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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF NEVADA

CHEMEON SURFACE TECHNOLOGY, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company,

Plaintiff,

v

METALAST INTERNATIONAL, INC., a Nevada corporation; METALAST, INC., a Nevada corporation; SIERRA DORADO, INC., a Nevada corporation; DAVID M. SEMAS, an individual; GREG D. SEMAS, an individual; and WENDI SEMAS-FAURIA, an individual.

Defendants.

Case No.: 3:15-cv-00294-MMD-VPC

FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT DEMAND FOR JURY

Plaintiff CHEMEON Surface Technology, LLC ("Plaintiff" or "CHEMEON"), by and through its counsel, Holland & Hart LLP, for its First Amended Complaint against Defendants Metalast International, Inc., Metalast, Inc., Sierra Dorado, Inc., David M. Semas, Greg D. Semas, and Wendi Semas-Fauria (collectively referred to as, "Defendants"), states and alleges as follows:

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NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. Plaintiff seeks injunctive, declaratory, equitable, and monetary relief against Defendants for trade secret misappropriation, declaratory judgment of no trademark infringement, cancellation of trademark, common law trademark infringement, copyright infringement, intentional interference with prospective economic advantage, unfair competition, deceptive trade practices, unjust enrichment, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of operating agreement, contractual breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, tortious breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, conversion, civil conspiracy, and breach of contract.

THE PARTIES

- 2. Plaintiff CHEMEON Surface Technology, LLC, is a Nevada limited liability company with its principal place of business at 2241 Park Place Ste B, Minden, Nevada 89423.
- 3. Defendant Metalast International, Inc., is a Nevada corporation with its principal place of business at 2248 Meridian Blvd. Ste. H, Minden, Nevada, 89423 ("MII").
- 4. Defendant Metalast, Inc., is a Nevada corporation with its principal place of business at 2248 Meridian Blvd. Ste. H, Minden, Nevada, 89423.
- 5. Defendant Sierra Dorado, Inc., is a Nevada corporation with its principal place of business at 2248 Meridian Blvd. Ste. H, Minden, Nevada, 89423.
- 6. Defendant David M. Semas (hereinafter "D. Semas") is an individual that upon information and belief resides in Gardnerville, Nevada. Upon information and belief, D. Semas is the owner, manager, member, executive or equity owner of the various co-defendant Metalast entities.
- 7. Defendant Greg D. Semas is an individual that upon information and belief resides in San Jose, California. Upon information and belief, Greg D. Semas is the owner, manager, member, executive or equity owner, or other affiliate or representative of the various co-defendant Metalast entities. Greg D. Semas was also a member of Metalast International, LLC.
- 8. Defendant Wendi Semas-Fauria is an individual that upon information and belief resides in Nevada. Upon information and belief, Mrs. Semas-Fauria is the owner, manager, member, executive or equity owner, or other affiliate or representative of the various co-defendant

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Metalast entities. Upon information and belief, Mrs. Semas-Fauria is or was an officer of MII and was an officer in Metalast International, LLC. Mrs. Semas-Fauria also was a member of Metalast International, LLC.

JURISDICTION

- 9. This action arises and is brought under the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1338, 2201-2202, the Trademark Act, commonly known as the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1051, et seq., the United States Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. §101 et seq., the Nevada Uniform Trade Secrets Act (NRS 600A.030, et seq.), and other Nevada statutory and common law.
- 10. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over the factually-related state law claims in this dispute pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1367.
- 11. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because Defendants are Nevada corporations and limited liability companies with principal places of business in this State and are individuals who reside in this State.
- 12. On information and belief, Defendant Greg D. Semas is subject to personal jurisdiction in the District of Nevada, consistent with the principles of due process and the Nevada long-arm statute, because Greg D. Semas's actions in Nevada caused damage to and give rise to Plaintiff's claims that occurred in Nevada, including, but not limited to unlawful acquisition and use of CHEMEON's trade secrets.
- 13. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because Defendants are subject to personal jurisdiction in this District, and/or a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claims in this action occurred within this District.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 14. This litigation arises out of a twenty year history between the individuals and companies at the center of the dispute.
- 15. CHEMEON Surface Technology, LLC, is a Nevada limited liability company. CHEMEON, headquartered in Minden, Nevada, is a business-to-business provider offering metal surface engineering solutions to its global customers.

