COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

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#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 151, 157 and 1334. This suit arises under the Chapter 11 cases of *In re Death Row Records, Inc.*, Case. No. 2:06:bk-11205-VZ and *In re Marion "Suge" Knight, Jr.*, Case No. 2:06-11187-VZ. This is a core matter under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157(b)(i)(A), (N) and (O).
- 2. Jurisdiction is also conferred by Section 5(A) of the Sale Procedures Orders, which provides: "All bidders shall be deemed to have consented to the core jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court." This is consistent with Section 18(a) of the GMG Asset Purchase Agreement ("APA") which provides that "Buyer and Seller irrevocably and unconditionally consent to submit to the jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court for any litigation arising out of or relating to this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby (and agree not to commence any litigation relating hereto except in the Bankruptcy Court), and agree that any dispute hereunder will constitute a core proceeding."
- 3. A bankruptcy court has jurisdiction to interpret and enforce its own orders.

  Beneficial Trust Deeds v. Franklin (In re Franklin), 802 F.2d 324, 326 (9th Cir. 1986) ("Simply put, bankruptcy courts must retain jurisdiction to construe their own orders if they are to be capable of monitoring whether those orders are ultimately executed in the intended manner.").
  - 4. Venue in this Court is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1409.

#### PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

5. This Adversary Complaint is brought by the Trustees of the Death Row Records and Knight Estates because, some two months after the June 24, 2008 hearing approving the Trustees' sales motion. the sale of the Estates' assets has failed to close. The Successful Bidder (as defined in paragraph 5(A)(c) of the Sale Procedures Order, Docket No. 535), Global Music Group, Inc. ("GMG" or "Global NY"), which bid twenty-four million dollars (\$24 million) for the assets, failed to consummate the acquisition by July 23, 2008, as required, and, despite the Trustees' granting forbearance of GMG's breach until July 29, 2008, GMG was still unable to close. Since July 29, GMG has continued to fail to forward the purchase money, instead making a number of requests for

extension, none of which has been granted by the Trustees.

- 6. The Back-Up Bidder, Entertainment One Ltd. ("E1"), when advised by the Trustees of its obligation to close in light of GMG's failure, declared that it did not intend to close the transaction and that it considered its obligations, plainly stated in this Court's Orders approving the sale filed on July 9, 2008, unilaterally "terminated."
- 7. As a result, without waiver of their rights against GMG and E1, the Trustees have reopened discussions with other potential buyers. GMG, however, has interfered with these discussions, actively disputing and impeding the Trustees' right to entertain proposals from third parties.
- 8. In an August 15, 2008 email sent to the Trustees and other persons by GMG's counsel Kathleen March (attached as Exhibit "A"), with no legal basis whatsoever, accused the Trustees of breach of contract and tortious interference with prospective economic advantage and demanded that the Trustees cease and desist from negotiations with other parties.
- 9. In an August 19, 2008 email (attached as Exhibit "B"), Ms. March reiterated the threats and demands of her August 15 missive; demanded that the Trustees grant her client a 28-day extension of GMG's time to purchase the assets; and instructed the Trustees to "put the word out in the music community . . . that the Trustees are contractually bound to sell the DRR/Knight assets to Global NY, and are not going to discuss selling the assets to any person or entity other than Global NY." On information and belief, GMG has made similar claims and demands to third parties interested in negotiating with the Trustees, with the specific intent of disrupting and preventing the Trustees from consummating a sale with another purchaser.
- 10. In response to these communications, the Trustees sent GMG a letter of termination of the underlying contractual agreement on August 22, 2008 (attached as Exhibit "C").
- 11. The Trustees now seek an order from this Court establishing that, because of GMG's and E1's failure timely to consummate the sale of the assets, the Trustees are free to negotiate with any other interested buyer. The Trustees also seek to enjoin GMG from further acts interfering with the Trustees' efforts to close the sale of the assets with another buyer.

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#### **PARTIES**

- 12. R. Todd Neilson brings this proceeding solely in his capacity as the Chapter 11 Trustee for the Estate of Death Row Records, Inc.
- 13. Richard Diamond brings this proceedings solely in his capacity as the Chapter 11 Trustee for the Estate of Marion "Suge" Knight, Jr.
- 14. On information and belief, Global Music Group, Inc., is a New York corporation which was the Successful Bidder at the June 24, 2008 hearing approving the sale of the assets of the Death Row Records and Knight Estates.
- On information and belief, Entertainment One Ltd. is an entity incorporated in the Cayman Islands, which was identified as the Back-Up Bidder at the June 24, 2008 sale hearing.

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- A. GMG Failed Timely To Close the Sale by July 23, 2008.
- On May 13, 2008, the Trustees filed motions to sell substantially all of the recorded music business related assets and music publishing business related assets of the bankruptcy estates of Death Row and Knight (collectively, the "Estates").
- 17. The Trustees' sale motions were heard on June 24, 2008. On July 9, 2008, the Court entered Sale Orders in this case and in the Knight bankruptcy case providing that GMG was the successful bidder and approving the GMG APA.
- 18. The GMG APA required GMG to close the acquisition on the third business day following satisfaction of the conditions contained in section 13 of the GMG APA. Those conditions were satisfied.
- 19. On July 9, 2008, the Trustees' counsel notified counsel for GMG NY that, unless a further stay was obtained, GMG should be prepared to close on July 23, 2008.
- 20. On July 21, 2008, GMG advised the Trustees that it did not have financing to close the acquisition on July 23, 2008 because another entity, Global Music Group, Delaware ("GMG Delaware") asserted a claim to the purchased assets. On July 22, 2008, the Trustees notified GMG that it was in material breach of the GMG APA.

