## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

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v.	§	No. 3:22-cv-2118-X
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WALL019, LLC,	§	
HAOQIANG FU (A/K/A MICHAEL FU),	§	
STEPHEN T. WALL,	§	
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Defendants,	§	
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Relief Defendants.	§	

# **RECEIVER'S VERIFIED MOTION TO RATIFY AGREEMENT WITH DLP CAPITAL AND OTHER DLP ENTITIES AND BRIEF IN SUPPORT**

Cort Thomas, the Receiver appointed in the above-styled case, moves the Court for an Order approving the Receiver's settlement agreement (the "<u>Agreement</u>") with DLP Real Estate Capital, Inc. ("<u>DLP Capital</u>"); DLP Winter Haven Ventures, LLC ("<u>DLP Winter Haven</u>"); Orchard Farms Ventures, LLC ("<u>Orchard Farms Ventures</u>"); and Marine Creek Ventures, LLC ("<u>Marine Creek Ventures</u>") and collectively with DLP Capital, DLP Winter Haven, and Orchard Farms Venture, the "<u>DLP Entities</u>") and would respectfully show the Court as follows:

#### I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

On October 18, 2022, the Court entered its Order Appointing Receiver [Dkt. 29] (the "Receivership Order"), which named Cort Thomas as Receiver for the Receivership Entities<sup>1</sup> and directed him to take custody, control, and possession of all Receivership Property. Receivership Order ¶ 6(B). The Receivership Order also directs the Receiver to "[e]nter into and cancel contracts ... as the Receiver deems necessary or advisable" and "[t]o pursue, resist, defend, compromise or otherwise dispose of all ... claims[] and demands which may now be pending or which may be brought by or asserted against the Receivership Entities." Receivership Order ¶ 6(H), 6(J). Finally, the Receivership Order gives the Receiver the ability, "without further Order of th[e] Court, transfer, compromise, or otherwise dispose of any Receivership Property, other than real estate, in the ordinary course of business, on terms and in the manner the Receiver deems most beneficial to the Receivership Estate, and with due regard to the realization of the true and proper value of such Receivership Property. *Id.* ¶ 39.

The instant Motion relates to the Receiver's efforts to compromise various contractual rights and obligations between various Receivership Entities and the DLP Entities. While the express terms of the Receivership Order outlined above do not require the Receiver to obtain Court approval of these efforts, he nevertheless seeks the Court's ratification of the Agreement here because the DLP Entities have requested such ratification prior to making the payments outlined below and in the Agreement.

#### II. <u>BACKGROUND</u>

#### A. The DLP Transactions

Certain Receivership Entities and the DLP Entities entered into a series of transactions in late 2021:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings provided in the Receivership Order.

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First, on or about October 11, 2021, DLP Winter Haven acquired 3800 Avenue J, Winter Haven FL 33881 from AVG WEST, LLC (f/k/a JMJ Acquisitions LLC), a Receivership Entity. The purchase price (\$2,000,0000) and the developer fee (\$2,200,000) were paid in full, and it appears that transaction was complete as of approximately May 2022 (collectively, the "<u>Winter Haven Transaction</u>").

Second, on or about December 22, 2021, Orchard Farms Ventures acquired approximately 100.223 acres that are generally located along Shelby Road, west of Rendon Road, in Fort Worth, Texas from Orchard Farms Village, LLC ("Orchard Farms Village"), a Receivership Entity. The purchase price (\$7,856,500) was paid in full. In addition to the sale of the real property, Orchard Farms Ventures engaged Orchard Farms Developments, LLC ("Orchard Farms Development"), a Receivership Entity, to provide certain development services (the "Orchard Farms Development Agreement"). Moreover, via a separate Participation Agreement dated December 30, 2021, Orchard Farms Ventures granted Orchard Farms Village a participation fee payable upon substantial completion or as otherwise accelerated (the "Orchard Farms Transaction."

Third, on or about December 23, 2021, Marine Creek Ventures acquired approximately 40.20 acres that are generally located at the intersection of Loop 820 and Huffines Boulevard in Fort Worth, Texas from Mansions Apartment Homes At Marine Creek, LLC ("<u>Mansions</u>"), a Receivership Entity. The purchase price (\$10,000,000) was paid in full. In addition to the sale of the real property, Marine Creek Ventures engaged Marine Creek Developments, LLC ("<u>Marine Creek Development</u>"), a Receivership Entity, to provide certain development services (the "<u>Marine Creek Development Agreement</u>"). Marine Creek Ventures also engaged La Jolla

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Construction Management, LLC ("<u>La Jolla</u>"), another Receivership Entity, to provide construction management services (the "<u>Marine Creek Construction Management Agreement</u>"). Moreover, via a separate Participation Agreement signed in January 2022, Mansion Creek Ventures granted Marine Creek SP LLC a participation fee payable upon substantial completion or as otherwise accelerated (the "<u>Marine Creek Participation Agreement</u>"). These agreements are collectively referred to herein as the "<u>Marine Creek Transaction</u>."

The Winter Haven Transaction, the Orchard Farms Transaction, and the Marine Creek Transaction are collectively referred to herein as the "<u>DLP Transactions</u>."

#### **B.** Negotiations with the DLP Entities.

Shortly after receiving his appointment and in furtherance of the mandates in the Receivership Order, the Receiver began contacting various individuals and entities with ties to the Receivership Entities, including the DLP Entities. The Receiver quickly learned that, well in advance of the entry of the Receivership Order, Defendant Barton and the contractually-obligated Receivership Entities had become unresponsive and began defaulting on their ongoing obligations to the DLP Entities under the DLP Transactions. Indeed, on October 18, 2022, DLP sent letters to Orchard Farms Development, Marine Creek Development, and La Jolla that those Receivership Entities (i) were in breach under the Orchard Farms Development Agreement, Marine Creek Construction Management Agreement, respectively; and (ii) afforded said Receivership Entities 30 days to cure such breach.

