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1415	SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, Plaintiff,	Case No. 5:15-cv-02387-SVW (KKx)			
16 17	vs. ROBERT YANG,	PLAINTIFF SEC'S OPPOSITION TO CELTIC BANK'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE			
18 19 20	CLAUDIA KANO, SUNCOR FONTANA, LLC, SUNCOR HESPERIA, LLC, AND SUNCOR CARE LYNWOOD, LLC	TOR ELIVE TO INTERVENE			
21	Defendants,	Date: June 6, 2016			
22	AND	Time: 1:30 p.m.			
23	YANROB'S MEDICAL, INC.,	Courtroom: 6			
24	HEALTHPRO CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC, AND SUNCOR CARE, INC.	Judge: Hon. Stephen V. Wilson			
25	Relief Defendants.				
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TABLE OF AUTHORITIES Section 21(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Central Bank of Denver, N.A. v. First Interstate Bank CFTC v. Heritage Capital Advisory Services, Ltd., Citizens for Balanced Use v. Mont. Wilderness Ass'n, Jenkins by Jenkins v. State of Missouri, 78 F.3d 1270 (8th Cir. 1996) 8 Medical Liability Mutual Ins. Co. v. Alan Curtis LLC, SEC v. ABS Manager, LLC, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 98822 SEC v. Behrens, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 78178, 2009 WL SEC v. Homa, 2000 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 14582, SEC v. Homa, 2001 U.S. App. LEXIS 19127,

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The Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") opposes the motion of Celtic Bank Corporation ("Celtic Bank") to intervene [Dkt No. 58]. The SEC filed its lawsuit seeking equitable relief to halt an ongoing, securities fraud and recover investors' funds that the Defendants obtained through false and misleading statements made in connection with the offer and sale of securities. Celtic Bank, the holder of some of the investors' funds, seeks to intervene as a party, to participate in discovery, to challenge whether investors were defrauded, and to have the Court issue a declaratory judgment that it has a perfected security interest in the funds that would preclude the SEC's recovery of the investors' stolen funds from Celtic Bank. For the reasons discussed below, Celtic Bank's motion should be denied.

Celtic Bank's motion should be denied under Section 21(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"), 15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(g), which prohibits joining civil claims with an SEC action for equitable relief. Furthermore, the request for intervention as a matter of right under Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 24(a) should be denied, because Celtic Bank fails to make an adequate showing that its interests will be impaired by the current action, its interests are not adequately protected, and its claim of a security interest in the certificates of deposit cannot be resolved through the Receiver's claims process that will be conducted at the conclusion of the case. For these and other reasons, Celtic Bank's motion for permissive intervention under Rule 24(b) is also inappropriate. The SEC joins in the opposition filed by the Receiver [Dkt No. 62]. Celtic Bank's motion to intervene should be denied.

I. BACKGROUND

On November 19, 2015, the SEC filed this injunctive action alleging that Defendants Robert Yang, Claudia Kano, Suncor Fontana, LLC ("Fontana"), Suncor Hesperia, LLC and Suncor Care Lynwood, LLC made material misrepresentations and engaged in a fraudulent scheme in connection with selling securities to Chinese investors who were seeking to obtain United States visas through the EB-5

immigration program. Complaint ¶¶ 1-10 [Dkt No. 1]. Defendants' fraudulent conduct violated the antifraud provisions of the federal securities laws. Id. ¶ 9.

Among other things, the SEC alleged that the Defendants made material misstatements and omissions in the Fontana offering memorandum about the use of investors' funds, falsely representing that funds raised from investors will be "used solely for operating capital for the Company." *Id.* ¶ 34. However, contrary to their agreement with investors to use investors' funds *solely* for the operating capital for Fontana (a sub-acute care facility under construction but which was not yet in the operation), Defendants transferred \$1,000,000 of investors' funds to a Certificate of Deposit Account No. xxxx0821 opened by Celtic Bank on December 5, 2012. Hughes Declaration at ¶ 3-7. The Defendants obtained these funds from investors through false and misleading statements in the Fontana private placement memorandum, and then fraudulently conveyed the funds to Celtic Bank to be held in a certificate of deposit in the name of Relief Defendants HealthPro Capital Partners, LLC ("HealthPro") and Suncor Care, Inc. ("Suncor Care").

¹ Celtic Bank holds two certificates of deposit each valued at \$1,000,000 plus accrued interest. The first Certificate of Deposit for Account No. xxxx2962 was opened on February 17, 2012. The second Certificate of Deposit for Account No. xxxx0821 was opened on December 5, 2012 with the transfer of Chinese investors' funds that the Defendants obtained through the fraudulent transactions that are the subject of the SEC's complaint. *See* Exhibit 2.

