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LEVELS OF OPINION-BASED ON ASTM GUIDELINES FOR EXPRESSING CONCLUSIONS

Since the observations made by the examiner relate to the product of the human behavior there are a large number of variables that could contribute to limiting the examiner's ability to express an opinion confidently. These factors include the amount, degree of variability, complexity and contemporaneity of the questioned and/or specimen writings. To allow for these limitations a scale is used which has four levels on either side of an inconclusive result. These levels are:

- **Identification / Elimination**

May be expressed as 'The writer of the known documents wrote / did not write the questioned writing.' This opinion is used when the examiner denotes no doubt in their opinion; this is the highest degree of confidence expressed by a document examiner.

- **Strong Probability**

May be expressed as 'There is a strong probability the writer of the known documents wrote / did not write the questioned writing.' This opinion is used when the evidence is very persuasive, yet some critical feature or quality is missing; however, the examiner is virtually certain in their opinion.

- **Probable**

May be expressed as 'It is probable the writer of the known documents wrote / did not write the questioned writing.' This opinion is used when the evidence points strongly toward / against the known writer; however, the evidence falls short of the virtually certain degree of confidence.

- **Evidence to Suggest**

May be expressed as 'there is evidence to suggest the writer of the known documents wrote / did not write the questioned writing.' This opinion is used when there is an identifiable limitation on the comparison process. The evidence may have few features which are of significance for handwriting comparisons purposes, but those features are in agreement with another body of writing.

- **Inconclusive**

May be expressed as 'no conclusion could be reached as to whether the writer of the known documents wrote / did not write the questioned writing.' This is the zero point of the confidence scale. It is used when there are significantly limiting factors, such as disguise in the questioned and/or known writing or a lack of comparable writing and the examiner does not have even a leaning one way or another.

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1 **EXHIBIT 4.2** An original 'Notice to Vacate' posted on September 20, 2013 addressed
2 to 'Mr. Horowitz' containing the alleged handwriting of Robert Dukat.

3 **EXHIBIT 4.3** An original 'Trespass Warning' posted on September 20, 2013 addressed
4 to 'current Occupants of 13-3775 Kalapana-Pahoa Highway, Pahoa,
5 Hawaii' containing the alleged handwriting of Robert Dukat.

6 5. **Documents of ROBERT DUKAT:**

7 **EXHIBIT 5.1** A one page copy of an Application for Registration of Trade Name dated
8 April 16, 2013 containing the purported signature of Robert Dukat.

9 **EXHIBIT 5.2** A one page copy of a Declaration page of a '*Further Affiant Sayeth*
10 *Naught*' dated November 3, 2013 containing the purported signature of
11 Robert Dukat.

12 6. **Documents of PAUL SULLA, JR.:**

13 **EXHIBIT 6.1 through EXHIBIT 6.52** Fourty-five (45) documents consisting of
14 numerous envelopes and legal documents regarding Civil No.: 12-1-0417
15 containing the purported handwriting, numerals, and signatures of Paul
16 Sulla, Jr.

17 7. **Basis of Opinion:** The basis for handwriting identification is that writing habits are not
18 instinctive or hereditary but are complex processes that are developed gradually through habit and
19 that handwriting is unique to each individual. Further, the basic axiom is that no one person writes
20 exactly the same way twice and no two people write exactly the same. Thus writing habits or
21 individual characteristics distinguish one person's handwriting from another. A process of analysis,
22 comparison and evaluation is conducted between the known standards and questioned document(s).
23 Based on the conclusions of the expert, an opinion will be expressed. The opinions are derived
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1 from the ASTM Standard Terminology for Expressing Conclusions for Forensic Document
2 Examiners.

3 **8. Examinations & Observations:**

- 4 a. The documents provided are of good quality, with the many of the documents being
5 original.
- 6 b. The questioned documents were inter-compared to determine they were internally
7 consistent and all written by one writer.
- 8 c. The two known documents of Robert Dukat were compared with one another to determine
9 they are internally consistent and exhibit a signature that is angular with similar slant.
- 10 d. The questioned documents and known signature samples of Robert Dukat, Exhibit 5, were
11 then compared. The questioned signatures are actually signed 'R DUM' which is different
12 than the angular up and down movements seen in the known signature samples.
- 13 e. The known documents of Paul Sulla, Jr. contain numerous signatures however are limited
14 in hand printed alpha-numeric samples. The known samples were inter-compared with one
15 another to determine they are internally consistent and samples in Exhibit 6 were written by
16 one writer.
- 17 f. The questioned documents known samples of Paul Sulla, Jr. were then compared to each
18 other revealing some similarity in letter formation, skill of writing and numeric formation.

