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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

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NORTHWEST TERRITORIAL MINT, LLC,

Debtor.

Case No. 16-11767-CMA

TRUSTEE'S RESPONSE TO MOTION FOR AUTHORITY TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY FOR DEBTOR

Mark Calvert, the Chapter 11 Trustee (the "Trustee"), files this response to the Motion of the Tracy Law Group PLLC ("TTLG") for Authority to Withdraw as Attorney for Debtor (the "Motion").

The Trustee has no objection to TTLG's withdrawal as counsel for the Debtor. The Motion also seeks direction as to the disposition of the remainder of the prepetition retainer TTLG received in connection with TTLG's representation of the Debtor. Based on the Trustee's investigation to date, the Trustee has reason to believe that the source of the retainer was property of the Debtor. The Trustee continues to investigate the circumstances surrounding the retainer and other financial transactions involving insiders of the Debtor and will separately seek authority to conduct BR 2004 examinations relating to those issues.

Accordingly, the Trustee requests that the Court direct TTLG to turn over the retainer held by TTLG to the Trustee, who will hold the funds in a segregated account pending a resolution as to the estate's entitlement to such funds. If the Court prefers, the Trustee consents to directing TTLG to

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pay such funds into the Court's registry pending a resolution of the ownership of the funds. Whether 1 held by the Trustee or in the registry of the Court, the funds should be subject to release only upon 2 agreement of TTLG, the Trustee, and any other party expressing an interest in the funds, or upon 3 further order of the Court. 4 5 DATED this 20th day of April, 2016. 6 7 8 K&L GATES LLP 9 10 By /s/ Michael J. Gearin 11 Michael J. Gearin, WSBA #20982 David C. Neu, wsba #33143 12 Brian T. Peterson, WSBA #42088 Attorneys for Mark Calvert, Chapter 11 Trustee 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

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