On or about October 31, 2022, the Receiver met with counsel to the DLP Entities to discuss the Receivership Entities' pre-Receivership breaches of these agreements and whether continuation under the Orchard Farms Development Agreement, Marine Creek Development Agreement, and the Marine Creek Construction Management Agreement was feasible. The

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parties agreed that termination of these agreements was necessary and further agreed that the DLP entities should proceed to mitigate their damages by engaging suitable replacement service providers.

After the October 31 meeting, the Parties engaged in protracted settlement discussions, with the exchange of multiple offers and counter-offers, before ultimately reaching an agreement in principle on or about December 6, 2022 regarding the terms under which the agreements would be terminated. The Court, over Barton's objection, entered its Order Granting Receiver's Motion to Supplement Order Appointing Receiver [Dkt. 88] on December 13, 2022, which confirmed that Marine Creek SP, LLC is a Receivership Entity.

#### III. ARGUMENT

To avoid the expense and uncertainty of potential litigation, as well as the continuing damages and uncertainty surrounding the Orchard Farms Development Agreement, Marine Creek Development Agreement, and the Marine Creek Construction Management Agreement, the Receiver and the DLP Entities agreed to fully settle any claims each party has under the DLP Transactions by the DLP Entities paying to the Receiver the sum of \$750,000 (the "Settlement Payment"). A true and correct copy of the Settlement Agreement between the Receiver and the DLP Entities is attached hereto Exhibit A. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Settlement Payment will be made by the DLP Parties to the Receiver within fifteen (15) days after this Court ratifies the Agreement.

The Receiver believes the Agreement with the DLP Entities is in the best interest of the receivership because, among other things, the Agreement

 brings much needed capital into the Receivership Estate, which will enable the Receiver to continue managing the Receivership Assets in accordance with the Receivership Order;

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- (2) minimizes the amount of monetary damages owed to the DLP Entities as a result of the Receivership Entities' pre- and post-receivership breaches of the Orchard Farms Development Agreement, Marine Creek Development Agreement, and the Marine Creek Construction Management Agreement, which damages continued to accrue on a daily basis;
- (3) similarly minimizes the attorneys' fees and expenses that would otherwise be incurred by the Receiver in pursuit or defense of any claims surrounding the DLP Transactions;
- (4) avoids the uncertainty surrounding the value of the Receivership Entities' participation in the properties given (a) the current instability in the market and the economy at large, (b) the delays in construction on the properties, and (c) the varying amounts of debt on the properties;
- (5) perhaps most importantly, maximizes the value received by the Receivership because (a) the Participation Agreements only entitle the Receivership Entities to a percentage of the "Achieved Increased Value" after the sale of the properties, (b) limited construction has occurred on the properties to date, and thus substantial increases in value have not yet occurred, (c) nevertheless, the DLP Entities have agreed to apply a valuation methodology that estimates what the value of the project will be upon stabilization and then discounts that value to present value, (d) one real estate consultant who advised the Receiver has indicated that the valuation methodology and execution of that methodology by DLP Capital were both reasonable, and yet (e) the Settlement Payment still greatly exceeds this discounted income capitalization approach; and

(6) reviewing the totality of the situation from a position of equity, the Participation Agreements appear to have been designed to reward Defendant Barton and the Receivership Entities for their efforts in developing and managing construction of the properties; however, such work did not occur in the past and cannot occur moving forward.

## **IV. CONCLUSION**

In light of the foregoing, the Receiver respectfully requests that the Court enter an Order ratifying the Agreement with the DLP Entities and further grant the Receiver such other and further relief to which the Receiver may be justly entitled.

December 14, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

# **RECEIVER CORTNEY C. THOMAS**

/s/ Cortney C. Thomas

Cortney C. Thomas State Bar No. 24075153 cort@brownfoxlaw.com Brown Fox PLLC 8111 Preston Road, Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75225 Telephone: (214) 327-5000 Fax: (214) 327-5001

# **VERIFICATION**

My name is Cortney C. Thomas. I am over the age of 18 and am fully competent to make this verification. I declare under penalty of perjury that the facts stated above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

<u>/s/ Cortney C. Thomas</u> Cortney C. Thomas

# **CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE**

The undersigned certifies that on December 14, 2022, counsel for the Receiver conferred via email with counsel for Plaintiff and Defendants regarding the relief requested above. The SEC and Defendant Fu are unopposed. Counsel to Defendants Barton and Wall have not responded as of the filing of this Motion, and thus the Receiver assumes that they are opposed.

<u>/s/ Cortney C. Thomas</u> Cortney C. Thomas

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(d)(1)(B), as amended, no certificate of service is necessary because this document is being filed with the Court's electronic-filing system.

# EXHIBIT A

#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

VS.

CASE NO. 3:22-CV-2118-X

12114

TIMOTHY BARTON, ET AL.,

Defendants.

#### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between Cortney C. Thomas in his capacity as the Court-Appointed Receiver over the estate of the Receivership Entities, as identified in the Order Appointing Receiver dated October 18, 2022 (the "Receivership Order"), the Order Granting Receiver's Motion to Supplement Order Appointing Receiver dated November 16, 2022, and the Order Granting Receiver Motion to Supplement Order Appointing Receiver dated December 13, 2022, in the above captioned matter (the "Receiver"), including without limitation the entities identified on Exhibit A, attached hereto (collectively, the "Receivership Entities"); DLP Real Estate Capital, Inc., a Florida corporation ("DLP Capital"); DLP Winter Haven Ventures, LLC, a Florida limited liability company ("DLP Winter Haven"); Orchard Farms Ventures, LLC, a Florida limited liability company ("Orchard Farms Ventures"); and Marine Creek Ventures, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Marine Creek Ventures") and collectively with DLP Capital, DLP Winter Haven, and Orchard Farms Venture, the "DLP Entities"). Each of the Receiver, the Receivership Entities and the DLP Entities is sometimes referred to herein as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties").

