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SUMMONS

(Civil Action Original)

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS DIVISION OF ST. CROIX

MOHAMMAD HAMED By His Authorized Agent WALEED HAMED	
Plaintiff, v.) CIVIL NO. SX-12-CV
FATHI YUSUF AND UNITED CORPORATION) INJUNCTIVE AND
Defendant.) DECLARATORY RELIEF) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED)

TO: FATHI YUSUF
4C & 4D Estate Sion Farm
Christiansted, St. Croix 00820
340-778-6240

Within the time limited by law (see note below) you are hereby required to appear before this Court and answer to a complaint filed against you in this action and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment by default will be taken against you as demanded in the Complaint for damages.

Witness my hand and Seal of this Court this day of September, 2012.

Joel Hyflolt

Attomey for the Plaintiff:

Joel H. Holt

2132 Company Street, Suite 2

Christiansted, VI 00820

VENETIA VELAZQUEZ

Clerk of the Court

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Deputy Clerk

NOTE: The defendant, if served personally, is required to file his answer or other defense with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after service of this summons, excluding the date of service. The defendant, if served by publication or by personal service outside of the jurisdiction, is required to file his answer or other defense with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the attorney for the plaintiff within thirty (30) days after the completion of the period of publication or personal service outside of the jurisdiction.

Superior Court of the Virgin Islands Division of St. Croix



OFFICE OF THE CLERK (340) 778-9750

Date: September 17, 2012
Plaintiff s/Attorney's name JOEL H. HOLT, ESQ.
Address 2132 COMPANY STREET, STE. 2 C'STED VI 00820
Address
DOCKETING LETTER AND NOTICE OF JUDGE ASSIGNMENT
Dear ATTORNEY HOLT
The Court is in receipt of your CIVIL / CRIMINAL / FAMILY / PROBATE filing, which was docketed on SEPTEMBER 12, 2012 and assigned Case Number SX-12-CV-370
The Judge / Magistrate Assigned to your case is the Honorable JUDGE JULIO A. BRADY
If there is a fee associated with your filing, such fee must be filed along with your petition/complaint, or within five (5) days thereafter. Failure to pay the required fee marresult in your petition / complaint being dismissed for failure to prosecute.
If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact the Office of the Clerk of the Court at (340) 778-9750 (St. Croix) or 774-6680 (St. Thomas-St. John).
Sincerely, Venetia Velazquez, Esq.
Clerk of the Court
RY TANARAM GILLON
Cc: <u>FATHI YUSUF & UNITED CORPORATION</u> , Defendant
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ÎN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS DIVISION OF ST. CROIX

MOHAMMAD HAMED By His Authorized 12 Agent WALEED HAMED	EP 17 A10 :22
Plaintiff,)) CIVIL NO. SX-12-CV-
FATHI YUSUF AND UNITED CORPORATION) I) ACTION FOR DAMAGES) INJUNCTIVE AND
Defendant.) DECLARATORY RELIEF) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED)

COMPLAINT

Comes now, the Plaintiff, Mohammad Hamed, by his authorized agent, Waleed Hamed, and hereby files this Complaint against Fathi Yusuf and the United Corporation, alleging as follows:

- This Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Title 4 V.I.C. §76(a) and 5
 V.I.C. §1261.
- 2. Plaintiff, Mohammad Hamed ("Hamed") and his authorized agent Waleed Hamed (a/k/a Wally Hamed) are both adult residents of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands. The acts referenced herein attributable to Mohammad Hamed are to acts done either directly by Mohammad Hamed or through his family members acting as his authorized agent, hereinafter collectively referred to as "Hamed."
- 3. Defendant Fathi Yusuf is a resident of the St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands. The acts referenced herein attributable to Fathi Yusuf are to acts done either directly by Fathi Yusuf or through his family members acting as his authorized agent, hereinafter collectively referred to as "Yusuf."
- 4. The defendant, United Corporation ("United") is a Virgin Islands Corporation.

- 5. In the mid-1980's, Hamed and Yusuf formed a partnership to operate a grocery supermarket on the east side of St. Croix, named Plaza Extra, which was located in a shopping center operated by United.
- 6. The partnership between Hamed and Yusuf subsequently expanded to two other supermarket locations, one in the west end to St. Croix and one in St. Thomas, both of which also operated under the name Plaza Extra. The partners generally refer to these three stores as Plaza Extra East (Sion Farm, St. Croix), Plaza Extra West (Plesson/Grove, St. Croix)) and Plaza Extra St. Thomas (Tutu Park, St. Thomas. The Plaza supermarkets have grown in size, currently employing in excess of 600 employees in the three stores.
- 7. At all times relative hereto, the three Plaza Extra supermarkets have been managed jointly by Hamed and Yusuf, operating as a partnership with separate accounting records and separate bank accounts for each store, even though the partnership utilized the corporate entity of United for the reporting of tax obligations.
- 8. The bank accounts for the three Plaza Extra supermarkets have always been accessible equally to Hamed and Yusuf, with the parties agreeing that one family member from each of the Hamed and Yusuf families will sign each check written on these bank accounts. The parties are currently prohibited from removing funds from these accounts other than to operate the three Plaza supermarkets because of an Order entered by the District Court of the Virgin Islands in the

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criminal matter entitled, *USA v. United Corporation et al.*, District Court Criminal No. 2005-15. The current bank accounts for each of the three Plaza stores are:

St. Thomas Plaza Extra Store:

Operating Acct: 04xxxxxxxxx Bank of Nova Scotia (BNS)
Payroll Acct: 04xxxxxxxxx Bank of Nova Scotia (BNS)
Telecheck Acct: 04xxxxxxxx Bank of Nova Scotia (BNS)
Bank of Nova Scotia (BNS)

Credit Card Acct: 1xxxxxxx Banco Popular

St. Croix Plaza Extra - WEST

Operating Acct: 19xxxxxx Banco Popular Credit Card Acct: 19xxxxx Banco Popular

TeleCheck Acct: 05xxxxxxxxxx Bank of Nova Scotia (BNS)

St. Croix Plaza Extra – EAST

Operating Acct: 19xxxxx Banco Popular Credit Cart Acct: 19xxxxx Banco Popular

Telecheck Acct: 58xxxxxxxxx Bank of Nova Scotia (BNS)

- 9. United has always had separate accounting records and separate bank accounts for its shopping center and business operations that were unrelated to the three Plaza Extra supermarket stores. Hamed does not have access to these separate bank accounts used by United for its shopping center and other businesses unrelated to the three Plaza Extra supermarkets.
- 10. At all times relative hereto, the Hamed and Yusuf partnership profits from the Plaza Extra stores have always been held in banking and brokerage accounts completely separate from the profits of United's other unrelated businesses, even though the banking and brokerage accounts holding the profits from the Hamed and Yusuf partnership are in United's name as well. The parties are currently prohibited from removing funds from these accounts because of the same Order

entered by the District Court of the Virgin Islands in *USA v. United Corporation* et al., District Court Criminal No. 2005-15. The current brokerage accounts holding these profits are:

Popular Securities

PSx-xxxx22

PSx-xxxx63

PSx-xxxx60

PSx-xxxx79

PSx-xxxx01

PSx-xxxx10

PSx-xxxx28

PSx-xxxx36

- 11.At all times relative hereto, Hamed and Yusuf have equally shared the profits distributed from the three Plaza supermarkets.
- 12. From time to time, Hamed and Yusuf have used these profits to buy other businesses and real property, always owning these jointly held assets on a 50/50 basis.
- 13. In this regard, Hamed and Yusuf have also maintained records of withdrawals from the partnership account to each of them (and their respective family members), to make sure there would always be an equal (50/50) amount of these withdrawals for each partner's family members.
- 14. Yusuf has repeatedly confirmed the existence of this partnership between himself and Hamed, including statements made under oath.
- 15. On February 10, 2012, Yusuf's attorney, Nizar DeWood ("DeWood"), informed Hamed (through his agent Wally Hamed) that Yusuf wanted to dissolve the partnership. See Exhibit A.

16. On February 12, 2012, (See Exhibit B) DeWood sent a letter on Yusuf's behalf to Hamed announcing that Yusuf was ready to proceed with dissolving the partnership, describing the partnership assets to be divided as follows:

As it stands, the partnership has three major assets: Plaza Extra - West (Grove Place, including the real property), Plaza Extra - East (Sion Farm) and Plaza Extra (Tutu Park, St. Thomas).

17. DeWood then sent a proposed partnership dissolution agreement on behalf of Yusuf on March 13, 2012, to Wally Hamed, regarding the proposed dissolution of the partnership. That document (See Exhibit C) then went on to state in part as follows:

WHEREAS, the Partners have operated the Partnership under an oral partnership Agreement since 1986.

WHEREAS, the Partnership was formed for the purposes of operating Super Markets in the District of St. Croix, and St. Thomas; and

WHEREAS, the Partners have shared profits, losses, deductions, credits, and cash of the Partnership;

WHEREAS, the Partners have certain rights and responsibilities under the Virgin Islands Revised Uniform Partnership Act ("Act") governing dissolution of partnerships, and hereby desire to vary or confirm by the terms of this Agreement;

That document then described the partnership assets as follows:

Section 1.1: Assets of the Partnership

- 1. PLAZA EXTRA EAST- Estate Sion Farm. St. Croix
- 2. PLAZA EXTRÄ WEST- Estate Grove, St. Croix (Super Market Business ONLY)
- 3. PLAZA EXTRA Tutu Park, St. Thomas
- 18. The parties thereafter met on numerous occasions to try to address the division of the partnership assets, including the three Plaza Extra Stores and the

partnership profits held in the various bank and brokerage accounts. However, to date no agreement has been reached regarding the division of these partnership assets.

- 19. In the interim time period, Yusuf has engaged in and continues to engage in numerous acts in breach of his obligations as a partner in his partnership with Hamed, all of which are designed to undermine the partnership's operations and success, including but not limited to the following acts:
 - a) Threatening to terminate the Hamed family employees in the three Plaza Extra stores;
 - b) Threatening to have United evict the Plaza Extra store located in the United shopping center on the east side of St. Croix (See Group Exhibit D), including the threat of using self help to remove the partnership from the premises without using judicial process;
 - c) Attempting to have United impose excessive rent obligations on this store (See Group Exhibit D);
 - d) Failing to recognize Plaza Extra's rights in the premises where its Plaza store in the United Shopping Center is located, as the store was damaged by fire in 1992 and was rebuilt entirely with insurance funds from the Plaza supermarket and not from United, including using said partnership funds for the purchase of additional adjacent land for use by the supermarket;

