as long as insurance has been in force if less than five years, (3) premium payment history including current status, and (4) any correspondence with insurance agents, brokers and companies. Policies shall

be endorsed by the Defendants naming the Receiver as Named Insured and Loss Payee effective the date of this Order as appropriate to the type of coverage, and evidence of this policy endorsement shall be promptly supplied to the Receiver.

64. Subject to other provisions of this Order, the Receiver is hereby authorized to engage insurance brokers and consultants as necessary to properly insure the Receivership Assets.

#### XIV. Recommendations and Reports

- 65. The Receiver is authorized, empowered, and directed to develop a plan for the fair, reasonable, and efficient preservation of assets during the pendency of this litigation (the "Preservation Plan").
- 66. Within 60 days of the entry date of this Order the Receiver shall file the Preservation Plan in the above-captioned action, with service copies to counsel of record, to allow the Court to evaluate the Receiver's planned course of action for the preservation of assets.
- 67. Within thirty (30) days after the end of each calendar quarter, the Receiver shall file and serve a full report and accounting of the Receivership Estate (the "Quarterly Status Report"), reflecting (to the best of the Receiver's knowledge as of the period covered by the report) the existence, value, and location of all Receivership Assets, and of the extent of liabilities, both those claimed to exist by others and those the Receiver believes to be legal obligations of the Receivership Estate.
  - 68. The Quarterly Status Report shall contain the following:
    - A. A summary of the operations of the Receiver;
    - B. The amount of cash on hand, the amount and nature of accrued administrative expenses, and the amount of unencumbered funds in the

estate;

- C. A schedule of all the Receiver's receipts and disbursements (attached as Exhibit A to the Quarterly Status Report), with one column for the quarterly period covered and a second column for the entire duration of the receivership;
- A description of all known Receivership Assets, including approximate or actual valuations, anticipated or proposed dispositions, and reasons for retaining assets where no disposition is intended;
- E. A description of liquidated and unliquidated claims held by the

  Receivership Estate, including the need for forensic and/or investigatory
  resources; approximate valuations of claims; and anticipated or proposed
  methods of enforcing such claims (including likelihood of success in: (i)
  reducing the claims to judgment; and, (ii) collecting such judgments);
- F. A list of all known creditors with their addresses and the amounts of their claims;
- G. The status of Creditor Claims Proceedings, after such proceedings have been commenced; and,
- H. The Receiver's recommendations for a continuation or discontinuation of the receivership and the reasons for the recommendations.
- 69. On the request of the SEC, the Receiver shall provide the SEC with any documentation that the SEC deems necessary to meet its reporting requirements, that is mandated by statute or Congress, or that is otherwise necessary to further the SEC's mission.

#### XV. Fees, Expenses, and Accountings

- 70. Subject to Paragraphs 69 to 83 immediately below, the Receiver need not obtain Court approval prior to the disbursement of Receivership Funds for expenses in the ordinary course of the administration and operation of the receivership. Further, prior Court approval is not required for payments of applicable federal, state, or local taxes.
- 71. The Receiver is authorized to solicit persons and entities ("Retained Personnel") to assist him in carrying out the duties and responsibilities described in this Order and need not obtain prior Court approval if the reasonably expected cost is less than \$10,000 in a calendar year. If the cost is expected to exceed \$10,000, the Receiver shall not engage any Retained Personnel without first obtaining an Order of the Court authorizing such engagement. As set forth below in Paragraphs 77 to 83, the Court approves the Receiver's retention of Conrad O'Brien as counsel and Alvarez & Marsal Disputes and Investigations, LLC ("Alvarez") as accountant to assist the Receiver in this matter.
- 72. The Receiver and Retained Personnel are entitled to reasonable compensation and expense reimbursement from the Receivership Estate as described in the "Billing Instructions for Receivers in Civil Actions Commenced by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission" (the "Billing Instructions") agreed to by the Receiver, Conrad O'Brien, and Alvarez. Such compensation shall require the prior approval of the Court.
- 73. Within forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar quarter, the Receiver and Retained Personnel shall apply to the Court for compensation and expense reimbursement from the Receivership Estates (the "Interim Fee Applications"). At least thirty (30) days prior to filing each Interim Fee Application with the Court, the Receiver will serve upon counsel for the SEC a complete copy of the proposed Application, together with all exhibits and relevant billing information in a format to be provided by SEC staff. To the extent the Receiver's Fee Applications may be

supported by exhibits that include invoices from the Receiver's counsel and accountant, the Receiver is authorized by this Order to separately file such exhibits under seal.