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- 21. The Trustees nevertheless granted GMG a four-business-day forbearance period, giving GMG until July 29, 2008 to close in exchange for an additional non-refundable payment of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).
- B. GMG's and E1's Continuing Failure To Close.
  - 22. Notwithstanding the forbearance, GMG failed again to close on July 29.
- 23. After the July 29<sup>th</sup> deadline, GMG repeatedly requested additional extensions of time, none of which was granted by the Trustees. GMG, as of this writing, has still not funded a closing of the transaction.
- 24. The Back-Up Bidder, E1, after being advised of its obligation to close, has informed the Trustees that it does not intend to close a purchase of the assets, and has asserted its right unilaterally to "terminate" its own asset purchase agreement with the Trustees. The Trustees have disputed E1's "termination" and reserved their rights against E1.
- In August 2008 the Trustees commenced discussions with other interested bidders to close the sale of the assets. As described above, GMG has actively interfered with those efforts. The Trustees, after notifying GMG of material breach of the GMG APA on July 22, 2008, terminated the GMG APA on August 22, 2008.

#### **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

(Against All Defendants - Declaratory Judgment)

- The Trustees reallege and incorporate by reference each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1 through 25 above, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.
- 27. An actual and justiciable controversy exists as to whether the Trustees are free, without violation of GMG's or E1's rights or obligations, to engage in negotiations for the sale of the Death Row and Knight Estate assets with persons or entities other than GMG or E1.
- 28. To resolve the present controversy, the Trustees are entitled to an order from this Court establishing the current rights and obligations of the parties to the effect that: (i) the Trustees are no longer obligated to close a sale of the assets with either GMG or E1; and (ii) the Trustees are free to negotiate with parties other than GMG or E1 for the sale of the assets, and, subject to Court

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approval, enter into a new asset purchase agreement for such sale.

#### **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

(Against GMG - Injunctive Relief)

- 29. The Trustees reallege and incorporate by reference each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1 through 28 above, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.
- 30. GMG has threatened to sue the Trustees to prevent them from negotiating with prospective purchasers and, on information and belief, have stated to third parties that GMG has exclusive rights to close a sale of the assets.
- 31. This conduct is causing irreparable injury to the Trustees in that it is chilling the market for potential bidders, causing loss of value to the Estates; imposing additional and probably unrecoverable administrative costs on the Estates.
- 32. Unless enjoined from further acts of interference, including threats of litigation based on non-existent alleged contractual rights; the actual filing of lawsuits in other jurisdictions outside of this Court; and continued assertions to potential bidders of their "exclusive rights" to purchase the assets, the Trustees will continue to suffer irreparable harm.
- 33. The Trustees are entitled to an injunction against GMG prohibiting further conduct interfering with the sale of the assets.

#### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, the Trustees respectfully request that the Court:

- 1. Enter a Declaratory Judgment that:
- (a) the Trustees are no longer obligated to close a sale of the assets with either GMG or E1; and (b) the Trustees are free to negotiate with parties other than GMG or E1 for the sale of the assets, and, subject to Court approval, without limitation, to enter into a new asset purchase agreement for such sale, without waiver of any of the Trustees' rights against GMG or E1.
  - 2. Grant injunctive relief that:
- (a) GMG and its lawyers and other agents are restrained from further acts of interference with the Trustees' efforts, including the assertion of "exclusive" rights to close a

purchase of the assets, and the filing of litigation concerning the assets in courts other than this Court.

3. For such other and further relief as the Court deems appropriate.

Dated: August 22, 2008

KAYE SCHOLER LLP

Ashleigh A. Danker

Attorneys for R. Todd Neilson, Chapter 11 Trustee of the Estate of Death Row Records, Inc.

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## **EXHIBIT A**



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cc <Rgbush6@aol.com>: "Doug Mark"

<Doug@markmml.com>

Subject You are committing breach of contract and the tort of interference with prospectivie economic advantage; this a formal demand by Global NY that you stop that improper conduct. Fr KPMarch, Esq., Bankrutpcy Law Firm, PC, bankruptcy counsel to Global NY

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By email to each addressee

To Trustee Neilson counsel Marc Cohen, Ashley Danker, Russ Cashdan, Esqs., and to Trustee Diamond counsel Eric Israel and John Tedford, Esgs., w/cc to Trustees Neilson and Diamond

From The Bankruptcy Law Firm, PC, by KPMarch, Esq., bankruptcy counsel to Global Music Group, Inc., a New York Corporation ("Global NY")

Re: Global NY as winning bidder for Death Row Records/Knight bankruptcy estate assets

#### All addressees:

Yesterday, Trustee Neilson counsel Marc Cohen, Esq. ("Cohen") admitted to Global NY entertainment counsel Doug Mark, Esq. ("Mark") that Trustees/Trustees' attorneys/Trustee personnel including Virgi Roberts have been negotiating with Jamie Foxx et al ("Foxx") to sell the DDR/Knight assets to Foxx directly. Cohen also told Mark that Trustees' counsel and personnel have been negotiating with additional parties, regarding selling those additional parties the DDR/Knight assets. Marc Cohen also admitted to Mark that trustee personnel, particularly but not limited to Virgil Roberts, have put the word out in the music community that parties other than Global NY can buy the DDR/Knight assets directly from Trustees/Trustees

counsel. Cohen told Mark, "we can talk to anyone we want to" to try to sell them the DDR/Knight assets.

