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Christopher M. Alston
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

(Dated as of Entered on Docket date above)

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

In re
Northwest Territorial Mint LLC,

Debtor.

Chapter 11
Case No. 16-11767

ORDER ON TRUSTEE’S EX PARTE MOTION
FOR EXAMINATION OF ROSS B. HANSEN
AND DIANE ERDMANN PURSUANT TO RULE
2004 AND SUBPOENAS PURSUANT TO RULE
9016

This matter came before the Court on June 23, 2017, on the Chapter 11 Trustee’s Ex Parte Motion for Examinations of Ross B. Hansen and Diane Erdmann Pursuant to Rule 2004 and Subpoenas Pursuant to Rule 9016 [Dkt. 1052] (the “Motion”). A hearing was held on the Motion, and the Court made findings of fact and conclusions of law that are incorporated herein.

Now therefore, it is HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Motion is granted in part and denied in part.

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1 2. Pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2004, the Trustee shall be entitled to examine Diane
2 Erdmann and Ross Hansen, seek the production of documents from them, and command the
3 inspection of their premises, only with the respect to the matters and documents identified on
4 Exhibit A. For the purposes of this order, “documents” shall include all electronically stored
5 information including, without limitation, electronic data or data compilations, electronic files, e-
6 mail, and other electronic communications saved to or located on hard disks, file servers, floppy
7 disks, CDs, DVDs, backup tapes, thumb drives, or any other electronic media, whether or not in
8 tangible or electronic form.

9 3. The Trustee may compel the attendance of, command the production of documents from,
10 and command the inspection of the premises of Diane Erdmann and Ross Hansen via FRBP
11 2004(c) and 9016. The Trustee shall provide at least seven (7) calendar days’ notice in any
12 subpoena issued pursuant to this Order.

13 4. Diane Erdmann and Ross Hansen shall have the right to have counsel present at their
14 examinations and their counsel shall be entitled to raise good faith objections to questions that
15 their counsel reasonably believe exceed the scope identified by this Order.

16 5. In the adversary proceeding pending under Adv. Pro. 16-01217, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for
17 the Western District of Washington (the “Fraudulent Transfer Action”), the Trustee is prohibited
18 from conducting discovery, including the issuance of written discovery and the deposition of
19 witnesses, on the matters identified on Exhibit A, unless the Trustee obtains authority from the
20 Court in the Fraudulent Transfer Action.

21 6. All other relief requested in the Motion is denied without prejudice.

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EXHIBIT A:

**DOCUMENTS TO BE PRODUCED, MATTERS FOR EXAMINATION, AND PREMISES
SUBJECT TO INSPECTION**

1. Monthly account statements for all bank accounts or investment accounts in which Ross Hansen or Diane Erdmann held or holds an interest from January 1, 2016 to present that have not already been produced to the Trustee.
2. All documents, including, but not limited to photographic records, videographic records, or insurance records, that refer to, related to, or evidence any sale or acquisition by Diane Erdmann and/or Ross Hansen of precious metals, bullion, or numismatics since January 1, 2016, including but not limited to sales to the Renton Coin Shop, Inc., Bryan D. Geraghty d/b/a Northgate Rare Coin, the Gold Center, Inc., or Victoria Diamonds, LLC d/b/a Cash 4 Gold. The scope of this matter does not include a) transactions conducted either by Diane Erdman or Ross Hansen in their capacity as agents or employees of Northwest Territorial Mint, LLC (the "Mint") to acquire any items in the name of the Mint, and b) sales of any assets or property of the Mint conducted by either Diane Erdman or Ross Hansen in their capacity as agents or employees of the Mint where Diane Erdman or Ross Hansen did not receive any sale proceeds or other consideration from the transaction.
3. All documents that refer to, relate to, or evidence the source of precious metals, bullion, or numismatics sold by Diane Erdmann or Ross Hansen from January 1, 2016 through the present, including without limitation those sold to the Renton Coin Shop, Inc., Bryan D. Geraghty d/b/a Northgate Rare Coin, the Gold Center, Inc., or Victoria Diamonds, LLC d/b/a Cash 4 Gold.
4. All documents that refer to, relate to, or evidence precious metals, bullion, or numismatics currently owned by Diane Erdmann or Ross Hansen, and all premises where such items are located.
5. All documents evidencing the payment of and the source of funds for the payment of legal expenses of Ross Hansen, Diane Erdmann and Medallic Art Company, LLC.