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12 13	Debtor.	2:13-bk-24389-WB (Majoken, Inc.)
14	In re:	Chapter 11 Cases
15 16	MAJOKEN, INC., Debtor.	DISCLOSURE STATEMENT DESCRIBING DEBTORS' LIQUIDATING PLAN (DATED OCTOBER 21, 2016)
<ol> <li>17</li> <li>18</li> <li>19</li> <li>20</li> <li>21</li> <li>22</li> <li>23</li> <li>24</li> <li>25</li> <li>26</li> <li>27</li> <li>28</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>□ Affects All Debtors</li> <li>□ Affects Even St. Productions Ltd., only</li> <li>□ Affects Majoken, Inc. only</li> </ul>	<ul> <li><u>Disclosure Statement Hearing</u>:</li> <li>Date: November 21, 2016</li> <li>Time: 10:00 a.m.</li> <li><u>Plan Confirmation Hearing</u>:</li> <li>Date: TBD</li> <li>Time: TBD</li> <li>Place: Courtroom 1375</li> <li>255 East Temple Street</li> <li>Los Angeles, CA 90012</li> </ul>

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1 Even St. Productions Ltd. ("Even Street"), and Majoken, Inc. ("Majoken"), (collectively, the 2 "Debtors"), are the Debtors in the pending Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases. On May 31, 2013 (the 3 "Petition Date"), the Debtors commenced their bankruptcy cases by filing Voluntary Petitions under 4 Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 101 et seq. ("Bankruptcy Code"). On 5 June 12, 2013, the Bankruptcy Court entered orders directing the joint administration of the Debtors' 6 bankruptcy cases. Pursuant to those orders, these cases are being jointly administered. This 7 document is the Disclosure Statement which describes the Debtors' Liquidating Plan (Dated October 8 21, 2016) ("Plan") that is being proposed by the Debtors.

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

10 Chapter 11 allows the Debtors, and, under some circumstances, creditors and other parties in 11 interest, to propose a plan of reorganization. The Plan is a liquidating plan which has been proposed 12 by the Debtors. The effective date of the Plan (the "Effective Date") will be the first business day 13 which is at least fifteen days following the date of entry of the Court order confirming the Plan (the 14 "Plan Confirmation Order") when and provided that all of the following conditions to the 15 effectiveness of the Plan have been satisfied or waived by the Debtors: (a) there shall not be any stay 16 in effect with respect to the Plan Confirmation Order; (b) the Plan Confirmation Order shall not be 17 subject to any appeal or rehearing; and (c) the Plan and all documents, instruments and agreements 18 to be executed in connection with the Plan have been executed and delivered by all parties to such 19 documents, instruments and agreements. Even Street following the Effective Date shall be referred 20 to as the "<u>Reorganized Even Street</u>" and Majoken, Inc. following the Effective Date shall be referred 21 to as the "Reorganized Majoken" and collectively they shall be referred to as the "Reorganized 22 Debtors".

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#### A. Purpose of this Disclosure Statement

This Disclosure Statement summarizes what is in the Plan, and tells you certain information relating to the Plan and the process the Court follows in determining whether or not to confirm the Plan.

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#### READ THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CAREFULLY IF YOU WANT TO

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1 KNOW ABOUT:

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(1) WHO CAN VOTE OR OBJECT,

3 (2) WHAT THE TREATMENT OF YOUR CLAIM IS (i.e., what your claim will
4 receive if the Plan is confirmed) AND HOW THIS TREATMENT COMPARES TO WHAT
5 YOUR CLAIM WOULD RECEIVE IN LIQUIDATION,

6 (3) THE HISTORY OF THE DEBTORS AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING
7 THEIR BANKRUPTCY CASES,

8 (4) WHAT THINGS THE COURT WILL LOOK AT TO DECIDE WHETHER OR
9 NOT TO CONFIRM THE PLAN,

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# (5) WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF CONFIRMATION, AND

(6) WHETHER THE PLAN IS FEASIBLE.

This Disclosure Statement cannot tell you everything about your rights. You should consider
consulting your own lawyer to obtain more specific advice on how the Plan will affect you and what
is the best course of action for you.

Be sure to read the Plan as well as this Disclosure Statement. If there are any inconsistencies
between the Plan and this Disclosure Statement, the Plan provisions will govern.

The Bankruptcy Code requires a Disclosure Statement to contain "adequate information"
concerning the Plan. The Bankruptcy Court has approved this document as an adequate Disclosure
Statement, containing enough information to enable parties affected by the Plan to make an informed
judgment about the Plan. Any party can now solicit votes for or against the Plan.

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### **B.** Deadlines for Voting and Objecting; Date of Plan Confirmation Hearing

THE COURT HAS NOT YET CONFIRMED THE PLAN DESCRIBED IN THIS
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. IN OTHER WORDS, THE TERMS OF THE PLAN ARE NOT
YET BINDING ON ANYONE. HOWEVER, IF THE COURT LATER CONFIRMS THE PLAN,
THEN THE PLAN WILL BE BINDING ON ALL CREDITORS AND INTEREST HOLDERS IN
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#### 1. Time and Place of the Plan Confirmation Hearing

The hearing where the Court will determine whether or not to confirm the Plan (the "<u>Plan</u>
<u>Confirmation Hearing</u>") will take place on \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_m, before the Honorable
Julia W. Brand, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Central District of California, in Courtroom
1375, located at 255 East Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

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#### 2. Deadline For Voting For or Against the Plan

7 If you are entitled to vote, it is in your best interest to timely vote on the enclosed ballot and
8 return the ballot in the enclosed envelope to Krikor J. Meshefejian, Esq., Levene, Neale, Bender, Yoo
9 & Brill L.L.P., 10250 Constellation Blvd., Suite 1700, Los Angeles, California 90067.

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 Your ballot must be received by \_\_\_\_\_.m., PST, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2016 or it will not be

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#### 3. Deadline for Objecting to the Confirmation of the Plan

Objections to the confirmation of the Plan must, by \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, be filed with the Court
and served by same day service upon Krikor J. Meshefejian, Esq., Levene, Neale, Bender, Yoo &
Brill L.L.P., 10250 Constellation Blvd., Suite 1700, Los Angeles, California 90067, fax: (310) 2291244, email: kjm@lnbyb.com.

#### 17 C. Identity of Persons to Contact for More Information Regarding the Plan

Any interested party desiring further information about the Plan should contact David L.
Neale, Esq. or Krikor J. Meshefejian, Esq., Levene, Neale, Bender, Yoo & Brill L.L.P., 10250
Constellation Blvd., Suite 1700, Los Angeles, California 90067, fax: (310) 229-1244, email:
dln@lnbyb.com; kjm@lnbyb.com.

#### 22 D. Disclaimer

The financial data relied upon in formulating the Plan is based on the Debtors' books and records which, unless otherwise indicated, are unaudited. The information contained in this Disclosure Statement is provided by the Debtors. The Bankruptcy Court has not yet determined whether or not the Plan is confirmable and makes no recommendation as to whether or not you should support or oppose the Plan.

#### II. BACKGROUND

# A. Description and History of the Debtors' Business and a Summary of the Circumstances that Led to the Filing of the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases

The Debtors manage, promote, and monetize the rights and interests emanating from the
skills and talents of Sylvester Stewart p/k/a Sly Stone ("<u>Stewart</u>"), and the musical group Sly & the
Family Stone. The master recordings and musical compositions of Stewart have generated royalties
and licensing income for over forty (40) years ("<u>Royalties</u>").

8 In February 2004, First California Bank ("FCB") (by way of its predecessor Mercantile
9 National Bank), made a loan to the Debtors in the original principal amount of \$2,600,000. The
10 principal amount due on the loan was subsequently reduced to \$1,200,062.22 (the "First Loan").

In September 2008, FCB made a loan to the Debtors in the principal amount of \$500,000,
which loan was replaced in February 2010 by a subsequent loan for the principal amount of
\$495,000 (the "Second Loan," and, together with the First Loan, the "Loans").

Since approximately 2010, the Debtors and Stewart, among other parties, have engaged in extensive litigation in the Los Angeles Superior Court (the "<u>State Court</u>") regarding, among other things, the Royalties (the "<u>Royalty Litigation</u>"). In the Royalty Litigation, Stewart contended that the Debtors did not have an interest in various royalties Stewart assigned to the Debtors in 1989, claiming he was tricked into that assignment. It is the Debtors' belief that Stewart also communicated these circumstances to the royalty payors and demanded that the Royalties be paid to him

As a result of the failure to make payments on the Loans, FCB declared defaults under the Loans and filed a complaint in the State Court for breaches of the promissory notes evidencing the Loans and enforcement of the purported security agreements securing the Loans. On September 11, 24 2012, the State Court entered a judgment against, among others, the Debtors, jointly and severally, in 25 favor of FCB in the amount of \$1,695,065.20, plus interest and other charges (the "Judgment"). It is 26 the Debtors' belief that Stewart's actions caused the suspension of the Royalty payments and 27 rendered the Debtors unable to pay their debts as they came due, and resulted in the Judgment. It is

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1 the Debtors' position that the judgment would not have been entered but for the litigation Stewart 2 commenced and demands he made in the first place which deprived the Debtors of their ability to 3 use their Royalties to pay the Loans. The Debtors understand that Stewart disagrees with the 4 Debtors' position regarding these matters. As explained below, the Debtors and Stewart have settled 5 their disputes.

On or about April 22, 2013, FCBLA, LLC (an entity created by Stewart's attorneys)
purchased the Judgment from FCB. FCBLA purchased the Judgment for the sum of approximately
\$1,100,000.

9 Thereafter, FCBLA gave notice of its intent to enforce its rights, as the alleged successor in
10 interest with respect to the Judgment, to foreclose upon substantially all of the Debtors' assets,
11 including, without limitation, the Royalties, on June 3, 2013.

In response to FCBLA's notice of intended foreclosure on the Debtors' assets, the Debtors
commenced their respective bankruptcy cases by filing voluntary petitions under Chapter 11 of 11
U.S.C. §§ 101, et seq. (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>") on May 31, 2013 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"). The Debtors
continue to operate their business, manage their financial affairs and operate their bankruptcy estates
as debtors in possession. The Debtors' cases are being jointly administered.

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**B**.

#### Significant Post-Bankruptcy Events

FCBLA's, Stewart's and Roberts' Efforts To Dismiss Debtors' The Bankruptcy
 Cases.

At the outset of these cases, FCBLA, Stewart, Kenneth Roberts ("<u>Roberts</u>"), and Majoken
Inc. ("<u>Nondebtor Majoken</u>") filed a motion to dismiss these bankruptcy cases. That motion was
opposed by the Debtors and denied by the Court.

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# 2. Removal Of The Royalty Litigation And Motion To Remand The Royalty Litigation.

At the outset of these cases, the Debtors removed the Royalty Litigation from the State Court to the Bankruptcy Court. Stewart, Roberts and Nondebtor Majoken filed a motion to remand the Royalty Litigation. That motion was opposed by the Debtors but was granted by the Court.

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#### Motions for Relief From The Automatic Stay.

At the outset of these cases, FCBLA filed a motion for relief from the automatic stay so that
FCBLA could proceed with its foreclosure of the Debtors' assets in which FCBLA claimed a
security interest. The Debtors opposed that motion and the Court denied that motion.

Also at the outset of these cases, Stewart, Roberts and Nondebtor Majoken filed a motion for
relief from the automatic stay, so that they could proceed with the Royalty Litigation. The Debtors
opposed that motion. On July 25, 2013, the Court entered an order granting relief from the
automatic stay to allow Stewart, Roberts and Nondebtor Majoken to proceed to final judgment in the
Royalty Litigation.

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#### 4. Motions For Turnover Of Royalties

During their bankruptcy cases, the Debtors sought the turnover of the Royalties. On July 13, 2015, the Bankruptcy Court entered its *Order Directing Release of Interpleaded Funds to Even St. Productions Ltd. and Directing Payment of Royalties to Even St. Productions Ltd.* (the "<u>Turnover</u> <u>Order</u>"). Pursuant to the Turnover Order, all of the funds held in the State Court interpleader account were delivered to Even St. and placed into a segregated debtor-in-possession bank account (the "<u>Royalty Account</u>"). All additional Royalty payments that have been received by the Debtors since the entry of the Turnover Order have been deposited into the Royalty Account.

On or about August 13, 2015, the Debtors filed their *Motion for Entry of Order Releasing Royalties in the Possession of Broadcast Music, Inc. to Even St. Productions Ltd. and Directing Payment of Future Royalties to Even St. Productions Ltd.* (the "<u>BMI Turnover Motion</u>"), pursuant to which the Debtors requested that all Royalties in the possession of BMI be delivered to the Debtors for deposit in the Royalty Account. On September 14, 2015, the Bankruptcy Court entered its order denying the BMI Turnover Motion. As a result, BMI has remained in possession of all of the Royalties otherwise payable by BMI (the "<u>BMI Royalties</u>").