- 74. All Interim Fee Applications will be interim and will be subject to cost benefit and final reviews at the close of the receivership. At the close of the receivership, the Receiver will file a final fee application, describing in detail the costs and benefits associated with all litigation and other actions pursued by the Receiver during the course of the receivership.
- 75. Interim Fee Applications will be subject to a holdback in the amount of 20% of the amount of fees and expenses for each application filed with the Court. The total amounts held back during the course of the receivership will be paid out at the discretion of the Court as part of the final fee application submitted at the close of the receivership.
  - 76. Each Interim Fee Application shall:
    - A. Comply with the terms of the Billing Instructions agreed to by the Receiver; and,
    - B. Contain representations (in addition to the Certification required by the Billing Instructions) that: (i) the fees and expenses included therein were incurred in the best interests of the Receivership Estate; and, (ii) with the exception of the Billing Instructions, the Receiver has not entered into any agreement, written or oral, express or implied, with any person or entity concerning the amount of compensation paid or to be paid from the Receivership Estate, or any sharing thereof.
- 77. At the close of the Receivership, the Receiver shall submit a Final Accounting, in a format to be provided by SEC staff, as well as the Receiver's final application for compensation and expense reimbursement.

- 78. All such fees and expenses of the Receiver, including all amounts due to the Receiver or his counsel, shall be accorded priority to the maximum extent provided by applicable law.
- 79. The Court approves the following hourly rates for work performed in connection with the Receivership by the Receiver and others at Conrad O'Brien at his direction according to the following schedule:

#### **Receiver and Counsel Fees:**

Receiver	\$510
Andrew Gallinaro, Partner	\$365
Associate	\$240 - \$330
Paraprofessional	\$165

- 80. The Court finds that these rates are reasonable for the experience of the individuals performing the work and in light of the complexity of the work performed and are consistent with the rates charged for similarly complex work done by other, similarly experienced professionals in this geographic region.
- 81. Receiver's and counsel's fees for professional services and expenses will be reported to the Court and SEC with a 20% holdback.
- 82. The Court approves the Receiver's use of Alvarez as accountant to the Receiver in this matter. The Court approves the following hourly rates for accounting work performed by Michael Shanahan and others at Alvarez at the Receiver's direction in this matter according to the following schedule:

#### **Accountant's Fees:**

Michael Shanahan, Managing Director	\$550
Managing Director/Senior Director	\$550 - \$725
Directors/Managers	\$425 - \$525
Sr. Associates/Associates	\$275 - \$375

- 83. The Court finds that these rates are reasonable for the experience of the individuals performing the work and in light of the complexity of the work performed and are consistent with the rates charged for similarly complex work done by other, similarly experienced professionals in this geographic region. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Receiver shall not utilize personnel of the accountant at a rate that exceeds Mr. Shanahan's listed rate without providing written notice of the Receiver's intent to do so to the SEC.
- 84. Alvarez's fees for professional services and expenses will be reported to the Court and SEC with a 20% holdback.
- 85. The Receiver, Conrad O'Brien, and Alvarez shall not petition the Court for any increase in these hourly rates prior to January 2022.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT** this Order shall remain in effect unless and until modified by further Order of this Court, and that the Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction of the within proceedings for all purposes.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 29th day of June , 2020.

HONORABLE MADELINE COX ARLEO UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

# EXHIBIT "C"

### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

<b>SECURITIES AND</b>	<b>EXCHANGE</b>
COMMISSION,	

Plaintiff,

v.