I will refer to Trustees/Trustees counsel/Trustees agents (e.g. Virgil Roberts) collectively as "Trustees".

By this letter, Global NY formally informs Trustees that Trustees' conduct listed in paragraph 1 hereof is improper, and is actionable both as **breach of contract**, and as **tort**. Global NY hereby demands that Trustees (including all counsel and agents such as Virgil Roberts) immediately CEASE the activities stated in paragraph 1 hereof; and that you reply to this letter to confirm that trustees, you, and trustees' agents have ceased that activity.

Global NY being the winning overbidder for the DDR/Knight bankruptcy estate assets, by Orders of the Bankruptcy Court, CD CA, created a <u>contractual right</u> of Global NY to purchase those assets at the price stated in Global NY's Asset Purchase Agreement (APA). In short, the APA was the offer, and the Order was the acceptance of that order by the DDR/Knight bankruptcy estates, creating a <u>binding contract</u> ("the Global NY Contract") with the terms of the APA and Order, between Global NY and the DDR/Knight bankruptcy estates to sell the DDR/Knight bankruptcy estate assets to Global NY on the terms stated in the APA (and Order mirroring the APA).

The Global NYContract is still in existence. Yes, Global NY has been slow closing, which slowness is at present legally excusable, because it is due to the tortious conduct of trustees/trustees counsel as stated in paragraph 1 supra, which is improperly impeding Global NY from closing the asset purchase.

Trustees have not sent a termination letter to Global NY. Trustees have not even sent a "breach" letter to Global NY.

Trustees' conduct itemized in paragraph 1 hereof constitutes a <u>most serious breach of</u> <u>Trustees' existing contract with Global NY</u>, and is causing extreme damage to Global NY, which will subject Trustees and their agents to liability for damages, and to injunction.

In addition to breach of contract, <u>Trustees</u> above itemized conduct constitutes Trustees committing the tort of <u>interference with prospective economic advantage</u>. Both actual and punitive damages can be awarded to Global NY, against Trustees, for Trustees committing this tort.

Per Witkin and CA case law, the elements of the tort of <u>interference with prospective</u> economic advantage are:

(a) an economic relationship between the plaintiff [Global NY] and some third party [e.g. Foxx], with the probability of future economic benefit to the plaintiff

[Foxx was going to invest in Global NY to fund closing sale, until Trustees started negotiating with Foxx direct];

- (b) The defendant's [Trustees] knowledge of the relationship [My firm informed you Global NY was in negotiations with Foxx, and Foxx first found out about existence of DDR/Knight asset sale from Global NY];
- (c) Intentional acts by the defendant [Trustees] designed to disrupt the relationship [as soon Trustees informed Foxx that Trustees were willing to sell the DDR/Knight assets to Foxx direct, Foxx ceased negotiating in good faith with Global NY, intending to buy the assets direct from Trustees instead];
- (d) Actual disruption of the relationship [ie the negotiations between Global NY and Foxx];
- (e) Economic harm [Global NY can't get signed letter of intent with Foxx, because Trustee is offering to sell to Foxx direct] to the plaintiff [Global NY] proximately caused by the acts of the defendant [Trustees]; and
- (f) Conduct that was wrongful by some legal measure other than the fact of interference itself. [Here that element is supplied by the fact that Trustees' conduct of trying to sell direct constitutes a violation of Trustees' existing contract with Global NY].

Elements quoted from 5 Witkin, Summary of California Law 10<sup>th</sup> (2005, with 2008 update), 5 WITSUM Ch. IX, §742, p.1071; and leading CA cases on this tort, including Youst v. Longo (1987) 43 C.3d 64, 71, ftnnote 6, and Della Penna v. Toyota Motor Sales, USA (1995) 11 C.4 376, 376.

Trustees will not succeed in selling direct to Foxx--or to the other third parties that Cohen admitted Trustees have been negotiating to sell direct to--because Global NY will bring a proper proceeding to **enjoin any such improper sale from closing**, as well as suing Trustees for actual and punitive damages for this tort, and actual damages for breach of contract.

It should also be noted that Trustees' conduct additionally constitutes a breach of the <u>implied</u> <u>covenant of good faith and fair dealing</u>, related to the Global NY-Trustee contract, and breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing is also a tort.

Further, Trustees' improper conduct is assisting Foxx,--and other third parties Trustees are trying to sell direct to--to committing tortious interference with contractual relations (ie, the

interference with the existing contract between Global NY and the DDR/Knight bankruptcy estates to sell the DDR/Knight assets to Global NY) Both actual and punitive damages can be awarded for this tort.

The elements of the tort of interference with contractual relations, per applicable CA law are:

- (1) a valid contract between plaintiff [Global NY] and a third party [DDR/Knight bankruptcy estate to sell the DDR/Knight assets to Global NY];
- (2) Defendant's [Foxx] knowledge of this contract;
- (3) Defendant's [Foxx] intentionalnl acts [trying to buy the DDR/Knight assets direct from Trustees] designed to induce a breach or disruption of the contractual relationship [contract between Global NY and Trustees to sell the DDR/Knight assets to Global NY];
- (4) Actual breach or disruption of the contractual relationship [Foxx ceased to negotiate in good faith with Global NY, due to Trustees offering to sell the DDR/Knight assets direct to Foxx]; and
- (5) Resulting damage [Foxx will be liable to pay Global NY both actual and punitive damages for committing this tort].