² Celtic Bank misstates in its motion that the deposit of funds into the second certificate of deposit were made pursuant to an agreement entered on June 9, 2014. *See* Motion at p. 5 [Dkt No. 58]. In fact, Celtic Bank's own certification to the Receiver states that this Certificate of Deposit was opened 12-5-2012, nearly eighteen months earlier. Exh. 2 [Celtic-E-8595]. In addition, Celtic Bank knew the funds were coming from accounts outside of the country that were subject to review by the

The Court entered a temporary restraining order and asset freeze on November 27, 2015, and preliminary injunction on December 11, 2015, in which the Court took exclusive jurisdiction and "possession of the assets, of whatever kind and wherever situated, of the Suncor Receivership Entities" and appointed Stephen J. Donell as the Receiver to marshal the assets. [Dkt No. 14 and 18.] After Celtic Bank refused to surrender possession of the Certificates of Deposit, the Receiver filed a motion for an order to show cause why the bank should not be held in civil contempt. [Dkt No. 48] In response, Celtic Bank filed its motion to intervene. [Dkt No. 58] The parties have already engaged in substantial discovery and trial is set for August 30, 2016.

II. SECTION 21(g) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT BARS CELTIC BANK FROM SEEKING TO INTERVENE IN THE SEC'S ENFORCEMENT ACTION Celtic Bank's motion to intervene is barred under Section 21(g) of the Exchange Act. The statute provides:

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1407(a) of Title 28, or *any other provision of law*, no action for equitable relief instituted by the Commission pursuant to the securities laws shall be consolidated or coordinated with other actions not brought by the Commission, even though such other actions may involve common questions of fact, unless such consolidation is consented to by the Commission.

15 U.S.C. § 78u(g) (emphasis added). Courts have interpreted Section 21(g) to extend beyond consolidation and coordination, barring intervention into actions initiated by the SEC. *SEC v. Egan*, 821 F. Supp. 1274, 1275 (N.D. Ill. 1993); *SEC v. Homa*, 2000 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 14582, 2000 WL 1468726, at *2 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 29,

Department of Homeland Security. Exh. 3. Moreover, Celtic Bank does not attach to its proposed complaint-in-intervention any Assignment of Deposit Account for the second certificate of deposit, only the first.

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2000); see also SEC v. Qualified Pensions, 1998 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 942, 1998 WL 29496, at *3 (D.D.C. Jan. 16, 1998). These courts support a broad interpretation of Section 21(g), citing a Supreme Court decision in stating, "the respondent probably could not have joined in the injunctive action brought by the SEC even had he so desired" and citing Section 21(g). Egan, 821 F. Supp. at 1275; Homa, 2000 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 14582, 2000 WL 1468726, at *2; Qualified Pensions, 1998 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 942, 1998 WL 29496, at *3 (citing *Parklane Hosiery Co., Inc. v. Shore*, 439 U.S. 322, 332, 99 S. Ct. 645, 58 L. Ed. 2d 552, (1979)). See also SEC v. Prudential Securities Inc., 171 F.R.D. 1, 3 (D.D.C. 1997), aff'd 136 F.3d 153 (D.C. Cir. 1998) ("It is undisputed that section 21(g) bars the 'consolidation and coordination' of an enforcement action brought by the SEC with a private action." (Internal citation omitted)). But see SEC v. ABS Manager, LLC, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 98822 (S.D. Cal. Jul. 15, 2013) (discussing case law and stating Ninth Circuit has not ruled on whether Section 21(g) precludes intervention and denying intervention under Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 24(a) and Rule 24(b)). Celtic Bank does not address whether Section 21(g) prohibits its intervention. However, its intervention in this injunctive action brought by the SEC to halt securities fraud is prohibited, and will hinder the SEC's ability to protect investors particularly where the bank proposes to argue that no fraud occurred. Motion at 4. The issue of whether Celtic Bank's interest in these funds somehow trumps the interest of the investors from whom funds were fraudulently obtained can be adequately addressed in either the contempt hearing set for June 6, 2016, or in the claims process that will occur after liability is determined in this case. Celtic Bank's intervention in this SEC injunctive action is barred by Section 21(g) of the Exchange Act. III. CELTIC BANK DOES NOT HAVE A RIGHT TO INTERVENE Celtic Bank has failed to establish its right to intervene under Fed. R. Civ. P.

24(a). An applicant seeking to intervene must demonstrate that four requirements are

met: "(1) the intervention application is timely; (2) the applicant has a significant protectable interest relating to the property or transaction that is the subject of the action; (3) the disposition of the action may, as a practical matter, impair or impede the applicant's ability to protect its interest; and (4) the existing parties may not adequately represent the applicant's interest." *Citizens for Balanced Use v. Mont. Wilderness Ass'n*, 647 F.3d 893, 897 (9th Cir. 2011) (citation omitted). The applicant seeking to intervene has the burden to show that these four elements are met. *Id.* As discussed below, Celtic Bank has failed to meet this burden.

A. Celtic Bank's Motion Is Not Timely, It Is Premature.

Celtic Bank's motion to intervene is not timely. It is premature for Celtic Bank to intervene in the SEC's injunctive enforcement action before entry of judgment, rather than in a post-judgment proceeding that will address claims by creditors and investors. *See e.g. SEC v. Navin*, 166 F.R. D. 435, 439 (9th Cir.1995) (intervention granted after entry of judgment for SEC, but before receiver liquidated assets); *SEC v. Wencke*, 783 F.2d 829, 834 (9th Cir. 1986) (addressing intervention in post-judgment action to determine disgorgement of stock held by third parties), *cert. denied*, 479 U.S. 818 (1986).