19 **9. Opinions:** Based upon my thorough analysis of these items, and from an application of
20 accepted forensic document examination tools, principles and techniques my professional expert
21 opinion follows:
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- 25 a. There is a strong probability that the Robert Dukat of the known signature samples in
26 Exhibit 5 did not sign the three (3) questioned documents. An examination of additional
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1 known handwriting samples of Robert Dukat and/or original documents may lead to a more
2 conclusive opinion in this case.

- 3 b. It is probable the Paul Sulla of the known handwriting and signature samples in Exhibit 6
4 wrote and signed the questioned documents; Q1, Q2, and Q3. An examination of additional
5 known handwriting samples of Paul Sulla may lead to a more conclusive opinion in this
6 case.

7 Please see EXHIBIT 3 for levels of expressing opinions.

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9 **10. Declaration:**

10 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
11 foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on the 31st day of January,
12 2014, in Los Angeles, California.

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COURT TESTIMONY

Attorney George S. Wass
BPLA Investments, LLC v. Herzl Talasazan
Case No. 13R002842
Superior Court of California, Dept J, County of Los Angeles
Santa Monica Courthouse
1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401
The Honorable Norman P. Tarle
September 18, 2013

Attorney Joseph Shalant
Shalant v Castro
Case No. SC109060
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
111 North Hill Street, Dept 15, 3rd Floor; Los Angeles, CA 90012
The Honorable Richard L. Fruin
August 21, 2013

Attorney Steve Chang
A Matter of Hong
Case # A079-195-434
Los Angeles Immigration Court
606 South Olive St, 5th Floor, #3
Los Angeles, CA 90014
The Honorable Arlene E. Dorfman
July 18, 2013

Peter Andrew Soli
Gusto Enterprises, LLC v. Milan Selassie
Case No. 13U02964
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Stanley Mosk Courthouse
111 N. Hill St, Dept. 19, Los Angeles, CA 90012
The Honorable Judge Joseph R. Kalin
May 13, 2013

Attorney John Greenwood
Mendez v. Saucedo
Case No. 13H00803
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Chatsworth Courthouse
942 Penfield Ave, Dept. F43, Chatsworth, CA 91311
The Honorable Judge Benny C. Osorio
May 10, 2013

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COURT TESTIMONY cont.

Attorney Steven Chazen
Albert Robles v. Susan Arellano East LA Task Force
Case No. BC 461770
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Stanley Mosk Courthouse
111 N. Hill St, Dept. 42, 4th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012
The Honorable Judge Holly E. Kendig
April 26, 2013

Tim Jensen
Case No. 2013020086
Office of Administrative Hearings
320 W 4th St, Suite 630, Los Angeles, CA 90013
The Honorable Judge Richard J. Lopez
March 11, 2013

Attorney Robert Cohen
Cellcom West, INC. v. Peck LLC
Case No. 72 140 Y 00074 12 SIM
American Arbitration Association
725 S Figueroa St, Los Angeles, CA 90017
The Honorable Judge Michael Berg
March 6, 2013

Attorney Jenifer Anisman
Catanzariti v. Sackley
Case No. YC 061380/067674
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Torrance Courthouse
825 Maple Ave, Floor 3/Dept. B, Torrance, CA 90503
The Honorable Judge Stuart M. Rice
December 12, 2012

Attorney Pamela Mozer
Duringer v. Seeley
Case No. 12K01375
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Stanley Mosk Courthouse
111 N. Hill Street, 7th Floor, Dept. 76, Los Angeles, CA 90012
The Honorable Judge Stephanie M. Bowick
October 29, 2012

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COURT TESTIMONY cont.

Steve Mayo
The People v. Steve Mayo
Case No. RIF 1103819
Superior Court of California, County of Riverside
Riverside Hall of Justice
4100 Main Street, Dept. 34, Riverside, CA 92501
The Honorable Judge Richard T. Fields
October 2, 2012

Melanie Burke McCall
Estate of Solomon McDonald Burke
Case No. BP126258
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Stanley Mosk Courthouse
111 N. Hill St, Dept. 11, Los Angeles, CA 90012
The Honorable Judge Michael I. Levanas
September 21, 2012

Attorney Scott McMillan
Diana Johnson v. Lloyd Copenbarger
Case No. RIC 536500
Superior Court of California, County of Riverside
Riverside Courthouse
4050 Main Street, Dept. 7, Riverside, CA 92501
The Honorable Judge John Vineyard
September 19, 2012