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#### Motions For Appointment of A Trustee

On April 7, 2016, Virginia Pope ("<u>Pope</u>") filed a motion to appoint a trustee in these cases.
That motion was joined by Stewart and Claire Levine. On April 14, 2016, Stewart filed a separate

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motion to appoint a trustee in these cases. That motion was joined by Claire Levine. The Debtors
 opposed the motions and the court denied the motions.

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#### Sony/ATV Interpleader Action

On September 9, 2015, Sony/ATV filed a motion in this Court seeking authorization to apply
funds from Sony/ATV's interpleader deposits to attorneys' fees. The Debtors opposed that motion.
After a hearing on that motion, this Court took the matter under submission. On March 31, 2016,
this Court entered an order denying Sony/ATV's motion.

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#### The Debtors' Settlement With FCBLA

9 On May 29, 2015, the Debtors filed a complaint in the Bankruptcy Court against FCBLA 10 (Adversary Proceeding No. 2:15-ap-01285-WB), for disallowance of FCBLA's claims and equitable 11 subordination of FCBLA's claims. The Debtors and FCBLA thereafter engaged in substantial 12 settlement discussions in connection with all of the parties' respective claims, including FCBLA's 13 claims filed against the Debtors, and entered into a settlement agreement resolving their disputes. 14 The Court approved that settlement agreement and the parties have effectuated that settlement 15 agreement, pursuant to which the claims of FCBLA have been satisfied in their entirety and the 16 complaint against FCBLA has been dismissed.

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#### 8. The Claims of Pope, Roberts And NonDebtor Majoken

Roberts and Nondebtor Majoken claimed one or the other was entitled to publishing royalties
payable by BMI which had been assigned by Stewart to Even Street in February 1989, pursuant to
earlier assignments by Stewart. Pope subsequently claimed that she is the successor in interest to
Roberts. But BMI had paid its royalties to Majoken (to which they had been assigned by Even
Street in 1996). As a result, Roberts, Pope, and Nondebtor Majoken asserted claims against BMI,
Even Street, Majoken and others to recover the amount of the royalties which had been paid by BMI
to Majoken (as defined above, the BMI Royalties).

On July 28, 2014, the State Court granted a summary declaratory judgment against the
Debtors in which it was found that Roberts was the owner of the BMI royalties from 1976 through
2009. There was no monetary award against BMI, Even Street or Majoken.

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Roberts and Nondebtor Majoken thus proceeded in a jury trial against BMI in September
 2014. On September 10, 2014, a jury returned a verdict against Roberts and Nondebtor Majoken
 finding that neither could enforce Stewart's assignments against BMI and therefore were not entitled
 to recover any money from BMI. There was a judgment entered in favor of BMI, but that judgment
 was reversed by the Court of Appeal and the claims have been remitted to the State Court for further
 proceedings, including a new trial.

Roberts and Nondebtor Majoken then proceeded in a bench trial against Even Street,
Majoken and others on March 23, 2015.

9 On February 25, 2016, the State Court entered its Final Statement of Decision in connection
10 with Roberts', Pope's and Nondebtor Majoken's claims against the Debtors, Gerald Goldstein, and
11 Glenn Stone. The Debtors submitted that Final Statement of Decision to this Court.

As set forth in that Final Statement of Decision, the State Court "finds in favor of crossdefendants Gerald Goldstein, Glenn Stone, Even St. Productions, LTD., and Majoken, Inc. (Goldstein Majoken) on each of the causes of action asserted in the amended cross-complaint. The court finds in favor of defendants Gerald Goldstein, Glenn Stone, Even St. Productions, LTD., and Majoken, Inc. (Goldstein Majoken) on Virginia Pope's cause of action for conspiracy. The court determines cross-defendants and defendants to be the prevailing parties and awards cost and fees in an amount to be determined on subsequent motion." *See* Statement of Decision, p. 7.

Remarkably, on October 6, 2015, Roberts and Nondebtor Majoken filed amended proofs of
claim against the Debtors, asserting claims of conversion against the Debtors, and claiming that "the
state court declined to try the conversion claim." *See Attachment to Amended Proof of Claim 6-1, p. 1.* However, the State Court had previously dismissed Roberts' and Nondebtor Majoken's
conversion claim, denied Pope's motion to reinstate the conversion claim, and had entered the Final
Statement of Decision.

On May 10, 2016, the State Court entered a Final Judgment As Between Virginia Pope And
Majoken Inc. On The One Hand And Gerald Goldstein, Glenn Stone, Even St. Productions, Ltd.,
Majoken, Inc. On The Other, which adopted the Final Statement of Decision, and ordered, adjudged,
adjudged,

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and decreed that "Pope shall take nothing on the 4AC as against the Goldstein Parties", and "Roberts
 Majoken shall take nothing on the Amended Cross-Complaint as against the Goldstein Parties". The
 Debtor has submitted that Judgment to this Court.

On May 31, 2016, Pope filed a notice of appeal of the above-referenced Judgment, and the
Debtors have appealed the State Court's judgment entered on December 19, 2014 against the
Debtors.

7 In the meantime, on May 24, 2016, the Debtors filed that certain Notice Of Motion And
8 Motion To Disallow Proofs of Claim Of Virginia Pope, Successor To Ken Roberts, Ken Roberts And
9 Majoken Inc.; Or, In the Alternative, Estimate Such Claims (the "Claim Objection").

On August 23, 2016, this Court entered that certain Order Re Motion To Disallow Proofs Of
Claim Of Virginia Pope, Successor To Ken Roberts And Majoken Inc.; Or, In The Alternative,
Estimate Such Claims. Pursuant to that order, the claims filed by Nondebtor Majoken have been
disallowed, the claim filed by Virginia Pope against Even Street has been estimated at \$0.00 for all
purposes in Even Street's bankruptcy case, and the claim filed by Ken Roberts against Majoken has
been estimated at \$0.00 for all purposes in Majoken's bankruptcy case.

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#### The Debtors' Disputes and Settlement With Stewart

On or about January 27, 2015, a jury in the Royalty Litigation returned a verdict in favor of
Stewart and against Even Street, in the amount of \$2,500,000 for breach of an employment
agreement by and between Stewart and Even Street; in favor of Stewart and against Gerald Goldstein
in the amount of \$2,450,000 for money had and received; in favor of Stewart and against Glenn
Stone in the amount of \$50,000 for money had and received; and in favor of Even Street and against
Stewart for breach of an employment agreement, with no award of damages (the "Jury Verdict").

On February 24, 2016, the State Court issued its *Final Statement Of Decision On Plaintiff's*16<sup>th</sup> Cause Of Action For Declaratory Relief, pursuant to which the State Court concluded, among
other things, that Stewart had irrevocably assigned his interest in the Royalties to the Debtors, and,
therefore, that the Royalties under the 1989 Assignment are owned by the Debtors.

On May 29, 2015, the Debtors filed a complaint in the Bankruptcy Court against Sylvester

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1 Stewart to avoid and recover fraudulent transfers in the amount of \$569,684.98 made to or for the 2 benefit of Stewart. On June 26, 2015, Stewart filed a motion to dismiss the complaint. The Debtors 3 then amended their complaint and Stewart filed a motion to dismiss the Debtor's first amended 4 complaint. The Debtors have filed a second amended complaint. On December 15, 2015, Stewart 5 filed a motion to dismiss the second amended complaint. Pursuant to settlement discussions 6 between the parties, the Debtors and Stewart have agreed to extend, from time to time, the Debtors' 7 deadline to oppose Stewart's motion to dismiss the second amended complaint and related deadlines 8 and dates in the adversary proceeding.

9 On August 5, 2016, Even St., Goldstein and Stone filed Notices of Intention to move for a
10 new trial and such motions were thereafter filed on August 24, 2016. After these motions were filed,
11 the parties agreed to further mediate their disputes.

12 On September 20, 2016, the Debtors, Stewart and other parties in the Royalty Action 13 engaged in mediation before the Honorable Meredith A. Jury, United States Bankruptcy Judge for 14 the Central District of California – Riverside Division. The conference started at 9:00 a.m. and 15 concluded at approximately 7:30 p.m. The mediation was successful, in that the Debtors and 16 Stewart agreed to settle their disputes, including the allowed amount and treatment of Stewart's 17 claim, the manner in which claims would get paid in this case (by a sale of certain assets), and 18 mutual and general releases. The terms of settlement were stated on the record before Judge Jury. 19 The parties acknowledged their agreement, and acknowledged that such terms are enforceable 20 pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 664.6, but that terms will be further 21 memorialized in a writing agreement to be signed by the parties and presented to the Court for 22 approval.

On October 4, 2016, the State Court issued an order in the Royalty Litigation on the motions by Even St. and Mr. Goldstein for new trials and Mr. Stone for judgment notwithstanding the verdict. By that order, the State Court granted new trials to Even St. and Mr. Goldstein finding, among other things, that the January 27, 2015 jury verdict referenced above was based upon insufficient evidence and jury misconduct. This order rendered the Jury Verdict a nullity as

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against Even St. and Mr. Goldstein. The State Court also granted judgment in favor of Mr. Stone
 and against Stewart based upon a lack of evidence of any wrongdoing. This ruling also nullified
 the award of prejudgment interest by the State Court to Stewart in the Royalty Litigation.

On October 13, 2016, the Debtors filed that certain *Motion For Entry Of An Order Approving Settlement Agreement And Mutual Release Pursuant To Rule 9019 Of The Federal Rules Of Bankruptcy Procedure* (the "Stewart Settlement Motion") pursuant to which the Debtors asked
the Court to approve that certain *Settlement Agreement And Mutual General Release* (the
"<u>Agreement</u>"). A true and correct copy of the Agreement is attached as Exhibit "1" hereto and
incorporated herein by this reference. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined have the same
meaning ascribed to such terms in the Agreement.

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#### **10.** Claims Bar Date

The Court established September 25, 2013 as the deadline for creditors to file proofs of claim
in this case (other than governmental claims and lease rejection damage claims who have a separate
claims bar date).

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#### **11.** Administrative Matters

The Debtor has addressed the various administrative matters attendant to the commencement of its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case, including filing the Debtor's Schedule of Assets and Liabilities and Statement of Financial Affairs with the Court, and 7-Day Package with the UST. The Debtor also attended its initial interview with the UST, and the meeting of creditors required under 11 U.S.C. § 341(a). The Debtor also files its Monthly Operating Reports, and the Debtor is current with its reporting obligations.

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#### **12.** Employment of Professionals

The Debtors have employed Levene, Neale, Bender, Yoo & Brill L.L.P. ("<u>LNBYB</u>") as their general bankruptcy counsel. The Debtors have employed G&M as their litigation counsel in the Royalty Litigation. The Debtors have employed R. Eli Ball as the Debtors' broker to market and sell the Debtors' interests in the royalties and other intellectual property that constitute property of the Debtors' bankruptcy estates, subject to the terms of the Agreement with Stewart. The Debtors has

1 employed Ervin, Cohen & Jessup LLP as the Debtor's special counsel.

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#### III. PLAN SUMMARY

The Plan will be funded by a combination of: (i) the Debtors' cash on hand, the BMI Royalties, and any other Royalties collected between now and the Effective Date (collectively, the "<u>Cash</u>" or "<u>Cash on Hand</u>"); and (ii) the proceeds of the "Asset Disposition" (as defined below)(the "<u>Sale Proceeds</u>"). The Debtors estimate that the amount of Cash on Hand, will be approximately at least \$3,600,000 as of the Effective Date.

8 The Debtors shall transfer all right, title and interest in and to certain specified assets 9 pursuant to Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Asset Disposition"). The assets which shall 10 be subject to the Asset Disposition shall be the right to receive Royalties pursuant to the 1989 11 Assignment derived from the use or exploitation of (a) all musical compositions written in whole or 12 part by Stewart which are now owned by Mijac Music (excluding any rights to recapture or 13 reversionary rights available to Stewart or his heirs, which the Debtors agree do not constitute 14 property of the Debtors' respective bankruptcy estates, and, as between the Debtors and Stewart, are 15 the sole and exclusive property of Stewart or his heirs as described in paragraph 2.10 of the 16 Agreement); and (b) all the master recordings of Sly & the Family Stone and Sly Stone which are 17 now owned by Sony Music Entertainment and Warner Brothers Records, and (c) all rights now 18 known or hereafter created or derived from Royalties in connection with the collective assets 19 described in (a) and (b), above, and hereafter referred to as the "Sale Assets." For the avoidance of 20 doubt, the Sale Assets shall include (i) the songwriters' Royalties payable from Sony ATV/Mijac 21 Music; (ii) the Royalties and consulting fees payable to Even St. for Sly & the Family Stone and 22 Sylvester Stewart p/k/a Sly Stone from Warner Brothers Records and Sony Music Entertainment 23 pursuant to the letter agreement and related Consultation Agreement between Even St. and Sony 24 Music Entertainment, Inc. dated December 18, 2002; (iii) the public performance Royalties related 25 to the Mijac catalogue payable by BMI or any other public performance payors; and (iv) the digital 26 public perfomances royalties payable by SoundExchange relating to Sony Music Entertainment and 27 Warner Brothers Records master recordings. The Debtors shall not include any other assets other

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than the Sale Assets in the Asset Disposition. For avoidance of ambiguity, any Royalties payable to
 Stewart from AFM, AFTRA, SAG, Talent Partners, and PPM [*Public Performance Malaysia* Sdn
 Bhd] for live public performance in Malaysia, shall be the sole property of Stewart, and the Debtors
 disclaim any interest therein.