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16. CHEMEON provides metal finishing products including alkaline and acid metal finishing chemistry cleaners, blended alkaline etches, aluminum anodizing chemical deoxidizers, organic and inorganic specialty chemical dyes, and nickel and magnesium sealants. The company offers its products for corrosion resistance, sealing, improving paint adhesion, and coating durability. The company's products include CHEMEON TCP-HF, an anodizing sealer and CHEMEON AA-200, an anodizing additive. Additionally, it offers surface engineering chemistry development and technical support services. Its services include parts processing, customized technical support, product testing and analyses, research and development, and advanced surface technology training classes.

17. Through an asset purchase agreement arising out of a state court receivership action, CHEMEON acquired the assets of a Nevada limited-liability company, now defunct, known as Metalast International, LLC ("Metalast International" and/or "MILLC" and/or "the Company").

A. METALAST INTERNATIONAL FORMATION AND OPERATIONS

- 18. D. Semas organized Metalast International in December, 1994, to acquire, develop, market, and license a patent protected and proprietary product and process for anodizing aluminum called METALAST®.
- 19. METALAST® has scientifically demonstrated its ability to generally use less energy than conventional anodizing and accelerate the anodizing process, thus improving productivity (the "METALAST® process").
- 20. Metalast International's operating Agreement provided that the Company would be managed by a manager elected annually by a majority of the Common Members (as opposed to its Preferred Members).
- 21. Upon its creation in 1994, Metalast International's Common Members elected defendant MII as the Company's manager. The CEO and Chairman of MII was D. Semas.
- 22. In 1995, Metalast International constructed a 17,000 square foot office, warehouse, and technical center in Minden, Nevada, and assembled a team of chemical and software engineers, experts, and scientists.

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23.	In 1996,	Metalast	International	developed	and	manufactured	one	of	the	first
industrial process control systems for anodizing.										

- 24. During 1998-1999, the Company began to offer its proprietary and patented anodizing technology to domestic metal finishers including a highly effective chemical additive called METALAST® AA-200, which greatly increased throughput, required less decanting, reduced rejects, enhanced lubricity, decreased surface cracking, and provided a superior and consistent surface finish over all aluminum and titanium substrates.
- By 2002, Metalast International broadened its business with the introduction of a 25. complete line of eighty (80) specialty chemical products for anodizing that included private label manufactured additives (11), cleaners (6), etchants (7), deoxidizers (7), defoamer (1), dyes (42), color enhancements (2), and sealants (4).
- 26. In 2004, the Company was licensed by the Department of Defense, U.S. Navy to formulate, manufacture, sell and distribute Navy TCP ("Trivalent Chromium Process"). The Company improved and enhanced Navy TCP into its own brand called METALAST TCP-HF®.
- 27. The Company also offered engineering, design, and manufacturing of complete turnkey process lines, training, education, R&D, and technical support to both metal finishers and the manufacturers they support.
- 28 Since its inception through approximately 2012, Metalast International raised and spent over \$125,000,000 in investment equity and debt.
- 29. At all pertinent times, D. Semas and MII knew that, since the creation of Metalast International in December, 1994, the MILLC was the operating entity of the pertinent "METALAST" business.
 - 30. The Company website, www.metalast.com, indicated for many years that:

Metalast International, LLC (MILLC) is a Nevada limited liability *company* and is the operating entity of the organization. Metalast International, Inc. is the manager of the LLC as required by law. The company and its operations are commonly referred to as METALAST.

(All emphasis in this document added unless otherwise indicated.)

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- 31. At all pertinent times, D. Semas and MII knew, and actively promoted to investors and potential investors in the Company, that the Metalast International Operating Agreement provided that D. Semas and MII owed fiduciary duties to the Company.
- 32. For example, the due diligence packages provided by D. Semas and MII to potential investors from 1995 through at least 2012 included the Company Operating Agreement, which provided:
 - **14.3** Duty of Loyalty and Good Faith. The Manager and the Members of the Company have a duty of undivided loyalty to the Company in all matter affecting the Company's interests and are obligated to act in good faith in dealing with the Company and other members.
- 33. In a June 26, 2009, letter to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") referring to the MILLC, D. Semas and MII advised the SEC:

At the request of the staff of the Los Angeles Regional Office of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") per your letter of July 19, 2009, METALAST International, LLC ("MILLC" of METALAST®"), through its Manager METALAST International, Inc. ("MII") is providing you with answers, documents, and a reply to your request

... Management has ... a proper fiduciary on behalf of the MILLC Members...

