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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

LUIS VENTURA and ANTONIO PAVON, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated.

Plaintiff,

**COLLECTIVE ACTION COMPLAINT** 

-against-

JURY TRIAL **DEMANDED** 

GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC., GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC., KRISH AUTO PARTS INC. and PARVEEN MALHOTRA, MANJU MALHOTRA, and SUNIL MALHOTRA, as individuals,

17-5874

Defendants.

GLASSER, J.

SCANLON, M.J.

1. Plaintiffs, LUIS VENTURA and ANTONIO PAVON, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, (hereinafter referred to as "Plaintiffs"), by his attorneys at Helen F. Dalton & Associates, P.C., alleges, upon personal knowledge as to himself and upon information and belief as to other matters, as follows:

# PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

2. Plaintiffs, LUIS VENTURA and ANTONIO PAVON, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, through undersigned counsel, bring this action against GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC., GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC., KRISH AUTO PARTS INC. and PARVEEN MALHOTRA, MANJU MALHOTRA, and SUNIL MALHOTRA, as individuals, (hereinafter referred to as "Defendants"), to recover damages for egregious violations of state and federal wage and hour laws arising out of Plaintiffs' employment at GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC. located at 37-26 27th Street, Long Island City, New York 11101 and GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC., located at 37-26 27th Street, Long Island

- City, New York 11101, and KRISH AUTO PARTS INC., located at 37-26 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Long Island City, New York 11101.
- 3. As a result of the violations of Federal and New York State labor laws delineated below, Plaintiffs seek compensatory damages and liquidated damages in an amount exceeding \$100,000.00. Plaintiffs also seek interest, attorneys' fees, costs, and all other legal and equitable remedies this Court deems appropriate.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 4. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' federal claims pursuant to the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. §216 and 28 U.S.C. §1331.
- 5. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' state law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1367.
- 6. Venue is proper in the EASTERN District of New York pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(b) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred in this district.
- 7. This Court is empowered to issue a declaratory judgment pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§2201 & 2202.

#### THE PARTIES

- 8. Plaintiff LUIS VENTURA residing at 1827 Madison Street, Ridgewood, New York 11385, has been employed by Defendants at GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC., GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC. and KRISH AUTO PARTS INC. from in or around July 2015 to the present.
- 9. Plaintiff ANTONIO PAVON residing at 104-18 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Corona, New York 11368, has been employed by Defendants at GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC., GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC. and KRISH AUTO PARTS INC from in or around January 2017 to the present.
- 10. Upon information and belief, Defendant, GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC., is a corporation organized under the laws of New York with a principal executive office 37-26 27th Street, Long Island City, New York 11101.

- 11. Upon information and belief, Defendant, GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC. is a corporation authorized to do business under the laws of New York.
- 12. Upon information and belief, Defendant PARVEEN MALHOTRA owns and/or operates GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC.
- 13. Upon information and belief, Defendant PARVEEN MALHOTRA is the Chairman of the Board of GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC.
- 14. Upon information and belief, Defendant PARVEEN MALHOTRA is the Chief Executive Officer of GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC.
- 15. Upon information and belief, Defendant PARVEEN MALHOTRA is an agent of GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC.
- 16. Upon information and belief, Defendant PARVEEN MALHOTRA has power over personnel decisions at GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC.
- 17. Upon information and belief, Defendant PARVEEN MALHOTRA has power over payroll decisions at GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC.
- 18. Defendant PARVEEN MALHOTRA has the power to hire and fire employees at GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC., establish and pay their wages, set their work schedule, and maintains their employment records.
- 19. Upon information and belief, Defendant SUNIL MALHOTRA owns and/or operates GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC.
- 20. Upon information and belief, Defendant SUNIL MALHOTRA is the Chairman of the Board of GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC.
- 21. Upon information and belief, Defendant SUNIL MALHOTRA is the Chief Executive Officer of GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC.
- 22. Upon information and belief, Defendant SUNIL MALHOTRA is an agent of GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC.
- 23. Upon information and belief, Defendant SUNIL MALHOTRA has power over personnel decisions at GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC.
- 24. Upon information and belief, Defendant SUNIL MALHOTRA has power over payroll decisions at GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC.

