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In The First Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada
In and for Carson City

JED MARGOLIN, an individual,

Plaintiff,

VS.

OPTIMA TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION, a California corporation, OPTIMA TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION, a Nevada corporation, REZA ZANDIAN aka GOLAMREZA ZANDIANJAZI aka 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 21-30,

Dept. No.: 1

Case No.: 090C00579 1B

APPLICATION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT THEREOF

Defendants.

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Plaintiff Jed Margolin hereby applies for a default judgment pursuant to NRCP 55(b)(2) against Defendants Optima Technology Corporation, a Nevada corporation, and Optima Technology Corporation, a California corporation (together the "Defendants") in the principal amount of \$1,286,552.46, together with interest at the legal rate of 5.25% per annum accruing from the date of default, September 24, 2012. This Application is based upon the grounds that no appearance of counsel for the Defendants has been entered, the Defendants' General Denial has been stricken, and the Defendants are in default for failure to plead or otherwise defend as required by law.

Based on the following arguments and evidence, Plaintiff requests that the Court enter judgment in his favor, and against Defendants, in the manner set forth herein and in the attached Default Judgment.

# MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

### I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff filed the Amended Complaint in this action on August 11, 2011. After extensive briefing regarding service on Defendants, and after the Court denied Defendants' Motion to Dismiss, Defendants served and filed a General Denial in response to the Amended Complaint. The General Denial was served on March 13, 2012 on behalf of the Defendants.

Also on March 13, 2012, Defense counsel moved to withdraw from representing all of the individual and corporate Defendants in this action. On March 16, 2012, Plaintiff filed a non-opposition to Defense counsel's Motion to Withdraw, and on April 26, 2012, this Court granted Defense counsel's Motion to Withdraw.

On May 15, 2012, Plaintiff moved this Court for an order compelling the appearance of counsel for the Defendants or in the alternative an order striking the General Denial of the Defendants. The Defendants did not respond to the motion. On June 28, 2012, this Court ordered that the Defendants retain counsel and that counsel enter an appearance in this matter on behalf of the Defendants by July 15, 2012. This Court also ordered that if no appearance was made by that date, the General Denial would be stricken.

Since no appearance was made on behalf of the Defendants, Plaintiff filed an application for entry of default on September 14, 2012. On September 24, 2012, this Court entered a default against the Defendants. The notice of entry of default was served on September 26, 2012, and filed on September 27, 2012. Now Plaintiff seeks entry of a default judgment against Defendants.

Defendants are not infants or incompetent persons, and are not in the military service of the United States as defined by 50 U.S.C. Appx. § 521.

The facts in Plaintiff's amended complaint warrant entry of Final Judgment against

Defendants for conversion, tortious interference with contract, intentional interference with

prospective economic advantage, unjust enrichment, and unfair and deceptive trade practices.

#### III. ARGUMENT

NRCP 55(b)(2) allows a party to apply to the Court for a default judgment. As set forth above, Defendants have failed to have counsel enter an appearance, and their General Denial was stricken and a default entered. As a result, all of the averments in Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, other than those as to the amount of damages, are admitted. NRCP 8(d). As set forth in the Amended Complaint, Plaintiff states claims for relief for each of his alternative causes of action. As set forth herein, Plaintiff presents admissible evidence on the amount of damages he has incurred as a result of Defendants' actions.

# A. MR. MARGOLIN PROVIDES ADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT HIS CLAIM FOR CONVERSION

Conversion is "a distinct act of dominion wrongfully exerted over another's personal property in denial of, or inconsistent with his title or rights therein or in derogation, exclusion, or defiance of such title or rights." *Evans v. Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc.*, 116 Nev. 598, 606, 5 P.3d 1043, 1048 (2002), *quoting Wantz v. Redfield*, 74 Nev. 196, 198 (1958). Further, conversion is an act of general intent, which does not require wrongful intent and is not excused by care, good faith, or lack of knowledge. *Id.*, *citing Bader v. Cerri*, 96 Nev. 352, 357 n. 1 (1980). Conversion applies to intangible property to the same extent it applies to tangible property. *See M.C. Multi-Family Development, L.L.C. v. Crestdale Associates, Ltd.*, 124 Nev. 901, 911, 193 P.3d 536, 543 (Nev. 2008), citing *Kremen v. Cohen*, 337 F.3d 1024, 1030 (9th Cir.2003)(expressly rejecting the rigid limitation that personal property must be tangible in order to be the subject of a conversion claim).