34. In a September 2009 speech to the MILLC members, D. Semas and MII again emphasized his and MII's fiduciary duty to the members of the MILLC, which he called "METALAST":

Annual Member's Speech – DVD/Video Presentation

Good Morning! I'm David Semas, Chairman, CEO and founder of METALAST International, Inc., of "MII," the Manager for METALAST International, LLC, or "METALAST."

[A]s your Manager and as fiduciary on behalf of the LLC Members, I am obligated and both legally and ethically required to keep you fully apprised and informed as to the current status of the Company.

... If you are looking where to lay the blame "The Buck Must Stop Here", with me as your Manager. I stand behind the decisions I have made and take full responsibility for where METALAST sits today.

35. At all pertinent times, D. Semas and MII knew, and actively promoted to investors and potential investors in Metalast International, that the Company Operating Agreement required

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the Company, D. Semas, and MII to maintain all Metalast International financial records in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP").

- 36. For example, the copy of the Company Operating Agreement routinely included by D. Semas and MII in the Company Due Diligence packages provided to potential investors stated "All financial records shall be maintained and reported consistent with generally accepted accounting principles." Wendi Semas-Fauria, who was the Company's Vice President of Accounting, was responsible for the Company's accounting operations and accounting and financial records, supervised and oversaw the Company's accounting employees, and was in charge of investor relations for the Company.
- 37. Thus, at all pertinent times D. Semas, Wendi Semas-Fauria, and MII knew that they had a duty to protect the Company's assets and not to spend Company funds on property, such as trademark registrations, owned or to be owned by MII or D. Semas.
- 38. This duty arose from multiple sources, including their fiduciary duty to Metalast International, their duty to maintain Company records in compliance with GAAP, and their contractual and legal obligations such as to accurately report the Company's income and expenses to Metalast International members and the IRS and to honestly represent ownership of the Company's METALAST brand and other trademarks and service marks to the SEC and the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO").
- 39. From 1995 through 2011, at the direction of D. Semas and MII, federal registrations were applied for in the name of MII, not MILLC, as purported "owner" of the marks, for the logo and the word mark, "Metalast."
- Nevertheless, consistent with their identification of the MILLC as the operating 40. entity and MII as merely its Manager, D. Semas, Wendi Semas-Fauria, and MII caused the MILLC to: (i) pay the attorney fees, attorney expenses, and filing and maintenance fees for the Metalast word and logo trademark registrations; (ii) record these expenses as MILLC expenses in the MILLC's financial records; (iii) identify the Metalast word and logo trademarks as MILLC assets in financial statements given to potential investors; (iv) deduct depreciation of the expenditures

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for the trademark registrations in the MILLC's IRS tax returns, and (v) expressly report to the SEC that the Metalast Brand and the trademark registrations were paid for and owned by the MILLC.

- 41. D. Semas and MII repeatedly told potential investors, investors, and MILLC members that MILLC was "METALAST" and the user and owner of the word and logo marks as defined below.
- In a 1998 "Investment Brief" to potential MILLC investors, D. Semas and MII 42. explained that the MILLC owned the METALAST technology and owned the exclusive rights to license, distribute, and market the technology as well:

METALAST International, LLC (the "Company") owns the Introduction. exclusive worldwide licensing, distribution and marketing right to a new, patentprotected and proprietary aluminum anodizing process called "METALAST." The Company was organized in 1994 to market and license METALAST to metal finishers currently anodizing aluminum for end-users or manufacturers. The METALAST Technology (the "Technology") is the first anodizing technology which provides the benefits of computerized process computerized process control supported by a technology center staffed with anodizing and metallurgical scientists. . . . The Company believes its Technology and technical support capabilities represent the most significant advance in the aluminum surface industry in decades.