- 25. Defendant SUNIL MALHOTRA has the power to hire and fire employees at GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC., establish and pay their wages, set their work schedule, and maintains their employment records.
- 26. Upon information and belief, Defendant MANJU MALHOTRA owns and/or operates GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC.
- 27. Upon information and belief, Defendant MANJU MALHOTRA is the Chairman of the Board of GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC.
- 28. Upon information and belief, Defendant MANJU MALHOTRA is the Chief Executive Officer of GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC.
- 29. Upon information and belief, Defendant MANJU MALHOTRA is an agent of GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC.
- 30. Upon information and belief, Defendant MANJU MALHOTRA has power over personnel decisions at GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC.
- 31. Upon information and belief, Defendant MANJU MALHOTRA has power over payroll decisions at GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC.
- 32. Defendant MANJU MALHOTRA has the power to hire and fire employees at GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC., establish and pay their wages, set their work schedule, and maintains their employment records.
- 33. Upon information and belief, Defendant, GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC. is a corporation organized under the laws of New York with a principal executive office 37-26 27th Street, Long Island City, New York 11101.
- 34. Upon information and belief, Defendant, GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC. is a corporation authorized to do business under the laws of New York.
- 35. Upon information and belief, Defendant PARVEEN MALHOTRA owns and/or operates GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC.
- 36. Upon information and belief, Defendant PARVEEN MALHOTRA is the Chairman of the Board of GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC.
- 37. Upon information and belief, Defendant PARVEEN MALHOTRA is the Chief Executive Officer of GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC.
- 38. Upon information and belief, Defendant PARVEEN MALHOTRA is an agent of GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC.

- 39. Upon information and belief, Defendant PARVEEN MALHOTRA has power over personnel decisions at GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC.
- 40. Upon information and belief, Defendant PARVEEN MALHOTRA has power over payroll decisions at GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC.
- 41. Defendant PARVEEN MALHOTRA has the power to hire and fire employees at GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC., establish and pay their wages, set their work schedule, and maintains their employment records.
- 42. Upon information and belief, Defendant SUNIL MALHOTRA owns and/or operates GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC.
- 43. Upon information and belief, Defendant SUNIL MALHOTRA is the Chairman of the Board of GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC.
- 44. Upon information and belief, Defendant SUNIL MALHOTRA is the Chief Executive Officer of GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC.
- 45. Upon information and belief, Defendant SUNIL MALHOTRA is an agent of GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC.
- 46. Upon information and belief, Defendant SUNIL MALHOTRA has power over personnel decisions at GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC.
- 47. Upon information and belief, Defendant SUNIL MALHOTRA has power over payroll decisions at GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC.
- 48. Defendant SUNIL MALHOTRA has the power to hire and fire employees at GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC., establish and pay their wages, set their work schedule, and maintains their employment records.
- 49. Upon information and belief, Defendant MANJU MALHOTRA owns and/or operates GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC.
- 50. Upon information and belief, Defendant MANJU MALHOTRA is the Chairman of the Board of GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC.
- 51. Upon information and belief, Defendant MANJU MALHOTRA is the Chief Executive Officer of GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC.
- 52. Upon information and belief, Defendant MANJU MALHOTRA is an agent of GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC.