The Debtors intend to conduct an auction of the Sale Assets and the Asset Disposition will be
subject to overbidding and the approval of the Bankruptcy Court. The terms of the Asset
Disposition will be consistent with the terms of the Agreement. The Debtors may sell the Sale Assets
prior to confirmation of the Plan. The Debtors project that the Cash and the Sale Proceeds will be
sufficient to pay all allowed claims in full.

10 Class 1 under the Plan consists of all non-priority general unsecured claims except for the 11 allowed general unsecured claims of Glenn Stone. The Debtors are in the process of reviewing all 12 filed proofs of claim. Based upon the claims asserted and scheduled, and stipulations resolving 13 certain claims, or orders disallowing certain claims, the Debtors currently believe that there will be a 14 total of approximately \$2,228,036.80 - \$3,240,535.69 of class 1 allowed claims. Under the Plan, all 15 allowed class 1 claims will be paid in full from the Cash and/or the Sale Proceeds.

Within ten (10) business days after the Effective Date of the Plan, creditors holding allowed
class 1 claims which are not disputed by the Debtor or Reorganized Debtors shall receive a pro rata
distribution of Cash remaining *after* setting aside reserves in amounts to be determined by the
Bankruptcy Court at the Plan Confirmation hearing for all (1) unpaid priority claims; (2) unpaid
administrative claims; and (3) all disputed, contingent or unliquidated claims (the "<u>General</u>
<u>Unsecured Creditor Cash</u>").

To the extent an allowed class 1 claim has not been paid in full from the General Unsecured Creditor Cash, such allowed class 1 claim shall be paid from the Sale Proceeds remaining after: (1) the payment of any allowed priority claims which have not been satisfied with the Cash; (2) the payment of any allowed administrative claims which have not been satisfied with the Cash; (3) the payment of any tax obligations of the Debtors and Reorganized Debtors which have not been satisfied, including any tax obligations incurred as a result of the Asset Disposition (the "<u>General</u>

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<u>Unsecured Creditor Sale Proceeds</u>"). The General Unsecured Creditor Sale Proceeds will be
 distributed to holders of allowed class 1 claims on a pro rata basis within ten (10) business days after
 the payment of all allowed claims which have priority over general unsecured claims.

4 Class 2 under the Plan consists of the allowed general unsecured claims of Glenn Stone.
5 Under the Plan, Mr. Stone's allowed class 2 claims will be paid in full from the Cash and/or the Sale
6 Proceeds only *after* all allowed class 1 claims have been paid in full.

Class 3 under the Plan consists of the current existing equity interests in Even Street, which
will initially remain intact. Even Street may elect to convert its entity structure to a limited liability
company on or after the Effective Date. After payment of all allowed claims in full, any remaining
funds in the Debtors' estates shall be divided 50% to Allan Law Group P.C. in trust for Sylvester
Stewart or his assignees and 50% to TAG or its assignees. Following the entry of final decrees in
these cases, Even Street shall be deemed dissolved.

13 Class 4 under the Plan consists of the current existing equity interests in Majoken, which will
14 initially remain intact, and which will not receive any distribution under the Plan. Majoken may
15 elect to convert its entity structure to a limited liability company on or after the Effective Date.
16 Following the entry of final decrees in these cases, Majoken shall be deemed dissolved.

CLASSIFICATION AND TREATMENT OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS UNDER

THE PLAN

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IV.

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A.

#### What Creditors and Interest Holders Will Receive Under the Plan

As required by the Bankruptcy Code, the Plan classifies claims and interests in various classes according to their right to priority. The Plan states whether each class of claims or interests is impaired or unimpaired. The Plan provides the treatment each class will receive.

23 **B.** Unclassified Claims

Certain types of claims are not placed into voting classes; instead they are unclassified. They are not considered impaired and they do not vote on the Plan because they are automatically entitled to specific treatment provided for them in the Bankruptcy Code. As such, the Debtors have <u>not</u> placed the following claims in a class:

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### 1. Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses are claims for costs or expenses of administering the Debtors'
Chapter 11 cases which are allowed under Bankruptcy Code Section 507(a)(2). The Bankruptcy
Code requires that all administrative claims be paid on the Effective Date unless a particular
claimant agrees to a different treatment.

6 The following chart lists <u>all</u> of the Debtors' § 507(a)(2) administrative claims and their
7 treatment under the Plan:

Name **Amount Owed Treatment** 9 Clerk's Office Fees \$0 Paid in full on the Effective Date 10 Office of the U.S. Trustee \$0 Paid in full on the Effective Date 11 Fees Levene, Neale, Bender, Yoo & \$850,000 (est.) Paid in full on the later of the 12 Brill L.L.P. ("LNBYB"), Effective Date and the date the bankruptcy counsel to the Court enters an order allowing such 13 Debtors fees and costs 14 Gradstein & Marzano, A \$600,000 of fees, and Paid in full on the later of the **Professional Corporation** allowed costs to be Effective Date and the date the 15 ("<u>G&M</u>"), special counsel to determined by the Court enters an order allowing the Debtors Court G&M's fees and costs; the 16 attorneys' fees portion of this claim 17 has been capped at \$600,000 in conjunction with the Stewart 18 settlement Ervin Cohen & Jessup LLP \$0 (est.) Paid in full on the later of the 19 ("ECJ"), special counsel to the Effective Date and the date the Debtors Court enters an order allowing such 20 fees and costs 21 R. Eli Ball ("Ball"), sale agent **\$TBD** Paid in full on the later of the and broker to the Debtors Effective Date and the date the 22 Court enters an order allowing such fees and costs from the Sale 23 Proceeds (defined below) Paid in full on the later of the 24 John Frankenheimer, sale agent **\$TBD** and broker to the Debtors Effective Date and the date the 25 Court enters an order allowing such fees and costs from the Sale 26 Proceeds (defined below) Post-petition tax obligations **\$TBD** Paid in full on the later of the 27 Effective Date and the date the 28

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1			Court enters an order allowing such
2			claims
2	Post-Petition Non-Professional	\$0 (approx.) of post-	Paid in full in the ordinary course
3	Fee Administrative Claims	petition accounts	of the Reorganized Debtors'
		payable accrued in	businesses or following the entry of
4		the ordinary course of	an order of the Court if a dispute
5		the Debtor's business.	exists between the Reorganized
5			Debtors and the administrative claim
6			holder
-	TOTAL	\$TBD	Paid in the manner described above
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#### Court Approval of Fees Required:

9 The Court must approve all professional fees and costs listed in this chart before they may be 10 paid. For all professional fees and costs except fees owing to the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court and 11 fees owing to the OUST, the professional in question must file and serve a properly noticed fee 12 application and the Court must rule on the application. Only the amount of fees and costs allowed 13 by the Court will be required to be paid under the Plan. The administrative claim amounts set forth 14 above simply represent the Debtors' best estimate as to the amount of allowed administrative claims 15 in this case. The actual administrative claims may be higher or lower. Much of whether the actual 16 administrative claims described above for professionals will be dependent upon whether the Debtors 17 are required to engage in any substantial litigation regarding the confirmation of the Plan and/or 18 objecting to claims. To the extent the Debtors are required to engage in any such substantial 19 litigation, the Debtors' professionals are likely to incur professional fees and expenses in excess (and 20 possibly substantially in excess) of the figures set forth above. By voting to accept the Plan, 21 creditors are not acknowledging the validity of, or consenting to the amount of, any of these 22 administrative claims, and creditors are not waiving any of their rights to object to the allowance of 23 any of these administrative claims. Similarly, professionals who have been employed in this case are 24 not being deemed to have agreed that the figures contained herein represent any ceiling on the 25 amount of fees and costs that they have incurred or are entitled to seek to be paid pursuant to Court 26order as such fees and costs are just estimates provided at the time of the preparation of this 27 Disclosure Statement.

2. Priority Tax Claims

Priority tax claims include certain taxes described by Section 507(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy
Code. Section 1129(a)(9)(C) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that each holder of such a Section
507(a)(8) priority tax claim receive regular installment payments of a total value, as of the Effective
Date, equal to the allowed amount of such allowed tax claims, over a period ending not later than
five years after the Petition Date. The Debtors are aware of the following priority tax claims, but the
Debtors may incur additional priority tax liabilities depending upon the Debtor's preparation and
filing of returns for pre-petition tax years:

9	Claimant	Asserted Claim Amount	Debtor claim filed against
2	Internal Revenue Service	\$4,537.24	Majoken
10	Franchise Tax Board	\$3,287.49	Even Street
	Franchise Tax Board	\$821.97	Majoken
11	City of Los Angeles Office	\$1,027.45	Even Street
12	of Finance		
12	City of Los Angeles Office	\$7,947.45	Majoken
13	of Finance		
-	TOTAL	\$17,621.60	

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All allowed priority tax claims will be paid in full within ten (10) days after the Effective Date from the Cash and/or the Sale Proceeds.

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# C. Classified Claims and Interests

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# 1. Class of General Unsecured Claims

General unsecured claims are unsecured claims not entitled to priority under Bankruptcy
 Code Section 507(a). The following chart identifies the Plan's treatment of the class containing <u>all</u>
 of the Debtors' non-priority general unsecured claims (see Exhibit "2" to this Disclosure Statement
 for detailed information about each general unsecured claim and whether the Debtors dispute the
 claim):

23	CLASS #	DESCRIPTION	IMPAIRED (Y/N)	<u>TREATMENT</u>
24	<u>"</u>			
25	1	All non-priority	To the extent	Within ten (10) business days after
26		general unsecured claims except the	that there is not sufficient	the Effective Date of the Plan, creditors holding allowed class 1
27		claims of Glenn Stone.	General Unsecured	claims which are not disputed by the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors

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1		The Debtors estimate	Creditor Cash and/or	shall receive a pro rata distribution of the General Unsecured Creditor
2		that allowed class 1	General	Cash.
3		non-priority general unsecured claims will	Unsecured Creditor Sale	To the extent an allowed class 1
4		total between	Proceeds	claim has not been paid in full from
5		\$2,228,036.80 and \$3,240,535.69.	prior to or on the Effective	the General Unsecured Creditor Cash, such allowed class 1 claim
6			Date to pay	shall be paid from the General
7			allowed class 1 claims in	Unsecured Creditor Sale Proceeds. The General Unsecured Creditor
8			full, then class 1 is	Sale Proceeds will be distributed to holders of allowed class 1 claims on
			impaired and	a pro rata basis within ten (10)
9			allowed	business days after the payment of
10			claims in	all allowed claims which have priority over general unsecured
11			this	claims.
			class	
12			are entitled to	
13			vote	
			on the Plan.	
14			the Plan.	
15			However, to	
10			the extent	
16			that there is	
17			sufficient General	
10			Unsecured	
18			Creditor	
19			Cash and/or	
20			General	
20			Unsecured	
21			Creditor Sale Proceeds	
22			prior to or on	
23			the Effective Date to pay	
			all allowed	
24			class 1 claims in	
25			full, then	
26			class 1 is not	
27			impaired and allowed	
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1				claims	
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		CLASS	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>IMPAIRED</b>	TREATMENT
9	-	CLASS <u>#</u>	DESCRIPTION	<u>(Y/N)</u>	
9 10	2	<u>#</u>	The allowed general	( <u>Y/N)</u> Impaired;	The Reorganized Debtors will pay
_		<u>#</u>	The allowed general unsecured claims of	(Y/N) Impaired; allowed	The Reorganized Debtors will pay Mr. Stone's allowed class 2 claim in
10		<u>#</u>	The allowed general	(Y/N) Impaired; allowed claims in	The Reorganized Debtors will pay Mr. Stone's allowed class 2 claim in full from the Cash and/or Sale Proceeds only after all allowed class
10 11		<u>#</u>	The allowed general unsecured claims of	(Y/N) Impaired; allowed claims in this	The Reorganized Debtors will pay Mr. Stone's allowed class 2 claim in full from the Cash and/or Sale
10 11 12		<u>#</u>	The allowed general unsecured claims of	(Y/N) Impaired; allowed claims in this class are entitled to	The Reorganized Debtors will pay Mr. Stone's allowed class 2 claim in full from the Cash and/or Sale Proceeds only after all allowed class
10 11 12 13 14		<u>#</u>	The allowed general unsecured claims of	(Y/N) Impaired; allowed claims in this class are entitled to vote	The Reorganized Debtors will pay Mr. Stone's allowed class 2 claim in full from the Cash and/or Sale Proceeds only after all allowed class
10 11 12 13 14 15		<u>#</u>	The allowed general unsecured claims of	(Y/N) Impaired; allowed claims in this class are entitled to	The Reorganized Debtors will pay Mr. Stone's allowed class 2 claim in full from the Cash and/or Sale Proceeds only after all allowed class
10 11 12 13 14		<u>#</u>	The allowed general unsecured claims of	(Y/N) Impaired; allowed claims in this class are entitled to vote on	The Reorganized Debtors will pay Mr. Stone's allowed class 2 claim in full from the Cash and/or Sale Proceeds only after all allowed class

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#### 2. Classes of Priority Unsecured Claims

Certain priority claims that are referred to in Bankruptcy Code Sections 507(a)(3), (4), (5),
(6), and (7) are required to be placed in classes. These types of claims are entitled to priority
treatment as follows: the Bankruptcy Code requires that each holder of such a claim receive cash on
the Effective Date equal to the allowed amount of such claim. However, a class of unsecured
priority claim holders may vote to accept deferred cash payments of a value, as of the Effective Date,
equal to the allowed amount of such claim. The Debtors do not believe any such claims exist.