WHEREAS, DLP Winter Haven acquired 3800 Avenue J, Winter Haven FL 33881 from AVG WEST, LLC (f/k/a JMJ Acquisitions LLC), a Receivership Entity, on October 11, 2021. The purchase price (\$2,000,0000) and the developer fee (\$2,200,000) have been paid in full. That transaction is complete as of approximately May 2022 (collectively, the "Winter Haven Transaction").

WHEREAS, Orchard Farms Ventures acquired approx. 100.223 acres, generally located along Shelby Road, west of Rendon Road, City of Fort Worth, County of Tarrant, State of Texas from Orchard Farms Village, LLC ("Orchard Farms Village"), a Receivership Entity, on December 22, 2021. The purchase price (\$7,856,500) was paid in full. Pursuant to that certain Participation Agreement dated December 30, 2021, Orchard Farms Ventures granted Orchard Farms Village a participation fee payable upon substantial completion or as otherwise accelerated in accordance therewith (the "Orchard Farms Participation Agreement"). Pursuant to that certain Development Agreement dated December 30, 2021, Orchard Farms Ventures engaged Orchard Farms Developments, LLC ("Orchard Farms Development"), a Receivership Entity, to provide certain development 67624767;5 services in accordance therewith (the "Orchard Farms Development Agreement"). The instrument of grant conveying the acquired property to Orchard Farms Ventures erroneously failed to include approx. 288 square feet (the "OF Strip") (collectively, the "Orchard Farms Transaction").

WHEREAS, Marine Creek Ventures acquired approx. 40.20 acres, generally located at the intersection of Loop 820 and Huffines Boulevard, City of Fort Worth, County of Tarrant, State of Texas, from Mansions Apartment Homes At Marine Creek, LLC ("Mansions"), a Receivership Entity, on December 23, 2021. The purchase price (\$10,000,000) was paid in full. Pursuant to that certain Participation Agreement dated January , 2022, Mansion Creek Ventures granted Mansions a participation fee payable upon substantial completion or as otherwise accelerated in accordance therewith the (the "Marine Creek Participation Agreement"). Pursuant to that certain Development Agreement dated January \_\_\_\_, 2022, Marine Creek Ventures engaged Marine Creek Developments, LLC ("Marine Creek Development"), a Receivership Entity, to provide certain development services in accordance therewith (the "Marine Creek Development Agreement"). Pursuant to that certain Construction Management Agreement dated January , 2022, Marine Creek Ventures engaged La Jolla Construction Management, LLC ("La Jolla"), a Receivership Entity, to provide construction management services in accordance therewith (the "Marine Creek Construction Management Agreement")(collectively, the "Mansions Creek Transaction" and collectively with the Winter Haven Transaction and Orchard Farms Transaction, the "DLP Transactions")).

WHEREAS, Timothy Barton and the Receivership Entities became unresponsive and began defaulting on their ongoing obligations to the DLP Entities well in advance of the Receiver's appointment. On October 18, 2022, DLP notified Orchard Farms Development, Marine Creek Development, and La Jolla that they (i) were in breach under the Orchard Farms Development Agreement; Marine Creek Development Agreement and the Marine Creek Construction Management Agreement, respectively; and (ii) afforded said Receivership Entities 30 days to cure such breach.

WHEREAS, the Receivership Order gives the Receiver the ability, "without further Order of th[e] Court, transfer, compromise, or otherwise dispose of any Receivership Property, other than real estate, in the ordinary course of business, on terms and in the manner the Receiver deems most beneficial to the Receivership Estate, and with due regard to the realization of the true and proper value of such Receivership Property," as well as the general powers to "[e]nter into and cancel contracts . . . as the Receiver deems necessary or advisable" and "[t]o pursue, resist, defend, compromise or otherwise dispose of all . . . claims[] and demands which may now be pending or which may be brought by or asserted against the Receivership Entities." Receivership Order  $\P$  6(H), 6(J), 39.

WHEREAS, On October 31, 2022, the Parties discussed whether continuation under the Orchard Farms Development Agreement, Marine Creek Development Agreement, and the Marine Creek Construction Management Agreement was feasible, agreed that these agreements likely needed to be terminated, and further agreed thatthe DLP entities should proceed to mitigate their damages by engaging suitable replacement service providers.

WHEREAS, each of DLP Capital and the Receiver have independently reviewed the Orchard Farms Participation Agreement and the Mansion Creek Participation Agreement and assessed the value of the Receivership Entities' interests thereunder.

