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JED MARGOLIN, an individual.

Plaintiff.

OPTIMA TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION, a California corporation, OPTIMA TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION, a Nevada corporation, REZA ZANDIAN aka ZANDIANJAZI aka GOLAMREZA GHOLAM REZA ZANDIAN aka REZA JAZI aka J. REZA JAZI aka G. REZA JAZI aka GHONONREZA ZANDIAN JAZI, an individual, DOE Companies 1-10, DOE Corporations 11-20, and DOE Individuals 21CASE NO. 090C00579 1B

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DEFENDANT REZA ZANDIAN AKA GOLAMREZA ZANDIANJAZI AKA GHOLAM REZA ZANDIAN AKA REZA JAZI AKA J. REZA JAZI AKA G. REZA JAZI AKA GHONONREZA ZANDIAN JAZI'S MOTION FOR STAY OF PROCEEDINGS TO ENFORCE JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO NRCP 62(B)

Defendants.

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Defendant REZA ZANDIAN ("Zandian") by and through his attorney Geoffrey W.

Hawkins, Esq., of the law firm HAWKINS MELENDREZ P.C., and hereby submits this Motion for

Stay of Proceedings to Enforce Judgment Pursuant to NRCP 62(b).

This motion is made and based upon the provisions of NRCP 62 and the following Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the pleadings and papers on file herein, and any oral argument this Honorable Court may allow.

DATED this day of December, 2013.

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#### POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I.

#### INTRODUCTION

On June 24, 2013 this Court entered a Default Judgment against Zandian. On June 27, 2013, Plaintiff filed a Notice of Entry of Default Judgment against Zandian. On or about December 11, 2013, Plaintiff filed his Motion for Judgment Debtor Examination and to Produce Documents. On December 20, 2013, Zandian timely filed his Motion to Set Aside Default Judgment which is now pending before this Court. Pursuant to NRCP 62 (b), execution of or any proceeding to enforce the default judgment against Zandian should be stayed pending the outcome of Zandian's Motion to Set Aside Default Judgment. Furthermore, this Court should stay the execution of or any proceeding to enforce the default judgment against Zandian without a requirement that Zandian provide security at this time.

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#### STATEMENT OF LAW

### A. Rule 62(b) Allows Stays Without Security Pending Post-Judgment Motions .

There is a special rule in Nevada that applies to stays pending post-trial motions. NRCP Rule 62(b) provides:

(b) Stay on Motion for New Trial or for Judgment. In its discretion and on such conditions for the security of the adverse party as are proper, the court may stay the execution of or any proceedings to enforce a judgment pending the disposition of a motion for a new trial or to alter or amend a judgment made pursuant to Rule 59, or of a motion for relief from a judgment or order made pursuant to Rule 60, or of a motion for judgment in accordance with a motion for a directed verdict made pursuant to Rule 50, or of a motion for amendment to the findings or for additional findings made pursuant to Rule 52(b).

Rule 62(b) gives the court extremely broad discretion to enter a stay without security during the pendency of post-judgment motions. Indeed, unlike Rule 62(d)'s provision for stays upon appeal, Rule 62(b) does not even refer to a supersedeas bond.

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# B. It Is Common And Customary In Nevada To Allow Stays Without Security On Post-Judgment Motions

It is the common practice in Nevada to stay judgments pending resolution of post-judgment motions pursuant to NRCP 62(b) without requiring a bond. See David N. Frederick, Post Trial Motions, NEVADA CIVIL PRACTICE MANUAL 25-30 (5th ed. 2005) ("security in the form of a bond or other collateral is usually not required"). There are many reasons to allow a stay on such motions. First, post-trial review by the trial court typically takes less time than review by the appellate court. In addition, all of the post-judgment proceedings will be within this court's control. And supersedeas bonds are expensive.