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#### 3. Classes of Interest Holders

Interest holders are the parties who hold an ownership interest (i.e., equity interest) in the
Debtors. The following chart identifies the Plan's treatment of the classes of interest holders:

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1	CLASS	DESCRIPTION	IMPAIRED	TREATMENT
2	<u>#</u>		<u>(Y/N)</u>	
3	3	All equity holders, including holders of	Impaired; allowed interests	Class 3 equity interests in Even Street will initially
4		common stock,	in	remain intact. Even Street
5		preferred stock, stock options, warrants, etc.	this class	may elect to convert its entity structure to a limited
6		of Even Street.	are entitled to vote	liability company on or after the Effective Date.
7			on the Plan.	After payment of all allowed claims in full, any
8				remaining funds in the
9				Debtors' estates shall be divided 50% to Allan Law
10				Group P.C. in trust for Sylvester Stewart or his
11				assignees and 50% to TAG or its assignees. Following
12				the entry of final decrees in these cases, Even Street
13				shall be deemed dissolved.
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16 17	CLASS #	DESCRIPTION	IMDAIDED	
17	<u>π</u>		<u>IMPAIRED</u> (Y/N)	<u>TREATMENT</u>
<ol> <li>18</li> <li>19</li> <li>20</li> <li>21</li> <li>22</li> <li>23</li> <li>24</li> <li>25</li> <li>26</li> </ol>	4	All equity holders, including holders of common stock, preferred stock, stock options, warrants, etc. of Majoken.	Impaired; allowed interests in this class are not entitled to vote on the Plan because they will not receive any distribution under the Plan and are therefore deemed to have	Class 4 equity interests in the Majoken will initially remain intact but will not receive any distributions under the Plan. Majoken may elect to convert its entity structure to a limited liability company on or after the Effective Date. Following the entry of final decrees in these cases, Majoken shall be deemed dissolved.

#### **1 D.** Means of Effectuating the Plan and Implementation of the Plan

#### 1. Funding for the Plan

The treatment of all claim holders will occur in the manner described above. All cash distributions under the Plan will be funded from the Cash and/or Sale Proceeds. In addition, the Reorganized Debtors intend to pursue collection of any unpaid Royalties, as may be determined following one or more audits of Royalty-paying entities. The Debtors may elect to sell these audit rights as part of an Asset Disposition.

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#### 2. Composition of the Reorganized Debtors

9 Holders of class 3 equity interests in Even Street will own all of the equity interests in the
10 Reorganized Even Street in the manner described above.

Holders of class 3 equity interests in Majoken will own all of the equity interests in the
Reorganized Majoken in the manner described above.

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#### **3. Post-Confirmation Management**

The management of the Reorganized Debtors will be identical to the current management of
the Debtors (meaning that Gerald Goldstein will continue to serve as President of the Debtors).

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#### 4. Disbursing Agent

The Reorganized Debtors will serve as the disbursing agents for purposes of making all
distributions required to be made under the Plan. The Reorganized Debtors will not charge any
disbursing agent fee for making such distributions.

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#### 5. Objections to Claims

The Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as the case may be, may file objections to all claims which are inconsistent with the Debtors' books and records unless the Debtors deem the inconsistency to be insignificant. As provided by Section 502(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Court may estimate any contingent or unliquidated disputed claim for purposes of confirmation of the Plan. The Reorganized Debtors will have the authority to file any objections to claims following Plan confirmation (or to continue with the prosecution of any claims objections commenced by the Debtors prior to Plan confirmation), and the Court shall retain jurisdiction over the Reorganized

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Debtors and these cases to resolve such objections to claims following Plan confirmation. Nothing
 contained in the Plan shall constitute a waiver or release by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors
 of any rights of setoff or recoupment, or of any defense, the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors may
 have with respect to any claim.

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#### 6. Avoidance Actions

6 All claims, causes of action and avoidance actions of the Debtor and its estate, to the extent 7 remaining and to the extent not settled, are not affected by the Plan, and the Reorganized Debtor 8 shall have full power and authority to settle, adjust, retain, enforce or abandon any claim, cause of 9 action or avoidance actions as the representative of the Debtor's estate under section 1123(b) of the 10 Bankruptcy Code or otherwise, regardless of whether such claims, causes of action or avoidance 11 actions were commenced prior or subsequent to the Effective Date. However, since the Plan 12 contemplates the payment of all claims in full, the Reorganized Debtor does not intend to pursue any 13 remaining avoidance actions.

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#### 7. Employment of Officers, Employees and Professionals

On and after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors shall have the right to employ and compensate such employees, professionals, agents and representatives as the Reorganized Debtors determine is necessary or appropriate to implement all of the provisions of the Plan without the need for any further order of the Court. Mr. Goldstein will serve as the Reorganized Debtors' officer and will not receive any compensation for his services as an officer of each of the Reorganized Debtors.

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#### 8. Distributions to be Made Pursuant to the Plan

Distributions to be made to holders of allowed claims pursuant to the Plan may be delivered by regular mail, postage prepaid, to the address shown in the Debtors' schedules, as they may from time to time be amended in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 1000, or, if a different address is stated in a proof of claim duly filed with the Bankruptcy Court, to such address. Checks issued to pay allowed claims shall be null and void if not negotiated within sixty (60) days after the date of issuance thereof.

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#### **Exculpations and Releases**

2 To the maximum extent permitted by law, neither the Debtors, the Reorganized 3 Debtors, nor any of their employees, officers, directors, shareholders, agents, members, 4 representatives, or professionals employed or retained by any of them, shall have or incur 5 liability to any person or entity for any act taken or omission made in good faith in connection 6 with or related to the formulation and implementation of the Plan, or a contract, instrument, 7 release, or other agreement or document created in connection therewith, the solicitation of 8 acceptances for or confirmation of the Plan, or the consummation and implementation of the 9 Plan and the transactions contemplated therein.

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#### 10. Injunctions

11 The Plan Confirmation Order shall enjoin the prosecution, whether directly, 12 derivatively or otherwise, of any claim, obligation, suit, judgment, damage, demand, debt, 13 right, cause of action, liability or interest released, discharged or terminated pursuant to the 14 Plan. Except as provided in the Plan or the Plan Confirmation Order, as of the Effective Date, 15 all entities that have held, currently hold or may hold a claim or other debt or liability that is 16 discharged or an interest or other right of an equity security holder that is extinguished 17 pursuant to the terms of the Plan are permanently enjoined from taking any of the following 18 actions against the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, or their property on account of any such 19 discharged claims, debts or liabilities or extinguished interests or rights: (i) commencing or 20 continuing, in any manner or in any place, any action or other proceeding; (ii) enforcing, 21 attaching, collecting or recovering in any manner any judgment, award, decree or order; (iii) 22 creating, perfecting or enforcing any lien or encumbrance; (iv) asserting a setoff, right of 23 subrogation or recoupment of any kind against any debt, liability or obligation due to the 24 Debtors; and (v) commencing or continuing any action in any manner, in any place, that does 25 not comply with or is inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan. By accepting distribution 26 pursuant to the Plan, each holder of an allowed claim receiving distributions pursuant to the 27 Plan shall be deemed to have specifically consented to the injunctions set forth in this Section.

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#### 11. Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases

2 The Debtors do not believe that they are, respectively, a party to any pre-petition executory
3 contracts or unexpired leases which a Debtor or the Debtors are required to assume or reject.

4 For the avoidance of any doubt, the Agreement with Stewart will remain fully intact and5 enforceable under the Plan.

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# 12. Changes in Rates Subject to Regulatory Commission Approval

The Debtors are not subject to governmental regulatory commission approval of their rates.

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#### **13.** Retention of Jurisdiction

9 After confirmation of the Plan and occurrence of the Effective Date, in addition to
10 jurisdiction which exists in any other court, the Court will retain such jurisdiction as is legally
11 permissible including for the following purposes:

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i. To resolve any and all disputes regarding the operation and interpretation of the Plan and the Plan Confirmation Order;

14 ii. To resolve any and all disputes regarding the operation and interpretation of15 the Plan;

16 iii. To determine the allowability, classification, or priority of claims and interests
17 upon objection by the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, or by other parties in interest with standing
18 to bring such objection or proceeding and to consider any objection to claim or interest whether such
19 objection is filed before or after the Effective Date;

iv. To determine the extent, validity and priority of any lien asserted against
property of the Debtors or property of the Debtors' estates;

v. To construe and take any action to enforce the Plan, the Plan Confirmation
Order, and any other order of the Court, issue such orders as may be necessary for the
implementation, execution, performance, and consummation of the Plan and the Plan Confirmation
Order, and all matters referred to in the Plan and the Plan Confirmation Order, and to determine all
matters that may be pending before the Court in this case on or before the Effective Date with
respect to any person or entity related thereto;

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vi. To determine (to the extent necessary) any and all applications for allowance
 of compensation and reimbursement of expenses of professionals for the period on or before the
 Effective Date;

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vii. To determine any request for payment of administrative expenses;

viii. To determine motions for the rejection, assumption, or assignment of
executory contracts or unexpired leases filed before the Effective Date and the allowance of any
claims resulting therefrom;

ix. To determine all applications, motions, adversary proceedings, contested
matters, and any other litigated matters instituted during the pendency of this case whether before,
on, or after the Effective Date including avoidance causes of action, and the Reorganized Debtors
shall have the right to commence any avoidance causes of action after the Effective Date and to
continue with the prosecution of any avoidance causes of action commenced by the Debtors prior to
the Effective Date;

x. To determine such other matters and for such other purposes as may be
provided in the Plan Confirmation Order;

xi. To modify the Plan under Section 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code in order to
remedy any apparent defect or omission in the Plan or to reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan so
as to carry out its intent and purpose;

19 xii. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan or the Plan Confirmation Order, to
20 issue injunctions, to take such other actions or make such other orders as may be necessary or
21 appropriate to restrain interference with the Plan or the Plan Confirmation Order, or the execution or
22 implementation by any person or entity of the Plan or the Plan Confirmation Order;

xiii. To issue such orders in aid of consummation of the Plan or the Plan
Confirmation Order, notwithstanding any otherwise applicable nonbankruptcy law, with respect to
any person or entity, to the fullest extent authorized by the Bankruptcy Code or Bankruptcy Rules;
and

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xiv. To enter a final decree closing these Chapter 11 cases.

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#### V. TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE PLAN

PERSONS OR ENTITIES CONCERNED WITH CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN
SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS. THIS DISCUSSION DOES NOT
ADDRESS FOREIGN, STATE OR LOCAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES, ESTATE OR
GIFT TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE PLAN. THE DEBTORS HAVE NOT CONSULTED
WITH TAX COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE PLAN.
LEVENE, NEALE, BENDER, YOO & BRILL L.L.P. HAS NOT PROVIDED ANY TAX ADVICE
WITH RESPECT TO THE PLAN.

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#### 1. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES TO DEBTORS

This summary is based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "<u>IRC</u>"), the Treasury Regulations promulgated and proposed thereunder (the "<u>Regulations</u>"), judicial decisions, and published administrative rulings and pronouncements of the Internal Revenue Service (the "<u>IRS</u>") currently in effect. These authorities are all subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect, and any such change could alter or modify the federal income tax consequences described below.