WHEREAS, there are bona fide disputes, disagreements, and controversies between the Parties pertaining to the DLP Transactions; the Parties desire to avoid the trouble, expense and uncertainty of litigation, to terminate all past, present and potential controversies between them pertaining to the DLP Transactions, and to compromise and settle all of their differences pertaining to the DLP Transactions of any type; and the Parties wish to enter into a compromise agreement relating to the Orchard Farms Participation Agreement, the Mansion Creek Participation Agreement and all claims and alleged damages which were or could have been asserted by and among the Parties in connection with the DLP Transactions, without admission by any Party of the merits of the claims, demands, charges, and/or contentions of the others; and

Now, THEREFORE, as material considerations and inducements to and for the execution of this Agreement, and in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereto and their respective past and present parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, successors, directors, officers, agents, representatives, employees, and assigns, and their respective heirs, executives, administrators and personal representatives, conditioned on the approval of this Agreement by the Court, hereby contract, covenant, and agree as follows:

- 1. Within ten (10) days of the execution of this Agreement, Receiver will file a Motion for Ratification of this Agreement ("*Motion for Ratification of the Agreement*"), seeking approval of the Court of the terms contained within the Agreement. The Parties agree that the Receiver need not obtain approval or ratification of the Agreement pursuant to the Receivership Order as outline above but nevertheless agree to seek ratification of the Agreement as outlined herein.
- 2. The Effective Date of this Agreement shall be the date the Court ratifies this Agreement and enters an order granting the Motion for Ratification of the Agreement.
- 3. Within fifteen (15) days of the Effective Date, DLP Capital shall:

(a) remit or cause its affiliate to remit \$750,000.00 to the Receiver (the "Cash Consideration"); and

(b) file in the Property Records of Tarrant County, Texas, a non-material correction pursuant to §5.028, Texas Property Code substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B (the "Corrective Affidavit").

4. Promptly upon receipt of the Cash Consideration, but in no event more than ten (10) days thereof, the Receiver on behalf of each Receivership Entity shall file instruments in the property records of Tarrant County, Texas releasing and quit-claiming all participating interests in (a) the Orchard Farms property to Orchard Farms Ventures; and (b) the Mansion Creek property to Marine Creek Ventures.

The Parties hereby acknowledge and agree that they are entering this Agreement for the sole and exclusive purpose of compromising and settling any and all claims arising out of the DLP Transactions and that this Agreement is entered into in full and final settlement of all such alleged or unalleged claims or causes of action, as well as any and all alleged or unalleged damages relating thereto. The preceding sentence notwithstanding, all claims, rights, demands, debts, liabilities, attorneys' fees, controversies and causes of action, known or unknown, asserted or unasserted, liquidated or unliquidated, fixed or contingent, accrued or unaccrued, of any nature whatsoever whether sounding in tort, contract, statute or any other theory of liability pertaining to title of the conveyed property under any of the DLP Transactions (the "*Reserved Claims*") are expressly reserved and survive this Agreement.

The Parties further acknowledge and agree that they have entered into this Agreement for the purpose and intent of fully and finally compromising and resolving doubtful and disputed claims pertaining to the DLP Transactions by and between the Parties and to avoid the uncertainty of future litigation or arbitration. The Parties agree and understand that this is a compromise of doubtful and disputed claims, and that neither (a) the entry into this Agreement, nor (b) any recital contained herein, shall be construed or interpreted as an admission of liability by any party hereto.

By execution hereof, each Party represents, covenants and warrants that: (a) it has not, in whole or in part, conveyed, assigned or in any manner transferred, or subrogated any claims arising out of the DLP Transactions, to any third party other than to their attorneys of record, and (b) its signatory hereto is authorized to act in the capacities indicated.

Conditioned on full performance by the Receivership Entities and the Receiver of the obligations of this Agreement, DLP Capital and each DLP Entity does hereby RELEASE, REMISE, CANCEL, ACQUIT and DISCHARGE any and all claims, rights, demands, debts, liabilities, attorneys' fees, controversies and causes of action, known or unknown, asserted or unasserted, liquidated or unliquidated, fixed or contingent, accrued or unaccrued, of any nature whatsoever whether sounding in tort, contract, statute or any other theory of liability which could be asserted by any DLP Entity against the Receivership Entities or the Receiver, its past or present parents, predecessors, subsidiaries or affiliates, and their respective past or present officers, directors, shareholders, partners, agents, employees, attorneys, accountants or representatives, and their respective heirs, executors, personal representatives, successors and assigns, and anyone claiming by, through or under any or all of them (collectively, the "*Receivership Affiliated Persons*"), arising out of the DLP Transactions, which existed or may have existed prior to the date of this Agreement, *provided however*, that nothing contained in this paragraph shall release any obligations arising out of this Agreement or the Reserved Claims.

Conditioned on full and timely performance by DLP Capital of the obligations of this Settlement Agreement, the Receivership Entities do hereby RELEASE, REMISE, CANCEL, ACQUIT and DISCHARGE any and all claims, rights, demands, debts, liabilities, attorneys' fees, controversies and causes of action, known or unknown, asserted or unasserted, liquidated or unliquidated, fixed or contingent, accrued or unaccrued, of any nature whatsoever whether sounding in tort, contract, statute or any other theory of liability which could be asserted by a Receivership Entity against any DLP Entity, its past or present parents, predecessors,

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subsidiaries or affiliates, and their respective past or present officers, directors, shareholders, partners, agents, employees, attorneys, accountants or representatives, and their respective heirs, executors, personal representatives, successors and assigns, and anyone claiming by, through or under any or all of them, including without limitation Barry W. DeGroot, Robert Peterson, and Donald Wenner (collectively, the "*DLP Affiliated Persons*"), arising out the DLP Transactions, which existed or may have existed prior to the date of this Agreement, including without limitation the participation fees under the Orchard Farms Participation Agreement and the Mansion Creek Participation Agreement; *provided however*, that nothing contained in this paragraph shall release any obligations arising out of this Agreement or the Reserved Claims.

Each Party completely and unconditionally releases and forever discharges each other from any claim that this Agreement was induced by any fraudulent or negligent act or omission, and/or resulted from any actual or constructive fraud, negligent misrepresentation, conspiracy, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of confidential relationship, or the breach of any other duty under law or in equity. The Parties expressly understand and agree that the exchange of releases does not apply to actions brought by any of them to enforce the terms of this Agreement or the Reserved Claims. The Parties shall reserve and each has reserved all rights against the other to enforce the terms of this Agreement and pursue the Reserved Claims.