- 53. Upon information and belief, Defendant MANJU MALHOTRA has power over personnel decisions at GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC.
- 54. Upon information and belief, Defendant MANJU MALHOTRA has power over payroll decisions at GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC.
- 55. Defendant MANJU MALHOTRA has the power to hire and fire employees at GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC., establish and pay their wages, set their work schedule, and maintains their employment records.
- 56. Upon information and belief, Defendant, KRISH AUTO PARTS INC. is a corporation organized under the laws of New York with a principal executive office 37-26 27th Street, Long Island City, New York 11101.
- 57. Upon information and belief, Defendant, KRISH AUTO PARTS INC. is a corporation authorized to do business under the laws of New York.
- 58. Upon information and belief, Defendant PARVEEN MALHOTRA owns and/or operates KRISH AUTO PARTS INC.
- 59. Upon information and belief, Defendant PARVEEN MALHOTRA is the Chairman of the Board of KRISH AUTO PARTS INC.
- 60. Upon information and belief, Defendant PARVEEN MALHOTRA is the Chief Executive Officer of KRISH AUTO PARTS INC.
- 61. Upon information and belief, Defendant PARVEEN MALHOTRA is an agent of KRISH AUTO PARTS INC.
- 62. Upon information and belief, Defendant PARVEEN MALHOTRA has power over personnel decisions at KRISH AUTO PARTS INC.
- 63. Upon information and belief, Defendant PARVEEN MALHOTRA has power over payroll decisions at KRISH AUTO PARTS INC.
- 64. Defendant PARVEEN MALHOTRA has the power to hire and fire employees at KRISH AUTO PARTS INC., establish and pay their wages, set their work schedule, and maintains their employment records.
- 65. Upon information and belief, Defendant SUNIL MALHOTRA owns and/or operates KRISH AUTO PARTS INC.
- 66. Upon information and belief, Defendant SUNIL MALHOTRA is the Chairman of the Board of KRISH AUTO PARTS INC.

- 67. Upon information and belief, Defendant SUNIL MALHOTRA is the Chief Executive Officer of KRISH AUTO PARTS INC.
- 68. Upon information and belief, Defendant SUNIL MALHOTRA is an agent of KRISH AUTO PARTS INC.
- 69. Upon information and belief, Defendant SUNIL MALHOTRA has power over personnel decisions at KRISH AUTO PARTS INC.
- 70. Upon information and belief, Defendant SUNIL MALHOTRA has power over payroll decisions at KRISH AUTO PARTS INC.
- 71. Defendant SUNIL MALHOTRA has the power to hire and fire employees at KRISH AUTO PARTS INC., establish and pay their wages, set their work schedule, and maintains their employment records.
- 72. Upon information and belief, Defendant MANJU MALHOTRA owns and/or operates KRISH AUTO PARTS INC.
- 73. Upon information and belief, Defendant MANJU MALHOTRA is the Chairman of the Board of KRISH AUTO PARTS INC.
- 74. Upon information and belief, Defendant MANJU MALHOTRA is the Chief Executive Officer of KRISH AUTO PARTS INC.
- 75. Upon information and belief, Defendant MANJU MALHOTRA is an agent of KRISH AUTO PARTS INC.
- 76. Upon information and belief, Defendant MANJU MALHOTRA has power over personnel decisions at KRISH AUTO PARTS INC.
- 77. Upon information and belief, Defendant MANJU MALHOTRA has power over payroll decisions at KRISH AUTO PARTS INC.
- 78. Defendant MANJU MALHOTRA has the power to hire and fire employees at KRISH AUTO PARTS INC., establish and pay their wages, set their work schedule, and maintains their employment records.
- 79. During all relevant times herein, Defendant PARVEEN MALHOTRA was Plaintiffs' employer within the meaning of the FLSA and NYLL.
- 80. During all relevant times herein, Defendant SUNIL MALHOTRA was Plaintiffs' employer within the meaning of the FLSA and NYLL.