- e) Attempting to discredit the operations of these three stores by making defamatory statements about Hamed and his family members to third parties, including suppliers for the three stores, which are completely untrue;
- f) Attempting to unilaterally change how the stores have operated by threatening to impose new and unreasonable restrictions on the operations of theses three stores, all of which are aimed at undermining Hamed's partnership interest in the three stores.
- g) Refusing to pay valid obligations owed by the partnership, including but not limited to attorney's fees incurred in litigation in the pending District Court criminal case, in an effort to undermine the partnership's operations;
- h) Threatening to close down the Plaza Supermarkets;
- i) Threatening the Hamed family members working in the Plaza supermarkets with physical harm, trying to intimidate them into leaving the stores;
- j) Giving false information to third parties, including suppliers of the three Plaza Supermarkets, regarding its future operations, jeopardizing the good will of the Three Plaza supermarkets;
- k) Unilaterally canceling orders placed with vendors and not ordering new inventory for the three Plaza supermarkets; and
- Spending funds from the bank accounts of the three Plaza supermarkets to support his other personal business interests unrelated to the three Plaza supermarkets.

- 20. Finally, on or about August 20, 2012, Yusuf unilaterally and wrongfully converted \$2.7 million from the Plaza Extra supermarket accounts used to operate the partnership's three stores, placing the funds in a separate United account controlled only by him. Said conversion was a willful and wanton breach of the partnership agreement between Hamed and Yusuf.
- 21. Despite repeated demands, he has not returned these funds to the Plaza Extra bank accounts from which they were withdrawn, which not only violates the partnership agreement, but also threatens the financial viability of these three Plaza supermarkets and the employment of its 600 employees.
- 22. Upon information and belief, Yusuf has used these funds to purchase other assets in United's name, such as real property on St. Croix recently purchased for \$1.7 million. See Exhibit E.
- 23. The acts in question were designed in part to take advantage of Harned's failing health to force him out of the partnership and deny him his rightful partnership assets and profits.

COUNTI

- 24. All preceding allegations are realleged and incorporated herein by reference.
- 25. The foregoing acts all violate the partnership rights of Hamed as well as the terms of the partnership agreement between Yusuf and Hamed.
- 26. As such, pursuant to 26 V.I.C. § 75, Hamed is entitled to legal and equitable relief as deemed appropriate to protect and preserve his partnership rights.

- 27. In this regard Hamed is entitled to declaratory relief as to his rights as well as injunctive relief to protect those rights, including the return of funds to the partnership improperly taken or spent by Yusuf to date in violation of the agreement between the parties.
- 28. Hamed is also entitled to compensatory damages for all financial losses inflicted by Yusuf on the partnership and/or his partnership interest as well as punitive damages against Yusuf for his willful and wanton misconduct.

COUNT II

- 29. All preceding allegations are realleged and incorporated herein by reference.
- 30. The foregoing acts by Yusuf also constitute intentional misconduct, or reckless and grossly negligent conduct, which has adversely and materially affected the partnership between Hamed and Yusuf regarding the three Plaza supermarkets.
- 31. As such, Hamed is also entitled to a judicial determination under 26 V.I.C. § 121(5) that it is not practicable to continue the partnership with Yusuf so that Yusuf's partnership interests should be disassociated from the business, allowing Hamed to continue the partnership business without him pursuant to the provisions of 26 V.I.C. §§ 122-123 and Subchapter VII of Title 26.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff seeks the following relief from this Court as follows:

- Declaratory Relief against both defendants to establish Hamed's rights under his partnership with Yusuf, including his rights regarding the operation of the three Plaza Extra supermarkets and the withdrawal of funds from the partnership accounts associated with these three Plaza supermarkets;
- 2) Injunctive Relief enjoining the defendants from interfering with Hamed's partnership rights, including enjoining Yusuf from interfering with the operations of the three Plaza Extra supermarkets and enjoining Yusuf from withdrawing any

funds from any partnership bank accounts or brokerage accounts without the consent of Hamed;

- .3) Declaratory Relief and Injunctive Relief against both defendants requiring the immediate return of of all funds improperly withdrawn from the bank accounts of the three Plaza supermarket accounts by Yusuf, including but not limited to the \$2.7 million recently removed by Yusuf to an account to which Hamed does not have access;
- 4) Declaratory Relief and Injunctive Relief against both defendants regarding the property rights of the Plaza Extra store located at the United Shopping Center on the east side of St. Croix.
- 5) Declaratory Relief as to the partnership's rights in any businesses and/or assets purchased by United using partnership assets or obtained without providing the partnership the opportunity to participate in the ownership of these newly acquired businesses and/or assets;
- 6) An award of compensatory damages against the defendants, jointly and severally, as determined by the trier of fact;
- 7) A judicial determination under 26 V.I.C. § 121(5) that it is not practicable to continue the partnership with Yusuf so that Yusuf's partnership interests should be disassociated from the business, allowing Harned to continue the partnership business without him pursuant to the provisions of 26 V.I.C. §§ 122-123 and Subchapter VII of Title 26.
- 8) An award of prejudgment interest at the statutory rate of 9%;
- 9) An award of punitive damages against Yusuf as determined by the trier of fact;
- 10) An award of attorney's fees and costs against both defendants; and
- 11) Any other relief the Court deems appropriate as warranted by the facts and the applicable law.

A TRIAL BY JURY IS DEMANDED AS TO ALL ISSUES TRIABLE BY A JURY

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Dated: September 17, 2012

Joel/H. Holt, Esq.