E.g. Quelimane Co v. Stewart Title, Guaranty Co, 19 Cal.4th 26 (1998), headnote 24 et seq; Scripps Clinic v. Superior Court 108 Cal.App 4<sup>th</sup> 917 (2003), headnotes 4, 5, 6; Nygard, Inc. V. Uusi-Kerttula, 159 Cal.App.4th 1027 (2008), headnote 10.

A better course of conduct for Trustees is to desist in trying to sell direct to Foxx and other third parties; and tell Foxx and other third parties that Trustee will NOT sell direct to them, and that Foxx and other third parties will need to participate through Global NY. This will give Trustees their best chance of closing a sale of these assets.

Please REPLY to this letter, to my firm, and tell my firm what course of action Trustees are going to pursue. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathleen P. March

cc: Doug Mark, Esq., entertainment counsel for Global NY Global NY, attn Ron Bush <<...>>

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Subject Sending you update on global NY progress toward closing sale; and responding to Trustee Friday nite 11:35pm email to Global NY entertainment counsel Doug Mark, esq., asking

what Global NY wants. KPMarch, Bky L.F.

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Re: Global NY responds to Trustees' email of 8/15/08 at 11:35pm re what does Global NY want

To Marc Cohen, Russ Cashdan, Ashley Danker, Esqs., Trustee Neilson counsel; and to Eric Israel and John Tedford, Esqs., Trustee Diamond counsel, with cc to Trustee R. Todd Neilson, Chapter 7 Trustee of the Death Row Records (DDR) bankruptcy estate, and to Trustee Richard Diamond, Chapter 7 Trustee of the Knight bankruptcy estate (all addresses are referred to collectively as "Trustees" hereafter)

From Kathleen P. March, Esq., The Bankruptcy Law Firm, PC, bankruptcy counsel to Global Music Group, Inc., a New York Corporation ("Global NY" hereafter)

With cc to Doug Mark, Esq., Global NY entertainment counsel, and to John Matheny, Esq., Global NY general counsel, and to Global NY attn Ron Bush and Anthony Davi

To All Addressees:

On Friday 8/15/08 at 11:35pm, Trustees' counsel emailed Global NY's entertainment counsel, Doug Mark, Esq., asking what Global NY wants. This letter is (1) to update you on Global NY's progress toward closing the sale of the DDR/Knight bankruptcy estate assets, and (2) to tell you what Global NY wants from Trustees.

<u>First, the update</u>: Despite the detrimental influence of Trustees negotiating to sell the DDR/Knight assets to prospective buyers other than Global NY, Global NY has succeeded in getting a <u>signed letter of intent from a new equity investor</u> which has the resources to allow Global NY to close the sale of the DDR/Knight assets to Global NY.

In addition, Global NY expects, by tomorrow, to have a signed letter of intent from a <u>second</u> <u>new equity investor</u>, which also has the resources to allow Global NY to close the DDR/Knight asset sale.

To avoid a repeat of Trustees/Trustees' counsel/Trustees' agents (collectively "Trustees" hereafter) circumventing Global's rights, Global NY must keep confidential the identity(ies) of the new letter of intent signors until Global NY receives written assurance from Trustees that Trustees will not communicate with those parties, or make any attempt to sell the DDR/Knight assets directly to those parties, rather than those parties participating through Global NY.

As briefed in my firm's letter to Trustees emailed the afternoon of 8/15/08 (which Trustees 8/15/08 at 11:35pm email was responding to), that conduct by Trustees' constituted tortious interference with Global NY's prospective economic advantage with those persons/entities, as well as breach of Trustees' contract with Global NY, to sell the DDR/Knight assets to Global NY.

#### What Global NY Wants: Global NY requests that:

- (1) Trustees send Global NY a written 28 day extension of Global NY's time to close the purchase of the DDR/Knight assets, which 28 day extension shall run from the date said written extension is received by my law firm, and
- (2) that Trustees cease all efforts to try to sell the DDR/Knight assets to any person/entity other than Global NY, so long as said 28 day extension is in effect; and that Trustees cease all efforts to try to sell the DDR/Knight assets to any person/entity other than Global NY, so long the Global NY contract to buy the DDR/Knight assets continues to exist.
- (3) that Trustees send my firm written assurance that Trustees will not communicate with persons/entities Global NY has entered into letters of intent to invest in Global NY, and or lend to Global NY, those parties, or make any attempt to sell the DDR/Knight assets directly to those parties, rather than those parties participating through Global NY.
- (4) that Trustees put the word out in the music community, and inform anyone who contacts Trustees/Trustees counsel/Trustees agents, that Trustees are contractually bound to sell

the DDR/Knight assets to Global NY, and are not going to discuss selling the assets to any person or entity other than Global NY, including that Trustees shall contact the persons/entities that Trustees gave the "we will sell direct" message to, and give them the new "we are contractually obligated to sell the DDR/Knight assets to Global NY and are not going to discuss selling those assets to anyone else" message. Further that Trustees shall inform my firm in writing when Trustees have done all of the above. Because some persons, which Trustees previously told that Trustees would sell direct to, are in contact with Global NY, Global will hear from those people when Trustee delivers the above stated message to those people.

(5) Immediately after (1)-(3) have occurred, Global NY will send Trustees the signed letter of intent from new investor one, and if, as Global NY expects, Global NY has a signed letter of intent from new investor two, Global NY will promptly send the second signed letter of intent to Trustees as well.