The Parties hereby represent and confirm that they have not filed or otherwise initiated any pending lawsuit, complaint, charge, or other proceeding against each other in any local, state, or federal court or agency. The Parties each covenant and agree that they will not at any time hereafter commence, maintain, or prosecute any action at law or otherwise, or assert any claim, against the other for any actions, causes of action, obligations, costs, expenses, damages, losses, claims, liabilities, and demands released herein.

The Parties agree that the rights and obligations covered by this Agreement shall survive execution of these releases.

Receiver and the Receivership Entities further agree to DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the DLP Entities from any claim or cause of action of any kind filed or made against any of them which has been or may subsequently be brought by, through, or on behalf of a Receivership Entity and arising from any claim released under this Agreement. Each DLP Entities, likewise, agrees to DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the Receiver and the Receivership Entities from any claim or cause of action of any kind hereafter filed or made against any of them which has been or may subsequently be brought by, through, or on behalf of any DLP Entity and arising from any claim released under this Agreement. This indemnity is conditioned upon prompt notice by the party claiming a right to indemnity on any such claim to the party against whom indemnity is sought and the party against whom indemnity is sought being given the right to defend the claim on which indemnity is sought. The Parties warrant they are not presently aware of any facts that would give rise to a claim for indemnity under this Section. The right to indemnity in this Section is limited to the Parties, as herein defined, and shall not be construed as granting a right to indemnity in favor of any other entities or persons related to or affiliated with the released parties

All parties to this Agreement will bear their own attorney's fees, expenses and costs in this lawsuit.

The Parties further warrant and represent that they will cooperate fully and execute any and all supplementary documents and to take such additional actions which reasonably may be necessary or appropriate to give full force and effect to the terms and intent of this Agreement.

If any single section or clause of this Agreement should be found unenforceable, it shall be severed and the remaining sections and clauses shall be enforced in accordance with the intent of this Agreement. Texas law shall govern the validity and interpretation of this Agreement.

The Parties agree that one or more waivers or breaches of any covenant, term, or provision of this Agreement by any party shall not be construed as a waiver of a subsequent breach of the same covenant, term, or provision, or as a waiver or breach of any other covenant, term, or provision.

This Agreement contains the entire understanding between the Parties and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, oral or written, relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. The Parties expressly acknowledge and agree that no provisions, representations, or warranties whatsoever were made, express or implied, other than those contained in this Agreement and that they are not relying on any statement or communication from the other party other than those expressly contained in this Agreement in deciding to execute this Agreement. This Agreement shall not be modified, amended, or terminated unless such modification, amendment, or termination is executed in writing and signed by authorized representatives of the affected parties. The Parties hereby waive their right to make future oral agreements covering the same subject as this Agreement.

The language of all parts of this Agreement shall in all cases be construed as a whole, according to its fair meaning, and not strictly for or against any party. Any ambiguity, doubt or question as to applicability of the Parties' respective releases contained in this Agreement shall be resolved in all events in favor of waiver, release, relinquishment and disavowal of any possible claims. The Parties agree that the waivers, releases, relinquishments and disavowals herein granted shall be with respect to claims, interests, rights, remedies and causes of action known or unknown, matured or unmatured, contingent or direct, existing or hereafter arising. The Parties acknowledge (after full consideration of the consequences and after being fully advised in the premises) that the waiver and relinquishment of their respective claims contained in this Agreement is full and complete, whether or not the factual basis for their respective claims or defenses are currently known to them.

The Parties, and each of them, hereby represent and certify that they: (1) have had an opportunity to read all of this Agreement; (2) have been given a fair opportunity to, and have been advised to, discuss and negotiate the terms of this Agreement by and through their legal counsel; (3) have been given a reasonable time to consider the Agreement; (4) understand the provisions of this Agreement; (5) have had ample opportunity to seek and have received advice from an attorney or other advisors regarding this Agreement or have otherwise waived their right to do so; (6) have determined that it is in their best interest to enter into this Agreement; (7) have not been influenced to sign this Agreement by any statement or representation by the other party or its legal counsel or other representative not contained in **DLP SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT** 

this Agreement; (8) have had sufficient time to investigate the existence of the claims and other rights hereby released and have satisfied themselves with respect to the same based upon their investigation and the advice of counsel, (9) are fully authorized to execute this Agreement in the capacities in which it is executed and (10) enter into this Agreement knowingly and voluntarily without coercion, duress, or fraud.

The Parties agree that this Agreement is supported by good, valuable, and sufficient consideration.

The Parties understand and agree that the facts in respect of which this Agreement is made may hereafter prove to be other than, or different from the facts now known by either of them or believed by either of them to be true as set forth in this Agreement. The Parties expressly accept and assume the risk of the facts proving to be so different, and each of the them agrees that all of the terms of this Agreement shall be, in all respects, effective and binding, and not subject to termination or rescission by either of them due to any such difference in facts.

The Parties agree that this Agreement may be signed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original for all purposes.

#### The Receivership Entities,

~ \_ ~ Cortney C. Thomas, Receiver

By:

THE STATE OF TEXAS § Dallas COUNTY OF 8

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared, Cortney C. Thomas, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing "Settlement Agreement and Release of all Claims" and acknowledged to me that he/she has executed same for the purposes and considerations therein expressed and in the capacity or capacities indicated. .....