2132 Company Street St. Croix, VI 00820 (340) 773-8709 holtvi@aol.com

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Date: February 10, 2012 10:58:39 AM EST To: "Wally Hamed" <wallyhstx@yahoo.com>

Subject: Powers of Attorney - Dissolution of Partnership

Hello Wally,

I wish to confirm our discussions in the following two matters: 1) Power of Attorneys to verify and audit financial information currently in dispute, 2) Partnership Dissolution.

<!--[if IsupportLists]->I. <!--[endif]-->Power of Attorney

As agreed between you and Mr. Yusuf, the Power of Attorney will be required for each of
you, your father, brothers, wife, and adult children. This power of attorney will be limited
to obtaining any and all information regarding bank and investment accounts that may have
been opened, closed, used for wire transfers, and opened on behalf of other third parties.

The banks that will be covered will include the Virgin Islands, St. Maarten, New York, and
the Middle East.

Any and all information obtained will be held in confidence by my office, and will be used for the sole purpose of financial verification.

<|-[if |supportLists]->II. <|-[endif]-->Dissolution of Partnership (Yusuf & Hamed)

I will be sending a formal notice of partnership dissolution notice, with a list of to-dos that will be required to complete an orderly dissolution. See attached email. I understand that you and Mr. Yusuf are still discussing various terms and aspects of the dissolution. I will await the final decision made,

Your mailing address to address all originals will be:

Mohammad Hamed Walid Hamed PO 763 Christiansted, VI 00821

Thank you.

Nizar A. DeWood, Esq.

The DeWood Law Firm 3070 Kronprindsens Gade, Suite 208 St. Thomas, V.I. 00802 T. (340) 774-0405 F. (888) 398-8428

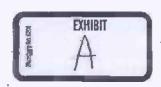


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THE DEWOOD LAW FIRM

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Mohammad Hamed c/o Walid Hamed PO Box 763 Christiansted, V.I. 00821

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Re:

Dissolution of Partnership Yusuf & Hamed

Dear Mr. Hamed.

This letter is to confirm the parties' desire to dissolve the above referenced partnership. Partnership dissolution will involve appropriate planning to properly account for each of the partner's interest in the partnership, and a well-executed agreement memorializing the understanding of the parties.

As it stands, the partnership has three major assets: Plaza Extra – West (Grove Place, including the real property), Plaza Extra – East (Sion Farm) and Plaza Extra (Tutu Park, St. Thomas). I have been advised that there are ongoing discussions between you, as your father's fully authorized agent, and Mr. Yusuf regarding which of the stores each partner will retain upon dissolution. Accordingly, I will await the final decision that you and Mr. Yusuf may reach.

Additionally, as Mr. Yusuf has indicated, he remains resolute about the rental terms of the Plaza Extra – East. Unless the parties arrive at a different understanding, I will assume that Mr. Yusuf will not agree to continue the lease beyond June 30th, 2012 on that property.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

cc! Fathi Yusuf

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EXHIBIT C

From: "Nizar DeWood" <dewoodlaw@gmail.com> Date: March 13, 2012 12:41:36 PM EDT To: "Wally Hamed" <wallyhstx@yahoo.com> ·

Subject: Partnership dissolution agreement

Salam Wally,

Please find the attached proposed Partnership Dissolution Agreement. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Thank your

Nizar A. DeWood, Esq.

The DeWood Law Firm 3070 Kronprindsens Gade, Suite 208 St. Thomas, V.L 00802 T. (340) 774-0405 F. (888) 398-8428



PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP

DISSOLUTION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, dated this _____ day of March 2012, is by and between FATHI YUSUF and MOHAMMAD HAMED (collectively called "Partners"), formerly partners of a partnership known informally as Yusuf & Hamed (the "Partnership").

WHEREAS, the Partners have operated the Partnership under an oral partnership Agreement since 1986.

WHEREAS, the Partnership was formed for the purposes of operating Super Markets in the District of St. Croix, and St. Thomas; and

WHEREAS, serious dispute and disagreement between the partners relating to financial matters of the partnership, resulting in the partners unable to continue as partners; and

WHEREAS, Fathi Yusuf (the "Withdrawing Partner") has withdrawn from the Partnership by written notice dated February, 2012, for withdrawal as of February 10th, 2012 (the "Withdrawal Notice"); and

WHEREAS, the Partners desire to dissolve the partnership by way of liquidation and distribution of its assets, unless each partner submits in writing a buyout offer for each of the three major assets constituting the partnership, as herein shown in Section 1 of this agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Partners have shared profits, losses, deductions, credits, and cash of the Partnership; and

WHEREAS, the Partners have certain rights and responsibilities under the Virgin Islands Revised Uniform Partnership Act ("Act") governing dissolution of partnerships, and hereby desire to vary or confirm by the terms of this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises, and conditions contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

SECTION 1. ASSETS SUBJECT TO LIQUIDATION

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The Partners agree that the following three on-going businesses constitute the assets of the Partnership.

Section 1.1: Assets of the Partnership

- 1. PLAZA EXTRA EAST- Estate Sion Farm, St. Croix
- 2. PLAZA EXTRA WEST- Estate Grove, St. Croix (Super Market Business ONLY)
- 3. PLAZA EXTRA Tutu Park, St. Thomas

Section 1.2. Dissolution of Partnership.

