THE HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER M. ALSTON 1 Chapter 11 2 Date: May 20, 2016 Time: 9:30 a.m. Response Date: May 13, 2016 3 Location: Courtroom 7206 4 5 7 8 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 9 AT SEATTLE 10 No. 16-11767-CMA In Re 11 NORTHWEST TERRITORIAL MINT, Chapter 11 LLC, 12 DECLARATION OF GEORGE Debtor. HUMPHREY IN SUPPORT OF 13 EMERGENCY MOTION TO COMPEL IMMEDIATE AND 14 ONGOING COMPLIANCE WITH LEASE AGREEMENT, AND FOR 15 ADEQUATE PROTECTION AND ASSURANCES 16 17 I, George Humphrey, hereby declare as follows: 18 I am the managing member of Gatewood-California, LLC ("Landlord"), 1. 19 formerly known as Humphrey Industries, Ltd. The statements contained in this declaration 20 are based on my personal knowledge and I am competent to make this declaration. 21 I make this declaration in support of Landlord's Emergency Motion to 2. 22 Compel Immediate and Ongoing Compliance with Lease Agreement, and for Adequate 23 Protection and Assurances (the "Motion"). 24 3. Landlord is a Washington LLC that owns a single asset: commercial real 25 property located at 550 3rd Street, Building B, Auburn, Washington 98001 (the "Property"). 26 LANE POWELL PC DECLARATION OF GEORGE HUMPHREY ISO 1420 FIFTH AVENUE, SUITE 4200 EMERGENCY MOTION TO COMPEL COMPLIANCE - 1 P.O. BOX 91302 SEATTLE, WA 98111-9402 No. 16-11767-CMA 206.223.7000 FAX: 206.223.7107

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- 4. Northwest Territorial Mint, LLC ("<u>Debtor</u>") is the current tenant of the Property.
- 5. A true and correct copy of the Commercial Lease dated November 2, 2006 entered into between Landlord's predecessor in interest, Humphrey Industries, Ltd., and Debtor is attached to this declaration as **Exhibit A**.
- 6. A true and correct copy of the Addendum dated September 11, 2014 entered into between Landlord and Debtor is attached to this declaration as **Exhibit B**.
- 7. Debtor engages in minting, engraving, and other manufacturing type operations at the Property, and Debtor's Chapter 11 Trustee Mark Calvert ("<u>Trustee</u>") currently is continuing to operate Debtor's business in this manner.
- 8. Prior to Debtor's bankruptcy filing, the Washington Court of Appeals, Division I affirmed a trial court judgment awarding \$869,746.53 to one of Debtor's landlords at a location other than the Property ("Auburn"), yet in the same area of Auburn, Washington as the Property, for remedial action costs under the Model Toxics Control Act, RCW 70.105D et seq., and damages for Debtor's breach of that lease's hazardous waste provisions, plus \$1,582,046.61 in costs and attorney fees (the "MTCA Judgment"). A true and correct copy of that appellate decision is attached to this declaration as **Exhibit C**.
- 9. The insurer of the Auburn property failed to cover the issues underlying the MTCA Judgment, and that insurer is the same insurer Debtor has procured for the Property.
- 10. Landlord was unaware of the facts underlying the MTCA Judgment until after Debtor's bankruptcy filing, and based on its recent investigation, Landlord is now requiring adjustments to the insurance protection required under the Lease Agreement to include, among other things, any post-petition environmental damage arising from Trustee's ongoing operation of Debtor's business at the Property.
 - 11. The Property is secured by a deed of trust (the "<u>DOT</u>").
 - 12. I personally guaranteed Landlord's obligations under the DOT.

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individually cover the mortgage out of my own pocket to avoid Landlord's default because Debtor's rent obligation constitutes the only source of income for Landlord, as a single asset LLC.

14. Prior to the Petition Date, Debtor was current regarding its obligations under the Lease Agreement, except as regards insurance, which has been identified as in default.

Agreement, Landlord will either default under the DOT, or I, as guarantor, will be forced to

If Trustee does not fully perform Debtor's obligations under the Lease

- 15. Post-petition, Debtor and Trustee have failed to timely pay rent, taxes, and other expenses as each has come due.
- 16. Debtor owes \$7,388.70 for rent that came due on April 1, 2016 (and the first of each month thereafter, subject to any adjustments as set forth in the Lease Agreement), \$4,508.55 for taxes that came due on April 1, 2016, and \$1,631.69 for the other remaining monthly expenses that came due on April 1, 2016. A further explanation of these amounts is attached to this declaration as **Exhibit D**.
- 17. Landlord never received any official notice of Debtor's bankruptcy filing. Landlord gained knowledge of Debtor's bankruptcy from a third party, and Landlord is still not listed in Debtor's mailing matrix.
- 18. Since discovering Debtor's bankruptcy filing, Landlord has brought Debtor's deficiencies under the Lease Agreement to the attention of both Debtor and Trustee, including Debtor's failure to obtain adequate insurance and Debtor's failure to meet its financial obligations as they have come due. Although Debtor and Trustee have promised to pay the April 2016 rent on multiple occasions, and later missed multiple dates when they indicate they would do so, as of the date of the filing of this declaration, no rent has been received, and Debtor's insurance coverage remains deficient. As a result, Landlord has been forced to incur attorney's fees and costs in bringing this motion.

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- 19. As of April 27, 2016, late charges and interest associated with the delinquent amounts total \$879.38. Therefore, the total amount due for April 2016, including late fees and charges, is \$14,408.32. A further explanation of these amounts is attached to this declaration as Exhibit D.
- 20. Debtor has failed to obtain commercial general liability insurance sufficient to cover potential liabilities of Debtor, including environmental liabilities, and to provide proof that Landlord has been specifically named as a named insured. Debtor is required to obtain the additional insurance as set forth in the invoice attached to this declaration as **Exhibit E**.

DATED: April 27, 2016

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned declares as follows:

That she is a legal assistant in the law firm of Lane Powell PC, and on April 27, 2016, she caused the attached document to be filed electronically through the CM/ECF system which caused Registered Participants to be served by electronic means, as fully reflected on the Notice of Electronic Filing.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington and the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 27th day of April, 2016, at Seattle, Washington.

/s/ Denise A. Campbell
Denise A. Campbell, Legal Assistant

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