Motions by creditors of defendants to intervene in Commission cases are routinely denied. *See, e.g., SEC v. Stanford International Bank, Ltd.*, 2011 WL 2447717 (5th Cir. June 20, 2011) (creditor did not have an interest in the subject of the action); *SEC v. Homa*, 2001 WL 939080, 2001 U.S. App. LEXIS 19127 (7th Cir. Aug. 17, 2001) (creditor adequately protected by claims procedures that would be, but were not yet, established); *SEC v. Callahan*, 2 F. Supp. 3d 427, 438 (E.D. N.Y. 2014) (creditor's issue is wholly separate from the subject of the Commission's securities fraud action); *SEC v. Falor*, 270 F.R.D. 372 (N.D. Ill. 2010) (same); *SEC v. Byers*, 2009 WL 212780 (S.D. N.Y. Jan. 30, 2009) (proposed intervenors adequately represented by Receiver – "[t]he position of the proposed intervenors is not different from that of the other creditors and victims in this case . . . as a practical matter it

does not make sense to allow individual victims and creditors to intervene as parties.). The instant motion should likewise be denied.

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Celtic Bank's reliance on SEC v. Wencke, 783 F.2d 829, is misplaced because the creditor was allowed to intervene after judgment was entered in the SEC's case in chief. In that case, the receiver filed post-judgment pleadings to recover disgorgement from individuals and entities who were not parties to the lawsuit. The magistrate conducted an evidentiary hearing on the disgorgement application at which counsel for DeLusignan entered a special appearance but did not present evidence or question witnesses. After the hearing, the magistrate recommended disgorgement of the assets of Ramapo, a company in which DeLusignan held an interest, and the district court adopted the magistrate's recommendation. DeLusignan then appealed from the order. The Ninth Circuit stated, "We have specifically authorized nonparty creditors to appeal a district court's *post judgment* order regarding an SEC-initiated receivership, where . . . they did not formally seek to intervene in the trial court, but nevertheless participated in the district court's proceedings and had a 'a legitimate interest' in the outcome of the appeal. SEC v. Lincoln Thrift Association, 577 F.2d 600, 602-03 (9th Cir. 1978)." Wencke, 783 F.2d at 834 (emphasis added). The Ninth Circuit found DeLusignan had standing to appeal, because he could have intervened in the post-judgment hearing.

The decision in *Wencke* does not support Celtic Bank's request to intervene in the SEC's case before judgment is entered. Such interference by a creditor in an enforcement action is premature and will harm the mission of the SEC to protect investors by stopping securities fraud. Celtic Bank's interests are adequately protected by turning over possession of the two Certificates of Deposit to the Court and its agent, the Receiver, to hold until the liability stage of the case is resolved. Its claim that it holds a perfected security interest in funds the Defendants obtained through fraud upon investors can be adequately addressed in a post judgment claims process that will be conducted by the Receiver after a determination of liability.

B. <u>Celtic Bank Does Not Have An Interest In the Subject Matter of the Primary Case.</u>

This case is an enforcement action brought by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission for violations of the federal securities statutes. *See* Complaint [Docket No. 1] at ¶¶ 1-10; 62 - 82. The transactions which are the subject of this action are the offers and sales of securities by the defendants that the SEC has alleged are fraudulent. *See* Complaint at ¶¶ 1 – 10.

An interest in the subject of an action is cognizable under Rule 24(a)(2) only where it is "direct, substantial, and legally protectable." *Medical Liability Mutual Ins. Co. v. Alan Curtis LLC*, 485 F.3d 1006, 1009 (8th Cir. 2007). An economic interest in the outcome of the litigation is not itself sufficient to warrant mandatory intervention. *Curry v. Regents of the Univ.*, 167 F.3d 420, 422-23 (8th Cir.1999). An interest that is "contingent upon the occurrence of a sequence of events before it becomes colorable" is also not sufficient to satisfy Rule 24(a)(2). *Standard Heating & Air Conditioning Co. v. City of Minneapolis*, 137 F.3d 567, 571 (8th Cir.1998). As a result, a potential creditor's interest in ensuring that a defendant has sufficient resources to satisfy any judgment he might obtain against them is too remote and indirect to qualify as a cognizable interest under Rule 24(a)(2). *Medical Liability Mutual Ins. Co.*, 485 F.3d at 1009.

Celtic Bank has not identified any direct interest it has in the Commission's enforcement action.³ As a result, it has have failed to demonstrate a right to intervene

³ There is no private right of action for the Commission's First Claim (violations of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act"); Fourth Claim (aiding and abetting violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act; or Fifth Claim (aiding and abetting violations of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act), *see Touche Ross & Co. v. Redington*, 442 U.S. 560, 576 (1979) (no private right of action for claims under Section 17(a) of the Securities Act); *Central Bank of Denver, N.A. v. First Interstate Bank of Denver, N.A.*, 511 U.S. 164 (1994) (no private right of action for aiding and abetting). Nor is there a private right of action for the injunctive and civil penalty

in it. *See U.S. v. Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer Dist.*, 569 F. 3d 829, 840 (8th Cir. 2008) (Movant claimed no direct interest in whether the defendant was found to have violated the Clean Water Act; movant's "interest is limited to how this action's financial consequences might eventually affect its members' own pocketbooks. Such an interest is too tangential to the core issues of this enforcement case to establish a right to intervene."). Because Celtic Bank cannot demonstrate an interest in the subject matter of this enforcement action, its motion to intervene should be denied.