43. In the MILLC's August 2000 investment summary provided to potential investors at about that time, D. Semas and MII identified MILLC as "METALAST" and repeatedly emphasized that the MILLC, "METALAST," has an internationally recognized, premiere, and growing reputation and name:

THE COMPANY

To move anodizing into the 21st century, METALAST INTERNATIONAL, LLC ("METALAST" or the "Company") has developed the first sophisticated and programmable anodizing process control computer. METALAST has assembled the finest professional and scientific staff and has built the world's first multi-million dollar technical and training center dedicated to advancing the state of the art of light metal surface treatment. With its alliance partner capabilities and its proposed acquisition of a leading manufacturer of automated metal finishing equipment, METALAST is positioned to expand its products and services greatly. Together with its growing reputation as the premier technology and process control provider in the anodizing industry, the Company intends to expand its operations to include other aspects of the metal finishing business and automated processing including metal plating, anodizing, electroplating, E-coat, and circuit board manufacturing, serving the automotive, electronic, aerospace, marine, telecommunications, consumer products, and sporting goods industries.

METALAST's growing internationally recognized reputation for its advanced proprietary and patented aluminum anodizing surface-treatment technologies, together with the overall metal finishing automated line manufacturing expertise and credibility of PLASFAB will propel METALAST into the forefront of this multi-billion dollar market place.

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and product recognition that any other company before it.

[METALAST management has] launch[ed] the new METALAST ad campaign, 'METALAST meets the Millenium.'

In anticipation of significant revenues and profits by 2004, METALAST is positioning itself for either an IPO, or acquisition [by] one of the large international metal finishing companies.

44. In 2004, D. Semas and MII reported to the MILLC Members that "MetalastTM" is "our," *i.e.*, the MILLC's, "private label":

METALAST INTERNATIONAL, LLC **Managers Annual Report** "Year In Review" October 9, 2004

We are providing you with this annual report of METALAST International, LLC ("MILLC" or the "Company") to provide you with a summary of the activities of the Company during the last quarter of 2003 and the first three quarters of 2004.

YEAR TO DATE SUMMARY

During the prior year our primary focus was directed toward increasing our sales force . . . Our METALASTTM private label chemical business and our manufacturing PAVCO alliance are taking shape. We [i.e., the LLC] executed final TCP-HP contracts with the Department of Defense, United States Navy in June of this year . . .

- 45. In fact, that Navy contract was with MILLC, not MII.
- 46. In a July 2005 Private Placement Memorandum soliciting investment in the MILLC, D. Semas and MII repeatedly explained that the MILLC—again identified as "METALAST"—owned the METALAST technology and brand:

Members of METALAST International, LLC ("METALAST" or Issuer: "Company")

METALAST Branding: Management believes that the Company has successfully branded the name METALAST® and perfected its process control technology in preparation for bringing its first product to the mass metal finishing market. The Company has built its technology center, hired and trained qualified scientists, industry experts, formulated chemistry and processed samples for well over 600 companies.

47. In addition, in the risk factors section of this document, MII was not identified as being a competitor or as an owner of any METALAST intellectual property.

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48. In September 2005, D. Semas and MII reported to the MILLC Members that "METALAST" is the MILLC's brand and that it would be "very rewarding":

METALAST INTERNATIONAL, LLC Managers Annual Report "Year In Review" September 19, 2005

We are providing you with this annual report of METALAST International, LLC ("MILLC" or the "Company") to provide you with a summary of the activities of the Company during the last quarter of 2004 and the first three (3) quarters of 2005.

OVERVIEW AND RECAP The building of METALAST and branding our name, has been a long and tedious journey, but we believe it will soon prove to be very rewarding. At the end of last year's Annual [LLC] Members Meeting, I emphasized that we were poised, and ready to launch our T-REX marketing campaign and to begin to generate significant revenues.... In November 2004, T-REX was successfully launched, and to date, we have presented the METALAST story to well over 150 of the leading corporations of America.... Our audience continues to attend our seminars and our message is being heard.

- 49. In a June 2009 letter to the SEC, D. Semas and MII advised the SEC that the MILLC had spent over \$44,000,000 "branding the METALAST® name," building the MILLC's "reputation," and "always act[ing] as a proper fiduciary" to the MILLC members:
 - . . . MILLC has spent fourteen (14) years and \$44 million dollars of our investor's capital in developing products, *branding the METALAST® name* and *building a quality reputation* with manufacturers from around the globe and throughout the metal finishing industry.

... Management has always acted as a proper fiduciary on behalf of the MILLC Members....

