IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

FATHI YUSUF and UNITED CORPORATION, Appellants/Defendants,

S. Ct. Civ. No. 2013-0040 Re: Super. Ct. Civ. No. 370/2012 (STX)

v.

MOHAMMAD HAMED by his authorized agent, WALEED HAMED, Appellee/Plaintiff.

On Appeal from the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands

ORDER AND EXPEDITED BRIEFING SCHEDULE

THIS MATTER is before the Court on Appellants' May 28, 2013 Motion for Expedited Appeal and Appellee's May 29, 2013 Response, in which he agrees that this matter should be expedited. In this appeal, Appellants seek a review of the Superior Court's April 25, 2013 Order and accompanying Memorandum Opinion granting a preliminary injunction. Supreme Court Rule 6(b), which governs interlocutory appeals, mandates that "[i]n all interlocutory appeals, appellant shall move for expedited review under Rule 5(e)." Accordingly, because this Court's rules mandate that the instant appeal receive expedited status, it is hereby

ORDERED that Appellants' Motion for Expedited Appeal is GRANTED; and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of the Superior Court shall immediately e-file the record in this matter; and it is further

ORDERED that, in order to implement the procedures provided in V.I.S.CT.R. 10(d) and 24(b), as applicable, the parties shall immediately meet and confer regarding the record necessary to a full consideration of this appeal; and it is further

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ORDERED that the following shall constitute the expedited briefing schedule:

- Appellants' brief and joint appendix shall be served and filed on or before June 13, 2013.
- 2. Appellee's brief shall be served and filed on or before June 27, 2013.
- 3. Appellant's reply brief, if any, shall be served and filed on or before July 5, 2013.

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 40.2 all briefs, appendices and other documents filed by a member of the Virgin Islands Bar must be electronically filed and served. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 40.3(g) a party who electronically files a brief or appendix must conventionally file seven (7) paper copies of the brief and four (4) paper copies of the appendix within three (3) days after e-filing said documents.

It is the duty of the parties in the first instance to cooperate in filing one (1) Joint Appendix on appeal. The Court may permit, upon timely motion, the filing of separate appendices upon certification with supporting documents that a given party is not cooperating pursuant to V.I.S.CT.R. 24.

Proof of service must accompany all documents submitted or filing with the Court pursuant to V.I.S.CT.R. 15(c). The Court may reject a filing that does not include the required proof of service.

Requests for extensions of time for filing briefs will not be routinely granted. Extensions of time will be granted only if the movant can demonstrate exigent and compelling circumstances. Motions for extensions of time which are filed less than five working days before the date on which the brief is due may result in dismissal pursuant to V.I.S.CT.R. 17.

If the Appellants fail to file a brief, the Appellee may move for dismissal of the appeal or the Clerk may dismiss the appeal for failure to prosecute pursuant to V.I.S.CT.R. 25(c). If the Yusuf et al. v. Hamed S. Ct. Civ. No. 2013-0040 Order Page 3 of 3

Appellee fails to file a brief, the Appellee will not be heard at oral argument except by leave of

the Court pursuant to V.I.S.CT.R. 25(c). It is further

ORDERED that copies of this Order shall be served on the parties.

SO ORDERED this 31st day of May, 2013.

RHYS S. HODGE

Chief Justice

ATTEST:

VERONICA J. HANDY, ESQ. Clerk of the Court By: (Deputy Clerk/II

Dated: 3

Copies to: Justices of the Supreme Court Honorable Douglas A. Brady, Superior Court Judge Joseph A. DiRuzzo, III, Esq. Joel H. Holt, Esq. Carl J. Hartmann, III, Esq. K. Glenda Cameron, Esq. Veronica J. Handy, Esq., Clerk of the Supreme Court Venetia H. Velazquez, Esq., Clerk of the Superior Court Supreme Court Law Clerks Supreme Court Secretaries Order Book