The Partnership shall be dissolved effective as of the date specified in the Withdrawal Notice, and the business of the Partnership shall cease effective February 10th, 2012. Any continuing operation shall be for the sole purpose of winding down the partnership. The parties agree that the Withdrawal Notice is effective to dissolve the Partnership and is not a breach of the partnership relationship. The parties agree to the following buyouts of the assets listed in Section 1.1.

Section 1.3 FIRST PARTNERSHIP ASSET: Plaza Extra East - Sion Farm, St. Croix

Partner Fathi Yusuf ("Partner Yusuf") has orally terminated the lease agreement for Plaza Extra East in September 2010. A written confirmatory termination letter was mailed on January 20th, 2012. Partner Yusuf shall make the following buy-out offer:

- 1. Acquire the assets & fixtures \$250,000 (50% of Partner Hamed's interest)
- 2. Acquire Inventory based on cost (50% of Partner Hamed's Interest).
- 3. The parties agree that the equipment and fixtures is in proper working condition during the first six months from the date of closing. Should any equipment experience a breakdown during the first six months of closing, both parties shall bear the cost of the repairs equally.

Should the foregoing terms of the buyout offer set forth in paragraphs 1 to 3 above is rejected, the assets, fixtures, and inventory of Plaza Extra — Bast shall be liquidated and the

premises turned over to Partner Yusuf immediately. Partner Yusuf, by virtue of his ownership of the premises, will hereby enforce the new rental rate of \$200,000 per month commencing January 31, 2012 until March 31st, 2012. Thereafter, the monthly rental rate shall increase to \$250,000 per month until June 30th, 2012. After such date, the tenancy shall terminate forthwith without further notice. Failure to vacate the premises by June 30th, 2012 shall result in an action for unlawful detainer be filed in the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands.

Section 1.4 SECOND PARTNERSHIP ASSET: Plaza Extra West - Grove Place, St. Croix

Partner Yusuf hereby makes the following buy-out offer:

- 1. Acquire the assets & fixtures \$375,000 (50% of Partner Hamed's interest).
- 2. Acquire Inventory based on cost (50% of Partner Hamed's Interest).
- 3. Acquire Lease for the premises for a term of 20 years, with an option to terminate lease subject to a SIX (6) months written notice. Rent is hereby offered for \$24,000 a month. Property tax assessments shall be paid in half by each partner.
- 4. The parties agree that the equipment and fixtures is in proper working condition during the first six months from the date of closing. Should any equipment experience a breakdown during the first six months of closing, both parties shall bear the cost of the repairs equally.
- 5. All inventory, improvements, and fixtures will be transferred by a Bill of Sale, with the applicable UCC-4 Bulk Transfer notices according to the terms set out in Exhibit B of this Agreement at the time of closing.

Section L5

THIRD PARTNERSHIP ASSET: Plaza Extra - Tutu Park, St. Thomas

1.5.1 Unless Partner Hamed makes a written offer for the purchase of Plaza Extra — Tutu Park, St. Thomas, said business shall be liquidated with its assets, inventory, and fixtures sold at fair market value. The lease for this asset shall expire on October 27th, 2018, and is in the name of United Corporation only. Should Partner Hamed wishes to make an offer for the purchase of Partner Yusuf's partnership interest in Plaza Extra Tutu Park, St. Thomas, Partner Hamed shall do so in writing within 14 days.

1.5.2 Should Partner Hamed refuse to offer to purchase said asset, Partner Yusuf hereby makes the following written offer of purchase:

- i) Partner Hamed's fifty (50%) interest in Inventory at actual cost plus freight and insurance to be determined at time of closing.
- ii) Equipment and fixture at \$250,000 (50% interest of Partner Hamed).
- iii) The parties agree that the equipment and fixtures is in proper working condition during the first six months from the date of closing. Should any equipment experience a breakdown during the first six months of closing, both parties shall bear the cost of the repairs equally.
- Partner Yusuf agrees to pay \$1,000,000 a year to Partner Hamed until the expiration of the lease on October 27th, 2018 for a total lease amount of \$6,500,000. Partner Yusuf will also assume all obligations under the lease currently existing in the name of United Corporation, and guaranteed personally by Partner Yusuf.

1.5.3 Rejection of Offer: Should Partner Hamed reject the terms of the offer provided in section 1.5.2, Partner Hamed may acquire the Plaza Extra – Tutu Park, St. Thomas within 14 days of date of this agreement on the same aforementioned terms.

SECTION 2.0

PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

The parties agree to address the following outstanding partner and partnership obligations

	Description of Partnership Obligation	Agreed Upon Course of Action to Resolve Dispute
1.	Rent (for the period of May 5 th , 2004 to Dec. 31st, 2011). Partnership Yusuf & Hamed owe rent arrears of \$5,408,806.74 to Partner Yusuf as owner and landlord of the property upon which Plaza Extra East is located.	The parties agree that said amount was paid on February 13 th , 2012 by way of check drawn on the account of United Corporation. Accordingly, the rental arrears for the period of (May 5 th , 2004 to Dec. 31 st , 2011) are now satisfied.
2.	Other Outstanding Rent (Pre 2004). The partners shall discuss and calculate the rent owing to Partner Yusuf for an approximate period of 10 years, for the 10 years prior to May 5 th , 2004.	The rental term and rent amount due will be determined upon the return of the partnership records from the U.S. Government.

SECTION 3.0

OTHER FINANCIAL DISPUTES

The parties acknowledge that serious financial disputes have arisen between the parties. Specifically, Partner Yusuf desires a full accounting of certain disputes with Partner Hamed and his agent Waleed Hamed and Waheed Hamed, and all of their spouses, children, assigns, and agents.