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GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND S	EAL OF OFFICE this Of day of December 2022.
KIMBERLEY OROURKE Notary Public, State of Texas Comm. Expires 05-16-2026 Notary ID 6283194	

**DLP Real Estate Capital, Inc.,** a Florida Corporation. By: DeGroot Name: Ba Its: Secre

#### THE STATE OF FLORIDA§

#### COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS§

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared [x] by means of physical presence, Barry W. DeGroot, the Secretary of DLP Capital, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing "Settlement Agreement and Release of all Claims" and acknowledged to me that he has executed same for the purposes and considerations therein expressed and in the capacity or capacities indicated.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this given day of December 2022.

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Notary Public, the State of Florida



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**DLP Winter Haven Ventures LLC,** a Florida limited liability company

By: Name: Barry W. DeGroot Its: Vice President

#### THE STATE OF FLORIDA§

#### COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS§

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared [x] by means of physical presence, Barry W. DeGroot, the Vice President of DLP Winter Haven Ventures LLC known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing "Settlement Agreement and Release of all Claims" and acknowledged to me that he/she has executed same for the purposes and considerations therein expressed and in the capacity or capacities indicated.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this  $\underline{\mathfrak{B}}^{\mu}$  day of December 2022.

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Notary Public, the State of Florida



Orchard Farms Ventures, LLC, a Florida limited liability company

By: Name: Barry W. DeGroot

Its: Vice President THE STATE OF FLORIDA§

#### COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS§

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GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this Oth day of December 2022.

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Notary Public, the State of Florida



Marine Creek Ventures, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

By: Name: Barry DeGroot Its: Vice President

#### THE STATE OF FLORIDA§

#### COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS§

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared [x] by means of physical presence, Barry W. DeGroot, the Vice President of Marine Creek Ventures LLC known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing "Settlement Agreement and Release of all Claims" and acknowledged to me that he she has executed same for the purposes and considerations therein expressed and in the capacity or capacities indicated.

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Notary Public, the State of Florida



#### **DLP SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

#### Exhibit A Receivership Entities

# **1. Receivership Entities**

- a. Wall007, LLC,
- b. Wall009, LLC,
- c. Wall010, LLC,
- d. Wall011, LLC,
- e. Wall012, LLC,
- f. Wall016, LLC,
- g. Wall017, LLC,
- h. Wall018, LLC,
- i. Wall019, LLC,
- j. Carnegie Development, LLC,
- k. DJD Land Partners, LLC,
- l. LDG001, LLC,
- m. BM318 LLC;
- n. D4DS LLC;
- o. D4FR LLC;
- p. D4KL LLC;
- q. Enoch Investments LLC;
- r. FHC Acquisition LLC;
- s. Goldmark Hospitality LLC;
- t. JMJ Acquisitions LLC;
- u. JMJ Development LLC;
- v. JMJAV LLC;
- w. JMR100 LLC;
- x. Lajolla Construction Management LLC;
- y. Mansions Apartment Homes at Marine Creek LLC;
- z. MO 2999TC, LLC;
- aa. Orchard Farms Village LLC;
- bb. Villita Towers LLC; and
- cc. 126 Villita LLC

(collectively, "Receivership Entities").

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Exhibit B Correction Affidavit

**DLP SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT** 67624767;5

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#### (Non-material correction pursuant to §5.028, Texas Property Code)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_Affiant: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Original Instrument (include name of Instrument, date, parties and recording information):

Special Warranty Deed from Orchard Farms Village, LLC, a Texas limited liability company to Orchard Farms Ventures LLC, a Florida limited liability company, dated December 31, 2021, recorded March 8, 2022 at under Clerk's File No. D222061225, of the Public Records of Tarrant County, Texas.

Affiant on oath swears that the following statements are true and within the personal knowledge of Affiant:

- 1. My name is \_\_\_\_\_. My address is \_\_\_\_\_\_. I am over the age of eighteen (18) years and am otherwise competent to make this Correction Affidavit.
- I am the \_\_\_\_\_ [title/capacity] of \_\_\_\_\_\_ [name of entity] which was the grantee named in that certain deed executed by \_\_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_\_ and recorded under Clerk's File No.
  \_\_\_\_\_\_, Official Public Records, \_\_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas.
- 3. I am making this Affidavit as a correction instrument pursuant to §5.028 of the Texas Property Code, with regard to the following unintended error in the Original Instrument:

legal description included two incorrect distance measurements in the metes and bounds description

- 4. The Original Instrument should be corrected with respect to the error described above, this being a nonmaterial change to the Original Instrument:
  - 1) metes and bounds call of "N 10 14'41"W, a distance of 75.27 feet" is revised to "N 10 14'41"W, a distance of 73.53 feet"; and
  - 2) metes and bounds call of "S 10 14'41"E, a distance of 724.61 feet" is revised to "S 10 14'41"E, a distance of 722.87 feet".

The corrected legal description is documented in the legal description attached to this Affidavit as Exhibit "A".

5. I have given notice of this correction of the Original Instrument by sending a copy of this Correction Affidavit by mail to each party to the Original Instrument in accordance with §5.028 (d) (2) of the Texas Property Code.