Global NY does not waive any of its claims for breach of contract, breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, or tort. However, sale of the DDR/Knight assets closing to Global NY will be to the benefit of Trustees, because the sale closing to Global NY will mitigate the damages caused by Trustees improper conduct.

Please Reply to my firm, with cc to Global NY's entertainment counsel Doug Mark, to agree to (1)-(5) supra, by signing below acceptance, and faxing or emailing to my firm.

| Sincerely,   |
|--|
| Kathleen P. March  |
| Trustees R. Todd Neilson, Chapter 7 Trustee of the Death Row Records bankruptcy estate, and Richard Diamond, Chapter 7 Trustee of the Marion ("Suge") Knight, Jr. bankruptcy estate by counsel for each of them authorized to sign on behalf of each Trustee |
| By Marc Cohen, Esq., Kaye Scholer, LLP, authorized to sign for Trustee Neilson and   |
| By Eric Israel, Esq., Danning Gill Diamond & Kollitz, authorized to sign for Trustee Diamond   |
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## EXHIBIT C

#### VIA FACSIMILE AND FEDERAL EXPRESS

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Mark Music & Media Law PC

Attention: Doug Mark

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Re: Notice of Termination of Asset Purchase Agreement

Dear Madams, Sirs:

Reference is made to that certain Asset Purchase Agreement (the "Asset Purchase Agreement"), dated as of June 10, 2008, by and among R. Todd Neilson, solely in his capacity as the chapter 11 trustee for the bankruptcy estate of Death Row Records Inc. (the "Death Row Estate"), Richard K. Diamond, solely in his capacity as the chapter 11 trustee for the bankruptcy estate of Marion "Suge" Knight, Jr. (the "Knight Estate", and, together with the Death Row Estate, collectively, the "Seller"), and Global Music Group, Inc, a New York corporation (the "Buyer"). Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Asset Purchase Agreement.

Notice of material breach of the Asset Purchase Agreement was given to you on July 22, 2008. You have failed to close the transaction, and are now interfering with the Trustees' efforts to find a qualified buyer of the assets. Pursuant to, without limitation, Section 14 of the Asset Purchase Agreement, written notice is hereby given by the Seller to the Buyer that the Asset Purchase Agreement is terminated.

Further, demand is made that you cease and desist from further actions interfering with the Trustees' sale of the assets to a qualified buyer.

The Seller hereby reserves all of its rights and remedies under the Asset Purchase Agreement and otherwise, none of which shall be deemed waived.

Sincerely,

Kaye Scholer LLP

Marc Cohen, Esq.

Counsel to R. Todd Neilson Chapter 11 Trustee, In re

Estate of Death Row Records, Inc.

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| FRBP 7001(1) - Recovery of Money/Property   | FRBP 7001(6) -  | Dischargeability (continued)   |  |
| 11-Recovery of money/property - §542 turnover of property   |   | eability - §523(a)(5), domestic support<br>eability - §523(a)(6), willful and malicious injury                       |  |
| 12-Recovery of money/property - §547 preference   | 63-Discharge  | eability - §523(a)(8), student loan  |  |
| 13-Recovery of money/property - §548 fraudulent transfer  |   | eability - §523(a)(15), divorce or separation obligation and domestic support)                                       |  |
| 14-Recovery of money/property - other   | _ `   | eability - other   |  |
| FRBP 7001(2) Validity, Priority or Extent of Lien   | FRBP 7001(7) -  | Injunctive Relief  |  |
| 21-Validity, priority or extent of lien or other interest in property   | 71-Injunctive 72-Injunctive   | e relief – imposition of stay  |  |
| FRBP 7001(3) Approval of Sale of Property   | 2-injunctive  | e rener – other  |  |
| 31-Approval of sale of property of estate and of a co-owner - §363(h)   |   | ubordination of Claim or Interest ation of claim or interest   |  |
| FRBP 7001(4) - Objection/Revocation of Discharge  | or-oubording  | ation of dailing interest  |  |
| 41-Objection / revocation of discharge - §727(c),(d),(e)  | FRBP 7001(9) De 1 91-Declarate  | eclaratory Judgment<br>ory judgment  |  |
| FRBP 7001(5) – Revocation of Confirmation  51-Revocation of confirmation  | ` ′   | Determination of Removed Action ation of removed claim or cause  |  |
| FRBP 7001(6) – Dischargeability   | Other   |  |  |
| 66-Dischargeability - §523(a)(1),(14),(14A) priority tax claims 62-Dischargeability - §523(a)(2), false pretenses, false representation, actual fraud 67-Dischargeability - §523(a)(4), fraud as fiduciary, embezzlement, larceny   | SS-SIPA Ca  | ase – 15 U.S.C. §§78aaa et.seq. g. other actions that would have been brought in state inrelated to bankruptcy case) |  |
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| ☐ Check if this case involves a substantive issue of state law  | ☐ Check if thi  | s is asserted to be a class action under FRCP 23   |  |
| ☐ Check if a jury trial is demanded in complaint  | Demand \$   |  |  |
| Other Relief Sought   |   |  |  |
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| BANKRUPTCY CASE IN WHICH THIS ADVERSARY PROCEEDING ARISES |                                      |                            |                     |                         |  |
|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|
| NAME OF DEBTOR  |                                      |                            | BANKRUPTCY CASE NO. |                         |  |
| Death Row Records, Inc.                                   |                                      | 2:06-11205-VZ              |                     |                         |  |
| DISTRICT IN WHICH CASE IS PENDING                         |                                      | DIVISIONAL OFFICE          |                     | NAME OF JUDGE           |  |
| Central   |                                      | Los Angeles                |                     | Hon. Vincent P. Zurzolo |  |
| RELATED ADVERSARY PROCEEDING (IF ANY)                     |                                      |                            |                     |                         |  |
| PLAINTIFF   | DEFENDAN                             | IT                         | ADVE                | RSARY PROCEEDING NO.    |  |
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| DISTRICT IN WHICH ADVERSARY IS PENDIN                     | iG                                   | DIVISIONAL OFFICE          |                     | NAME OF JUDGE           |  |
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| SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF)                      | SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF) |                            |                     |                         |  |
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| DATE  |                                      | PRINT NAME OF ATTORNEY (OR | RLAINT              | TIFF)                   |  |
| 8/22/08   |                                      | Ashleigh A. Danter         | ) ar                |                         |  |
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**INSTRUCTIONS** 