In general, based upon the information available to it, the Debtors does not expect to incur
any substantial tax liability as a result of implementation of the Plan, except in connection with the
Asset Disposition.

The IRC provides that a debtor in a Chapter 11 bankruptcy case must reduce certain of its tax attributes by the amount of any cancellation of indebtedness ("<u>COD</u>") income that is realized as a result of the bankruptcy plan, instead of recognizing the income. COD income is the excess of the amount of a taxpayer's indebtedness that is discharged over the amount or value of the consideration exchanged therefor. Under the Plan, the Debtors expect to pay all creditors in full, so the Debtors do not expect to realize any COD income.

Tax attributes that are subject to reduction include net operating losses, capital losses, loss carryovers, certain tax credits and, subject to certain limitations, the tax basis of property. The

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reduction of tax attributes occurs after the determination of the Debtors' tax for the taxable year in
 which the COD income is realized. The Debtors do not expect to realize any COD income.

Payments of interest, dividends, and certain other payments are generally subject to withholding unless the payee of such payment furnishes such payee's correct taxpayer identification number (social security number or employer identification number) to the payor. The Reorganized Debtors may be required to withhold the applicable percentage of any payments made to a holder who does not provide its taxpayer identification number. Backup withholding is not an additional tax, but an advance payment that may be refunded to the extent it results in an overpayment of tax.

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#### 2. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES TO CREDITORS

In general, each holder of an allowed claim will recognize gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between (i) the sum of the amount of any cash and the fair market value of any other property that such holder receives under the Plan in satisfaction of its claim (other than in respect of any claim for accrued but unpaid interest), and (ii) such holder's adjusted tax basis in its claim (other than any claim for accrued but unpaid interest).

15 The character, amount and timing of income, gain or loss the holders of allowed claims 16 recognize as a consequence of the distributions under the Plan will depend upon, among other 17 things, (i) the manner in which the claim was acquired, (ii) the length of time the claim was held, 18 (iii) whether the claim was acquired at a discount, (iv) whether the holder of an allowed claim has 19 taken a bad debt deduction for the claim, (v) whether the holder has previously included accrued but 20 unpaid interest with respect to the claim, (vi) the holder's method of tax accounting, (vii) whether 21 the claim is an installment obligation under the tax laws, and (viii) the type of consideration received 22 or deemed received by the holder in exchange for its claim. In addition, in the event interest is paid 23 on the claim, the holder may have interest income. Therefore, holders of allowed claims should 24 consult their tax advisors for information that may be relevant to their particular situations and 25 circumstances and the particular tax consequences to such holders as a result thereof.

Depending on the nature of the claim, the Debtors may be required to file information returns
with the appropriate taxing agencies to report payments to the holders of allowed claims. In order to

make distributions, the holders of allowed claims may be required to provide certain federal income
 taxpayer information, such as the holder's taxpayer identification number.

3 THE TAX CONSEQUENCES TO CREDITORS OR INTEREST HOLDERS MAY 4 VARY BASED UPON THE INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF EACH SUCH HOLDER. 5 CREDITORS MAY RECOGNIZE INCOME OR LOSS AS A RESULT OF THE PLAN. THIS DISCUSSION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE TAX ADVICE OR A TAX OPINION 6 7 CONCERNING THE MATTERS DESCRIBED. THERE CAN BE NO ASSURANCE THAT 8 THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE WILL NOT CHALLENGE ANY OR ALL OF THE 9 TAX CONSEQUENCES DESCRIBED HEREIN, OR THAT SUCH A CHALLENGE, IF 10 ASSERTED, WOULD NOT BE SUSTAINED. ACCORDINGLY, EACH CREDITOR IS 11 STRONGLY URGED TO CONSULT WITH ITS OWN TAX ADVISOR REGARDING THE 12 FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, FOREIGN OR OTHER TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE 13 PLAN.

14 THE FOREGOING IS INTENDED TO BE ONLY A SUMMARY OF CERTAIN 15 UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE PLAN, AND IS 16 NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR CAREFUL TAX PLANNING WITH A TAX PROFESSIONAL. 17 THE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL INCOME AND OTHER TAX CONSEQUENCES OF 18 THE PLAN ARE COMPLEX AND, IN SOME CASES, UNCERTAIN. SUCH 19 CONSEQUENCES MAY ALSO VARY BASED ON THE INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES 20 OF EACH CREDITOR OR INTEREST HOLDER. ACCORDINGLY, EACH CREDITOR IS 21 STRONGLY URGED TO CONSULT WITH HIS, HER OR ITS OWN TAX ADVISOR 22 REGARDING THE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL INCOME AND OTHER TAX 23 **CONSEQUENCES UNDER THE PLAN.** 

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# VI. CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

25 PERSONS OR ENTITIES CONCERNED WITH CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN
26 SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BECAUSE THE LAW ON
27 CONFIRMING A PLAN OF REORGANIZATION IS VERY COMPLEX. The following
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discussion is intended solely for the purpose of alerting readers about basic confirmation issues,
 which they may wish to consider, as well as certain deadlines for filing claims. The Debtors
 CANNOT and DO NOT represent that the discussion contained below is a complete summary of the
 law on this topic.

Many requirements must be met before the Court can confirm a plan. Some of the
requirements include that the plan must be proposed in good faith, acceptance of the plan, whether
the plan pays creditors at least as much as creditors would receive in a Chapter 7 liquidation, and
whether the plan is feasible. These requirements are not the only requirements for confirmation.

9 A. Who May Vote or Object

Any party in interest may object to the confirmation of the Plan, but, as explained below, not
everyone is entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

#### 12 **B.** Who May Vote to Accept/Reject the Plan

A creditor or interest holder has a right to vote for or against the Plan if that creditor or
interest holder has a claim or interest which is both (1) allowed or allowed for voting purposes and
(2) classified in an impaired class. There are no impaired classes of claims or interests under the
Plan.

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#### C. What Is an Allowed Claim/Interest

As noted above, a creditor or interest holder must first have an <u>allowed claim or interest</u> to have the right to vote and to receive distributions under the Plan. Generally, any proof of claim or interest will be allowed, unless a party in interest files an objection to the claim or interest. When an objection to a claim or interest is filed, the creditor or interest holder holding the claim or interest cannot vote unless the Court, after notice and hearing, either overrules the objection or allows the claim or interest for voting purposes.

THE BAR DATE FOR FILING A PROOF OF CLAIM IN THIS CASE ON
ACCOUNT OF PRE-PETITION CLAIMS WAS SEPTEMBER 25, 2013. A creditor or interest
holder may have an allowed claim or interest even if a proof of claim or interest was not timely filed.
A claim is deemed allowed if (1) it is scheduled on the Debtors' schedules and such claim is not

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scheduled as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated, and (2) no party in interest has objected to the
 claim. An interest is deemed allowed if it is scheduled and no party in interest has objected to the
 interest.

4 A detailed claims chart is attached hereto as Exhibit "2". The claims chart identifies all 5 claims which were scheduled by the Debtors, including the amounts and priorities of the claims and 6 whether the Debtors contend that the claims are disputed, contingent or unliquidated. The claims 7 chart also identifies all proofs of claim which were filed by creditors asserting claims against the 8 Debtors, including the amounts and priorities of the claims asserted. Finally, the claims chart 9 indicates whether the Debtors have disputed or presently dispute any portion of the claims. The 10 Debtors reserve the right to update and modify the claims chart at any time and to file objections to 11 claims even if the claims chart does not identify any dispute relating to a particular claim.

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#### What Is an Impaired Claim/Interest.

As noted above, an allowed claim or interest has the right to vote only if it is in a class that is impaired under the Plan. A class is impaired if the Plan alters the legal, equitable, or contractual rights of the members of that class. For example, a class comprised of general unsecured claims is impaired if the Plan fails to pay the members of that class 100% of what they are owed.

In these cases, class 1 may be impaired, and classes 2,3 and 4 are impaired. Parties who
 dispute the Debtors characterization of their claim or interest as being impaired may file an objection
 to the Plan contending that the Debtors have incorrectly characterized the class.

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#### Who Is <u>Not</u> Entitled to Vote.

The following four types of claims are <u>not</u> entitled to vote: (1) claims that have been disallowed; (2) claims in unimpaired classes; (3) claims entitled to priority pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Sections 507(a)(2), (a)(3), and (a)(8); and (4) claims in classes that do not receive or retain any value under the Plan. Claims in unimpaired classes are not entitled to vote because such classes are deemed to have accepted the Plan. Claims entitled to priority pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Sections 507(a)(2), (a)(3), and (a)(8) are not entitled to vote because such claims are not placed in classes and they are required to receive certain treatment specified by the Bankruptcy Code. Claims in classes

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that do not receive or retain any value under the Plan do not vote because such classes are deemed to
 have rejected the Plan. EVEN IF YOUR CLAIM IS OF THE TYPE DESCRIBED ABOVE, YOU
 MAY STILL HAVE A RIGHT TO OBJECT TO THE CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN.

#### 4 F. Who Can Vote in More Than One Class.

A creditor whose claim has been allowed in part as a secured claim and in part as an
unsecured claim is entitled to accept or reject the Plan in both capacities by casting one ballot for the
secured part of the claim and another ballot for the unsecured claim. There are no such creditors in
this case.

9 G. Votes Necessary to Confirm the Plan.

If impaired classes exist, the Court cannot confirm the Plan unless (1) at least one impaired
class has accepted the Plan without counting the votes of any insiders within that class, and (2) all
impaired classes have voted to accept the Plan, unless the Plan is eligible to be confirmed by
"cramdown" on non-accepting classes, as discussed below.

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#### H. Votes Necessary for a Class to Accept the Plan.

A class of claims is considered to have accepted the Plan when more than one-half (1/2) in number and at least two-thirds (2/3) in dollar amount of the claims which actually voted on the plan, voted in favor of the plan. A class of interests is considered to have "accepted" a plan when at least two-thirds (2/3) in amount of the interest-holders of such class which actually voted on the plan, voted to accept the plan.

20 I. Treatment of Non-Accepting Classes.

As noted above, even if <u>all</u> impaired classes do not accept the Plan, the Court may nonetheless confirm the Plan if the non-accepting classes are treated in the manner required by the Bankruptcy Code. The process by which non-accepting classes are forced to be bound by the terms of a plan is commonly referred to as "cramdown." The Bankruptcy Code allows the Plan to be "crammed down" on non-accepting classes of claims or interests if it meets all consensual requirements except the voting requirements of 1129(a)(8) and if the Plan does not "discriminate

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unfairly" and is "fair and equitable" toward each impaired class that has not voted to accept the Plan
 as referred to in 11 U.S.C. § 1129(b) and applicable case law.

#### J. Request for Confirmation Despite Nonacceptance by Impaired Class(es).

4 The Debtor will ask <u>the Court</u> to confirm the Plan by cramdown on any and all impaired
5 classes that do not vote to accept the Plan.

#### 6 K. Liquidation Analysis.

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7 Another confirmation requirement is the "Best Interest Test", which requires a liquidation 8 analysis. Under the Best Interest Test, if a claimant or interest holder is in an impaired class and that 9 claimant or interest holder does not vote to accept the Plan, then that claimant or interest holder must 10 receive or retain under the Plan property of a value not less than the amount that such holder would 11 receive or retain if the Debtor were liquidated under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. Under the 12 Plan, and based on the Debtors' and the Debtors' sale agent's analysis, all creditors are expected to 13 be paid in full. Moreover, since the Plan contemplates the liquidation of the Sale Assets, the Debtors 14 do not expect there to be any financial detriment to liquidation of the Sale Assets and distribution 15 under the Plan as compared to liquidation and distribution in a chapter 7. Indeed, the Plan will 16 provide the most expedited manner of payment to creditors under the circumstances, without the 17 delays typically experienced in a chapter 7 proceeding. Accordingly, the "Best Interest Test" is met 18 in this case.

#### 19 L. Feasibility.

Another requirement for confirmation involves the feasibility of the Plan, which means that confirmation of the Plan is not likely to be followed by the liquidation, or the need for further financial reorganization, of the Debtors or any successor(s) to the Debtors under the Plan, unless such liquidation or reorganization is proposed in the Plan.

The primary aspect of feasibility applicable to this case is whether the Debtors will be able to sell the Sale Assets at a price high enough to pay all allowed claims in full. The Debtors submit that it is highly likely that a sale of the Sale Assets will generate sufficient Sale Proceeds to pay all allowed claims in full. Moreover, to the extent a Sale closes prior to confirmation of the Plan, the
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Debtors will update this Disclosure Statement and the Plan to disclose the amount of Sale Proceeds
available for payments to creditors and will discuss whether the Sale Proceeds are sufficient to pay
all allowed claims in full. Finally, the Debtors believe that it is possible that the Debtors will have
sufficient General Unsecured Creditor Cash on the Effective Date, without even including any Sale
Proceeds, to pay all allowed class 1 claims in full immediately after the Effective Date. Whether that
actually occurs will depend upon, among other things, the total amount of allowed administrative
claims, allowed priority claims, and allowed class 1 claims.