C. A. No. 2:19-cv-17213 (MCA)

BRENDA SMITH, BROAD REACH CAPITAL, LP, BROAD REACH PARTNERS, LLC, and BRISTOL ADVISORS, LLC,

Defendants.

### ORDER APPROVING THE RECEIVER, KEVIN D. KENT, ESQUIRE'S MOTION TO CORRECT NAME OF RECEIVERSHIP PARTY

**THIS MATTER** having come before this Court upon the Motion of Receiver, Kevin D. Kent, Esquire, to Correct Name of Receivership Party;

It is on this 24th day of June, 2021,

It having appeared that the proposed form of order submitted to the Court for purposes of appointing a receiver inadvertently identified "Elm Street Investors, LLC" as a Receivership Party, rather than "Elm Street Investments, LLC" it is therefore **ORDERED** that the Receiver's Motion to Correct Name of Receivership Party is **GRANTED**; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that Paragraph 1 of this Court's June 29, 2020 Order Appointing Receiver shall be amended *nunc pro tunc* to correctly identify "Elm Street Investments, LLC", rather than Elm Street Investors, LLC as a Receivership Party.

All other aspects of this Court's June 29, 2020 Order shall remain in full force and effect.

**BY THE COURT:** 

HONORABLE MADELINE COX ARLEO UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

## EXHIBIT "D"

#### NOTE

This Note is made on October 19, 2016

Between the Borrower(s): Sunny Ocean 699 LLC and Agostinho Calcada, Individually, whose address is 300 Alton Road Suite 100, Miami Beach, FL 33139, referred to as the "Borrower"

AND the Lender: Elm Street Investments, LLC, whose address is 200 Four Falls, Suite 211 1001 Conshohocken State Road, West Conshohocken, PA 19428, referred to as the "Lender".

If more than one Borrower signs this Mortgage, the word "Borrower" shall mean each Borrower named above. The word "Lender" means the original Lender and anyone else who takes this Mortgage by transfer.

- 1. **Borrower's Promise to Pay Principal and Interest.** In return for a loan that the Borrower received, the Borrower promises to pay \$1,530,740.83 (called "Principal"), plus interest to the order of the Lender. Interest at a yearly rate of 6.0% will be charged on that part of the Principal which has not been paid from the date of this Note until all Principal has been paid.
- 2. Payments. The Borrower will pay the Principal balance plus any accrued and unpaid interest upon the earlier of (i) the sale of and at the time of closing of the real property located at and known as 699 Ocean Blvd., Golden Beach, Florida to a third party after Sunny Ocean 699, LLC initially acquires same on or about October 19, 2016 or (ii) October 11, 2017. All payments will be made to the Lender at the address shown above or to a different place upon receipt of written notice from the Lender.
- 3. Early Payments. The Borrower has the right to make payments at any time before they are due. Any early payments made shall be applied to the principal amount due at the time of such payment such that all future interest shall be calculated as a function of the then resulting principal after the principal reduction is taken into account.
- **4. Mortgage to Secure Payment.** Upon closing of title, the Borrower will execute a Second Mortgage on the premises located at 699 Ocean Blvd., Golden Beach, Florida in order to further protect the Lender.
- 5. **Default.** If the Borrower fails to make any payment required by this Note within thirty (30) days after its due date, or if the Borrower fails to keep any other promise the Borrower makes in this Note or in the Mortgage, the Lender may declare that the Borrower is in default on the Mortgage and/or this Note. Upon default, the Borrower must immediately pay the

full amount of all unpaid Principal, interest, and other amounts due on this Note and the Lender's costs of collection and reasonable attorney fees.