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The parties agree that the following items of financial disputes will be negotiated, investigated, and resolved in good faith by the parties.

	
Description of Financial Dispute	Agreed Upon Course of Action to Resolve Dispute
Partner Yusuf alleges that Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) was transferred from Banque Francaise Commerciale in St. Maarten to Arab Bank, Ltd., specifically to an Arab Bank Branch in the West Bank, Palestine. Partner Hamed disputes this allegation. Partner Yusuf's allegation arises out of facts obtained during a criminal investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation that concludes there was a transfer of \$2,000,000 to the benefit of Partner Hamed. Partner Yusuf desires full accounting and verification of all financial discrepancies, and irregularities currently existing, or that may arise during the dissolution of the partnership. The parties hereby agree to negotiate and resolve this matter fully and in good faith.	 Partner Hamed agrees to execute a special power of attorney authorizing the DeWood Law Firm, its attorney, agents, and assigns, to obtain ALL bank account information for any bank account that may have been opened, including but not limited to the following banks: Arab Bank, Ltd (Worldwide branches) Banque Française Commerciale in St. Maarten. Cairo-Amman Bank (worldwide branches) Bank of Nova Scotia (worldwide branches) Merrill Lynch Investments First Bank (formerly known as VI Community Bank) Any other Bank either party determines to be relevant for purpose of inquiry, investigation, and full accounting.

2. Notice to Withdraw. Partners agree to give actual notice of the dissolution of the Partnership to all creditors who have extended credit to the Partnership prior to dissolution

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3. Determination and Distribution of Capital Account. The Partnership will cause to be prepared financial statements as of the date specified in the Withdrawal Notice, including a balance sheet specifying the assets, liabilities, and equity accounts, and an income statement for the portion of the year then ended. The financial statements will also detail all accounts payable and accounts receivable of the Partnership. The cost of obtaining such financial statements shall be borne by the Partnership, and the expense of preparation of such financial statements shall be reflected in income or loss as of the date specified in the Withdrawal Notice.

The capital account of the Withdrawing Partner will include the Withdrawing Partner's actual equity account plus the Withdrawing Partner's share of income or minus the Withdrawing Partner's share of loss according to the Sharing Ratio as of the date of the financial statements. The parties agree that these financial statements will conclusively reflect the accounts of the Partnership. The capital account of the Withdrawing Partner shall be distributed to the Withdrawing Partner in cash within 30 days following the date specified in the Withdrawal Notice.

- 5. <u>Loans.</u> The Partnership has no loans outstanding other than Accounts Payable with inventory suppliers.
- 6. <u>Ledgers and Files.</u> The Partnership shall, at the Partnership's expense, copy all ledgers and files of the Partnership for the Withdrawing Partner's use upon the reasonable written request by the Withdrawing Partner which specifies the ledgers and files and is delivered to the Partnership at least 10 days before the date specified in the Withdrawal Notice.
- 7. Full Disclosure and Access to Records. All parties agree to fully disclose all facts which relate to the operation of the Partnership and warrant and represent that all material facts concerning the financial condition and operation of the Partnership have been fully disclosed to each other. All parties shall have full access to the books and records of the Partnership, including client files, for purposes of verifying information furnished under this Agreement until this Agreement.
- 8. Assets and Liabilities of the Partnership. Upon payment of the amounts due to the Withdrawing Partner hereunder, all assets and liabilities of the Partnership as they exist on the financial statements dated as of the date specified in the Withdrawal Notice shall belong to the remaining Partners, and the Withdrawing Partner shall claim no right, title, or interest therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year first written above.

Pathi Yusuf, Partner

Mohammad Hamed, Partner

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UNITED CORPORATION 4C & 4D Sion Farm St Croix, USVI 00821 Phone (340) 778-6240

January 12, 2012

Mr. Mohamed Hamed,

During the month of September 2009, I had a discussion with your son Wally, and within two days I repeat the same request while you were present that United Corporation would like to have its location back. Unfortunately, up to now, I have not seen that you give up the keys

Therefore as of January 1, 2012 the rent will be \$200,000,000 per month, only for the coming three months. If you do not give up the keys before the three months, it will be \$250,000,000 per month until further notice.

Sincerely,

Fathi Yusuf



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UNITED CORPORATION 4C & 4D Sion Farm St Croix, USVI 00821 Phone (340) 778-6240

January 13, 2012

Mr. Mohamed Hamed,

Based on my father's phone call this morning, yesterday's letter (Jan 12, 2012) should read as follows; "During the month of September 2010 (not 2009)... I had a discussion with your son Wally, and within two days I repeat the same request while you were present that United Corporation would like to have its location back. Unfortunately, up to now, I have not seen that you give up the keys".

"Therefore as of January 1, 2012 the rent will be \$200,000.00 per month, only for the coming three months. If you do not give up the keys before the three months, it will be \$250,000.00 per month until further notice",

I am sorry for the error, he was hurrying to catch a plane.

Sincerely,

Najch Yusuf for Fathi Yusuf

United Corporation
4-C & 4-D Estate Sion Farm
P.O. Box 763
Christiansted, VI 00820

Date: January 19, 2012

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED **

Mohammad Abdul Qader Hamed Plaza Extra Supermarket 4-C & 4-D Estate Sion Farm Christiansted, V.I. 00820

Re: -NOTICE & CONFIRMATION OF <u>INCREASED RENT</u> FOR PLAZA EXTRA-SION FARM - FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2012.