Attorney Jay Belshaw
Daly v. Daly
Case No. YC 064644
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Torrance Courthouse
825 Maple Ave, Room 460, Torrance, CA 90503
The Honorable Judge Cary Nishimoto
August 7, 2012

Attorney Gary Austin
Benson v. Giles
Case No. BC442914
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Stanley Mosk Courthouse
111 N. Hill St, Dept. 31, Los Angeles, CA 90021
The Honorable Judge Alan S. Rosenfield
May 22, 2012

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Attorney Justine A. Dell
Reasin v. Reasin
Case No. 07D011265
Superior Court of California, County of Orange
Lamoreaux Justice Center
341 The City Drive South, Orange, CA 92868-3205
The Honorable Judge Ronald P. Kreber
May 17, 2012

Kim Brumleve
Estate of Daniel Bridges, Deceased
Case No. MSP09-00615
Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa
Peter L. Spinetta Family Law Center
751 Pine Street, Martinez, CA 94553
The Honorable Judge Joyce Cram
December 30, 2011

Attorney Robert L. Kern
Estate of Yen Wang, Deceased
Case No. PSP 1100101
Superior Court of California, County of Riverside
3255 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262
The Honorable James A. Cox
December 27, 2011

Attorney David A. Garcia
Tafoya & Garcia, LLP
Bran v JRS Tires & Wheels Inc.
Case No. CIVDS903989
Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino
303 W. Third Street; San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210
The Honorable Judge Marsha Slough
November 1, 2011

Attorney Michele Lyn Gibson
Pablo P. Relente v. Mary Rose Tamma
Case No. BD516874
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Stanley Mosk Courthouse
111 North Hill St, Dept 88, 8th Floor; Los Angeles, CA 90012
The Honorable Judge Scott M. Gordon
August 24, 2011

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COURT TESTIMONY cont.

Attorney Peter Knecht
Carlisi
Case No. 2010-022723
Superior Court of California, County of Ventura
Ventura Courthouse
800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura CA 93009
The Honorable Judge Nancy L. Ayers
August 2, 2011

Topanga Bird
Margaret Ahern a/k/a Topanga Bird v. Daniel R. devise
Case No. 05 CH 020518
Circuit Court of Cook County Illinois
Daly Center (Cook County Court House)
50 W Washington St; Chicaco, IL 60602
The Honorable Judge Peter J. Flynn
July 26, 2011

Attorney Al Mohajerian
Zar v. Siddiqui
Case No. 30-2009-00289289-CU-FR-CJC
Superior Court of California, County of Orange
Central Justice Center
700 Civic Center Drive West, Department C-11; Santa Ana, CA 92701
The Honorable Judge Andrew P. Banks
February 1, 2011

Attorney Philip D. Dapeer
City Breeze, LLC v Recontrust Company et.al.
Case No. BC442323
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Stanley Mosk Courthouse
111 North Hill St, Dept 32, 4th Floor; Los Angeles, CA 90012
The Honorable Mary H. Strobel
December 1, 2010

Attorney Greg Lester
Estate of Betty Sims
RIP097100, Probate Court
Riverside Historic Courthouse
4050 Main Street, Riverside CA 92501
The Honorable Paulette D. Barkley
September 24, 2010

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Attorney Tim White
Joan Gonzalez v Rene Gonzalez
D330928, VCSC, Dept. 34
Superior Court of California, County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura CA 93009
The Honorable Roger L. Lund
June 2, 2009

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CURRICULUM VITAE

I am, Beth Chrisman, a court qualified Forensic Document Examiner. Beginning my career in 2006, I have examined over 500 document examination cases involving over 6500 documents. I trained with the International School of Forensic Document Examination and have apprenticed under a leading court-qualified Forensic Document Expert.

Forensic Examination Provided For:

Disputed documents or signatures including: wills, checks, contracts, deeds, account ledgers, medical records, and autograph authentication. Investigation and analysis including: questioned signatures, suspect documents, forgeries, identity theft, anonymous letters, alterations, obliterations, erasures, typewritten documents, altered medical records, graffiti, handwritten numbers, and computerized and handwritten documents.