AFFIANT:

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STATE OF	§			
COUNTY OF	ş			
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED which witness my hand and seal of office.	before me on this	day of, 20, b	y, to certify	
My Commission Expires:	Notary Public	Notary Public, State of		
	Notary Name	Printed:		

CORRECTION AFFIDAVIT AS TO A RECORDED ORIGINAL INSTRUMENT (Texas)

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Exhibit A Legal Description of Land: (Orchard Farms)

BEING a tract of land situated in Block 20 and Block 23 of the Shelby County School Land Survey, Abstract No. 1375, City of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas, being a portion of that tract of land as described in deed to Wall 007, LLC, recorded in County Clerk's File No.D217259397, Official Public Records, Tarrant County, Texas (OPRTCT), and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a mag nail with shiner stamped JPH LAND SURVEYING found in Rendon Road (R.O.W. varies) at the southeast corner of the final plat of Everman Junior High School #2 Addition, an addition to the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas as recorded in County Clerk's File No. D209253723, OPRTCT and the most easterly northeast corner of said Wall 007 tract;

THENCE S 00 29'40" E, within said Rendon Road, along the east line of said Wall 007 tract, a distance of 866.90 feet to the southeast corner of the herein described tract of land, from which a 1/2" rebar capped found at the southeast corner of said Wall 007 tract bears S 00 29'40" E, 231.90 feet;

THENCE departing said Rendon Road, across said Wall 007 tract, as follows:

S 87 39'08" W, a distance of 54.11 feet to the beginning of a curve to the left, radial to said line;

Southeasterly, along said curve, having a radius of 1755.00 feet, a central angle of 01 37'57", an arc distance of 50.00 feet, and a chord that bears S 03 09'51" E, 50.00 feet to the end of said curve;

S 39 46'03" W, non-tangent to said curve, a distance of 21.58 feet;

S 83 4537" W, a distance of 110.25 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the left;

Southwesterly, along said curve, having a radius of 1205.00 feet, a central angle of 07 53'33", an arc distance of 165.99 feet, and a chord that bears S 79 48'50" W, 165.86 feet to the end of said curve;

S 75 52'03" W, tangent to said curve, a distance of 169.27 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the right;

Southwesterly, along said curve, having a radius of 1095.00 feet, a central angle of 13 33'42", an arc distance of 259.18 feet, and a chord that bears S 82 38'54" W, 258.58 feet to the end of said curve;

S 89 25'45" W, tangent to said curve, a distance of 286.15 feet; N

45 34'15" W, a distance of 14.14 feet;

N 00 34'15" W, a distance of 115.00 feet;

N 44 25'45" E, a distance of 14.14 feet;

N 00 34'15" W, a distance of 50.00 feet;

N 45 34'15" W, a distance of 14.14 feet;

N 00 34'15" W, a distance of 215.00 feet;

N 44 25'45" E, a distance of 14.14 feet;

N 00 34'15" W, a distance of 60.00 feet;

- N 45 34'15" W, a distance of 14.14 feet;
- N 00 34'15" W, a distance of 205.00 feet;
- N 44 25'45" E, a distance of 14.14 feet;
- N 00 34'15" W, a distance of 50.00 feet;
- N 45 34'15" W, a distance of 14.14 feet;
- N 00 34'15" W, a distance of 200.00 feet;
- N 44 25'45" E, a distance of 14.14 feet;
- N 00 34'15" W, a distance of 50.00 feet;
- N 45 34'15" W, a distance of 14.14 feet;
- N 00 34'15" W, a distance of 118.00 feet;
- S 89 25'45" W, a distance of 50.00 feet;
- S 44 25'45" W, a distance of 14.14 feet;
- S 89 25'45" W, a distance of 1015.66 feet;
- N 50 24'28" W, a distance of 15.28 feet;
- N 10 14'41" W, a distance of 73.53 feet;
- S 79 45'19" W, a distance of 166.00 feet;
- S 10 14'41" E, a distance of 722.87 feet;
- S 39 35'32" W, a distance of 12.90 feet;
- S 89 25'45" W, a distance of 81.44 feet;
- N 50 24'28" W, a distance of 15.28 feet;
- S 89 25'45" W, a distance of 50.72 feet;
- S 39 35'32" W, a distance of 12.90 feet;
- S 89 25'45" W, a distance of 83.47 feet;
- N 50 24'28" W, a distance of 15.28 feet;
- S 89 25'45" W, a distance of 16.23 feet;
- S 39 35'32" W, a distance of 12.90 feet;
- S 89 25'45" W, a distance of 83.47 feet;
- N 50 24'28" W, a distance of 15.28 feet;

S 89 25'45" W, a distance of 50.72 feet;

S 39 35'32" W, a distance of 12.90 feet;

S 89 25'45" W, a distance of 49.46 feet to the beginning of tangent curve to left;

Southwesterly, having a radius of 525.00 feet, a central angle of 03 41'01", an arc distance of 33.75 feet, and a chord that bears S 87 35'14" W, 33.75 feet to the end of said curve;

N 52 31'21" W, non-tangent to said curve, a distance of 14.80

feet; S 83 46'44" W, a distance of 16.04 feet;

S 36 03'24" W, a distance of 13.82 feet to the beginning of a non-tangent curve to the left;

Southwesterly, along said curve, having a radius of 525.00 feet, a central angle of 02 03'25", an arc distance of 18.85 feet, and a chord that bears S 80 47'01" W, 18.85 feet to the end of said curve;

S 79 45'19" W, tangent to said curve, a distance of 63.17

feet; N 55 14'41" W, a distance of 14.14 feet;

S 79 45'19" W, a distance of 50.00 feet;

S 34 45'19" W, a distance of 14.14 feet;

S 79 45'19" W, a distance of 111.00 feet to a point in the west line of said Wall 007 tract and the east line of Tract II as described in deed to Crimson Ridge Land Partners LLC, recorded in County Clerk's File No. D214109111, OPRTCT, from which a 5/8" rebar capped JACOBS found at the southwest corner of said Wall 007 tract and an angle point in the east line of said Crimson Ridge Land Partners Tract II bears S 10 14'41" E, 489.49 feet;