- 6. Waivers. The Borrower gives up its right to require the Lender to do the following: (a) to demand payment (called "presentment"); (b) to notify the Borrower of nonpayment (called "notice of dishonor"); and (c) to obtain an official certified statement showing nonpayment (called a "protest"). The Lender may exercise any right under this Note, the Mortgage or under any law, even if the Lender has delayed in exercising that right or has agreed in an earlier instance not to exercise that right. Lender does not waive its right to declare that the Borrower is in default by making payments or incurring expenses on the Borrower's behalf.
- 7. Each Person Liable. The Lender may enforce any of the provisions of this Note against any one or more of the Borrowers who sign this Note.
- 8. No Oral Changes. This Note can only be changed by an agreement in writing signed by the Borrower and the Lender.
- **9. Signatures.** The Borrower agrees to the terms of this Note. If the Borrower is a corporation, its proper corporate officers sign and its corporate seal is affixed.

Witness or Attested by:

Agostinho Calcada, Authorized Member Sunny Ocean 699, LLC

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Agostinho Calcada, Individually

# EXHIBIT "E"

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS PREPARED BY AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO AFTER RECORDING:

ELM STREET INVESTMENTS, LLC 200 Four Falls Suite 211 1001 Conshohoken State Road West Conshohocken, PA 19428

#### **BALLOON MORTGAGE**

This Mortgage is given on this 19th day of October, 2016 by SUNNY OCEAN, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, whose address is 300 Alton Road Suite 100 Miami Beach FL 33139 (the "Mortgagor"), to ELM STREET INVESTMENTS, LLC (the "Lender").

#### RECITALS

Mortgagor has, on even date herewith executed a promissory note in the principal amount of One Million Five Hundred Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Dollars and Eighty Three Cents (\$1,530,740.83) in favor of Lender. Lender has loaned the money to Mortgagor upon the condition that Mortgagor enter into this Mortgage to secure the repayment of the Note. The above described Note is collectively referred to in this Mortgage as the "Note."

#### **GRANTING CLAUSES**

To secure the obligations of Mortgagor under the Note, including any renewals, extensions, amendments or replacements thereof, and the performance and observance of all covenants contained in this Mortgage, Mortgagor does hereby mortgage, grant and convey to Lender the property described below together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging, and the rents, issues and profits thereof (collectively the "Mortgaged Property"):

The unnumbered Lot North of Lot 1, Block D, Section A Golden Beach, as recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 52, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the North Line of Section 35, Township 51 South, Range 42 East, with the High water line of the Atlantic Ocean, thence run West along said North Line of Said Section 35, for a Distance of approximately 325 feet, to the Easterly line of the Public Highway known as Ocean Boulevard; thence run southerly along said Easterly line of said Public highway for distance of 100.2 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 1, Block D; Section A, Golden Beach, as shown on the map of Golden Beach, recorded in Plat Book 9, at Page 52, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida, then East parallel with said North line of said section 35, for a distance of approximately 320 feet to the High water line of the Atlantic ocean, then Northerly meandering the High water line of the Ocean for a distance of approximately 100 feet to the Point of Beginning.

ARTICLE ONE COVENANTS OF THE MORTGAGOR

Mortgagor covenants and agrees with Lender as follows:

- 1.1 General Covenants and Representations. Mortgagor covenants and represents that as of the date hereof: (a) Mortgagor is seized of an indefeasible estate in fee simple in that portion of the Mortgaged Property which is real property, and has good and absolute title to it; (b) Mortgagor has good right, full power and lawful authority to mortgage and pledge the Mortgaged Property as provided herein; (c) upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, Lender may at all times peaceably and quietly enter upon, hold, occupy and enjoy the Mortgaged Property in accordance with the terms hereof; and (d) Mortgagor will maintain and preserve the lien of this Mortgage as a second mortgage lien on the Mortgaged Property subject only to prior recorded encumbrances until the Note has been paid infull.
- 1.2 <u>Taxes, Assessments and other Charges</u>. Mortgagor shall promptly pay when due all taxes, assessments, water, sewer and waste charges, license fees, liabilities, obligations and encumbrances of every nature with respect to the Mortgaged Property or arising by reason of the operation of the Mortgaged Property, and to deliver to Lender, upon written request received from Lender, tax receipts evidencing the payment of all lawfully imposed taxes upon the Mortgaged Property for the preceding calendar year.
- 1.3 Expenses. Mortgagor shall pay all reasonable costs, fees, charges, and expenses in connection with any suit for the foreclosure of this Mortgage, and also including reasonable attorneys' fees incurred or expended at any time by Lender because of an event of default on the Note or because of the failure of Mortgagor to perform, comply with, and abide by all of the covenants, conditions, and stipulations of this Mortgage and in collecting any amount secured hereby.