The filing of a bankruptcy case creates an "estate" under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court which consists of all of the property of the debtor, wherever that property is located. Because the bankruptcy estate is so extensive and the jurisdiction of the court so broad, there may be lawsuits over the property or property rights of the estate. There also may be lawsuits concerning the debtor's discharge. If such a lawsuit is filed in a bankruptcy court, it is called an adversary proceeding.

A party filing an adversary proceeding must also must complete and file Form 104, the Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet, unless the party files the adversary proceeding electronically through the court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (CM/ECF). (CM/ECF captures the information on Form 104 as part of the filing process.) When completed, the cover sheet summarizes basic information on the adversary proceeding. The clerk of court needs the information to process the adversary proceeding and prepare required statistical reports on court activity.

The cover sheet and the information contained on it do not replace or supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the local rules of court. The cover sheet, which is largely self-explanatory, must be completed by the plaintiff's attorney (or by the plaintiff if the plaintiff is not represented by an attorney). A separate cover sheet must be submitted to the clerk for each complaint filed.

Plaintiffs and Defendents. Give the names of the plaintiffs and defendants exactly as they appear on the complaint.

Attorneys. Give the names and addresses of the attorneys, if known.

Party. Check the most appropriate box in the first column for the plaintiffs and the second column for the defendants.

**Demand**. Enter the dollar amount being demanded in the complaint.

**Signature**. This cover sheet must be signed by the attorney of record in the box on the second page of the form. If the plaintiff is represented by a law firm, a member of the firm must sign. If the plaintiff is pro se, that is, not presented by an attorney, the plaintiff must sign.

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| Attorney or Party Name, Address, Telephone & FAX Numbers, and C Marc S. Cohen (CA Bar No. 65486) Eric P. Israe Ashleigh A. Danker (CA Bar No. 138419) DANNING, C KAYE SCHOLER LLP KOLLITZ, LL 1999 Avenue of the Stars, 17th Floor 2029 Centur Los Angeles, CA 90067 Los Angeles, Tel: (310) 788-1000 Tel: (310) 27 Fax: (310) 788-1200 Fax: (310) 27  R. Todd Neilson, Chapter 11 Trustee of Death Attorney for Richard K. Diamond, Chapter 11 Trustee of M | I, Esq.<br>GILL, DIAMOND &<br>.P<br>ry Park East, 3rd Floor<br>CA 90067<br>7-0077<br>7-5735<br>I Row Records, Inc.;  | FOR COURT USE ONLY   |
| UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY ( CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFO  | COURT  | •  |
|  |  | CHAPTER 11   |
| In re: Death Row Records, Inc.   |  | CASE NUMBER 2:06-bk-11205-VZ   |
|  | Debtor.  | ADVERSARY NUMBER 2:08-apVZ   |
| R. Todd Neilson, Chapter 11 Trustee of Death Row Red<br>Richard K. Diamond, Chapter 11 Trustee of Marion "Su   |  | (The Boxes and Blank Lines below are for the Court's<br>Use Only) (Do Not Fill Them In)  |
| Global Music Group, Inc., a New York Corporation Entertainment One, Ltd.   | ;<br>Defendant(s).   | SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF<br>STATUS CONFERENCE   |
| with the Court a written pleading, in duplicate, in respo  | nse to the Complaint. Y  |  |
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| to the party shown in the upper left-hand corner of pleading by, the content in the Complaint.  A Status Conference on the proceeding commenced.  Hearing Date: Time:  255 East Temple Street, Los Angeles  21041 Burbank Boulevard, Woodland Hills  3420 Twelfth Street, Riverside  PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that if the trial of the proceed to conduct the trial of the case on the date specified, in with the Court at least two (2) Court days before the    | this page. Unless you Court may enter a judgment of the Complaint has Court and the Co | You must also send a copy of your written response have filed in duplicate and served a responsivement by default against you for the relief demanded been set for:  Toom:  Floor:  State Street, Santa Barbara  e less than two (2) hours, the parties may stipulate us Conference. Such a stipulation must be lodged and is subject to Court approval. The Court may                                     |