- 50. D. Semas and MII included this letter in the Due Diligence package sent to investors soliciting investment in the MILLC in or about July 2009.
- 51. In the MILLC's July 2009 Private Placement Memorandum, D. Semas and MII promoted the investment as being in "the METALAST brand" and repeatedly referred to the MILLC as "METALAST":

PRIVATE PLACEMENT MEMORANDUM METALAST INTERNATIONAL, LLC

METALAST International, LLC., a Nevada limited liability company (the "Company") [was] organized in December 1994 to acquire, develop, market and license a patent protected and proprietary process for anodizing aluminum

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called METALAST®. METALAST® has scientifically demonstrated its ability to generally use less energy than conventional anodizing and accelerate the anodizing process, thus improving productivity (the "METALAST® process"). The Company constructed a 17,000 square foot facility technical center in Minden, Nevada (45 miles south of Reno) and assembled a team of chemical and software engineers, experts and scientists. In 1996 METALAST conducted R&D, designed and manufactured one of the first industrial process control systems for anodizing . . . By 2002 the business was broadened with the introduction of a complete line of eighty (80) specialty chemical products for anodizing. In 2004, METALAST expanded into all forms of electrochemical processing . . . and was licensed by the DoD, Navy METALAST improved and enhanced Navy TCP into its own brand called METALAST TCP-HF®

... Proceed of the offering will be used by the Company to ... provide research and development funds for the continued development of *METALAST®* products and services

Need for Proceeds of Offering: The Company has limited working capital and has an immediate need for the proceeds of the Offering . . . to finance marketing, advertising, and licensing of its METALAST® Process.

- ... Management further anticipates that ... a good portion of aviation and aerospace industries [will] approve or require use of *METALAST TCP-HF*. Management believes that *as such the METALAST brand* should capture at least a 6% to 10% market share over the next five (5) years.
- 52. In Metalast International's 2011 Share Purchase Agreement provided to potential investors and signed by D. Semas and MII, D. Semas and MII explained that the Company's products were "METALAST®" products and that the MILLC's "METALAST Products" would "further enhance the trademark name METALAST® as a total solutions provider and 'green' specialty chemical company"

Metalast International, LLC . . . domestically and internationally provides specialty chemicals, process control software and hardware, wet process line equipment products, R&D, training and technical support services to companies involved in the metal finishing and believes that its product[s] and technical services including METALAST® TCP-HF; METALAST® TCP-HF EPA, METALAST® OCP 6800 (Zero Chrome Process), METALAST® TCP-NP (No Prep), and METALAST® AA-200 anodizing additive chemical products, process line manufacturing, technical support, R&D services and its problem solving market approach ("METALAST Products") will further enhance the trademark name METALAST® as a total solutions provider and 'green' specialty chemical company to metal finishers, coating processors, manufacturers and those in the global metal finishing and coatings industry

53. A 2011 Investment Summary stated:

COMMON LLC ISSUER: Metalast International, LLC ("MILLC"; "METALAST®" or the "Company")

. . . The "Better for Industry, Better for the World" tag line identifies the environmental approach that METALAST has used to effectively brand its name

as the solutions provider to job shops in the metal finishing industry, and to those manufacturers that apply corrosion control techniques or utilize metal finishing to improve the performance durability and/or appearance of their products.

- 54. The risk factors sections of the Company's Due Diligence documents never identified MII as presenting an actual or potential competitive or other threat to the MILLC such as by owning trademark registrations or any other aspect of the Company's business, technology, or intellectual property.
- 55. Contrary to their fiduciary duties to the Company and its members and their many representations to the MILLC members, MILLC creditors, the IRS, and the SEC, D. Semas and MII nevertheless:
 - (i) repeatedly executed, and caused to be filed, the required declarations for two of the Metalast trademark registrations, falsely identifying MII as the "applicant" and "owner" of the Metalast marks; and
 - (ii) caused their counsel to repeatedly file such declarations in another five Metalast registration applications.
- 56. D. Semas and MII caused to be filed with the USPTO false statements of continuing "use" and ownership by MII of three of the trademarks at issue (Logos), when in fact they knew that: (i) MILLC was the sole owner and user of these marks; and (ii) under the MILLC Operating Agreement and its fiduciary duty and accounting provisions, the use of these marks, for whose registration the MILLC paid at Wendi Semas-Fauria's and D. Semas' direction could inure only to the benefit of the MILLC as the sole operating entity.

