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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

AT SEATTLE

In re:

Case No. 16-11767-CMA

NORTHWEST TERRITORIAL MINT, LLC

Debtor.

REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO AUTHORIZE LIQUIDATION OF SEIZED PROPERTY AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS TO TRUSTEE

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## I. REPLY

Plaintiff and Judgment Creditor Mark Calvert as the Chapter 11 Trustee (the "Trustee") of Northwest Territorial Mint, LLC ("NWTM") files this Reply in support of his Motion to Authorize Liquidation of Seized Property and Distribution of Proceeds to Trustee [Dkt. No. 2044] (the "Motion"). Ross Hansen and Diane Erdmann filed objections to the Motion. Ms. Erdmann's objection is largely a personal attack on the Trustee. Ms. Erdmann also identifies the majority of the seized inventory that is the subject of the Motion as belonging to her. Mr. Hansen's objection states that the other items not claimed by Ms. Erdmann belong to him. Neither objection offers a legal justification for denying the relief requested in the Motion and allowing the Trustee to execute on Ms. Erdmann's interest in the seized inventory.

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The fact that Ms. Erdmann and Mr. Hansen have claimed an ownership interest in *all* of the items of seized inventory highlights that the property should be split between the Cohen Parties and the Trustee according to the terms of the agreed-upon settlement. The assertions of Mr. Hansen and Ms. Erdmann regarding the ownership of individual items, for various reasons, cannot be adopted wholesale by the Trustee, this Court, and the Cohen Parties. The pending settlement with the Cohen Parties avoids the need for a factual determination regarding which assets were owned by Ms. Erdmann (in which case they are subject to execution by the Trustee) and which assets were owned by Mr. Hansen (in which case they are subject to execution by the Cohen Parties).

The Trustee therefore respectfully requests that the Court grant the Motion and authorize him to liquidate the Seized Property and to distribute the proceeds of such liquidation to the bankruptcy estate and the Cohen Parties in accordance with the terms of the Cohen Settlement Agreement.

DATED this 16th day of April, 2019.

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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 the 16th day of April, 2019 at Seattle, Washington.

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