Education

- Bachelor of Science Specializing in Prosthetics and Orthotics from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas
- International School of Forensic Document Examination: Certified Forensic Document Examination, Graduation Date July 2008

Specific Areas of Training:

Handwriting Identification and Discrimination, Signature Comparison, Techniques for Distinguishing Forged Signatures, Disguised Handwriting, Altered Numbers, Anonymous Writing, Laboratory Procedures, Forensic Microscopy and Forensic Photography, Identifying Printing Methods, Papers and Watermarks, Factors that Affect Writing, Demonstrative Evidence Training, Demonstrative Evidence in the High-Tech World, Forgery Detection Techniques, Detection of Forged Checks, Document Image Enhancement, Graphic Basis for Handwriting Comparison, Ethics in Business and the Legal System, Mock Courtroom Trails

- American Institute of Applied Science; 101Q Questioned Documents course completed
- 3 year on-the-job apprenticeship with Bart Baggett, a court qualified document examiner and the president of the International School of Forensic Document Examination, October 2006 – October 2009.

Apprenticeship Included:

Gathering documents, setting up case files, scanning and photographing documents, assisting with on-site examinations, interacting as client liaison with attorneys and clients, accounting and billing, peer reviews, preparing court exhibits, directed and witnessed client hand written exemplars, as well as reviewed and edited official opinion letters and reports for Mr. Baggett's office. I managed 204 cases consisting of 2157 documents during this time period.

Furthermore, I began taking active individual cases that were mentored and/or peer reviewed by Bart Baggett.

- ACFEI Conference October 2009, Las Vegas, NV. (American College of Forensic Examiners International) Attended specific lectures on ink and paper counterfeiting by FBI personnel.

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Further Qualifications:

I am the Director of the International School of Forensic Document Examination; creating curriculum, choosing textbooks, creating schedules and overseeing student apprentice qualifications for students worldwide. I teach and mentor students worldwide, including students in the United States, New Zealand, Australia, India and Slovakia. I also peer review cases for other working document examiners.

Laboratory Equipment:

Numerous magnifying devices including 30x, 20x and 10x loupes, Light Tracer light box, protractor, calipers, metric measuring devices, slope protractor and letter frequency plate, handwriting letter slant and comparison plate, typewriter measurement plate, type angle plate, digital photography equipment, zPix 26x-130x zoom digital hand-held microscope, zOrb 35x digital microscope, an illuminated stereo microscope, Compaq Presario R3000, HP PC, 2 high resolution printers, 2 digital scanners, 1 high resolution facsimile machine, and a copy machine.

Library

Numerous forensic document examination titles and other handwriting reference materials.

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September 12, 2013

NOTICE TO VACATE

Medical Veritas, Inc.
13-3775 Kalapana Rd.
Pahoa, HI 96778

Dear Medical Veritas, Inc.:

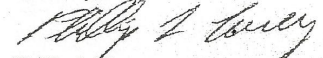
TAKE NOTICE that you, and all other occupants holding under you, are hereby required to Quit and Deliver, up to the Undersigned, the possession of the Premises now held and occupied by you, and all other occupants holding under you, being the premises and all improvements including a dwelling unit located at: **13-3775 Kalapana Rd, Pahoa, HI 96778** at the expiration of 5 days commencing on September __, 2013 and ending on September __, 2013.

This Notice to Vacate specifically terminates any oral or written agreement you may have with respect to the said premises at the date specified above.

THIS IS INTENDED as a 5-day notice to vacate, for the purpose of terminating your occupancy aforesaid, if any such right of possession ever existed.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,


Phillip L. Carey
Attorney for Jason Hester, Owner

Served by RDUK upon POSTED

at 13375 Kalapana Rd, Pahoa HI 96778

in following manner: POSTED

Accepted _____

date _____

Ex. A

Phillip L. Carey
Attorney At Law

688 Kimoole Street, Suite 105
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Telephone: (808) 934-9711
Facsimile: (808) 934-9712
careylaw@hawaii.rr.com

September 12, 2013

NOTICE TO VACATE

Leonard G. Horowitz
13-3775 Kalapana Rd.
Pahoa, HI 96778

Dear Mr. Horowitz:

TAKE NOTICE that You, and all other occupants holding under you, are hereby required to Quit and Deliver, up to the Undersigned, the possession of the Premises now held and occupied by you, and all other occupants holding under you, being the premises and all improvements including a dwelling unit located at: **13-3775 Kalapana Rd, Pahoa, HI 96778** at the expiration of 5 days commencing on September 20, 2013 and ending on September 25 2013.

This Notice to Vacate specifically terminates any oral or written agreement you may have with respect to the said premises at the date specified above.