- NOTICE OF LEASE TERMINATION FOR PLAZA EXTRA - SION FARM AS OF JUNE 30TH, 2012.

Dear Mr. Hamed,

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This notice is to confirm the increased rent for the above referenced premises. As you will know, I have given both you and your son Walced Hamed oral notice in September 2010 to vacate the premises. At that time, I have advised you that the rent will increase to Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) per month for each of the first three months of January, February, and March, 2012. Thereafter, the rent shall increase to Two Hundred & Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) each month commencing April 1, 2012 through June 30th, 2012. The last date for this lease is June 30th, 2012. There will be no additional extensions of tenancy to Plaza Bxtra – Sion Farm.

An orderly inspection will be done to evaluate the condition of the premises. Kindly, advise as to when you are available to conduct an inspection, and to inventory all fixtures and improvements that will remain on the premises. Should you have any concerns regarding this notice, or any other matters concerning this lease, please ensure that same be made in writing,

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and delivered by way of certified mail, return receipt requested to the address above. Thank you for your prompt attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

United Corporation

Fathi Yusuf, CEO

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UNITED CORPORATION 4C & 4D Sion Farm St Croix, USVI 00821 Phone (340) 778-6240

April 4, 2012

Mohammad Abdul Qader Hamed Plaza Extra Supermarket 4-C & 4-D Estate Sion Farm Christiansted, VI 00820

Re: Notice of Increased Rent commencing April 1, 2012

Mr. Mohamed Hamed,

Please note that according to my letter dated January 19, 2012 the rent of Plaza Extra East starting April 1, 2012 has now increased to \$250,000.00 per month. Please forward me the rent due from January 1, 2012 through April 1, 2012 for a total of \$850,000.00 immediately. If I do not receive this amount by the end of April 2012, I will add interest at a rate of 12% starting May 1, 2012. This will be my last notice to you of back rent due.

Sincerely,

Fathi Yusuf

May 4, 2012

Mohammad Abdul Qader Hamed Plaza Extra Supermarket 4-C & 4-D Estate Sion Farm Christiansted, VI 00821

Statement of Rent due for Plaza Extra - East as of May 1, 2012

Rent due for Plaza Extra - East, January 1, 2012 through April 1, 2012

Balance Due

\$850,000.00

ADD: 1% interest on outstanding Balance

\$ 8,500,00

Amount Due

\$858,500.00

May 2012 Rent currently due:

\$250,000,00

Total Balance due May 1, 2012

\$1,108,500.00

Please forward a check immediately.

Sincerely,

Najeh Yusuf for Fathi Yusuf

June 1, 2012

Mohammad Abdul Qader Hamed Plaza Extra Supermarket 4-C & 4-D Estate Sion Farm Christiansted, VI 00821

Statement of Rent due for Plaza Extra - East as of June 1, 2012

Rent due for Plaza Extra - Bast, January 1, 2012 through May 1, 2012

Balance Due \$1,108,500.00

ADD: 1% interest on outstanding Balance

\$ 11,085.00

Amount Due

\$1,119,585.00

June 2012 Rent currently due:

\$250,000.00

Total Balance due June 1, 2012

\$1,369,585.00

Please forward a check immediately.

Sincerely,

Fathi Yusuf

July 1, 2012

Mohammad Abdul Qader Hamed Plaza Extra Supermarket 4-C & 4-D Estate Sion Farm Christiansted, VI 00821

Statement of Rent due for Plaza Extra - East as of July 1, 2012

Rent due for Plaza Extra – East,

January 1, 2012 through June 1, 2012 Balance Due \$1,369,585.00

ADD: 1% interest on outstanding Balance \$ 13,695.85

Amount Due \$1,383,280.85

July 2012 Rent currently due: \$250,000.00

Total Balance due July 1, 2012 \$1,633,280.85

Please forward a check immediately.

Sincerely,

Fathi Yusuf

August 1, 2012

Mohammad Abdul Qader Hamed Plaza Extra Supermarket 4-C & 4-D Estate Sion Farm Christiansted, VI 00821

Statement of Rent due for Plaza Extra - East as of August 1, 2012

Rent due for Plaza Extra - East,

January 1, 2012 through July 31, 2012 Balance Due \$1,633,280.85

ADD: 1% interest on outstanding Balance \$ 16,332.81

Amount Due \$1,649,613.66

August 2012 Rent currently due:

\$250,000.00

Total Balance due August 1, 2012

\$1,899,613.66

Please forward a check immediately.

Sincerely,

Fathi Yusuf

September 1, 2012

Mohammad Abdul Qader Hamed Plaza Extra Supermarket 4-C & 4-D Estate Sion Farm Christiansted, VI 00821

Statement of Rent due for Plaza Extra - East as of September 1, 2012

Rent due for Plaza Extra – East, January 1, 2012 through Aug. 31, 2012

Balance Due \$1,899,613.66

ADD: 1% interest on outstanding Balance

\$ 18,996.14

Amount Due

\$1,918,609.80

September 2012 Rent currently due:

\$250,000.00

Total Balance due September 1, 2012

\$2,168,609.80

Please forward a check immediately.