B. CHEMEON'S OWNERS INVEST HEAVILY IN METALAST INTERNATIONAL

- 57. Dean Meiling, a principal owner of CHEMEON, first became acquainted with Metalast International in early 1999, while performing due diligence on behalf of a friend. During meetings with D. Semas, Mr. Meiling agreed to invest. By the end of 1999, Mr. Meiling had invested about \$1.2 million via Meiling Family Partners, Ltd., a Colorado limited partnership (investment later transferred to DSM Partners, Ltd.).
- 58. On or about January 8, 2001, Meiling Family Partners further invested in Metalast International, in the form of a loan for \$300,000, evidenced by a promissory note dated January 8, 2001 ("2001 Note").

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- 59. D. Semas individually guaranteed payment of all principal and interest under the 2001 Note and agreed to be fully bound to the terms thereof.
- 60. On or about April 2, 2003, Dean Meiling made a \$300,000 loan to the Company, evidenced by a promissory note dated April 2, 2003 ("2003 Note").
- 61. The 2001 Note and the 2003 Note were assigned and contributed to DSM Partners, Ltd. ("DSM"), a Colorado limited partnership, by Meiling Family Partners and Dean Meiling, respectively.
- On July 3, 2009, DSM loaned \$300,000 to the Company, evidenced by a 62. promissory note-guarantee dated July 3, 2009 (the "July 2009 Note"). As before, D. Semas guaranteed payment of all principal and interest under the July 2009 Note and agreed to be fully bound to the terms thereof.
- 63. On July 31, 2009, DSM made a further loan to the Company of \$1,000,000 and in exchange, the Company executed and delivered to DSM a Senior Unsubordinated Promissory Note dated July 31, 2009, in the original principal sum of \$3,450,588.00, comprising all unpaid principal and accrued interest then outstanding.
- 64. As partial compensation for the Senior Unsubordinated Promissory Note, the Company executed and delivered to DSM a security agreement whereby the Company granted, transferred and assigned to DSM a superior unsubordinated security interest in and to all Collateral defined in the agreement as security for the Company's repayment of the Senior Unsubordinated Promissory Note.
- 65. In the July 31, 2009, UCC financing statement, the debtor identified as Metalast International, warranted to DSM, as the secured party, that the collateral included "[a]ll of Debtor's right, title and interest in its intellectual property, copyrights and patents . . ., partnership agreements, accounts receivable, all vendor and sales contracts and all other contracts and agreements,..."
- 66. On or about December 17, 2009, the Company borrowed an additional sum of \$500,000 from DSM, evidenced by the Loan Agreement, Amended and Restated Senior Unsubordinated Promissory Note in the sum of \$3,950,588 (simply referred to as the "Note"), and

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Amended and Restated Security Agreement with interest accruing on the Note at the rate of 18% per annum, which represented the outstanding principal balance of the Senior Unsubordinated Promissory Note and the additional \$500,000 loan.

- 67. The Note was due and payable on July 31, 2010, with an option by the Company to extend the maturity date for six months upon certain conditions.
- 68. DSM and the Company amended the Loan Agreement and Note seven times, with the seventh modification occurring on March 1, 2013.
- 69. Pursuant to the seventh loan modification, DSM loaned the Company an additional \$200,000.00, bringing the outstanding unpaid principal balance of the Note to \$9,028,232.57.
- 70 Although the maturity date of the Note was June 30, 2013, the unpaid balance would be accelerated upon the occurrence of an event of default.
- 71. An event of default occurs upon, inter alia, the "admission by [Metalast International] in writing of its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due."
- 72. On April 3, 2013, D. Semas, then Chairman, President, Chief Executive Officer and Member of Metalast International, informed Dean Meiling in writing as follows:

As I stated last month I will either get the funds in place to sustain the business or not. Unfortunately I have been unsuccessful in arranging for additional funds in time to make payroll. I sat down with all employees on Monday and told them we could not make payroll ... Several employees will probably leave in a few days and the others will likely stay if the Company can make payroll good before [April] 15th.

73. Prior to D. Semas's admission that the Company was unable to pay its debts as they became due, the Company's financial documents also revealed the imminent or existing insolvency.