The Nevada Supreme Court has recognized the need for courts, under appropriate circumstances, to grant a stay without requiring either a bond or any other additional security. In McCulloch v. Jeakins, 99 Nev. 122, 123, 659 P.2d 302, 303 (1983) the court held that the district court "may provide for a bond in a lesser amount, or may permit security other than a bond when unusual circumstances exist and so warrant." (Citing Fed. Prescription Servs., Inc. v. Am. Pharm. Ass'n., 636 F.2d 755 (D.C. Cir. 1980) and 11 Wright & Miller, FEDERAL PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE § 2905, at 328 (1973) (emphasis omitted)). Moreover, in the recent case of Nelson v. Heer, the Court further liberalized the standards regarding stays with alternative security. See Nelson v. Heer, 121 Nev. 832, 122 P.3d 1252, 1254 (2005). The court agreed that "the phrase 'unusual circumstances' in McCulloch [99 Nev. at 123, 659 P.2d at 303] is too restrictive." Nelson, 122 P.3d at 1254. "[T]his language is outdated and few, if any courts still use such a rigid standard." Id. The court concluded that "a more flexible and modem approach will better serve Nevada litigants and courts." Id.

Even Rule 62(d) does not require a bond in all cases for a stay pending appeal. See id. at 1253; Olympia Equip. Leasing Co. v. Western Union Telegraph, 786 F.2d 794, 796 (7th Cir. 1986). Such a requirement would conflict with NRAP 8(b), which implicitly recognizes the discretion of courts to issue stays not conditioned on bonds. "[I]f the appellate court has the power to issue an unsecured stay, as Rule 8(b) clearly implies, then the district court must have the power also, if Rule 8(b) is to make any sense." Fed. Prescription Servs., Inc. v. Am. Pharm. Ass'n, 636 F.2d 755, 760

(D.C. Cir. 1980); see also Poplar Grove Planting & Refining Co. v. Bache Halsey Stuart, Inc., 600 F.2d 1189 (5th Cir. 1979); Int'l Telemeter Corp. v. Hamlin int'l Corp., 754 F.2d 1492, 1495 (9th Cir. 1985).

# C. The Cost Of A Bond Is An Unnecessary Expense That Is Potentially Taxable To Plaintiff

Bonding is expensive, and the costs of bonding should be avoided except where the defendant's ability to pay a judgment is open to serious question. Such caution is especially warranted because the costs of bonding may ultimately be borne by plaintiffs rather than defendants. Under NRAP 39(e), the costs of a supersedeas bond are taxable to plaintiffs if the judgment is reversed on appeal.

#### III.

## LEGAL ARGUMENT

On or about June 24, 2013, this Court entered a Default Judgment against Zandian. Then, on or about December 11, 2013, Plaintiff filed his Motion for Judgment Debtor Examination and to Produce Documents. Upon learning of the Default Judgment, Zandian retained counsel to file a motion to set aside the default judgment. On December 20, 2013, Zandian timely filed his Motion to Set Aside Default Judgment which is now pending before this Court. Zandian's Motion to Set Aside Default Judgment was made pursuant to NRCP 55 and 60.

Pursuant to NRCP 62(b), this Court is authorized, in its discretion, to stay execution of, or any proceedings to enforce a judgment pending the disposition of post-trial motions brought under NRCP 60. In the instant case, Zandian's Motion to Set Aside Default Judgment must be resolved before any proceedings to enforce the Default Judgment can proceed. Allowing Plaintiff to proceed with enforcement of the Default Judgment in the face of the pending Motion to Set Aside Default Judgment could obviously cause the parties to incur unnecessary expenses, and would be unfair and prejudicial to Zandian in the event that the Default Judgment is set aside by this Court. Indeed, NRCP 62(b) is obviously intended to avoid such untoward consequences.

#### IV.

# CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing points and authorities, Defendant Reza Zandian respectfully requests that this Court grant a stay of any proceedings to enforce the Default Judgment, including proceedings such as a debtor's examination, until after the resolution of Zandian's Motion to Set Aside Default Judgment.

#### AFFIRMATION PURSUANT TO NRS 239B.030

The undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding document does not contain the social security number of any person.

#### DECLARATION

The undersigned also declares under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Dated this Aday of December, 2013.

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure 5(b), I hereby certify that, on the day of December, 2013, service of DEFENDANT REZA ZANDIAN AKA GOLAMREZA ZANDIANJAZI AKA GHOLAM REZA ZANDIAN AKA REZA JAZI AKA J. REZA JAZI AKA G. REZA JAZI AKA GHONONREZA ZANDIAN JAZI'S MOTION FOR STAY OF PROCEEDINGS TO ENFORCE JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO NRCP 62(B) was made this date by depositing a true copy of the same for mailing, first class mail, at Las Vegas, Nevada, addressed follows:

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