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| L                             |              |  | Debtor.    | CASE NUMBER 2:06-bk-11205-VZ  |
|                               |              | PROOF OF SERVICE   |            |   |
| ST                            | ATE C        | OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF   |            |   |
| 1.                            | l am<br>a pa | n employed in the County of, Starty to the within action. My business address is as follows:   | ate of C   | California. I am over the age of 18 and not   |
| 2.                            |              | Regular Mail Service: OnStatus Conference (and any instructions attached thereto), together the Defendant(s) at the following address(es) by placing a true are postage thereon fully prepaid in the United States Mail atforth below. | ner with   | the Complaint filed in this proceeding, on ect copy thereof in a sealed envelope with |
| 3.                            |              | Personal Service: On, personal Status Conference (and any instructions attached thereto), together made on the Defendant(s) at the address(es) set forth below.  |            |   |
| 4.                            | Defe         | endant(s) and address(es) upon which service was made:   |            |   |
|                               |              | ☐ Names a  | nd Add     | resses continued on attached page   |
| l de                          | eclare       | under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of An   | nerica tl  | hat the foregoing is true and correct.  |
| Da                            | ted:         |  |            |   |
| Ty                            | oe Na        | me S   | Signatu    | re  |

#### PRE-STATUS CONFERENCE INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 7016-1(a)(2), all parties <u>shall</u> file a Joint Status Report at least fourteen (14) days before the date set for each Status Conference. The Joint Status Report shall conform to **Exhibit "A"** attached to these instructions. Use of the form attached as **Exhibit "A"** is <u>mandatory</u>. Failure to use the form in **Exhibit "A"** may result in the imposition of monetary sanctions and/or the status conference being continued and parties being ordered to redo the status report to conform to **Exhibit "A"**.
- 2. A copy of these instructions shall be attached to every copy of the complaint served upon a party, and the <u>affidavit of service must state that these instructions as well as a copy of the summons and complaint and, if applicable, a copy of the Debtor Assistance Program Notice was served.</u>
- 3. If no response to the complaint is timely filed, (1) plaintiff should file a request for entry of default by the clerk and a default judgment hearing date will be set at the Status Conference (the party should be prepared to propose an appropriate date to Judge Zurzolo based on Judge Zurzolo's self-calendaring procedure) and (2) no later than ten (10) days prior to the Status Conference plaintiff must file a Unilateral Status Report (completing Sections A, B and C of **Exhibit "A"**) and a declaration setting forth the attempts made by plaintiff to contact or obtain the cooperation of the defendant as required by LBR7016-1(a). For self calendaring dates, visit the Court's website at <a href="www.cacb.uscourts.gov">www.cacb.uscourts.gov</a>:
  - \* Click "Information"
  - \* Under "Judges", click "Zurzolo, V."
  - \* Click "Forms/Instructions/Procedures/Self-Calendaring"
  - \* Under Self Calendaring, click "Hearing Calendar for 2006" and/or "Instructions and Key for Self-Calendar"
- 4. During the Status Conference, it will be decided whether a pre-trial order should be required or a pre-trial conference should be set.
- 5. During the Status Conference, the Court shall set a trial or a pre-trial conference. The parties should be prepared to state whether they will agree to try the adversary proceeding by declaration in lieu of oral testimony.
- 6. If one or more parties dispute whether the adversary proceeding is core within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b), the party/parties disputing that the proceeding is core shall file and serve a memorandum of points and authorities and evidence in support of their positions fourteen (14) court days before the Status Conference. Any reply must be filed at least seven (7) court days before the Status Conference. The Court will resolve this dispute at the Status Conference. If any party fails to comply timely with these instructions, that failure shall be deemed a consent to a determination that the proceeding is core within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).

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- 7. If one or more parties dispute the jurisdiction of this Court, the party/parties disputing jurisdiction shall file and serve a memorandum of points and authorities and evidence in support of their positions at least fourteen (14) court days prior to the Status Conference. Any response shall be filed and served no later than seven (7) court days prior to the Status Conference. The Court will resolve this dispute at the Status Conference. If the objecting party does not timely file and serve its papers, that failure shall be deemed a consent to whatever determination the Court makes.
- 8. If one or more parties dispute whether a party has a right to a jury trial, the disputing party/parties shall file and serve a memorandum of points and authorities and evidence in support of their positions at least fourteen (14) court days prior to the Status Conference. Any response shall be filed and served no later than seven (7) court days prior to the Status Conference. The Court will resolve this dispute at the Status Conference. If the objecting party does not timely file and serve its papers, that failure shall be deemed a consent to whatever determination the Court makes.
- 9. Please take note that extensions of time to respond to a pleading are ineffective by stipulation of the parties absent court approval. Requests to extend the response deadline to a date within five (5) days of the hearing date will likely be denied unless the hearing date is continued to a date which permits the Court adequate time to review and consider the pleadings.
- 10. Please also take note that requests to continue a hearing will not be granted unless adequate cause for the continuance is stated in the request. Merely discussing settlement is inadequate cause and unless a settlement is reached prior to the hearing date, the parties must comply with all applicable filing deadlines. If the parties have settled, a hearing may be continued to allow for execution and filing of the written settlement if (1) the request for continuance contains a copy of the settlement or a substantial recitation of its terms and (2) the request for a continuance is filed at least two (2) court days prior to the hearing date. Generally, if a Respondent/Defendant is not represented by an attorney, an appearance by the Respondent/Defendant will be required.