C. <u>Celtic Bank Has Not Demonstrated That Its Claims Will Be Impaired.</u>

At its core, Celtic Banks's claim is that it is a potential judgment creditor of the relief defendants in this action. To the extent the bank's claim is ever reduced to judgment, its interest is not impaired by a denial of intervention in this enforcement action.

The Receiver has been appointed to take control of the assets of the relief defendants, including the certificates of deposit purportedly securing Celtic Bank's loans. There is no reason to believe that the Receiver will not consider any concerns expressed by Celtic Bank, or that it cannot seek leave to address the Court on any matter pertaining to the Receivership without intervening in the SEC's enforcement action, in which it has no cognizable interest. As a result, because there are other, less burdensome, avenues by which the movant can protect any interest it claims, intervention should be denied. *See Jenkins by Jenkins v. State of Missouri*, 78 F.3d 1270, 1273-1275 (8th Cir. 1996) (No intervention of right where "intervenors [would] not be impaired or impeded in their ability to protect their interests" "because there were sufficient avenues open for the group to protect its interests without intervention.").

remedies sought by the Commission. *See* Section 21(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)]. Because it lacks the right to seek the relief sought by the Commission and bring the claims brought by the Commission, Celtic Bank has no cognizable interest in the subject matter of this proceeding.

D. Movant's Claim Is Adequately Protected By The Receiver.

It seems likely that at some point in time it will be necessary for the Receiver, supervised by the Court, to establish a claims procedure. That claims procedure, subject to the review of this Court, will adequately protect any claims that movant may have against a defendant in this action. *See SEC v. Behrens*, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 78178, 2009 WL 2868221 (D. Neb. Sept. 1, 2009) (Receiver's claim procedure sufficient to protect interest in receivership estate); *CFTC v. Heritage Capital Advisory Services*, *Ltd.*, 736 F. 2d 384, 386 (7th Cir. 1984).

Celtic Bank holds two certificates of deposit, each consisting of an initial deposit of \$1,000,000 plus accrued interest, in the names of relief defendants HealthPro and Suncor. Celtic Bank asserts that it has a perfected priority security interest to this cash collateral and its interest will be impaired if it is not allowed to intervene and move its claims ahead of all others. However, this position fails to consider the Court's preliminary injunction order appointing the Receiver and directing him to take possession of the assets of the Defendants and Relief Defendants wherever located. This order preserves the status quo until liability can be determined on the SEC's securities fraud claims against the Defendants and claims of unjust enrichment against the Relief Defendants who received investors' funds from the Defendants without any consideration.

IV. CELTIC BANK CLAIM FOR PERMISSIVE INTERVENTION SHOULD BE DENIED.

Rule 24(b) on permissive intervention provides that "the court may permit anyone to intervene who . . . has a claim or defense that shares with the main action a common question of law or fact." Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(b)(1)(B). As stated above, Celtic Bank does not assert a common claim that the defendants engaged in securities fraud in violation of the federal securities laws. Rather it seeks declaratory relief that it "has a perfected security interest in the Cash Collateral." See Proposed Complaint-in-Intervention [Dkt No. 58-1]. Celtic Bank is barred by Section 21(g) of the

Exchange Act from consolidating its claim for declaratory relief with the SEC's injunctive enforcement action.

In addition, the court must consider "whether intervention will unduly delay or prejudice the adjudication of the original parities' rights." Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(b)(3). Celtic Bank, who is a potential creditor of the relief defendants, seeks to engage in discovery and the trial in the case in chief to disprove that the defendants engaged in securities fraud so that it can assert a claim to the investors' funds that it holds in the defendants' name. In determining whether to exercise its discretion, a court may consider, among other things, whether the proposed intervenor's interests are adequately represented by other parties, whether intervention will prolong or unduly delay litigation, and whether intervenor will significantly contribute to full development of the underlying factual issues. *Spangler v. Pasadena City Bd. of Educ.*, 552 F.2d 1326, 1329 (9th Cir. 1977).

Celtic Bank's interests are adequately represented by the defendants who assert that they did not engage in securities fraud, and also by the Receiver who is interested in marshalling and preserving all of the defendants' assets for investors and creditors until resolution of the liability portion of the case and administration of a claims process. Celtic Bank's participation at the litigation stage will unduly delay and prolong the litigation, and potentially harm the SEC's enforcement action. Celtic Bank has not met its burden of demonstrating that permissive intervention is allowed under Section 21(g) of the Exchange Act nor under Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(b). Its request should be denied.

V. CONCLUSION

Celtic Bank's motion to intervene is barred by Section 21(g) of the Exchange Act. In addition, Celtic Bank, who is a potential creditor of the relief defendants, does not have an interest in the subject matter of this action – the enforcement of the federal securities laws by the Securities and Exchange Commission – and has not identified any question of law or fact or any claim which it would have in common

with such an action. It would be burdensome and unproductive for the SEC to have to consult creditors concerning motions to be filed, discovery to be scheduled, and the other matters necessary for it to litigate this enforcement action. To the extent Celtic Bank's interest is in participating in the Receivership Estate, rather than the SEC's enforcement action, allowing intervention in the Commission's case at this stage is unnecessary, because as interested parties they already have that right to participate in the claims process. In addition, to the extent Celtic Bank is interested in participating in the Receivership Estate, rather than the SEC's enforcement action, allowing intervention in the SEC's enforcement action does not serve that interest.