#### ARTICLE TWO DEFAULTS AND DUEON SALE

- 2.1 Event of Default. The term "Event of Default, wherever used in this Mortgage, shall mean any one or more of the following events:(a) if Mortgagor shall fail to pay when due any sums to be paid by Mortgagor to Lender pursuant the Note; or (b) if Mortgagor fails to keep, perform or observe any covenant, condition or agreement on the part of Mortgagor in this Mortgage and such failure shall continue for thirty (30) days after notice thereof to Mortgagor from Lender.
- Due on Sale. If all or any part of the Mortgaged Property or any interest init is sold or transferred without Lender's prior written consent, Lender may, at its option, require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this Mortgage. If Lender exercises this option, Lender shall give Mortgagor notice of acceleration. The notice shall provide a period of not less than 30 days from the date the notice is delivered or mailed within which Mortgagor must pay all sums secured by this Mortgage. If Mortgagor fails to pay these sums prior to the expiration of this period, Lender may invoke any remedies permitted by this Mortgage without further notice and demand on Mortgagor.
- 2.3 <u>Condemnation and Eminent Domain</u>. If the Mortgaged Property or any part thereof, shall be condemned or taken for public use under the power of eminent domain or shall be damaged or destroyed, the proceeds shall be used to restore the Mortgaged Property, if possible, and if not, then Lender shall have the right to demand that all damages awarded

for the taking of or damage to the Mortgaged Property and all insurance proceeds shall be paid to Lender, up to the amount then unpaid on this Mortgage and same may be applied toward the payment(s) last payable under the Note.

#### ARTICLE THREE REMEDIES

- 3.3 <u>Acceleration of Maturity</u>. If an Event of Default occurs, Lender may declare the Note to be immediately due and payable, and upon such acceleration the principal and interest of the Note shall immediately become and be due and payable without further demand or notice.
- Lender's Power of Enforcement. If an Event of Default occurs, Lender may, either with or without entry or taking possession as provided in this Mortgage, and without regard to whether or not the Note was accelerated, and without prejudice to the right of Lender thereafter to bring an action of foreclosure or any other action for any default existing at the time such earlier action was commenced or arising thereafter, proceed by any appropriate action or proceeding: (a) to enforce payment of the Note or the performance of any term hereof; (b) to foreclose this Mortgage and to have sold the Mortgaged Property; or (c) to pursue any other remedy available to Lender. Lender may take action either by such proceedings or by the exercise of his powers with respect to entry or taking possession, or both, as Lender may determine.
- 3.3 <u>Purchase by Lender</u>. Upon any foreclosure sale, Lender may bid for and purchase all or any portion of the Mortgaged Property and, upon compliance with the terms of sale, may hold, retain and possess and dispose of such property in Lender's own absolute right without further accountability.
- 3.4 <u>Application of Foreclosure Sale Proceeds</u>. The proceeds of any foreclosure sale of the Mortgaged Property or any part thereof received by Lender shall be applied by Lender to the Note secured hereby in such order and manner as Lender may elect in a written notice to Mortgagor given on or before sixty (60) days following confirmation of the sale and, in the absence of such election, first to the expenses of sale, then to expenses including attorneys' fees of the foreclosure proceeding, then to interest and then to principal.
- 3.5 <u>Delay or Omission</u>. No delay or omission of Lender in the exercise of any right, power or remedy accruing upon any Event of Default shall exhaust or impairany such right, power or remedy, or be construed to waive any such Event of Default or to constitute acquiescence therein. Every right, power and remedy given to Lender may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient by Lender.
- 3.6 Waiver of Default. No waiver of any Event of Default hereunder shall extend to or affect any subsequent or any other Event of Default then existing, or impairany rights, powers or remedies in respect thereof. If Lender (a) grants for bearance or an extension of time for the payment of any sums secured hereby, (b) takes other or additional security for the payment thereof, (c) waives or does not exercise any right granted in this Mortgage or the Note, no such act or omission shall release, discharge, modify, change or affect the lien of this Mortgage or the Note except as is otherwise expressly provided for in an instrument or instruments executed by Lender.
- 3.7 <u>Remedies Cumulative</u>. No right, power or remedy conferred upon or reserved to