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#### VII. RISK FACTORS REGARDING THE PLAN

9 The primary risk factor regarding the Plan is whether the Debtors will actually be able to sell
10 the Sale Assets and whether the Sale will generate sufficient Sale Proceeds to pay all creditors in
11 full. The Debtors believe that the risk that the Sale Assets will not sell is low, and the Debtors
12 believe that the risk that a Sale will not generate sufficient Sale Proceeds to pay all allowed claims in
13 full is also low.

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#### VIII. EFFECT OF CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN

#### 15 A. Discharge.

The Debtors will not receive a discharge because the Plan provides for a liquidation of all or
substantially all of the property of the Debtors' estates.

18 **B.** Modification of the Plan.

The Debtors may modify the Plan at any time before confirmation. However, the Court may
require a new disclosure statement and/or re-voting on the Plan if the Debtors modify the Plan before
confirmation. The Debtors may also seek to modify the Plan at any time after confirmation of the
Plan so long as (1) the Plan has not been substantially consummated and (2) the Court authorizes the
proposed modifications after notice and a hearing.

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#### **Post-Confirmation Status Reports.**

Until a final decree closing the Debtors' Chapter 11 cases is entered, the Reorganized
Debtors shall file a quarterly status report with the Court explaining what progress has been made
toward consummation of the confirmed Plan.

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#### 1 D. Default Provisions And Post-Confirmation Conversion/Dismissal.

2 To the extent that the Debtors do not comply with the terms of the Plan, creditors will be 3 entitled to seek enforcement in the Bankruptcy Court of the Plan and payment of their allowed 4 claims pursuant to the terms of the Plan. The injunction provisions of the Plan would not preclude 5 any creditor from enforcing its rights to repayment pursuant to the terms of the Plan. If the Court 6 orders the Debtors' Chapter 11 cases converted to Chapter 7 after the Plan is confirmed, then all 7 property that had been property of the Chapter 11 estates, and that has not been disbursed pursuant to 8 the Plan, will revest in the Chapter 7 estates, and the automatic stay will be reimposed upon the 9 revested property, but only to the extent that relief from stay was not previously authorized by the 10 Court during this case. The Plan Confirmation Order may also be revoked under very limited 11 circumstances. The Court may revoke the Plan Confirmation Order if it was procured by fraud and 12 if a party in interest brings an adversary proceeding to revoke confirmation within 180 days after the 13 entry of the Plan Confirmation Order.

#### 14 E. Limitation of Liability

15 The Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors and their current and future agents and 16 professionals shall not incur and shall not have any liability to any entity for any act taken or 17 omission made in connection with the bankruptcy cases or the administration of the estates, 18 including, but not limited to, the formulation, dissemination, confirmation, approval or 19 consummation of the Plan, this Disclosure Statement, or any other document, instrument or 20 agreement relating thereto or in connection with the effectiveness or performance of the Plan, 21 or any distributions of cash or other property pursuant to the Plan. Nothing in this Limitation 22 of Liability provision shall be construed to limit liability for gross negligence, intentional 23 misconduct, or breaches of fiduciary duties.

#### 24 **F.** Final Decree.

Once these estates have been fully administered as referred to in Bankruptcy Rule 3022, the
Reorganized Debtors will file a motion with the Court to obtain a final decree to close the Debtors'

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1	Chapter 11 cases. The Reorganized Debtors shall be responsible for the timely payment of all fees	5
2	incurred pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1930(a)(6).	
3	Dated: October 21, 2016	
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## EXHIBIT "1"

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#### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE

This **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE** (the "Agreement") dated effective as of September 20, 2016 (the "Effective Date"), is entered into by and among Sylvester Stewart ("Stewart"), on the one hand, and Even St. Productions, Ltd. ("Even St."), Majoken, Inc. ("Majoken," and, together with Even St., the "Debtors"), Gerald Goldstein, aka Jerry Goldstein ("Goldstein"), Audio Visual Entertainment, Inc. dba Avenue Records ("AVE"), Far Out Productions, Inc. ("Far Out"), Jerry Goldstein Music, Inc. ("Music"), TMC Music, Inc. ("TMC") and T.A.G. Management, Inc. ("TAG," and, together with Goldstein, AVE, Far Out, Music and TMC, the "Goldstein Parties"), Glenn Stone ("Stone") and Gradstein & Marzano, P.C. ("G&M"), on the other hand, all sometimes collectively referred to as the "Parties," or individually as a "Party."

#### RECITALS

**A.** The master recordings and musical compositions of Sylvester Stewart p/k/a Sly Stone ("Stewart") and the musical group Sly & the Family Stone have generated royalties and licensing income for over forty (40) years ("Royalties").

**B.** Since approximately 2010, the Debtors and Stewart, among other parties, have engaged in litigation in the Los Angeles Superior Court (the "State Court") regarding, among other things, the right to receive the Royalties (the "Royalty Litigation"). One of the issues in the Royalty Litigation concerned the rights to the Royalties granted to Even St. by Stewart under an Assignment dated and signed by Stewart on February 27, 1989 (the "1989 Assignment").

**C.** The Debtors commenced their respective bankruptcy cases (collectively, the "Cases," and each a "Case") by filing voluntary petitions under Chapter 11 of 11 U.S.C. §§ 101, et seq. (the "Bankruptcy Code") on May 31, 2013 (the "Petition Date") in the Central District of California, Los Angeles Division (the "Bankruptcy Court") and the Cases were assigned to the Honorable Julia W. Brand, United States Bankruptcy Judge. The Debtors' Cases are being jointly administered.

**D.** Prior to the Petition Date, the Royalties, with the exception of those being collected and held by Broadcast Music, Inc. ("BMI"), Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC ("Sony/ATV") and SoundExchange were being deposited into an interpleader account maintained by the Clerk of the State Court. On March 5, 2015, the Superior Court entered an Order requiring Sony/ATV to deposit the Royalties it was then holding, and all future Royalties with the Clerk of the State Court.

E. On June 28, 2013, Even St. filed its Schedules of Assets and Liabilities. In its Schedule F – Creditors Holding Unsecured Nonpriority Claims, Even St. listed Stewart as a creditor holding an unliquidated, contingent and disputed unsecured claim. Even St. listed Stone as a creditor holding an undisputed unsecured claim in the amount of \$900,000 (the "Stone Claim").

**F.** On June 28, 2013, Majoken filed its Schedules of Assets and Liabilities. In its Schedule F – Creditors Holding Unsecured Nonpriority Claims, Majoken also listed Stewart as a creditor holding an unliquidated, contingent and disputed unsecured claim. Majoken also listed the Stone Claim.

**G.** By order entered July 23, 2013, the Bankruptcy Court fixed September 25, 2013 (the "Bar Date") as the deadline by which proofs of claim were to be filed against the Debtors.

**H.** On or about September 25, 2013, Stewart filed a proof of claim against each of the Debtors, asserting a general unsecured claim in an unliquidated amount based upon Stewart's causes of action in the Royalty Litigation. These proofs of claim were each assigned claim number 5-1 on the Claims Registers maintained by the Bankruptcy Court (the "Original Stewart Claims").

**I.** On or about September 24, 2013, Stone filed a proof of claim against Majoken, asserting a general unsecured claim in the amount of \$908,332 (the "Stone Majoken Claim," and, together with the Stone Claim, the "Stone Claims"). This proof of claim was assigned claim number 12 on the Claims Register for Majoken maintained by the Bankruptcy Court.

**J.** On or about October 24, 2013, the Bankruptcy Court entered its order authorizing the Debtors to employ G&M as counsel in connection with the Royalty Litigation.

**K.** On or about May 29, 2015, the Debtors commenced an adversary proceeding by filing a complaint against Stewart to, among other things, avoid and recover allegedly fraudulent transfers made by the Debtors to Stewart. This adversary proceeding was assigned Adv. Pro. No. 2:15-ap-01284-WB (the "Stewart Avoidance Litigation").

L. On June 26, 2015, the Bankruptcy Court entered an Order Granting Application of Debtors and Debtors in Possession to Employ R. Eli Ball as Sale Agent and Broker to Debtor Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 327, 328 and 330 (the "Ball Employment Order"). The Ball Employment Order authorizes the Debtors to employ R. Eli Ball d/b/a Acklen Advisory Services ("Ball") as sales agent and broker to the Debtors to market and potentially sell the Debtors' assets.

**M.** On July 13, 2015, the Bankruptcy Court entered its *Order Directing Release of Interpleaded Funds to Even St. Productions Ltd. and Directing Payment of Royalties to Even St. Productions Ltd.* (the "Turnover Order"). Pursuant to the Turnover Order, all of the funds held in the State Court interpleader account were delivered to Even St. and placed into a segregated debtor-in-possession bank account (the "Royalty Account"). All additional Royalty payments that have been received by the Debtors since the entry of the Turnover Order have been deposited into the Royalty Account.

**N.** On or about August 13, 2015, the Debtors filed their *Motion for Entry of Order Releasing Royalties in the Possession of Broadcast Music, Inc. to Even St. Productions Ltd. and Directing Payment of Future Royalties to Even St. Productions Ltd.* (the "BMI Turnover Motion"), pursuant to which the Debtors requested that all Royalties in the possession of Broadcast Music, Inc. ("BMI") be delivered to the Debtors for deposit in the Royalty Account.

On September 14, 2015, the Bankruptcy Court entered its order denying the BMI Turnover Motion. As a result, BMI has remained in possession of all of the Royalties otherwise payable by BMI (together with all future Royalties payable by BMI, the "BMI Royalties").

**O.** On February 24, 2016, the State Court issued its *Final Statement Of Decision On Plaintiff's 16<sup>th</sup> Cause Of Action For Declaratory Relief*, pursuant to which the State Court concluded, among other things, that Stewart had irrevocably assigned his interest in the Royalties to the Debtors, and, therefore, that the Royalties under the 1989 Assignment are owned by the Debtors. Stewart and Even St. acknowledge the State Court's *Final Statement Of Decision On Plaintiff's 16<sup>th</sup> Cause Of Action For Declaratory Relief* and agree not to dispute this decision in any way or in any forum.

**P.** On September 13, 2016, Stewart filed an amended proof of claim against Even St. (the "Amended Stewart Claim"). The Amended Stewart Claim was assigned claim number 5-2 on the Creditor Registry maintained by the Bankruptcy Court.

**Q.** On September 20, 2016, Stewart filed his objection to the Stone Claims (the "Stone Claim Objection").

**R.** G&M have an administrative expense priority claim for legal fees and costs incurred on behalf of the Debtors. A portion of those fees and costs have been approved by the Bankruptcy Court. There are substantial fees and costs that remain to be paid to G&M.

**S.** On September 20, 2016, the Parties participated in mediation before the Honorable Meredith A. Jury, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Central District of California, Riverside Division ("Judge Jury"). At that time, and as acknowledged orally by the Parties on the record before Judge Jury in this matter, the Parties reached a settlement in principle on the terms so stated on the record, specifically enforceable under California Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6.

**T.** Nevertheless, and as a result of the settlement reached by the Parties, and without any admission of liability, the Parties desire to memorialize and reduce to writing through this Agreement the full terms of the compromise, settlement and resolution of all claims, disputes and differences among the Parties regarding the Cases and the Royalty Litigation reached in principle on September 20, 2016.

## AGREEMENT

In consideration of the foregoing and the other good and valuable consideration stated herein, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

## 1. Recitals.

1.1. The Recitals are incorporated herein by this reference and the Parties agree that the information recited above is true and correct.

### 2. **Terms of Settlement.**

2.1. This Agreement shall become effective and binding on the Parties upon entry of a "Final Order" approving the Settlement Motion (as defined below). For purposes of this Agreement, the date of entry of a "Final Order" shall be 15 days after entry of an order approving the Settlement Motion pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9019 on the docket in the Bankruptcy Case and no timely appeal has been taken against the Final Order and the Final Order is unstayed and enforceable. The Parties may consummate this Agreement notwithstanding a pending appeal so long as there is no stay of the order approving the Settlement Motion.