Celtic Bank's motion to intervene in the Commission's enforcement action should be denied.

Dated: May 16, 2016 Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE 1 I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action. My business address is: 2 3 U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 1961 Stout Street, Suite 1700, Denver, Colorado 80294-1961 4 Telephone No. (303) 844-1000; Facsimile No. (303) 297-3529 5 On May 16, 2016, I caused to be served the document entitled **PLAINTIFF SEC'S** OPPOSITION TO CELTIC BANK'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE 6 on all the parties to this action addressed as stated on the attached service list: 7 OFFICE MAIL: By placing in sealed envelope(s), which I placed for collection and mailing today following ordinary business practices. I am readily 8 familiar with this agency's practice for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing; such correspondence would be deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on the 9 same day in the ordinary course of business. 10 **PERSONAL DEPOSIT IN MAIL:** By placing in sealed envelope(s), which I personally deposited with the U.S. Postal Service. Each such envelope was 11 deposited with the U.S. Postal Service at Los Angeles, California, with first class postage thereon fully prepaid. 12 EXPRESS U.S. MAIL: Each such envelope was deposited in a facility regularly maintained at the U.S. Postal Service for receipt of Express Mail at Los 13 14 Angeles, California, with Express Mail postage paid. **HAND DELIVERY:** I caused to be hand delivered each such envelope to 15 the office of the addressee as stated on the attached service list. 16 **UNITED PARCEL SERVICE:** By placing in sealed envelope(s) designated by United Parcel Service ("UPS") with delivery fees paid or provided for, which I deposited in a facility regularly maintained by UPS or delivered to a UPS 17 courier, at Los Angeles, California. 18 **ELECTRONIC MAIL:** By transmitting the document by electronic mail 19 to the electronic mail address as stated on the attached service list. 20 **E-FILING:** By causing the document to be electronically filed via the Court's CM/ECF system, which effects electronic service on counsel who are registered 21 with the CM/ECF system. 22 **FAX:** By transmitting the document by facsimile transmission. The 23 transmission was reported as complete and without error. 24 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. 25 26 Date: May 16, 2016 /s/ Leslie J. Hughes Leslie J. Hughes 27 28

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DECLARATION OF MICHAEL CATES

- I, Michael Cates, declare:
- I am a licensed attorney employed by the U.S. Securities and Exchange
 Commission ("SEC") in the Division of Enforcement. I was assigned to
 investigate Suncor Hesperia, LLC (D-3507). I observed the matters set forth in
 this declaration during the course of my duties investigating this matter and have
 personal knowledge of the facts contained in this declaration
- 2. Exhibit 4 [Dkt No. 5-4] is a true and correct copy of the Fontana Private Offering Memorandum (PPM) dated September 15, 2012, Operating Agreement signed by Defendants Claudia Kano and Dr. Robert Yang, and Subscription Agreement signed by Claudia Kano, which were given to investors. The last sentence of the PPM in the first paragraph on page one [SEC-USCPIS-P-0006153] states, "The use of these funds will be [] used solely for operating capital for the Company." The Subscription agreement at page one [SEC-USCPIS-P-0006218] in Section 3 states, "The Company is limited to only investing in the Suncor Care Fontana Sub-Acute Care Facility ('Project')."
- 3. Exhibit 22 [Dkt No. 5-22] is a true and correct copy of the Receipts and Disbursements Listing for the Suncor Fontana LLC escrow account prepared by Orange Community Escrow Inc. and shows the account received Chinese investors' funds and then disbursed them to the Suncor Fontana account at Citizens Business Bank. This exhibit records the receipts from nine Chinese investors of \$4,501,155 between November 13, and December 7, 2012.
- 4. The Receipts and Disbursements Listing records Orange Community Escrow Inc.'s three disbursements to Suncor Fontana's bank account with Citizens Business Bank of the following amounts:
 - 12/5/12 \$1,500,000.00
 - 12/14/12 \$1,000,000.00

- 12/31/12 <u>\$2,001,155.00</u> Total \$4,501,155.00
- See Exhibit 22.
- 5. Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of Suncor Fontana's bank statement for its account with Citizens Business Bank for the period ending December 31, 2012. The bank statement shows that the account held an opening balance on November 30, 2012 of \$20,695.26. Suncor Fontana LLC received three deposits during December 2012, each from Orange Community Escrow Inc.:
 - 12/5/12 \$1,500,000.00
 - 12/14/12 \$1,000,000.00
 - 12/31/12 \$2,001,155.00
- The December 2012 bank statement, Exhibit 1, also shows that on December 5,
 2012, Suncor Fontana sent a wire transfer of \$1,000,000.00 to Celtic Bank from its Citizens Business Bank account.
- Exhibit 2 is a Certified Statement of Celtic Bank provided to the Receiver on December 14, 2015. In the Certified Statement, Celtic Bank represented that it opened Certificate of Deposit #xxxx0821 on December 5, 2012, which now holds \$1,020,933.34.
- 8. Exhibit 3 is a true and correct copy of emails produced to the SEC by Celtic Bank. The first email string dated December 5, 2012 between Celtic Bank employees, Christy Lester and Sarah Rubalcava, discusses Celtic Bank's receipt of \$1,000,000 as a wire from Suncor Fontana on December 5, 2012 [SEC-Celtic-E-0003123-3126]. The second email string is dated December 5, 2012 and September 18, 2012, between Celtic Bank employees, Michael Belnap and Christy Lester [SEC-Celtic-E-0008267-8272]; and defendant Claudia Kano. In this email string Mr. Belnap and Ms. Lester discuss that Ms. Kano is transferring \$1,000,000 (\$1MM) from overseas, which must be cleared through the

Dep	partment of Homela	and Security (DHS)) before it can be w	vired to Celtic Bank
I declare ur	nder penalty of perj	ury that the forego	ing statements are	true.