- 81. During all relevant times herein, Defendant MANJU MALHOTRA was Plaintiffs' employer within the meaning of the FLSA and NYLL.
- 82. On information and belief, GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC. is, at present and has been at all times relevant to the allegation in the complaint, an enterprise engaged in interstate commerce within the meaning of the FLSA in that the entity (i) has had employees engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce, and handle, sell or otherwise work on goods or material that have been moved in or produced for commerce by any person: and (ii) has had an annual gross volume of sales of not less than \$500,000.00.
- 83. On information and belief, GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC. is, at present and has been at all times relevant to the allegation in the complaint, an enterprise engaged in interstate commerce within the meaning of the FLSA in that the entity (i) has had employees engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce, and handle, sell or otherwise work on goods or material that have been moved in or produced for commerce by any person: and (ii) has had an annual gross volume of sales of not less than \$500,000.00.
- 84. On information and belief, KRISH AUTO PARTS INC. is, at present and has been at all times relevant to the allegation in the complaint, an enterprise engaged in interstate commerce within the meaning of the FLSA in that the entity (i) has had employees engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce, and handle, sell or otherwise work on goods or material that have been moved in or produced for commerce by any person: and (ii) has had an annual gross volume of sales of not less than \$500,000.00.

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 85. Plaintiff LUIS VENTURA has been employed by Defendants at GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC., GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC. and KRISH AUTO PARTS INC., from in or around July 2015 to the present.
- 86. During Plaintiff LUIS VENTURA'S employment by Defendants at GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC., GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC. and KRISH AUTO

- PARTS INC., Plaintiff's primary duties were as a stocker and deliverer of parts, and performing other miscellaneous duties from in or around July 2015 to the present.
- 87. Plaintiff LUIS VENTURA was paid by Defendants approximately \$540.00 per week from in or around July 2015 until in or around December 2015 and approximately \$600.00 per week from in or around January 2016 to the present.
- 88. Plaintiff LUIS VENTURA has worked approximately sixty-three (63) hours or more per week for Defendants from in or around July 2015 to the present.
- 89. Although Plaintiff LUIS VENTURA worked approximately sixty-three (63) hours or more per week from in or around July 2015 to the present, during his employment with Defendants, Defendants did not pay Plaintiff time and a half (1.5) for hours worked over forty (40), a blatant violation of the overtime provisions contained in the FLSA and NYLL.
- 90. Plaintiff ANTONIO PAVON has been employed by Defendants at GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC., GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC. and KRISH AUTO PARTS INC., from in or around January 2017 to the present.
- 91. During Plaintiff ANTONIO PAVON'S employment by Defendants at GURU NANAK AUTO PARTS INC., GURU NANAK AUTO IMPORTS INC. and KRISH AUTO PARTS INC., Plaintiff's primary duties were as a stocker and deliverer of parts, and performing other miscellaneous duties from in or around January 2017 to the present.
- 92. Plaintiff ANTONIO PAVON was paid by Defendants approximately \$600.00 per week from in or around January 2017 to the present.
- 93. Plaintiff ANTONIO PAVON worked approximately sixty-three (63) hours or more per week by Defendants from in or around January 2017 to the present.
- 94. Although Plaintiff ANTONIO PAVON worked approximately sixty-three (63) hours or more per week from in or around January 2017 to the present, during his employment with Defendants, Defendants did not pay Plaintiff time and a half (1.5) for hours worked over forty (40), a blatant violation of the overtime provisions contained in the FLSA and NYLL.
- 95. Plaintiff ANTONIO PAVON has not been paid for approximately two full weeks of pay during his employment with Defendants.

- 96. Upon information and belief, Defendants willfully failed to post notices of the minimum wage and overtime wage requirements in a conspicuous place at the location of their employment as required by both the NYLL and the FLSA.
- 97. Upon information and belief, Defendants willfully failed to keep accurate payroll records as required by both NYLL and the FLSA.
- 98. As a result of these violations of Federal and New York State labor laws, Plaintiffs seek compensatory damages and liquidated damages in an amount exceeding \$100,000.00. Plaintiff also seeks interest, attorneys' fees, costs, and all other legal and equitable remedies this Court deems appropriate.