Lender by this Mortgage or the Note is exclusive of any other right, power or remedy, but each and every such right, power and remedy shall be cumulative and concurrent and shall be in addition to any other right, power and remedy given hereunder or under the Note or now or hereafter existing at law, inequity or by statute.

#### ARTICLE FOUR MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 4.1 <u>Successor and Assigns</u>. Whenever in this Mortgage one of the parties hereto is named or referred to, the heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns of such party shall be included. All covenants and agreements contained in this Mortgage by or on behalf of Mortgagor or by or on behalf of Lender shall bind and inure to the benefit of their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns. Whenever the singular or plural number or masculine or feminine or neuter gender is used herein, it shall include the other.
- 4.2 <u>Notices</u>. Any notice, statement, demand or other communication required or permitted to be given or made by either party hereunder, shall be in writing and shall be deemed properly given and made if sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the attorney for the respective party or when sent directly to any party via email (delivery of email shall be upon mailing provided however that a send receipt message is used).
- 43 <u>Headings</u>. The headings of the articles, sections, paragraphs and subdivisions of this Mortgage are for convenience only, are not to be considered a part hereof, and shall not limit, expand or otherwise affect any of the terms hereof.
- 4.4 <u>Invalid Provisions</u>. If any of the covenants, agreements, terms or provisions contained in this Mortgage or in the Notes shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity of the remaining covenants, agreements, terms or provisions contained herein or in the Notes (or the application of the covenant, agreement, term held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, to persons or circumstances other than those in respect of which it is invalid, illegal or unenforceable) shall be in no way affected, prejudiced or disturbed thereby.
- 4.5 <u>Changes</u>. Neither this Mortgage nor any term hereof may be released, changed, waived, discharged or terminated orally, or by any action or inaction, but only by an instrument in writing signed by the party against which enforcement of the release, change, waiver, discharge or termination is sought.
- 4.6 <u>Release</u>. Upon full payment of the Note, Lender shall issue to Mortgagor a Satisfaction of Mortgage inrecordable form.
- 4.7 Compliance with Florida Mortgage Foreclosure Law. If any provision in this Mortgage shall be inconsistent with any provision of the statutes or common law of the State of Florida governing the foreclosure of this Mortgage (collectively, the "Foreclosure Laws"), the provisions of the Foreclosure Laws shall take precedence over the provisions of this Mortgage, but shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision of this Mortgage that can be construed in a manner consistent with the Foreclosure Laws. If any provision of this Mortgage shall grant to Lender any rights or remedies upon default of the Mortgagor which are more limited than the rights that would otherwise be vested in Lender under the Foreclosure Laws in the absence of said provision, Lender shall be vested with the rights granted in the Foreclosure Laws to the full extent permitted by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Mortgagor has executed this Mortgage on the date aforesaid.

SUNNY OCEAN 699, LLC:

WITNESSES:

By:

Agonstinho Calcado

Manager

Witness Signature Adnan

Print Name:

SWORN TO, SUBSCRIBED AND ACNKOWLEDGED before me by AGOSTINO CALCADA, as Manager of SUNNY OCEAN 699, LLC, who is sersonally known to me or who has produced

as identification and appeared before me and who executed

the foregoing on this 19 day of October , 2016.