VINCENT P. ZURZOLO United States Bankruptcy Judge

### **EXHIBIT "A"**

## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

| In re   | BK. No. LA<br>Adv. No. LA   |
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|   | Chapter   |
| Debtor(s).  |   |
|   | ☐ JOINT STATUS REPORT☐ UNILATERAL STATUS REPORT<br>FOR ADVERSARY PROCEEDING |
| Plaintiff(s),   | LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 7016-<br>1(a)(2)                                      |
| v.  | DATE:<br>TIME:<br>PLACE:  |
| Defendant(s).   |   |
| TO THE HONORABLE UNITED STATES BANK with Local Bankruptcy Rule ("LBR") 7016-1(a)(2), the part | XRUPTCY JUDGE In accordance   |
| or □ UNILATERAL STATUS REPORT:  | y parties submit the following E Folivi B 1111 00 1EE Oct                   |
| A. SERVICE/SUMMONS:   |   |
| Have all parties been served?   | □ YES □ NO  |
| 2. Has Plaintiff filed a declaration of service statin  | g that the Pre-Status Conference Instructions, summons,                     |
|   |   |

1. The parties certify that they met and discussed the nature and basis of the claims and defenses.

☐ YES ☐ NO

☐ YES ☐ NO

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Plaintiff:

Defendant:

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| 1  | 2. The parties certify that they have exchanged documents.   |
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| 2  | Plaintiff: □ YES □ NO  |
| 3  | Defendant: □ YES □ NO  |
| 4  | 3. The parties certify that they have exchanged witness lists.   |
| 5  | Plaintiff: □ YES □ NO  |
| 6  | Defendant: □ YES □ NO  |
| 7  | 4. The parties certify that they have exchanged other evidence as required by Rule 26(a)(1).                   |
| 8  | Plaintiff: □ YES □ NO  |
| 9  | Defendant: □ YES □ NO  |
| 10 | 5. The parties certify that they have made the disclosures required by Rule 26(a)(1)(C) and (D) where          |
| 11 | applicable.  |
| 12 | Plaintiff: □ YES □ NO  |
| 13 | Defendant: □ YES □ NO  |
| 14 | 6. The parties certify that they have discussed settlement.  |
| 15 | Plaintiff: □ YES □ NO  |
| 16 | Defendant: □ YES □ NO  |
| 17 | 7. The parties certify that they have proposed a joint discovery plan.   |
| 18 | Plaintiff:   YES  NO   |
| 19 | Defendant: □ YES □ NO  |
| 20 | 8. If any party answered no to any of the prior six (6) questions, please explain the reason(s):               |
| 21 | E. DISCOVERY (FRCP 26(f)):   |
| 22 | A Discovery Plan should be prepared and attached to this status report if it cannot be described below.        |
| 23 | 1. Do the parties believe that changes should be made in the timing, form or requirement for disclosures under |
| 24 | Rule 26(a)?  |
| 25 | Plaintiff:   YES  NO   |
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| 1  | Defendant: □ YES □ NO   |  |  |  |  |
| 2  | If any party answered yes, please explain the reason(s):  |  |  |  |  |
| 3  | 2. List the form(s) of discovery each party will propound.  |  |  |  |  |
| 4  | Plaintiff:  |  |  |  |  |
| 5  | Defendant:  |  |  |  |  |
| 6  | 3. Do the parties anticipate any unusual discovery issues?  |  |  |  |  |
| 7  | Plaintiff: ☐ YES ☐ NO   |  |  |  |  |
| 8  | Defendant: □ YES □ NO   |  |  |  |  |
| 9  | If any party answered yes, please identify the issues and explain the reason(s) for them:                         |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | 4. Date by which each party expects to complete their discovery efforts:  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | Plaintiff:  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | Defendant:  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | F. SETTLEMENT:  |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | 1. Do all parties request a judge to aid in settlement? If either party indicates "no", go to question 3.         |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | Plaintiff   |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | Defendant □ YES □ NO  |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | 2. Do all parties request the trial judge to aid in settlement? If yes and if applicable, please name the judge(s |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | of this Court that the parties would like to participate in settlement efforts:                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 19 | PLAINTIFF □ YES □ NO DEFENDANT □ YES □ NO   |  |  |  |  |
| 20 | (1)<br>(2)<br>(1)<br>(2)  |  |  |  |  |
| 21 | (3) 		 (3)  |  |  |  |  |
| 22 | 3. Do all parties seek any other type of mediation, arbitration, etc.? If both indicate yes, list the types.      |  |  |  |  |
| 23 | <u>PLAINTIFF</u> □ YES □ NO <u>DEFENDANT</u> □ YES □ NO   |  |  |  |  |
| 24 | (1)<br>(2)<br>(1)<br>(2)  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1  | G. PRE-TRIAL:   |
| 2  | In most adversary proceedings, it is necessary to prepare a joint pre-trial stipulation and appear at a pre-trial |
| 3  | conference.   |
| 4  | 1. Date after which the pre-trial conference should be set:   |
| 5  | Plaintiff:  |
| 6  | Defendant:  |
| 7  | 2. Do you believe you can go directly to trial without a pre-trial stipulation and/or conference?                 |
| 8  | Plaintiff: □ YES □ NO   |
| 9  | Defendant: □ YES □ NO   |
| 10 | If either party answered yes, please state why:   |
| 11 | H. OTHER PROPOSED DEADLINES:  |
| 12 | 1. Proposed date by which all motions except motions to exclude evidence or approve a settlement must be          |
| 13 | filed, set and heard:   |
| 14 | Plaintiff:  |
| 15 | Defendant:  |
| 16 | 2. Proposed deadline for amendment of pleadings and/or joinder of parties (any order permitting amendment or      |
| 17 | joinder must be entered by this date):  |
| 18 | Plaintiff:  |
| 19 | Defendant:  |
| 20 | 3. Are there any other deadlines which the parties wish the Court to set:   |
| 21 | Plaintiff:  |
| 22 | Defendant: ☐ YES ☐ NO   |
| 23 | If either party states yes, please identify the proposed subject and timing of the deadline:                      |
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