- 2.2. The Parties agree, as follows:
  - 2.2.1. Subject to the provisions herein the Amended Stewart Claim shall be compromised, deemed to be further amended, and Stewart shall have an allowed general unsecured claim against the Debtors, jointly and severally, in the amount of \$1,600,000 (the "Allowed Stewart Claim"). Any payments to Stewart on account of the Allowed Stewart Claim shall be made payable to "Allan Law Group P.C. in trust for Sylvester Stewart or his assignees";
  - 2.2.2. The Stone Claims shall be deemed amended, and Stone shall have an allowed general unsecured claim against the Debtors, jointly and severally, in the amount of \$500,000 (the "Allowed Stone Claim"); provided, however, that the Allowed Stone Claim is subordinated to the other general unsecured claims of the Debtors, including the Allowed Stewart Claim, and shall only be paid after all other allowed general unsecured claims against the Debtors have been paid in full; and
  - 2.2.3. In full and final satisfaction of its unpaid administrative expense priority claim against the Debtors, G&M has agreed to compromise its claim for unpaid attorney's fees and expenses, and accept a reduced amount of \$600,000 for attorney's fees not yet awarded and paid, which shall be in addition to prior payments made and approved by the Honorable Julia W. Brand of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, pursuant to the Order Re: First Interim Application submitted by G&M for approval of fees and reimbursement of expenses entered on June 26, 2015, and the Order entered on September 1, 2016. G&M shall submit a final fee application for payment of its attorney's fees and reimbursement of expenses in accordance with the Court's previously entered Orders which shall seek the Court's approval for a final additional payment of attorney's fees in the compromised sum of \$600,000 (the "G&M Fee").

2.3. The Debtors shall propose a plan of reorganization (the "Plan") which shall incorporate the terms of this Agreement and provide, in addition to terms and conditions

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consistent with the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, that the Debtors shall transfer all right, title and interest in and to certain specified assets pursuant to Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Asset Disposition"). The assets which shall be subject to the Asset Disposition shall be the right to receive Royalties pursuant to the 1989 Assignment derived from the use or exploitation of (a) all musical compositions written in whole or part by Stewart which are now owned by Mijac Music (excluding any rights to recapture or reversionary rights available to Stewart or his heirs, which the Debtors agree do not constitute property of the Debtors' respective bankruptcy estates, and, as between the Debtors and Stewart, are the sole and exclusive property of Stewart or his heirs as described in paragraph 2.10 below); and (b) all the master recordings of Sly & the Family Stone and Sly Stone which are now owned by Sony Music Entertainment and Warner Brothers Records, and (c) all rights now known or hereafter created or derived from Royalties in connection with the collective assets described in (a) and (b), above, and hereafter referred to as the "Sale Assets." For the avoidance of doubt, the Sale Assets shall include (i) the songwriters' Royalties payable from Sony ATV/Mijac Music; (ii) the Royalties and consulting fees payable to Even St. for Sly & the Family Stone and Sylvester Stewart p/k/a Sly Stone from Warner Brothers Records and Sony Music Entertainment pursuant to the letter agreement and related Consultation Agreement between Even St. and Sony Music Entertainment, Inc. dated December 18, 2002; (iii) the public performance Royalties related to the Mijac catalogue payable by BMI or any other public performance payors; and (iv) the digital public performances royalties payable by SoundExchange relating to Sony Music Entertainment and Warner Brothers Records master recordings. The Debtors shall not include any other assets other than the Sale Assets in the Asset Disposition. For avoidance of ambiguity, any Royalties payable to Stewart from AFM, AFTRA, SAG, Talent Partners, and PPM [Public Performance Malaysia Sdn Bhd] for live public performance in Malaysia, shall be the sole property of Stewart, and the Debtors disclaim any interest therein.

2.4. Stewart, the Debtors, and, if necessary, the Goldstein Parties shall jointly instruct BMI to deliver the BMI Royalties to the Royalty Account. Stewart, the Debtors, and, if necessary, the Goldstein Parties, shall jointly instruct SoundExchange to deliver any Royalties in its possession to the Royalty Account. Any future Royalties payable by SoundExchange shall also be directed into the Royalty Account.

2.5. The Plan shall further provide that all funds on deposit in the Royalty Account, any additional Royalties received prior to the closing of the Asset Disposition, all BMI Royalties and any Royalties delivered by SoundExchange shall be paid to holders of all allowed administrative expense priority claims, other priority claims and general unsecured claims in their relative order of priorities as established by the Bankruptcy Code. The Plan will provide for partial distributions to holders of allowed claims and for the establishment of adequate reserves for the payment of disputed claims. Any partial distribution (or contribution to a reserve) pursuant to the Plan shall be on a *pro rata* basis among the holders of claims of the same priority. After payment of all allowed claims in full, any remaining funds in the Debtors' estates shall be divided 50% to Allan Law Group P.C. in trust for Sylvester Stewart or his assignees and 50% to TAG or its assignees. The Plan may also establish a reserve for disputed claims in an amount to be agreed upon by Stewart and the Debtors and approved by the Court.

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2.6. Stewart, the Goldstein Parties and the Debtors agree that John T. Frankenheimer, Esq. of Loeb & Loeb LLP ("Frankenheimer") may serve as the Debtors' representative for purposes of the Asset Disposition. Frankenheimer may be employed by the Debtors to serve as representative on the same economic terms and conditions as those approved by the Ball Employment Order and may be paid from the fee agreed to be paid to pursuant to the Ball Employment Order ("Agent Fee") only, or as may otherwise be agreed by Stewart, the Goldstein Parties, the Debtors, Frankenheimer and Ball. Frankenheimer may also be used to provide legal advice with respect to the Asset Disposition. Stewart, the Goldstein Parties and the Debtors agree that Frankenheimer shall be responsible for composing language that accurately describes the Sale Assets consistent with the terms of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the Ball Employment Order, the Debtors shall use their best efforts to negotiate terms and conditions upon which Ball shall continue to serve as sales agent acting in association with Frankenheimer on terms and conditions that are acceptable to Stewart, the Goldstein Parties and the Debtors subject to the condition that both Frankenheimer and Ball are not paid an aggregate fee in excess of the Agent Fee approved in the Ball Employment Order without the further agreement of Stewart, the Goldstein Parties and the Debtors. If the Debtors are unable to reach an agreement with Ball to work with and share the Agent Fee with Frankenheimer then the Debtors may negotiate a termination of Ball as sales agent.

2.7. Stewart, the Goldstein Parties and the Debtors agree that, prior to the Asset Disposition, the Debtors may consult with tax counsel and/or an accountant to be selected by the Debtors and subject to approval by Stewart, which approval may not be unreasonably withheld, and may use up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of the funds in the Royalty Account to pay the reasonable fees and expenses associated with such professional(s) in order to structure the Asset Disposition to comply with the requirements of all applicable tax codes and regulations and to minimize the taxes payable by the Debtors and/or by the equity owners of Even St. as a result of the Asset Disposition.

Stewart, the Goldstein Parties and the Debtors jointly approve the Asset 2.8. Disposition at a minimum purchase price of (the "Floor Price"). Should the Debtors obtain a bid below the Floor Price or a bid above the Floor Price that requires payment of the purchase price above the Floor Price over time which, in the opinion of Frankenheimer, nonetheless represents the highest and best bid for the Sale Assets, Stewart, the Goldstein Parties and the Debtors agree to meet and confer and negotiate in good faith with respect to the decision as to whether or not to accept a bid below the Floor Price or a bid above the Floor Price that requires payment of the purchase price above the Floor Price over time. In the event of any disputes between Stewart, the Goldstein Parties and/or the Debtors regarding the acceptance of a bid below the Floor Price or bid above the Floor Price that requires payment of the purchase price above the Floor Price over time, Stewart, the Goldstein Parties and the Debtors agree to submit such dispute to Judge Jury for mediation and/or a determination of any such dispute. The Parties shall use their commercially reasonable best efforts to obtain the permission of the Bankruptcy Court to redact information regarding the Floor Price from this Agreement, the transcript of the mediation before Judge Jury and any motion to approve this Agreement.

2.9. No Party shall take any action or refrain from taking any action which is

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reasonably likely to interfere with the Asset Disposition or impair the ability of the Debtors to maximize the bid obtained for the Sale Assets.

2.10. In the event Stewart recaptures the copyright ownership of any, or all of the musical compositions described in 2.3(a) above by exercising his right pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 203 to terminate the grant or assignment of any copyrights in musical compositions written in whole or in part by Stewart, Stewart or his heirs shall have the right to receive the publisher's share of the Royalties as the owner of the copyrights. In conjunction with the Asset Disposition, Stewart shall warrant and represent that Stewart and his successors, assigns, heirs, licensees, or administrator of the musical compositions, if any, shall acknowledge the terms and conditions of the Asset Disposition and be bound and required to pay any and all songwriters' royalties to the successful bidder at the Asset Disposition or the successful bidder's successor as so directed in writing on the same basis that the songwriters' royalties are now being paid to Even St., *i.e.*, no administrative fee on the songwriter's royalties shall be deducted from any payment to be made.

2.11. Even St. specifically and irrevocably waives and quit claims any and all claims or rights to all copyrights in musical compositions and master recordings of musical compositions by Stewart created between 1989 to 2010 and as between Even St. and Stewart all such rights belong solely to Stewart.

2.12. Even St. acknowledges and agrees that as between itself and Stewart, that from and after February 15, 2007, Stewart has the sole right to receive compensation for: (i) services provided by him, (ii) works authored by him; (iii) sound recordings made by him; and (iv) the commercial exploitation of his person or his right to publicity. Even St. specifically and irrevocably waives and quit claims any and all claims Even St. may have, if any, from and after February 15, 2007, to any compensation payable to Stewart as above, for (i) services provided by him, (ii) works authored by him; (iii) sound recordings made by him; and (iv) the commercial exploitation of his right to publicity.

2.13. Even St. on behalf of itself and its successors and assigns quitclaims any interest Even St. may have anywhere in the world including, but not limited to, the U.S., Canada, the European Union and Australia in the trademark/trade name "Sly & the Family Stone" ("Mark") or any substantially similar trade names or marks including, but not limited to, "The Family Stone" to Stewart, his nominee or assignee and agrees to execute the attached Assignment of Mark for Even St.'s registered Mark in Canada and in any other jurisdiction in which Even St. has registered the Mark.

2.14. All musical compositions written by Stewart and any master sound recordings thereof, other tangible property and all intellectual property created by Stewart from 1989 to date currently in the possession, custody or control of the Debtors or of Goldstein ("Works") are to be physically delivered by or on behalf of Even St. to Allan Law Group P.C. in trust for Stewart or his assignee within fifteen (15) days following the date upon which a Final Order approving this Agreement has been entered by the Bankruptcy Court.

2.15. Even St. assigns any interest it may have anywhere in the world as to any musical compositions written by Stewart and any master sound recordings thereof and any other

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intellectual property created or authored by him from 1989 to date and to the right to receive any and all royalties or other consideration payable for the use or commercial exploitation of the Works.

2.16. Stewart and the other Parties to this Agreement shall not object to any final fee application by G&M for allowance of fees and costs as an administrative expense in the amount of the G&M Fee subject to entry of a Final Order approving the Settlement Motion, and shall affirmatively support such request at any hearing but shall not be required to file any papers in that regard.

2.17. Within five (5) business days following the entry of a Final Order approving this Agreement, Stewart shall dismiss the Stone Claim Objection with prejudice.

2.18. Within five (5) business days following the entry of a Final Order approving this Agreement, (a) the Debtors and Stewart shall file a stipulation with the Bankruptcy Court jointly dismissing the Stewart Avoidance Litigation with prejudice; and (b) the Parties shall take such steps as may be necessary to dismiss the Royalty Litigation with prejudice, with each such Party to bear its/his own attorney's fees and costs and waiving any claim any Party or its independent contractors, employees or agents may have against any other Party for malicious prosecution, if any.

### 3. Bankruptcy Court Approval of the Settlement, Means of Implementation.

3.1. Immediately following the execution of this Agreement by all Parties, the Debtors shall file a motion in the Bankruptcy Court seeking approval of the Agreement pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9019 (the "Settlement Motion").

3.2. The Parties shall all vote in favor, and support confirmation, of any Plan that comports with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The Plan shall provide that, following the entry of final decrees in the Cases, the Debtors shall be deemed dissolved.

#### 4. **Release by Stewart.**

4.1. Stewart, for himself, and for his agents, heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns (collectively, the "Stewart Releasing Parties," or individually, a "Stewart Releasing Party") forever releases and discharges the Debtors, the Goldstein Parties and Stone (the Debtors, Goldstein Parties, and Stone are collectively referred to as the "Even St. Parties," or each individually, an "Even St. Party"), their respective agents, servants, employees, attorneys, shareholders, members, officers, directors, heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, accounts, obligations, costs, expenses, liens, actions, causes of action, rights to indemnity (legal or equitable), rights to subrogation, rights to contribution and remedies of any nature whatsoever, known or unknown, which any Stewart Releasing Party had, now has, or has acquired, individually or jointly, arising from any facts, actions or inactions occurring at any time prior to the date of the execution of this Agreement related to the Cases, the Royalty Litigation, the Stewart Avoidance Litigation or based on the execution of this Agreement by, or on behalf of, any of the Parties; provided, however, that such release shall not apply to the obligations created by this Agreement.