/s/ Michael Cates	
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Exhibit 1

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CITIZENS BUSINESS BANK PO BOX 3938 ONTARIO, CA 91761

ACCOUNT: DOCUMENTS: 10

PAGE: 2709 12/31/2012

TELEPHONE: 888-222-5432

*********AUTO**SCH 3-DIGIT 923 12427 1.0600 AT 0.374 67 1 179

Suncor Fontana 2619 S Waterman Ave Ste D San Bernardino CA 92408-3737 30 - 80

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______ TELEPHONE: 909-888-6363

TRI-CITY CENTER

301 VANDERBILT SUITE 120 SAN BERNARDINO CA 92408

--> NEW LOOK! December statements (mailed in January) will have a new look, improved detail and enhanced sub-categories.

TOTAL OVERDRAFT FEES = THE PAID NSF/UCF ITEM CHG + OVERDRAFT CHARGES TOTAL RETURNED ITEM FEES = CHARGE(S) FOR ITEMS RETURNED NSF OR UCF

BUSINESS CHECKING ACCOUNT 2709 ______

LAST STATEMENT 11/30/12 20,695.26 20,695.26 3 CREDITS 4,501,155.00 572,369.67 24 DEBITS 2,385,540.00 MINIMUM BALANCE AVG AVAILABLE BALANCE

572,369.67 THIS STATEMENT 12/31/12 2,136,310.26 AVERAGE BALANCE

---- OTHER CREDITS ----

AMOUNT DESCRIPTION DATE WIRE/IN-201234001778; ORG ORANGE COMMUNITY ESCROW, INC.; REF 12/05 1,500,000.00 0000000002337604

WIRE/IN-201234900673;ORG ORANGE COMMUNITY ESCROW, INC.;REF 12/14 1,000,000.00 0000000002354294

WIRE/IN-201236600630; ORG ORANGE COMMUNITY ESCROW, INC.; REF 12/31 2,001,155.00 0000000002383354

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 1029*12/10
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 1034 12/12
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 1043 12/31
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 1035 12/18
 25,000.00
 1043 12/31
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 1032 12/11
 1,500.00
 1036*12/26
 150,000.00

(*) INDICATES A GAP IN CHECK NUMBER SEQUENCE

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CITIZENS BUSINESS BANK PAGE: PO BOX 3938 ACCOUNT: 245122709 12/31/2012

DOCUMENTS: ONTARIO, CA 91761 10

TELEPHONE: 888-222-5432

Suncor Fontana

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	T-201234002134, BNF				12/05	1,000,00	
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	E-201234900673; TRI				12/14		
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Exhibit 2

Leslie K. Rinaldi (UT #11940) 268 S. State Street Suite 300 Salt Lake City, Utah 84111 Tel: (801) 363-6500 Irinaldi@celticbank.com

General Counsel - Celtic Bank Corporation

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA EASTERN DIVISION

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

VS.

ROBERT YANG, CLAUDIA KANO, SUNCOR FONTANA, LLC, SUNCOR HESPERIA, LLC, AND SUNCOR CARE LYNWOOD, LLC

Defendants,

AND

YANROB'S MEDICAL, INC., HEALTHPRO CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC, SUNCOR CARE, INC.

Relief Defendants.

Case No. 5:15-cv-02387-SVW (KKx)

CERTIFIED STATEMENT
OF
CELTIC BANK

Pursuant to the Preliminary Injunction, Order Appointing Receiver, Freezing Assets, and

Providing Other Ancillary Relief (the "Order"), entered by this court on December 11, 2015 (Doc No. 18), Celtic Bank Corporation ("Celtic Bank") has been ordered to file a certified statement setting forth for each account held by Celtic Bank the balance held in that account or a description of the assets held in any account as of the close of business on the day Celtic Bank received notice

Celtic Bank received notice of the Order on Friday, December 11, 2015. As of that date it held the following accounts and assets of Defendants:

Loan # 99992

of that Order.

Current Principal Balance: \$2,374,598.66

Accrued Interest: \$2,732.42 Amount Available: \$0.00

Loan # 0079

Current Principal Balance: \$485,593.54

Accrued Interest: \$3,064.53 Amount Available: \$1,980,660.12

Deposit Account # 2962 Current Balance: \$1,013,964.32

Open date: 02-17-2012

Deposit Account # ____0821 Current Balance: \$1,020,933.34

Open date: 12-05-2012

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on December 14, 2015.

