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The last four digits of LeFever Mattson's tax identification number are 7537. The last four digits of the tax identification number for KS Mattson Partners, LP ("KSMP") are 5060. KSMP's address for service is c/o Stapleton Group, 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, CA 92075. The address for service on LeFever Mattson and all other Debtors is 6359 Auburn Blvd., Suite B, Citrus Heights, CA 9562. Due to the large number of debtor entities in these Chapter 11 Cases, a complete list of the Debtors and the last four digits of their federal tax identification numbers is not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at https://veritaglobal.net/LM.

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I, Bradley D. Sharp, hereby declare as follows:

- I am the President and Chief Executive Officer of Development Specialists, Inc. ("DSI"), a leading provider of management consulting and financial advisory services, including turnaround consulting, fiduciary roles, and financial restructuring services, with numerous offices throughout the country.
- 2. I submit this declaration pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 in support of the Motion of Debtors to Approve Settlement Agreement with Northern California Collection Service, Inc. and John Phair (the "Motion").2
- 3. Except as otherwise indicated, all facts set forth in this declaration are based upon my personal knowledge, information supplied to me by other members of the Debtors'<sup>3</sup> management, employees, and professionals, or learned from my review of relevant documents or upon my opinion based upon my experience and knowledge of the Debtors' operations and financial condition. If called upon to testify, I could and would testify competently to the facts set forth herein. I am authorized by the Debtors to submit this declaration.
- 4. Based on my discussions with the Debtors' employees, I am informed and believe that Mr. Phair operated his business, E.J. Phair Brewing Company, as a tenant at Salvio Pacheco Square in Concord, California, a property that during the pendency of the Lease was owned by the Salvio Pacheco Square Debtors and managed by Home Tax.
- 5. Based on my discussions with the Debtors' employees and my review of certain of the Debtors' records, I am informed and believe that, as of September 30, 2023, Mr. Phair had an outstanding rent balance of \$283,629.38, and, after some effort to collect Mr. Phair's rent obligations, Home Tax assigned them to NCCS for collection purposes on October 6, 2023.
- A copy of the collection agreement between NCCS and Home Tax for Mr. Phair's obligations is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the "NCCS Agreement").

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Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Motion.

Unless otherwise indicated, "Debtors" as used herein excludes KSMP and Live Oak Investments, LP.

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- 7. Based on my and the Debtors' counsel's discussions with the Debtors' employees and NCCS, I am informed and believe that NCCS filed a suit in Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa, against Mr. Phair in December 2023, which Mr. Phair answered in February 2024 (the "State Court Action"), and that the State Court Action remains pending as Northern California Collection Service, Inc. vs. John Phair, Case No. C23-03139, and that Mr. Phair and NCCS have engaged in discovery disputes and various motions practice, and NCCS's motion for summary judgment was recently denied, and that no trial date or trial-setting conference is currently set.
- 8. I understand that Mr. Phair has offered to settle the claims against him for \$50,000.00. As provided for in the NCCS Agreement, NCCS is entitled to receive 50% of the proceeds from a settlement with Mr. Phair. Based on the Debtors' discussions with NCCS, and their experience with similar collection actions for unpaid rent obligations, including similar actions assigned to NCCS, the Debtors believe that the Settlement Agreement represents their best opportunity to obtain a recovery on Mr. Phair's obligations.
- 9. Based on the above information, I believe that, given the delay, inconvenience, and uncertainty of further litigation, the proposed compromise reflected in the Settlement Agreement will allow for the efficient, maximal recovery of the claims against Mr. Phair and is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates and creditors.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on October 24, 2025.

/s/ Bradley D. Sharp
Bradley D. Sharp

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# KELLER BENVENUTTI KIM LLP

# 101 MONTGOMERY STREET, SUITE 1950 SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94104

# Exhibit A

(NCCS Agreement)

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DEBTOR

**Business Name** 

### 700 Leisure Lane, P.O. Box 13765 Sacramento, California 95853-9980 Phone (916) 929-7811 FAX (916) 929-5125 E-Mail: norcal@nccsinc.com

Lawrence H. Cassidy PRESIDENT

WORLD-WIDE COMMERCIAL COLLECTION SERVICE

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## Commercial Listing Agreement

The following account is hereby assigned to Northern California Collection Service, Inc., hereafter called Agency, for collection only. Any negotiable instrument received by them in payment of this account may be endorsed accordingly. The normal commercial rate is to be charged by the Agency upon any claims collected, settled with approval, paid direct, or withdrawn during the process of collection. Commissions are due once an account has been assigned whether it is paid to the agency or creditor. Payments made direct to us will be promptly reported to the Agency. Any amount collected over and above the principal amount of the account will be retained by Agency. Monies collected will first be applied to court costs/atty fees incurred by the agency. Adjustment or settlement of any claim is subject our approval. These terms do not include the cost of defending Cross Complaints, nor are we liable for payment of defense verdicts or Judgements. Special pleadings will be charged on a case by case basis. If there is a bankruptcy petition filed after collection and a trustee alleges a preferential payment, we will not be liable to return any part of our fees or costs. We will not be obligated to file suit on all claims and will not be liable for claims becoming barred by the Statute of Limitations or for the renewal of judgements. If merchandise is returned to the creditor, the agency will receive 1/2 its regular fee on the value of the merchandise. If the claim must be referred out of state, the fee will be increased by 10%. Any Trust Fund remittance check not cashed in 90 days from mailing will be returned to our General Acct. It will be re-issued upon request. ALL CLAIMS HEREAFTER ASSIGNED ARE SUBJECT TO THE SAME TERMS UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED.

Owner, Partner(s), Officer(s)	Is business active?
Address 2151 Salvio St, Suite	L
City Concord State	CA Zip 94520 Telephone No. 925-595-16
BALANCE DUE: \$ 283,629.38 Date of	Last Charge 9 11 2023 Date of Last Payment 7 10 2022
Bank / Address & Account Number of Debtor's Checking Acct.	
REMARKS Tenant Skipped but	t rent responsible through 9/30/20
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FOR A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION I HEREBY A	SSIGN TO THE AGENCY MY ACCOUNT AGAINST THE ABOVE DEBTOR.
2 TaFe	ver Mattson Property Mgmt Date 10/06/2023
Filli Name	Anna++Alefma com
Contact Dena Pratt Title	
Phone (916) 723-5111 Ext 113	FAX#( )
Address 6359 Auburn Blvd Ste "B	Citrus Heights, Ca Zip 95621
Indiv Partnership Corp	Creditor's signature
Computer Code # LEFIII	
SalesmanLarry_Cassidy	COMMERCIAL FEES
2/23/2022	25% Without Suit
	35% With Suit
An additional 10% will be	e charged on accounts that must be forwarded.

A COMMERCIAL CLAIM IS AN OBLIGATION TO PAY FOR GOODS SOLD OR LEASED, SERVICES RENDERED, OR MONIES LOANED FOR US IN THE CONDUCT OF A BUSINESS OR PROFESSION, AND ARE NOT TO BE USED FOR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION.

Special Lower Rates Quoted On Accounts over \$50,000.

Client Is To Advance Court Costs If Suit Is Filed.