## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION

## BURTON W. WIAND, as Receiver for OASIS INTERNATIONAL GROUP, LTD.; OASIS MANAGEMENT, LLC; AND SATELLITE HOLDINGS COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No: 8:20-cv-00862-VMC-TGW

CHRIS AND SHELLEY ARDUINI, et al.,

Defendants.

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## PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT BY CLERK AGAINST DEFENDANTS JEAN MONAHAN & STEPHEN MONAHAN PURSUANT TO FED. R. CIV. P. 55(b)(1)

Plaintiff, BURTON W. WIAND, as Receiver for OASIS INTERNATIONAL GROUP,

LTD.; OASIS MANAGEMENT, LLC; AND SATELLITE HOLDINGS COMPANY ("*Plaintiff*"), pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(b)(1) and Local Rule 1.07(b), moves the Clerk of Court to enter a default judgment in the amount of \$32,853.72 plus prejudgment interest beginning from the date of each false profit distribution through July 31, 2020 in the amount of \$3,988.35 and continuing thereafter at a per diem rate as a decimal of 0.0001647540 against Defendants, JEAN MONAHAN & STEPHEN MONAHAN (collectively, the "*Monahans*"), for failure to plead or otherwise defend, and states:

1. On April 15, 2019, Plaintiff was appointed by the Court presiding over *C.F.T.C. v. Oasis International Group, Ltd.*, Case No. 8:19-CV-886-T-33SPF (M.D. Fla.) (the *"Receivership*")

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A T T O R N E Y S 721 First Avenue North • St. Petersburg, Florida 33701 Phone (727) 898-7210 • Fax (727) 898-7218 eflegal.com *Case*"), as the Receiver and directed Plaintiff to take custody, control and possession of the Receivership Estate. *See* Wiand Affidavit attached hereto as **Exhibit "A."** 

2. In connection with Plaintiff's appointment in the Receivership Case, Plaintiff initiated this action and on April 14, 2020, Plaintiff filed his Complaint against the Monahans (Doc. 1).

3. On May 5, 2020, Plaintiff notified the Monahans of this action and requested waivers of the service of summons pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. Rule 4(d). (Exhibit A  $\P$  4).

4. The Monahans timely served Plaintiff with the executed waiver, which required them to file responsive pleadings on or before July 6, 2020. (Doc. 15, 16). (Exhibit A  $\P \P 5$ , 6).

5. As of the date of this filing, the Monahans have not filed responsive pleadings or otherwise defended this action. On July 16, 2020, Plaintiff moved for entry of a clerk's default against the Monahans. (Doc.216, 217). On July 17, 2020, the Clerk entered a default against Monahans. (Doc. 224, 225). (Exhibit A  $\P$  7, 8).

6. Upon information and belief, the Monahans are not infants or incompetent persons or active duty members of the U.S. Military. (Exhibit A  $\P\P$  9, 10).

7. As set forth in the Complaint, Plaintiff seeks recovery of a sum certain in the amount of \$32,853.72 plus prejudgment interest beginning from the date of each false profit distribution through July 31, 2020 in the amount of \$3,988.35 and continuing thereafter at a per diem rate as a decimal of 0.0001647540 against the Monahans—joint and severally. *See* Compl. Ex. A at 69 (Doc. 1); (Exhibit A ¶ 11).

8. The prejudgment interest in the amount of \$3,988.35 is calculated as directed by the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals in *Wiand v. Dancing \$, LLC*, 578 Fed. Appx. 938 (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2014).

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#### Legal Memorandum

Fed.R.Civ.P. 55(a) provides that, "[w]hen a party against whom a judgment for affirmative relief is sought has failed to plead or otherwise defend, and that failure is shown by affidavit or otherwise, the clerk must enter the party's default." Additionally, Rule 55(b)(1) provides that if the plaintiff's claim is for an amount certain or can be made by certain computation (on plaintiff's request and with an affidavit showing the amount due), the clerk must enter judgment for that amount against a defaulted defendant. In this case, because the Monahans failed to respond to the Complaint, are neither minors nor an incompetent persons, and Plaintiff has set forth the sum certain of \$32,853.72 plus prejudgment interest beginning from the date of each false profit distribution through July 31, 2020 in the amount of \$3,988.35 and continuing thereafter at a per diem rate as a decimal of 0.0001647540 with an affidavit showing same, the Clerk must enter a default judgment in the amount of \$32,853.72 plus prejudgment interest beginning from the date of each false profit distribution through July 31, 2020 in the amount of \$3,988.35 and continuing thereafter at a per diem rate as a decimal of 0.0001647540. See Wiand v. Dancing \$, LLC, 578 Fed. Appx. 938 947 (11th Cir. 2014) (holding that the Receiver was entitled to recover prejudgment interest on FUFTA claim, "...in light of Florida's general rule that prejudgment interest is an element of pecuniary damages.")

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff moves for entry of a Default Judgment in the amount of \$32,853.72 plus prejudgment interest beginning from the date of each false profit distribution through July 31, 2020 in the amount of \$3,988.35 and continuing thereafter at a per diem rate as a decimal of 0.0001647540 against the Monahans—joint and severally.

Respectfully submitted,

#### ENGLANDER FISCHER

/s/ Beatriz McConnell

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk

of the Court by using the CM/ECF system and will serve by U.S. mail and/or e-mail, as indicated,

to the following: Jean Monahan, 1121 Arbroid Dr., Englewood, FL 34223 and Stephen Monahan,

1121 Arbroid Dr., Englewood, FL 34223.

Dated: August 19, 2020

<u>/s/ Beatriz McConnell</u> Attorney for Plaintiff

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## AFFIDAVIT OF PLAINTIFF BURTON W. WIAND IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT AGAINST DEFENDANTS JEAN MONAHAN & STEPHEN MONAHAN

STATE OF FLORIDA ) COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH )

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, appeared Burton W. Wiand, who, first being

duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am an attorney with Wiand Guerra King P.L. in Tampa, Florida. I make this affidavit in support of the Plaintiff's Motion for Entry of Default and Default Judgment Against Defendants, Jean Monahan and Stephen Monahan (collectively, the "*Monahans*"). I make this affidavit based on information personally known to me or gathered by me or by others at my request.

2. On April 15, 2019, I was appointed by the Court presiding over C.F.T.C. v. Oasis International Group, Ltd., Case No. 8:19-CV-886-T-33SPF (M.D. Fla.) (the "Receivership Case"), as the Receiver and directed to take custody, control and possession of the Receivership Estate.

Exhibit "A"

3. In connection with my appointment in the Receivership Case, I initiated this action and on April 14, 2020, I filed the Complaint against the Monahans (Doc. 1).

4. On May 5, 2020, I notified the Monahans of this action and requested waivers of the service of summons pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. Rule 4(d).

5. Jean Monahan served me with the executed waiver, which required her to file a responsive pleading on or before July 6, 2020. (Doc. 15).

6. Stephen Monahan served me with the executed waiver, which required him to file a responsive pleading on or before July 6, 2020. (Doc. 16).

Jean Monahan failed to serve or file a responsive pleading or otherwise defend this action. On July 16, 2020, Plaintiff moved for entry of a clerk's default. (Doc. 217). On July 17, 2020, the Clerk entered a default against Jean Monahan. (Doc. 225).

8. Stephen Monahan failed to serve or file a responsive pleading or otherwise defend this action. On July 16, 2020, Plaintiff moved for entry of a clerk's default. (Doc. 216). On July 17, 2020, the Clerk entered a default against Stephen Monahan. (Doc. 224)

9. Upon information and belief, Jean Monahan is not an infant, an incompetent person or an active duty member of the U.S. Military.

10. Upon information and belief, Stephen Monahan is not an infant, an incompetent person or an active duty member of the U.S. Military.

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11. As set forth in the Complaint, I seek recovery of a sum certain in the amount of \$32,853.72 plus prejudgment interest beginning from the date of each false profit distribution through July 31, 2020 in the amount of \$3,988.35 and continuing thereafter at a per diem rate as a decimal of 0.0001647540 against the Monahans-joint and severally. See Compl. Ex. A at 69 (Doc. 1)

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

**BURTON W. WIAND** 

## **STATE OF FLORIDA** COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized to take acknowledgements in the state aforesaid and in the county aforesaid, BURTON W. WIAND personally appeared to me, who is personally known to me to be the person described herein and executed the foregoing and acknowledged before me that he executed the same. SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before the undersigned this  $18^{th}$  day of Juty, 2020.

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