### **COLLECTIVE ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

- 99. Plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of himself and other employees similarly situated as authorized under the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 216(b). The employees similarly situated are the collective class.
- 100. Collective Class: All persons who are or have been employed by the Defendants as stockers and deliverers of parts, or other similarly titled personnel with substantially similar job requirements and pay provisions, who were performing the same sort of functions for Defendants, other than the executive and management positions, who have been subject to Defendants' common practices, policies, programs, procedures, protocols and plans including willfully failing and refusing to pay required minimum and overtime wage compensation.
- 101. Upon information and belief, Defendants employed between 15 and 20 employees within the past three years subjected to similar payment structures.
- 102. Upon information and belief, Defendants suffered and permitted Plaintiffs and the Collective Class to work more than forty hours per week without appropriate overtime compensation.
- 103. Defendants' unlawful conduct has been widespread, repeated, and consistent.
- 104. Upon information and belief, Defendant had knowledge that Plaintiffs and the Collective Class performed work requiring overtime pay.
- 105. Defendants' conduct as set forth in this Complaint, was willful and in bad faith, and has caused significant damages to Plaintiff and the Collective Class.

- 106. Defendants are liable under the FLSA for failing to properly compensate Plaintiffs and the Collective Class, and as such, notice should be sent to the Collective Class. There are numerous similarly situated current and former employees of Defendants who have been denied overtime pay in violation of the FLSA and NYLL, who would benefit from the issuance of a Court-supervised notice of the present lawsuit, and the opportunity to join the present lawsuit. Those similarly situated employees are known to Defendants and are readily identifiable through Defendants' records.
- 107. The questions of law and fact common to the putative class predominate over any questions affecting only individual members.
- 108. The claims of Plaintiffs are typical of the claims of the putative class.
- 109. Plaintiffs and their counsel will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the putative class.
- 110. A collective action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy.

## **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

# Overtime Wages Under The Fair Labor Standards Act

- 111. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference all allegations in all preceding paragraphs.
- 112. Plaintiffs have consented in writing to be a party to this action, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §216(b).
- 113. At all times relevant to this action, Plaintiffs were engaged in commerce or the production of goods for commerce within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. §§206(a) and 207(a).
- 114. At all times relevant to this action, Defendants were employers engaged in commerce or the production of goods for commerce within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. §§206(a) and 207(a).
- 115. Defendants willfully failed to pay Plaintiffs overtime wages for hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours per week at a wage rate of one and a half (1.5) times the

- regular wage, to which Plaintiff was entitled under 29 U.S.C. §§206(a) in violation of 29 U.S.C. §207(a)(1).
- 116. Defendants' violations of the FLSA as described in this Complaint have been willful and intentional. Defendants have not made a good effort to comply with the FLSA with respect to the compensation of the Plaintiffs.
- 117. Due to Defendants' FLSA violations, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover from Defendants, jointly and severally, his unpaid wages and an equal amount in the form of liquidated damages, as well as reasonable attorneys fees and costs of the action, including interest, pursuant to the FLSA, specifically 29 U.S.C. §216(b).

#### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

## Overtime Wages Under New York Labor Law

- 118. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference all allegations in all preceding paragraphs.
- 119. At all times relevant to this action, Plaintiffs were employed by Defendants within the meaning of New York Labor Law §§2 and 651.
- 120. Defendants failed to pay Plaintiffs overtime wages for hours worked in excess of forty hours per week at a wage rate of one and a half (1.5) times the regular wage to which Plaintiff was entitled under New York Labor Law §652, in violation of 12 N.Y.C.R.R. 137-1.3.
- 121. Due to Defendants' New York Labor Law violations, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover from Defendants, jointly and severally, his unpaid overtime wages and an amount equal to his unpaid overtime wages in the form of liquidated damages, as well as reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of the action, including interest in accordance with NY Labor Law §198(1-a).

#### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

# Violation of the Notice and Recordkeeping Requirements of the New York Labor Law

122. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference all allegations in all preceding paragraphs.

- 123. Defendants failed to provide Plaintiffs with a written notice, in English and in Spanish (Plaintiffs' primary language), of their rate of pay, regular pay day, and such other information as required by NYLL §195(1).
- 124. Defendants are liable to each Plaintiff in the amount of \$5,000.00 each, together with costs and attorneys' fees.