SEAL:

# EXHIBIT "F"

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR THE 11<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

VICTOR K. RONES, TRUSTE	VICTOR	K.	RONES,	TRUSTE
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CIVIL DIVISION

Plaintiff

CASE NO.: 2017-017260 CA 01

VS.

Residence Golden Beach Florida, LLC, et. al.

Defendant(s)

### FINAL JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE

THIS ACTION was heard before the Court on the day of March, 2019 upon the Motion for Summary Judgment of the Plaintiff. Upon hearing the argument of counsel for counsel for the Plaintiff and the Defendants, and being otherwise advised in its premises, IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Plaintiff is entitled to Foreclosure Judgment against the Defendants, is GRANTED against the Defendant(s), Residence Golden Beach Florida, LLC, Sunny Ocean 699 and Elm Street Investments, LLC. Jurisdiction has been obtained over the Defendant(s), Residence Golden Beach Florida, LLC., Sunny Ocean 699 and Elm Street Investments, LLC and the Court finds that the equities are in favor of the Plaintiff with Judgment entered in favor of the Plaintiff and against said Defendants.

### 1. Amounts Due and Owing. Plaintiff is due

Original Principal due on the Note by the Mortgage foreclosed	4,500,000.00
Principal Advance provided on June 30, 2015	750,000.00
Interest from June 16, 2016 to June 25, 2017	674,070.00
Default Interest from June 26, 2017 to March 16, 2019	2,249,182.00
628 days x 3,581.50 per day	
Lender's Advance to pay 2017 Miami Dade	141,028.00
Real Property Taxes	
Default Interest on Lender's Advance to pay 2017 Miami-	42,424.00
Dade Real Property Taxes 441 days x 96.20 per day	
Subtotal (note per diem of \$3,622.96 after March 16, 2019)	8,356,704.00

#### Attorneys' Fees

Finding as to Reasonable Number of Hours	89.20
Fining as to Reasonable Hourly Rate	400.00
Other	
Attorneys' Fees Total	35,680.00

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#### Court Costs, Now Taxed:

Filing Fee	1,909.00
Service of Process Fee	185.00
Costs Subtotal	2,094.00

GRAND TOTAL	8, 394,478.00
Stati D TOTAL	0,271,170.00

#### For the Plaintiff, Victor K. Rones, Trustee:

- 2. **Interest**. The grand total referenced in Paragraph 1 shall bear interest from this date forward at the default interest rate until the Final Judgment is satisfied.
- 3. **Lien on Property**. Plaintiff, Victor K. Rones, Trustee whose address is 16105 NE 18 Avenue, North Miami Beach, Florida 33162, holds a lien for the grand total sum superior to all claims or estate of the defendant(s), on the following described property in Miami-Dade County, Florida:

The unnumbered Lot of North of Lot 1, Block D, Section A Golden Beach, as recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 52, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the North Line of Section 35, Township 51 South, Range 42 East, with the High water line Of the Atlantic Ocean, thence run West along said North Line of Section 35, for a Distance of approximately 325 feet, to the Easterly Line of the Public Highway known as Ocean Boulevard; thence run Southerly along said Easterly line of said Public Highway for a Distance of 100.2 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 1, Block D; Section A, Golden Beach, as shown on the map of Golden Beach. Recorded in Plat Book 9, at Page 52, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida, then East parallel with said North Line of said Section 35, for a distance of approximately 320 feet To the High water line of the Atlantic Ocean, then Northerly Meandering the High water line of the Ocean for a distance of Approximately 100 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Sale of property. If the grand total amount with interest at the rate described in
Paragraph 2 and all costs accrued subsequent to this Judgment are not paid, Clerk of the
Court shall sell the subject property at public sale on \( \frac{1}{2} \) \( 1
2019, at 9:00a.m. to the highest bidder for cash, except as prescribed in paragraph 6, at
140 West Flagler Street, Miami Florida after having first given notice as required by
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Section 45.031, Florida Statutes, using the following method: <a href="https://www.miamidade.realforeclose.com">www.miamidade.realforeclose.com</a>, the Clerk's website for on-line auctions.