When a conversion causes "a serious interference to a party's rights in his property ... the injured party should receive full compensation for his actual losses." *Winchell v. Schiff*, 124 Nev. 938, 945, 193 P.3d 946, 951 (2008), *quoting Bader*, 96 Nev. at 356, overruled on

other grounds by *Evans*, 116 Nev. at 608, 611. The return of the property converted does not nullify the conversion. *Bader*, 96 Nev. at 356.

As set forth in the Amended Complaint, Plaintiff owned the '488 and '436 Patents, and had a royalty interest in the '073 and '724 Patents. Amended Complaint, ¶¶ 9-12. Defendants filed false assignment documents with the USPTO in order to gain dominion over the Patents. *Id.* at ¶15; Margolin Decl., Exhibit 2. Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff for interfering with his property rights in the Patents. Defendants' retention of Plaintiff's Patents was inconsistent with Plaintiff's ownership interest therein and defied his legal rights thereto. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conversion of Plaintiff's Patents, Plaintiff has suffered damages in the amount of \$300,000. The \$300,000 includes \$90,000 Plaintiff paid in attorneys' fees in the Arizona Action where that court ordered the USPTO to correct the record of title to the Patents (plus pre-judgment interest, attorney's fees and costs – discussed below). Margolin Decl., ¶4, Exhibit 3.

The \$300,000 damages figure also consists of \$210,000 that would have been paid to Plaintiff pursuant to a patent purchase agreement that was terminated as a result of the Defendants' actions as stated in the Amended Complaint. Margolin Decl., ¶ 5. Plaintiff cannot provide documentation or specific details of the purchase agreement because of the confidentiality provisions in the agreement (although Plaintiff is willing to provide the documentation to the Court for an *in camera* review). Margolin Decl., ¶ 5. However, Plaintiff can state that on April 14, 2008, Optima Technology Group ("OTG") entered into a purchase agreement to sell the '073 and '724 patents to another entity which would have netted Plaintiff \$210,000 on the sale of the Patents. *See* Margolin Decl., ¶ 5; *See also* Amended Complaint, ¶¶ 11-14 (showing royalty agreement). The purchase agreement also included a provision for post-patent sale royalty payments which would have provided additional substantial income to the Plaintiff. *Id.* Finally, the April 14, 2008 purchase agreement provided the purchasing entity an opportunity to conduct due diligence regarding the Arizona Action prior to consummation of the sale. Margolin Decl., ¶ 5. On June 13, 2008, the purchasing entity wrote OTG and stated that they had completed their due diligence investigation and determined that

Amended Complaint, Plaintiff is seeking to recover the value of property valued in excess of \$2,500 as well as money and damages in the amount of \$900,000.

To date, as stated above, Plaintiff has incurred costs in the amount of \$23,979.86. McMillen Decl., ¶ 5, Exhibit 3.

### IV. CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Application for Default Judgment be granted, and the attached Default Judgment entered. As stated above, Plaintiff is entitled to treble damages in the amount of \$900,000; prejudgment interest in the amount of \$292,672.60; attorney's fees in the amount of \$69,900.00; and costs in the amount of \$23,979.86; for a total judgment of \$1,286,552.46.

## 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.

Dated this 29th day of October, 2012.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 1 Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of Watson Rounds, and that on 2 this date, I deposited for mailing, in a sealed envelope, with first-class postage prepaid, a true 3 and correct copy of the foregoing document, Application for Default Judgment and the 4 (Proposed) Default Judgment, addressed as follows: 5 Reza Zandian 6 8775 Costa Verde Blvd. #501 San Diego, CA 92122 7 Optima Technology Corp. A California corporation 8775 Costa Verde Blvd. #501 San Diego, CA 92122 10 Optima Technology Corp. 11 A Nevada corporation 8775 Costa Verde Blvd. #501 12 San Diego, CA 92122 13 14 Dated: October 29, 2012 15

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