#### **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

# Violation of the Wage Statement Requirements of the New York Labor Law

- 125. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference all allegations in all preceding paragraphs.
- 126. Defendants failed to provide Plaintiffs with wage statements upon each payment of wages, as required by NYLL §195(3)
- 127. Defendants are liable to each Plaintiff in the amount of \$5,000.00 each, together with costs and attorneys' fees.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, Plaintiffs respectfully request that judgment be granted:

- a. Declaring Defendants' conduct complained herein to be in violation of the Plaintiffs' rights under the FLSA, the New York Labor Law, and its regulations;
- b. Awarding Plaintiffs unpaid overtime wages and unpaid wages;
- c. Awarding Plaintiffs liquidated damages pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §216 and New York Labor Law §§198(1-a), 663(1);
- d. Awarding Plaintiffs prejudgment and post-judgment interest;
- e. Awarding Plaintiffs the costs of this action together with reasonable attorneys' fees; and
- f. Awarding such and further relief as this court deems necessary and proper.

#### **DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

Pursuant to Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury on all questions of fact raised by the complaint.

Dated: This <u>29</u> day of September 2017.

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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#### Plaintiff,

-against-

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#### Defendants.

#### SUMMONS & CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

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# EDN CARCULTS I GAY-05/201-3LG-VMS Document 1-1 Filed 10/06/17 Page 2 of 2 PageID #: 18 CERTIFICATION OF ARBITRATION ELIGIBILITY

Local Arbitration Rule 83.10 provides that with certain exceptions, actions seeking money damages only in an amount not in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs, are eligible for compulsory arbitration. The amount of damages is presumed to be below the threshold amount unless a certification to the contrary is filed. I, \_\_\_\_\_\_, counsel for \_\_\_\_\_\_, do hereby certify that the above captioned civil action is ineligible for compulsory arbitration for the following reason(s): monetary damages sought are in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs. the complaint seeks injunctive relief, the matter is otherwise ineligible for the following reason DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - FEDERAL RULES CIVIL PROCEDURE 7.1 Identify any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more or its stocks: RELATED CASE STATEMENT (Section VIII on the Front of this Form) Please list all cases that are arguably related pursuant to Division of Business Rule 50.3.1 in Section VIII on the front of this form. Rule 50.3.1 (a) provides that "A civil case is "related" to another civil case for purposes of this guideline when, because of the similarity of facts and legal issues or because the cases arise from the same transactions or events, a substantial saving of judicial resources is likely to result from assigning both cases to the same judge and magistrate judge." Rule 50.3.1 (b) provides that "A civil case shall not be deemed "related" to another civil case merely because the civil case: (A) involves identical legal issues, or (B) involves the same parties." Rule 50.3.1 (c) further provides that "Presumptively, and subject to the power of a judge to determine otherwise pursuant to paragraph (d), civil cases shall not be deemed to be "related" unless both cases are still pending before the court." NY-E DIVISION OF BUSINESS RULE 50.1(d)(2) 1.) Is the civil action being filed in the Eastern District removed from a New York State Court located in Nassau or Suffolk County: NO If you answered "no" above: 2.) a) Did the events or omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in Nassau or Suffolk County? NO b) Did the events of omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in the Eastern District? YES If your answer to question 2 (b) is "No," does the defendant (or a majority of the defendants, if there is more than one) reside in Nassau or Suffolk County, or, in an interpleader action, does the claimant (or a majority of the claimants, if there is more than one) reside in Nassau or Suffolk County? (Note: A corporation shall be considered a resident of the County in which it has the most significant contacts). **BAR ADMISSION** I am currently admitted in the Eastern District of New York and currently a member in good standing of the bar of this court. No Are you currently the subject of any disciplinary action (s) in this or any other state or federal court? Yes (If yes, please explain) Attorney Bar Code: RA5508 I certify the accuracy of all information provided above.

Signature:

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