Leslie Rinaldi
Leslie K. Rinaldi

General Counsel - Celtic Bank Corporation

Exhibit 3

Howell[show	Christy Lester[CLester@celticbank.com]; Lana Waldron[LWaldron@celticbank.com]; Steve well@celticbank.com]; Michael Belnap[MBelnap@celticbank.com] Sarah Rubalcava
	Wed 12/5/2012 6:35:07 PM
Importance	
Subject: F	RE: Wire Receipt
There are c	urrently now two deposit accounts for SunCor:
2962 -	- 1,002,606.07 (this account is a CD and the funds are currently on hold)
disburseme	- 1,000,000.00 (this is the new account I just opened and the funds are available for ents)
Please let m	ne know if you have any questions.
Thanks,	
Sarah	
From: Chris	
	nesday, December 05, 2012 4:16 PM
	Rubalcava; Lana Waldron; Steve Howell; Michael Belnap
Subject: R	e: Wire Receipt
TI C	1. 1.1.1.
Thanks Sara	, when did this come in? Today?
Thanks!	
Christy J. Le	ester
VP, SBA Bus	siness Development Officer



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From: Sarah Rubalcava <SRubalcava@celticbank.com>

Date: Wednesday, December 5, 2012 3:13 PM

To: Celtic Bank < clester@celticbank.com >, Lana Waldron < lwaldron@celticbank.com >, Steve

Howell <showell@celticbank.com>, Michael Belnap <MBelnap@celticbank.com>

Subject: RE: Wire Receipt

Here are the details of the wire:

Wire Credit WireSvcRef# IMAD: 1205L1LFBU0C00048912051644FT03 Ref: 20123400218300 BEF
NAME:BNF=127094/,CELTIC BANK CORPORATION ORG=12709,SUNCOR FONTANA,2619 S WATERMAN AVE
STE D,SAN BERNARDINO CA 92408 \$1,000,000.00

From: Christy Lester

Sent: Wednesday, December 05, 2012 4:06 PM **To:** Lana Waldron; Steve Howell; Michael Belnap

Cc: Sarah Rubalcava Subject: Re: Wire Receipt

Sara can you confirm that this wire came from National City Bank/Orange Community Escrow? Just

want to make sure this is our \$1 Million

Thanks!

Christy J. Lester

VP, SBA Business Development Officer



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From: Lana Waldron lwaldron@celticbank.com

Date: Wednesday, December 5, 2012 3:03 PM

To: Celtic Bank celticbank.com

Subject: FW: Wire Receipt

From: Sarah Rubalcava

Sent: Wednesday, December 05, 2012 3:55 PM

To: Lana Waldron

Subject: RE: Wire Receipt

Hi Lana,

We did receive that wire.

From: Lana Waldron

Sent: Wednesday, December 05, 2012 11:28 AM

To: Sarah Rubalcava Subject: Wire Receipt

Have we received a wire for \$1MM?

Lana Waldron



268 South State Street, Suite 300

Salt Lake City, UT 84111

801-320-6541 (Phone)

801-303-1941 (Fax)

To: Claudia Kano[claudiakano@aol.com]; dcarlone@dccinc.biz[dcarlone@dccinc.biz]; Michael

Belnap[MBelnap@celticbank.com]; aykanlaw@yahoo.com[aykanlaw@yahoo.com]

Cc: Lana Waldron[LWaldron@celticbank.com]; Steve Howell[showell@celticbank.com]

From: Christy Lester

Sent: Wed 12/5/2012 4:32:30 PM

Importance: Normal

Subject: Re: Status of funds \$1,000,000

Claudia, the bank is requesting proof that the money is in the escrow, can you give me the escrow company contact so I can call and have them send me the escrow deposit information. Also, we need to know the timing of release, can you give me the contact information for the person at National City Bank that is working on getting the release?

I can't get the disbursement made until I have proof funds are here and timing of funds being wired. OR the wire is sent to Celtic.

Thanks!

Christy J. Lester

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From: Claudia Kano <<u>claudiakano@aol.com</u>>

Date: Wednesday, December 5, 2012 11:58 AM

To: Celtic Bank <clester@celticbank.com>, "dcarlone@dccinc.biz" <dcarlone@dccinc.biz>,

Michael Belnap < MBelnap@celticbank.com >, Troy Aykan < aykanlaw@yahoo.com > Cc: Lana Waldron < lwaldron@celticbank.com >, Steve Howell < showell@celticbank.com >

Subject: Re: Status of funds \$1,000,000

Ms. Lester,

Per our conversation this morning funds should be at Celtic's Account this week, I have requested wire confirmation forwarded to you directly.

Respectfully,

Claudia Kano (909) 319-5112 Direct

----Original Message----

From: Christy Lester < CLester@celticbank.com>

To: Dan Carlone dcarlone@dccinc.biz; Claudia Kano claudia-kano@aol.com; Michael

Belnap < MBelnap@celticbank.com >

Cc: Lana Waldron <LWaldron@celticbank.com>; Steve Howell <showell@celticbank.com>

Sent: Wed, Dec 5, 2012 11:50 am Subject: Re: Status of funds \$1,000,000

Hi Steve and Michael

I just spoke to Claudia, she said she thought the wire was sent on Nov 30 from Orang Community Escrow/National City Bank. The money has been there waiting for clearance from Homeland Security. Claudia has a couple messages into escrow to find out what the status is, she is thinking that maybe the clearance has not come thru. But the funds are here and they are in the escrow account. She will call me back as soon as she gets a call back.