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4.2. The Stewart Releasing Parties expressly waive and relinquish all rights and benefits afforded by Section 1542 of the *Civil Code of the State of California*, and do so understanding and acknowledging the significance and consequences of such specific waiver of Section 1542, which provides as follows:

### A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.

4.3. The Stewart Releasing Parties further acknowledge and agree that they may hereafter discover facts in addition to or different from those which they now know or believe to be true with respect to the claims they may have, but that nonetheless it is their intention to fully, finally and forever settle and release all claims, whether known, unknown, fixed, contingent, suspected, unsuspected, or otherwise as to the claims referenced in Section 4.1, above.

#### 5. **Release by Even St. Parties.**

5.1. The Even St. Parties, and their respective members, beneficiaries, agents, servants, employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, officers, directors, heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns forever release and discharge each other and the Stewart Releasing Parties and their respective agents, servants, employees, attorneys, shareholders, subsidiaries, officers, directors, heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, accounts, obligations, costs, expenses, liens, actions, causes of action, rights to indemnity (legal or equitable), rights to subrogation, rights to contribution and remedies of any nature whatsoever, known or unknown, which any Even St. Party had, now has, or has acquired, individually or jointly, arising from any facts, actions or inactions occurring at any time prior to the date of the execution of this Agreement related in any way to the Cases, the Royalty Litigation, the Stewart Avoidance Litigation or based on the execution of this Agreement by, or on behalf of, any of the Parties; provided, however, that such release shall not apply to the obligations created by this Agreement.

5.2. The Even St. Parties expressly waive and relinquish all rights and benefits afforded by Section 1542 of the *Civil Code of the State of California*, and do so understanding and acknowledging the significance and consequences of such specific waiver of Section 1542, which provides as follows:

"A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR."

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5.3. The Even St. Parties further acknowledge and agree that they may hereafter discover facts in addition to or different from those which they now know or believe to be true with respect to the claims they may have, but that nonetheless it is their intention to fully, finally and forever settle and release all claims, whether known, unknown, fixed, contingent, suspected, unsuspected, or otherwise as to the claims referenced in Section 5.1, above.

### 6. **Cooperation.**

The Parties shall use their reasonable best efforts and cooperate to the extent necessary to obtain a Final Order from the Bankruptcy Court approving the terms of this Agreement and confirming the Plan. The Parties shall take such reasonable additional steps as may be necessary to implement this Agreement fully, including, without limitation, by executing and delivering such additional documents as may reasonably be required to give full effect to the terms hereof.

### 7. Liens and Taxes.

Stewart acknowledges and agrees that he is solely responsible for the resolution, waiver, satisfaction, and/or discharge of any taxes, equitable or contractual claims, subrogation claims or liens, known or unknown, past or future, asserted against the settlement proceeds or this settlement by any person or entity that provided benefits or payments of any kind to Stewart. Stewart agrees to indemnify the Even St. Parties from and against any and all claims, judgments, or suits for any such claims, subrogation claims or liens, including but not limited to any claims or liens by Stewart's prior counsel in the Royalty Litigation or Cases, if any.

The Goldstein Parties each acknowledges and agrees that he, she or it is solely responsible for the resolution, waiver, satisfaction, and/or discharge of any taxes, equitable or contractual claims, subrogation claims or liens, known or unknown, past or future, asserted against the settlement proceeds or this settlement by any person or entity that provided benefits or payments of any kind to any of the Goldstein Parties. The Goldstein Parties agree to indemnify Stewart from and against any and all claims, judgments, or suits for any such claims, subrogation claims or liens.

The Debtors agree to provide drafts of any and all tax returns to be filed following the Effective Date of this Agreement to Stewart and the Goldstein Parties prior to filing any such returns with any taxing authority. Stewart and/or the Goldstein Parties shall each have ten (10) days from receipt of the draft of any return(s) to raise issues with respect to such returns, and agree to meet and confer in good faith with any tax preparer to address any such issues in a manner designed to avoid any adverse tax consequences to any of them. The Debtors shall use their commercially reasonable best efforts to obtain draft returns by not later than December 31, 2016, but shall coordinate the preparation and filing of any such returns with the advice of any tax advisor in connection with the Asset Disposition, or any tax advisor for any of the Parties.

## 8. No Admission of Liability

This Agreement represents the compromise of disputed claims and neither this Agreement, nor any negotiations or proceedings connected with it, shall constitute or be construed as or be deemed to be evidence of any admission on the part of any of the Parties of

any liability or wrongdoing whatsoever, or the truth or untruth, or merit or lack of merit, of any claim or defense of any of the Parties.

## 9. Attorneys' Fees and Costs.

Each of the Parties hereto shall be responsible for his/her/its own attorneys' fees and costs as it pertains to this Agreement and incurred in the Royalty Litigation or in the Cases. In the event that it becomes necessary to commence an action to enforce the rights or obligations created by this Agreement, the prevailing Party in such action shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs as they are incurred to enforce the rights or obligations against any other Party or Parties to this Agreement.

## 10. Interpretation of Agreement.

This Agreement has been negotiated at arms' length between persons knowledgeable in the matters dealt with herein. In addition, the Parties have been represented by experienced and knowledgeable legal counsel. Accordingly, the Parties hereto agree that any rule of law, including, but not limited to, California Civil Code Section 1654, and all other statutes, legal decisions, or common law principles of similar effect, that would require interpretation of any ambiguities in this Agreement against the Party that drafted this Agreement, is of no application and is hereby expressly waived. The provisions of this Agreement shall be interpreted in a reasonable manner to effect the intentions of the Parties hereto.

## 11. Successors and Assigns.

This Agreement, including the general releases contained herein, shall inure to the benefit and be binding on the Parties and, as applicable, their assigns, and their successors in interest, including successors in interest by assignment or otherwise.

## 12. Third Party Beneficiaries.

This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the Parties hereto, and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and no other persons or entities are intended to be third party beneficiaries hereunder, or to have any right, benefit, priority or interest under, or because of the existence of, or to have any right to enforce, this Agreement. The Parties hereto shall have the right to modify this Agreement at any time without notice to or approval of any other person or persons, subject to the provisions of Paragraph 18.

## 13. Governing Law; Venue.

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed, interpreted, and enforced in accordance with and under the laws of the State of California. The proper venue for the filing of any lawsuit in connection with this Agreement shall, in the first instance, in the Bankruptcy Court, for so long as the Debtors' Cases remain open. The Parties agree that, for so long as the Debtors' Cases remain open. The Parties and exclusive jurisdiction, sitting without a jury, to hear and determine any disputes that arise under or on account of this Agreement. Thereafter, the proper venue for the filing of any lawsuit in connection with this

Agreement shall be in any court of competent jurisdiction in Los Angeles County, California.

## 14. **Representative Capacity.**

Each person whose signature is affixed hereto in a representative capacity represents and warrants that he or she is authorized and empowered to execute this Agreement on behalf of, and to bind, the person or entity on whose behalf his or her signature is affixed.

## 15. Advice of Counsel.

All Parties hereto represent and warrant that they understand the terms of this Agreement and have had the benefit of advice of counsel of their choice before signing this Agreement.

## 16. Severability.

If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be invalid or unenforceable to any extent, the remainder of this Agreement and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby and shall be enforced to the greatest extent permitted by law, but only as long as the continued validity, legality and enforceability of such provision or application does not materially (a) alter the terms of this Agreement, (b) diminish the benefits of this Agreement or (c) increase the burdens of this Agreement, for any person.

## 17. Entire Agreement.

This Agreement contains the entire understanding between the Parties concerning the subject matter of this Agreement and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, statements, understandings, terms, conditions, negotiations, representations and warranties, whether oral or written, made by any of the Parties concerning the matters covered by this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the preceding sentence, each of the Parties acknowledges and agrees that no promise, inducement, agreement, representation or warranty of any kind which is not expressly set forth in this Agreement has been made to induce such Party to enter into this Agreement.

## 18. Amendment.

None of the Parties shall have the right to unilaterally terminate, modify or abridge any of their respective rights or obligations under this Agreement. None of the Parties shall have the right to rescind, retract, revoke, void or otherwise seek to invalidate the terms of this Agreement pending the approval of this Agreement by the Bankruptcy Court. Any amendment to this Agreement must be in writing executed by all Parties and their counsel in the Royalty Litigation or the Cases.

## 19. **Duplicate Originals; Counterparts; Copies.**

The Parties may execute duplicate originals to this Agreement or have this Settlement executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which shall

constitute one and the same agreement. In addition, a copy of a signature by the executing Party (either by facsimile, email, or other format) shall have the same force and effect as an original.

## 20. No Prior Transfer of Released Items.

Each Party represents and warrants that it has not heretofore sold, assigned, transferred, conveyed or otherwise disposed of, including by way of subrogation, any of the charges, claims, complaints, actions, causes of action, liabilities, obligations, promises, benefits, agreements, controversies, rights, damages, debts, costs, losses of services, attorneys' fees, expenses, costs and compensation of any nature whatsoever released in this Agreement.

## 21. Understanding of Agreement.

The Parties hereto acknowledge that they have had the opportunity to be represented by independent legal counsel of their own choice throughout all of the negotiations which preceded the execution of this Agreement and have either done so, or voluntarily decided not to do so and proceed without the consent or advice of independent legal counsel. The Parties hereto acknowledge that they have had adequate opportunity to make whatever investigation or inquiry that may be necessary or desirable in connection with the subject matter of this Agreement prior to the execution hereof. The Parties further represent and acknowledge that they fully understand and appreciate the meaning of each of the terms of this Agreement and that they understand that they may be waiving legal rights or claims by signing this Agreement and that they are voluntarily entering into this Agreement with a full and complete understanding of its terms and legal effect and with the intent to be legally bound by this Agreement.

## 22. Enforcement of Agreement.

The Parties specifically agree that: (1) this Agreement is admissible as evidence and subject to disclosure in enforcement proceedings; (2) all of the material terms of the settlement are set forth herein; (3) this Agreement is enforceable under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 58 or other similar state laws, and the court, upon motion of either Party, may enter judgment pursuant to the terms hereof; and (4) neither Party shall oppose a motion under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 58 or other similar state laws to enter judgment pursuant to the terms of this Agreement is confidential or otherwise privileged.

## 23. Headings.

Headings contained in this Agreement are inserted as a matter of convenience and for reference, and are not intended and shall not be construed to define, limit, extend or otherwise describe the scope of this Agreement or any provision of this Agreement.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the Effective Date.

#### SYLVESTER STEWART

#### EVEN ST. PRODUCTIONS, LTD.

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Its: \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOKEN, INC.

By:		
Name:		
Its:		

AUDIO VISUAL ENTERTAINMENT, INC. dba AVENUE RECORDS

By:		
Name:		
Its:		

FAR OUT PRODUCTIONS, INC.

By:		
Name:		
Its:		

JERRY GOLDSTEIN MUSIC, INC.

By:	
Name:	
Its:	

TMC MUSIC, INC.

By:			
Name:			
Its:			

[Signatures Continue]

### T.A.G. MANAGEMENT, INC.

By:		
Name:		
Its:		

GERALD GOLDSTEIN

GLENN STONE

## GRADSTEIN & MARZANO, P.C.

By:		
Name:		
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City of Los Angeles Office of Finance	Even St	13		\$ 1,027.45							\$1,027.45	\$1,382.81	\$1,382.81	
City of Los Angeles Office of Finance	Majoken	13		\$ 7,947.45	\$ 10,355.70						\$7,947.45	\$10,355.70	\$10,355.70	
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City of New York Dept. of Taxation	Majoken	14			\$ 675.53							\$675.53	\$675.53	
City of New York Dept. of Taxation	Even St	15			\$ 1,801.83							\$1,801.83	\$1,801.83	
Ruby Jones	Even St	16			\$ 170,000.00							\$0.00	\$170,000.00	
CitiBank/Staples c/o LTD Financial	Even St							\$33,205.16				\$33,205.16	\$33,205.16	
Eli Blumenfeld Law Corporation	Even St							\$52,405.00				\$52,405.00	\$52,405.00	
Hemming Morse, Inc.	Even St/Majoken							\$105,964.83				\$105,964.83	\$105,964.83	
Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.	Even St/Majoken							\$20,874.00				\$20,874.00	\$20,874.00	
Mercantile National Bank	Even St					\$0.00						\$0.00	\$0.00	
RBZ, LLP	Even St/Majoken							\$100,000.00				\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	
Thomas Blackwood	Even St							\$15,705.00				\$15,705.00	\$15,705.00	
Wolk Levine & Trotter, LLP	Even St/Majoken							\$121,075.41				\$121,075.41	\$121,075.41	
Audio Visual Entertainment, Inc.	Even St							\$35,600.00				\$0.00	\$35,600.00	
Far Out Productions, Inc.	Even St							\$78,480.67				\$0.00	\$78,480.67	
Far Out Productions, Inc.	Even St							\$203,384.00				\$0.00	\$203,384.00	
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