Sincerely,

Fathi Yusuf

EXHIBITE

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WARRANTY DEED

INDENTURE made this 18th day of May, 2012, by and between Robert L. Merwin, Co-Trustee of the M.K. Armstrong Trust w/d/t dated May 12, 1969 as amended by First Amendment dated December 30, 1972, hereinafter referred to as "Grantor", and United Corporation, a U.S. Virgin Islands corporation of P.O. 763, Christiansted, VI 00821, hereinafter referred to as "Grantee".

WITNESSETH that in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration to him in hand paid, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Grantor does hereby grant and convey unto Grantee, its successors and assigns, the following described real property situated in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, to wit:

Rem. Matr. Plot No. 9 Estate Grange, Company Quarter, consisting of 80.7119 U.S. acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. A9-80-C012 dated May 15, 2012; and

Road Plot No. 70 Estate Grange, Company Quarter, consisting of 10.298 U.S. acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. A9-80-C012 dated May 15, 2012; and

Together with all of Grantor's right, if any, to the easements and water rights reserved in that certain Deed dated April 20, 1995 on No. 1 Estate Hermon Hill, recorded on November 6, 1995 at PC 558, page 215, Doc. No. 3810 (the Covenants and Warranties in the last paragraph of this deed do not apply to these easements and water rights)

TOGETHER with all the tenements, hereditaments, buildings, and appurtenances thereunto belonging.

SUBJECT, HOWEVER, to the following (the "Permitted Exceptions"):

- a) The standard exclusions from coverage set forth in an ALTA owner's policy 6-17-06;
- b) The lien of all taxes, special assessments or reassessments, which are not shown as existing liens by the records in the Office of the Tax Assessor for St. Croix, Virgin Islands, nor any taxes or bills for the year 2010 or thereafter, not yet submitted, due or payable;
- c) Any lien which may heretofore or hereafter attach pursuant to the provisions of Title 19, §1538 of the Virgin Islands Code, with regard to municipal sewer charges, not yet due and payable, as may be applicable;







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Robert L. Merwin, Co-Trustee of the M.K. Armstrong Trust u/d/t dated May 12, 1969 as amended by First Amendment dated December 30, 1972, to United Corporation Page 2

- Virgin Islands Zoning, Coastal Zone Management, Conservation, or Building laws and regulations, ordinances or common law applicable or relating to the use and occupancy of the premises;
- Title to any filled in land, littoral rights, riparian rights, or other rights not shown in the public records;

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said described real property unto United Corporation, its successors and assigns, in fee simple forever.

GRANTOR COVENANTS AND WARRANTS that he is lawfully seised of said premises in fee simple and has good right to convey same; that Grantee shall quietly enjoy said premises; that the premises are free from encumbrances except as herein provided; that Grantor will execute or procure any further necessary assurances of title to said premises; and that Grantor will forever warrant and defend the title in said premises. The Trustee, for himself, his heirs, representatives, successors and assigns states that he is the lawful Co-Trustee of the M.K. Armstrong Trust u/d/t dated May 12, 1969 as amended by First Amendment dated December 30, 1972 and, as such, has the power to convey as aforesaid. The Trustee further covenants that he has in all respects made this conveyance pursuant to the authority granted by the Trust; provided, however, that Grantor has executed this Trustee's Deed in his capacity as Trustee of the Trust and that the liability of the Grantor under this covenant and general warranty shall be limited to the assets of the Trust.

WITNESSES:

M.K. Armstrong Trust w/d/t dated May 12, 1969 as amended by First Amendment. dated December 30, 1972

Dated: 5

Warranty Deed

Robert L. Merwin, Co-Trustee of the M.K. Armstrong Trust u/d/t dated May 12, 1969 as amended by First Amendment dated December 30, 1972, to United Corporation Page 3

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

TERRITORY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS)
JUDICIAL DIVISION OF ST. CROIX) SS:

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this day of May, 2012 by Robert L. Merwin, Co-Trustee M.K. Armstrong Trust u/d/t dated May 12, 1969 as amended by First Amendment dated December 30, 1972

GERALD T GRONER
Notary Public
St. Crobs, U.S. Virgin Islands
LNP-022-11
My Commission Expires November 10, 2015

Notary Public
Name: ________
Notary No. ______

Commission Expires:

CERTIFICATE OF VALUE

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the value of the property described in the foregoing deed, for recording and transfer stamp tax purposes, does not exceed the sum of \$ 1,700,000.00. The 2009 property tax assessment of the property is \$969,549.10 by allocation.

Robert L Merwin, Trustee

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC SURVEYOR

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that, according to the records in the office of the Public Surveyor, the property described in the foregoing Warranty Deed has undergone no changes with respect to boundary and area.

DATE: MAY 2 4.2012 FEE \$ 940°

MARGARET F. ACOSTA SPECIAL ASSISTANT

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OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

DIVISION OF REAL PROPERTY TAX

1105 King Sireet * Chaldiansted, Virgin Manch 50620 * 340,773,6447 * Fax 340,773,0330
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REAL PROPERTY TAX CLEARANCE LETTER

TO:

Office of the Recorder of Deeds

FROM:

Office of the Tax Collector

In accordance with Title 28, Section 121, as amended, this shall certify that there are no outstanding Real Property Tax obligations for the following:

PARCEL NUMBER	2-04800-0204-00
LEGAL DESCRIPTION	REM ESTATE GRANGE
OWNER'S NAME	ARMSTRONG, MALCOLM & OTHERS

Taxes have been researched up to and including ______2009.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT BY

Valencio Jackson Vax Collector

May 22, 2012

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