- 5. **Costs**. Plaintiff shall advance all subsequent costs of this action and shall be reimbursed for them by the Clerk if Plaintiff is not the purchaser of the property for sale, provided, however, that the purchaser of the property for sale shall be responsible for documentary stamps affixed to the certificate of title. If the Plaintiff is the purchaser, the Clerk shall credit Plaintiff's bid with the total sum with interest and costs accruing subsequent to this judgment, or such part of it, as is necessary to pay the bid in full.
- 6. **Distribution of Proceeds**. On filing the Certificate of Title, the clerk shall distribute the proceeds of the sale, so far as they are sufficient, by paying: first, all of the Plaintiff's costs; second, documentary stamps affixed to the Certificate; third, Plaintiff's attorneys' fees; fourth the total sum due to the Plaintiff, less the items paid, plus interest at the rate prescribed in paragraph 2 from this date to the date of the sale; and by retaining any remaining amount pending the further Order of this Court.
- 7. **Right of Possession.** Upon filing of the Certificate of Sale, Defendant(s) and all persons claiming under or against Defendant(s) since the filing of the Notice of Lis Pendens shall be foreclosed of all estate or claim in the property, except as to claims or rights under Chapter 718 or Chapter 720, Fla. Stat., if any. *Notwithstanding any other provision of this Final Judgment to the contrary, it is expressly agreed and provided as follows:* 
  - a. If the property is sold to Plaintiff, then and in that event, the Certificate of Title shall not issue until September 1, 2019<sup>1</sup>.
  - b. If the property is sold for an amount in excess of the final judgment to a third party, then and in that event the Certificate of Title will issue immediately.

Upon filing of the Certificate of Title, the person named on the Certificate of Title shall be let into possession of the property, subject to the provisions of the Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act of 2009. Nevertheless, it is provided that in the event that Plaintiff is the successful bidder and receives the Certificate of Sale, then and in that event Plaintiff may thereafter enter upon the property to cure any code violations that may be sought to be imposed against the property.

- 8. **Waiver:** It is further provided that all objections to this judgment and sale (as well as any right of appeal) are waived by the defendants. Furthermore, any equity of redemption is waived.
- 9. Bankruptcy Covenants: The Defendants knowingly, voluntarily and intentionally and after consultation and advice of counsel stipulate and agree to the following to the fullest

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The parties to this judgment have agreed that in the event the defendant(s) locate a purchaser who closes on the sale of the property prior to September 30, 3019 for an amount in excess of the final judgment, then and in that event, the Certificate of Sale will be vacated to allow the sale of such property to proceed.

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extent allowed by law and with the full intention that such stipulations and agreements shall survive the filing of any bankruptcy:

- a. This matter has been previously the subject of a bankruptcy filing which was dismissed under Case No. 18-16108 AJC in the Southern District of Florida for failure to be a good faith filing.
- b. Thus, the Defendants stipulate and agree that the Plaintiff shall be entitled to the immediate termination of the automatic stay provisions of 11 USC Section 362, granting Plaintiff complete relief and allowing Plaintiff to request and receive forthwith the Certificate of Title from the Clerk of the Court. Defendants agree not to directly or indirectly oppose or otherwise defend or oppose the Plaintiff's effort to gain relief form the automatic stay.
- 10. **Jurisdiction.** The Court retains jurisdiction of this action to enter further orders that are proper, including, without limitations, writs of possession and deficiency judgments.

IF THIS PROPERTY IS SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION, THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL MONEY FROM THE SALE AFTER PAYMENT OF PERSONS WHO ARE ENTITLED TO BE PAID FROM THE SALE PROCEEDS PURSUANT TO THE FINAL JUDGMENT.

IF YOU ARE A SUBORDINATE LIEN HOLDER CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS.

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