THENCE N 10 14'41" W, along the west line of said Wall 007 tract and the east line of said Crimson Ridge Land Partners Tract II and Tract I as described in deed to Crimson Ridge Land Partners LLC, recorded in County Clerk's File No. D214109111, OPRTCT, a distance of 1945.20 feet to a 1/2" rebar found at the northeast corner of said Crimson Ridge Land Partners Tract I and the southeast

corner of a tract of land as described in deed to Lieven J. Van Riet, recorded in Volume 7229, Page 809, Deed Records, Tarrant County, Texas;

THENCE N 10 14'21" W, along the west line of said Wall 007 tract and the east line of said Riet tract, a distance of 189.63 feet (deeds 189.63 feet & 189.74 feet) to a 1/2" rebar found in the south line of Shelby Road (R.O.W. varies);

THENCE N 10 14'55" W, along the west line of said Wall 007 tract and within said Shelby Road, a distance of 30.53 feet to a 1" rebar found at the most westerly northwest corner of said Wall 007 tract;

THENCE within said Shelby Road, along the north line of said Wall 007 tract, as follows:

N 89 59'58" E, a distance of 101.56 feet to a 1" rebar found;

N 10 15'06" W, a distance of 28.88 feet to a point for corner;

N 89 28'44" E, a distance of 644.79 feet to a corner of said Wall 007 tract and the northwest corner of a tract of land as described in deed to Bean Electrical, Inc., recorded in County Clerk's File No. D21513149, OPRTCT;

THENCE S 00 38'25" E, departing said Shelby Road, along a reentrant line of said Wall 007 tract and the west line of said Bean Electrical tract, at a distance of 28.45 feet (deeds 28.45 & 28.38 feet) passing a 1" rebar found, continuing a total distance of 657.00 feet to a 1" steel pipe found at a reentrant corner of said Wall 007 tract and the southwest corner of said Bean Electrical tract;

THENCE N 89 3226" E, along a north line of said Wall 007 tract, the south line of said Bean Electrical tract, and the south line of a tract of land as described in deed to Michael E. Cleveland and Carolyn G. Cleveland, recorded in County Clerk's File No. D205045974, OPRTCT, a distance of 660.30 feet (deeds 660.30 feet 659.00 feet) to a 1" steel pipe found at a reentrant corner of said Wall 007 tract and the southeast corner of said Cleveland tract;

THENCE N 00 32'37" W, along a reentrant line of said Wall 007 tract and the east line of said Cleveland tract, at a distance of 641.10 feet passing a 1/2" rebar found continuing a total distance of 656.96 feet (deeds 656.96 feet & 657.00 feet) to a point for corner in said Shelby Road at a corner of said Wall 007 tract and the northeast corner of said Cleveland tract;

THENCE N 89 31'10" E, within said Shelby Road, along the north line of said Wall 007 tract, a distance of 403.83 feet to a point for corner at the most northerly northeast corner of said Wall 007 tract and the northwest corner of said Everman Junior High School #2 Addition, from which a mag nail with shiner stamped JPH LAND SURVEYING found at the northeast corner of said Addition bears N 89 31 '10" E, 1571.46 feet (plat 1571.58 feet), and a 5/8" rebar capped JACOBS found bears S 00 51'10" E, 15.77 feet;

THENCE departing said Shelby Road, along the line common to said Wall 007 tract and said Everman Junior High School #2 Addition, as follows:

S 00 31'03" E, at a called distance of 80.40 feet passing the south line of said Shelby Road and the northwest corner of Lot 1, Block 1 of said Everman Junior High School #2 Addition, continuing a total distance of 260.76 feet (deed 260.76 feet, plat 260.90 feet) to a 1/2" rebar capped JPH LAND

SURVEYING found, from which a 5/8" rebar capped JACOBS found bears N 82 10' E, 0.25 feet;

S 45 30'57" E, a distance of 1809.96 feet (deed 1809.96 feet, plat 1810.00 feet) to a 1/2" rebar capped JPH LAND SURVEYING found, from which a 5/8" rebar capped JACOBS found bears N 67 50' E, 0.20 feet;

N 89 30'20" E, at a distance of 232.75 feet (deed 232.75 feet, plat 232.89 feet) passing a 1/2" rebar capped JPH LAND SURVEYING found at the southeast corner of said Lot 1, Block 1 and the west line of said Rendon Road, continuing a total distance of 291.04 feet (deed 291.04 feet, plat 291.06 feet) to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 4,365,714 square feet or 100.223 acres of land.

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE	§	
COMMISSION,	§	
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Plaintiff,	§	
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<b>v.</b>	§	No. 3:22-cv-2118-X
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TIMOTHY BARTON,	§	
CARNEGIE DEVELOPMENT, LLC,	§	
WALL007, LLC,	§	
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WALL012, LLC,	§	
WALL016, LLC,	§	
WALL017, LLC,	§	
WALL018, LLC,	§	
WALL019, LLC,	§	
HAOQIANG FU (A/K/A MICHAEL FU),	§	
STEPHEN T. WALL,	§	
	§	
Defendants,	§ §	
	§	
DJD LAND PARTNERS, LLC, and	§	
LDG001, LLC,	§ § §	
	§	
Relief Defendants.	§	

#### [PROPOSED] ORDER

Before the Court is the Receiver's Motion to Ratify Agreement with DLP Capital and Other DLP Entities and Brief in Support. Having considered the Motion, the Court finds that it should be and hereby is **GRANTED**. Accordingly, the Court hereby **RATIFIES** the Receiver's Agreement with DLP Real Estate Capital, Inc., DLP Winter Haven Ventures, LLC, Orchard Farms Ventures, LLC, and Marine Creek Ventures, LLC. Case 3:22-cv-02118-X Document 95-2 Filed 12/15/22 Page 2 of 2 PageID 2686

# **SO ORDERED**

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

BRANTLEY STARR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE