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 <u>DEFENDANT JERRY PUCCIO PURSUANT TO FED. R. CIV. P. 55(b)(1)</u>

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 \$14,241.94 plus prejudgment interest beginning from the date of each false profit distribution through July 31, 2020 in the amount of \$4,569.04 and continuing thereafter at a per diem rate as a decimal of 0.0001647540 against Defendant, JERRY PUCCIO ("*Puccio*"), and states as follows:

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 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."**

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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 In connection with Plaintiff's appointment in the Receivership Case, Plaintiff initiated this action and on April 14, 2020, Plaintiff filed his Complaint against Puccio (Doc. 1). (Exhibit A ¶ 3).

3. On June 29, 2020, Plaintiff served Puccio with the summons and complaint. See Affidavit of Service filed on July 2, 2020 (Doc. 181).

4. Puccio failed to serve or file a responsive pleading or otherwise defend this action.On July 28, 2020, Plaintiff moved for entry of a clerk's default. (Doc. 273). On July 29, 2020, theClerk entered a default against Puccio. (Doc. 288).

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

6. As set forth in the Complaint, Plaintiff seeks recovery of a sum certain in the amount of \$14,241.94 plus prejudgment interest beginning from the date of each false profit distribution through July 31, 2020 in the amount of \$4,569.04 and continuing thereafter at a per diem rate as a decimal of 0.0001647540 against Puccio. See Compl. Ex. A at 76 (Doc. 1); (Exhibit A \P 7).

7. The prejudgment interest in the amount of \$4,569.04 is calculated as directed by the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in *Wiand v. Dancing \$, LLC*, 578 Fed. Appx. 938 (11th Cir. 2014).

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 Puccio failed to respond to the Complaint, Puccio is neither a minor nor an incompetent person, and Plaintiff has set forth the sum certain of \$14,241.94 plus prejudgment interest beginning from the date of each false profit distribution through July 31, 2020 in the amount of \$4,569.04 and continuing thereafter at a per diem rate as a decimal of 0.0001647540 with an affidavit showing the same, the Clerk must enter a default judgment in the amount of \$14,241.94 plus prejudgment interest beginning from the date of each false profit distribution through July 31, 2020 in the amount of \$14,241.94 plus prejudgment interest beginning from the date of each false profit distribution through July 31, 2020 in the amount of \$4,569.04 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 \$14,241.94 plus prejudgment interest beginning from the date of each false profit distribution through July 31, 2020 in the amount of \$4,569.04 and continuing thereafter at a per diem rate as a decimal of 0.0001647540 against Puccio.

Dated: August 20, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 served by U.S. mail and/or e-mail, as indicated, to the following: Jerry Puccio, 5 Concklin Ln., Rockleigh, NJ 07647.

> /s/ John Waechter Attorney for Plaintiff

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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 Default Judgment Against JERRY PUCCIO ("*Puccio*"). I make this affidavit based on information personally known to me or gathered by me or by others at my request.

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FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

BURTON W. WIAND

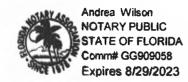
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized to take acknowledgements in the state aforesaid and in the county aforesaid, BURTON W. WIAND personally appeared to me, who is personally known to me to be the person described herein and executed the foregoing and acknowledged before me that he executed the same. Case 8:20-cv-00862-VMC-TGW Document 371 Filed 08/20/20 Page 7 of 7 PageID 1987

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before the undersigned this 18^{M} day of August,

2020.



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