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Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

Phillip L. Carey
Phillip L. Carey
Attorney for Jason Hester, Owner

Served by 12 DUM upon POSTED

at 13-3775 Kalapana Rd, Pahoa HI

in following manner: POSTING

Accepted _____

date 9/20/13

Ex. B

TRESPASS WARNING

This notice is being served upon all other current Occupants of 13-3775 Kalapana-Pahoa Highway, Pahoa, Hawaii to provide notice and warn you that your presence is not authorized upon the premises described below. You are hereby demanded to leave the premises immediately and you are prohibited from coming onto said premises for the length of time stated below. Violation of this warning may result in arrest and prosecution for Criminal Trespass in the First Degree pursuant to Hawaii Penal Code Section 708-813, a misdemeanor.

Person Warned: POS Sex: Male
Known Alias(es): _____
D.O.B: _____ Age: _____ S.S. #: _____
Description: Ht: 5'10" Wt: 200 Race: White
Build: _____ Complexion: Light Hair: Black Eyes: Brown
Distinguishing characteristics: _____

The above mentioned person is not permitted at the 13-3775 Kalapana Highway, Pahoa, Hawaii premises for a period of one year, effective immediately.

Signature of Recipient

Date and Time Warning Given

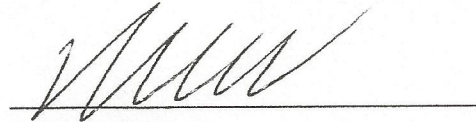
Signature of Other Witness or Police Officer Present When
Warning Given

Ex.C

I Declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Hawaii, that the foregoing is true and correct.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Executed this 3rd day of November, 2013, in Paho, Hawaii 96778.

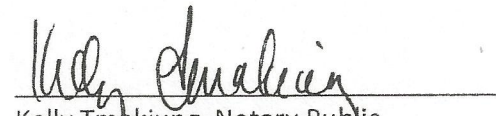


ROBERT DUKAT
Civil Process Server

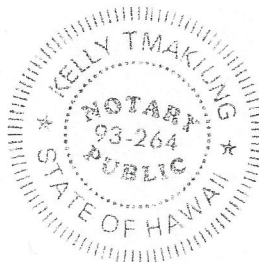
State of Hawaii)
County of Hawaii)

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on the 3rd day of November, 2013 by Robert Dukat, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to the person who appeared before me.

Doc Date: 11/3/2013; Doc. Description: Affidavit of Robert Dukat; Exhibit "A-D"; # of Pages: 2;
Third Judicial Circuit



Kelly Tmakiung, Notary Public
State of Hawaii, County of Hawaii
Third Judicial Circuit
My Commission Expires: 5/16/2017



04/18/2013 20022

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Business Registration Division
DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS
State of Hawaii

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS
Business Registration Division
335 Merchant Street
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 40, Honolulu, Hawaii 96810
Phone No. (808) 586-2727



APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE NAME
(Chapter 482, Hawaii Revised Statutes)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY IN BLACK INK

1. Applicant's Name: RFD Associates, LLC
- Applicant's Address: RR 3 Box 1229, Pahoa, HI 96778
(including city, state, and zip code)
2. Registration is (check one): ☒ New OR ☒ Renewal Accepted as NEW; Trade Name expired on 03/11/2012
3. Status of Applicant (check only one): ☐ Sole Proprietor ☐ Corporation ☐ Partnership ☒ LLC ☐ LLP
☐ Unincorporated Association OR ☐ Other (explain): _____
4. If applicant is an entity, list state or country of incorporation/formation/organization: WA
5. Trade Name is: Pyramid Process
6. Applicant is (check one): ☒ Originator of name OR ☐ Assignee (one to whom name was assigned to by another)
7. Nature of business for which the trade name is being used: Service of Process

I certify, under the penalties set forth in Section 482-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, that (check one): ☐ I am the applicant OR
☒ I am the Member of the applicant named in the foregoing application. I am authorized to sign this application, and that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Robert Dukat

(Print Name)

4/16/2013

(Date)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE. Application must be certified by the applicant if an individual. For corporations, application must be signed by an authorized officer of the corporation. General or limited partnerships must be signed by a general partner. For LLC, must be signed and certified by a manager of a manager-managed company or by a member of a member-managed company. LLP must be signed and certified by a partner.

(DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY)

Certificate of Registration No. 4116331

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF TRADE NAME

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 482, Hawaii Revised Statutes, this Certificate of Registration is issued to secure the aforesaid applicant the use of the said TRADE NAME throughout the State of Hawaii for the term of five years from APRIL 17, 2013 to APRIL 16, 2018

REGISTRATION OF A TRADE NAME WITH
THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT GRANT
YOU OWNERSHIP OF THE TRADE NAME

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF HAWAII

Dated: APRIL 17, 2013

(Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

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\$18 (SH)