What would work for you for now to release the current draw request? Thanks!

Christy J. Lester VP, SBA Business Development Officer



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From: Dan Carlone < dcarlone@dccinc.biz > Date: Wednesday, December 5, 2012 11:14 AM

To: Celtic Bank <<u>clester@celticbank.com</u>>, Claudia Kano <<u>claudiakano@aol.com</u>>, Michael

Belnap < MBelnap@celticbank.com >, Troy Aykan < aykanlaw@yahoo.com >

Cc: Lana Waldron < "> Steve Howell < showell@celticbank.com>

Subject: RE: Status of funds \$1,000,000

I was told this morning that the funds have been wired. Regarding the draw that work has been done and we need to be paid. If not, we will pull off the job and will have no other option but to lien the project.

Dan.

From: Christy Lester [mailto:CLester@celticbank.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 05, 2012 9:06 AM

To: Claudia Kano; Michael Belnap; aykanlaw@yahoo.com; Dan Carlone

Cc: Lana Waldron; Steve Howell

Subject: Re: Status of funds \$1,000,000

Importance: High

Claudia, as you know the bank was expecting the fund to be wired to us no later than Nov 30. As of today we have not received these funds and we have not heard from you

At this point, we are not releasing any funds draw requests until the funds are received by the bank. The bank feels that we have given you more than sufficient time to get the funds to us understanding the hurdles of getting the money thru Homeland Security.

Dan, feel free to call me to discuss, but at this point the funds need to wired in to move forward on the draw.

Thanks!

Christy J. Lester VP, SBA Business Development Officer

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From: Claudia Kano < claudiakano@aol.com > Date: Tuesday, September 18, 2012 11:26 AM

To: Celtic Bank <<u>clester@celticbank.com</u>>, Michael Belnap <<u>MBelnap@celticbank.com</u>>, Troy

Aykan aykanlaw@yahoo.com">aykanlaw@yahoo.com, "dcarlone@dccinc.biz" <dcarlone@dccinc.biz"

Cc: Lana Waldron < iwaldron@celticbank.com >, Steve Howell < showell@celticbank.com >

Subject: Re: Status of funds NoZix

Ms. Lester,

I will do my best to satisfy your request.

Respectfully,

Claudia Kano
----Original Message----

From: Christy Lester < CLester@celticbank.com>

To: Claudia Kano <<u>claudiakano@aol.com</u>>; Michael Belnap <<u>MBelnap@celticbank.com</u>>; aykanlaw <aykanlaw@yahoo.com>; dcarlone <dcarlone@dccinc.biz>

Cc: Lana Waldron < LWaldron@celticbank.com>; Steve Howell < showell@celticbank.com>

Sent: Tue, Sep 18, 2012 12:23 pm Subject: Re: Status of funds NoZix

HI Claudia

Attached is our wire instructions, please reference the Loan Name: Suncor Inc.

And please give us a heads up once the funds are cleared by DHS, hopefully prior to November 2012.

Thanks!

Christy J. Lester
VP, SBA Business Development Officer

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From: Claudia Kano <<u>claudiakano@aol.com</u>>

Date: Tuesday, September 18, 2012 11:59 AM

To: Celtic Bank < clester@celticbank.com >, Michael Belnap < MBelnap@celticbank.com >, Troy

Aykan <aykanlaw@yahoo.com>, "dcarlone@dccinc.biz" <dcarlone@dccinc.biz>

Subject: Re: Status of funds

Ms. Lester,

Good morning, if is okay with you please provide me with Celtic's wiring instructions our goal is to have the funds wired directly to Celtic Bank no later than November 2012, per Attorney's instructions.

Respectfully,

Claudia Kano
----Original Message---From: Christy Lester < CLester@celticbank.com>
To: Claudia Kano < claudiakano@aol.com>; Michael Belnap < MBelnap@celticbank.com>; aykanlaw < aykanlaw@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tue, Sep 18, 2012 11:46 am
Subject: Re: Status of funds

Thanks Claudia, do you have an estimated time of when DHS will clear the funds?

Thanks!

Christy J. Lester VP, SBA Business Development Officer

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From: Claudia Kano < claudiakano@aol.com>
Date: Tuesday, September 18, 2012 11:45 AM

To: Michael Belnap < MBelnap@celticbank.com >, Troy Aykan < aykanlaw@yahoo.com >

Cc: Celtic Bank < clester@celticbank.com>

Subject: Re: Status of funds

Mr. Belnap,

Good morning, just waiting for funds clearance I will keep you posted.

Respectfully,

Claudia Kano

----Original Message-----

From: Michael Belnap < MBelnap@celticbank.com>

To: claudiakano < claudiakano@aol.com >

Cc: Christy Lester < CLester@celticbank.com>

Sent: Tue, Sep 18, 2012 9:02 am

Subject: Status of funds

I am just checking to see if we are still on track to receive the 1MM from overseas. Do we have a date on the funds yet?

Michael Belnap Construction Loan Specialist Celtic Bank 268 South State Street , Suite 300 Salt Lake City, UT 84111 Ph: 801-320-6582 Fx: 801-303-1982

mbelnap@celticbank.com