C. COMPANY'S INSOLVENCY FORCES RECEIVERSHIP ACTION IN STATE **COURT**

- On April 16, 2013, DSM filed an action seeking the appointment of a receiver for 74. Metalast International.
- 75. On April 25, 2013, the Ninth Judicial District Court appointed a receiver to (1) take possession of Metalast International's property; (2) preserve and maintain the Company's

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property; (3) bring suit in his own name without further leave of court as the receiver deems necessary to protect, preserve, and maintain the rights, privileges and property of the receivership estate; (4) surrender secured collateral if it is in the best interests of the creditor; and (5) implement a smooth procedure and accomplish the transition of assets to secured creditors in order to preserve value.

- 76. The receiver reported that approximately 1,000 members of Metalast International had contributed more than \$95 million, the accumulated losses exceeded \$119 million, and the accounts payable to its vendors, landlord, suppliers, and employees totaled nearly \$1 million.
- 77. In yet a further blatant act of self-dealing and violation of their fiduciary obligations and their representations to the Company members and creditors, the SEC, and IRS, D. Semas, on behalf of MII, assigned all seven of the Metalast registrations to himself on May 7, 2013—while the insolvency proceeding was pending. He then had his counsel record these knowingly incorrect and unlawful documents with the USPTO on March 21, 2014.
- The receiver reported that there was evidence of self-dealing by the executives of 78. the Company in the form of excessive perquisite benefits, large travel and entertainment expenses, and reimbursements. These self-dealing executives, included, but were not limited to, D. Semas, Greg D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria in her role as Vice President of Accounting at Metalast International, LLC, whereby she approved the payments of these excessive benefits and expenses.
- 79. At deposition in this matter, Wendi Semas-Fauria testified that she was aware that the LLC not the Inc. was the entity responsible for company business, including ownership of the LLC assets. For example, Wendi Semas-Fauria testified that "[w]e never paid anything out of Inc," and "[w]ell, like I mentioned, all the money in and out was LLC, so -." (2015-10-03 Semas-Fauria Deposition at 22:8; 29:1-2). When asked whether she was aware that the LLC was paying the expenses for the trademark work being done on behalf of the Inc., she responded: "Not off the top of my head, but it wouldn't surprise me. The LLC paid everything, like I said." (Id. at 31:18-21). When questioned whether she thought the Inc. and the LLC and their respective expenses were interchangeable, she responded: "Not that they were interchangeable. Inc. was clearly the manager, but the LLC paid all of the expenses, and they received you [sic] all the money, you

know. I mean, technically Inc. owned everything in the beginning, so – but, yet LLC got all the money. That's just the way it was. All the money came in and out of the LLC." (*Id.* at 47:7-15).

- 80. On July 2, 2013, DSM assigned to D&M-MI, LLC, all of its rights to the loan documents, and D&M-MI, LLC, agreed to assume all obligations, duties and rights related thereto.
- 81. On November 4, 2013, the Ninth Judicial District Court entered an Order Approving Sale of Assets to D&M-MI, LLC ("D&M"), which approved the sale of all Metalast International's assets to D&M for \$5,000,000.00, free and clear of any and all unsecured claims against Metalast International, in partial satisfaction of the company's much larger debt to D&M.
- 82. Metalast International and D&M entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement on November 5, 2013.
- 83. Included in the sale was exclusive ownership of all Metalast International company history and trade secrets, including chemistries, formulations, proprietary computer source code, products, services, contacts, customer and distributor information, licenses, contracts, copyrights, product marks, and logos.
- 84. The sale of assets included, *inter alia*, the right to pursue claims to recover intellectual property in the name of another person or entity that was rightfully the property of Metalast International, including chose in action against MII to recover intellectual property.
- 85. The sale of assets also included all of Metalast International's property, "whether now owned or subsequently acquired and wherever located, of every kind and description, and shall include all tangible and intangible personal property" The purchased assets also included "any and all other assets of" Metalast International, and "all property of [Metalast International] of every kind and nature, and all beneficial interests belonging to or to which [Metalast International] may be entitled" Based on the express language of the Purchase and Sale Agreement, D&M acquired any and all legal claims that Metalast International had at the time of purchase.
- 86. On November 18, 2013, D&M changed its name to Metalast Surface Technology, LLC ("MST").

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87. On December 16, 2013, the Ninth Judicial District Court issued its order terminating receivership, which caused the work of the receiver to cease effective December 31, 2013.

D. SEMAS' PERSONAL BANKRUPTCY LEADS TO A LIMITED SETTLEMENT **AGREEMENT**

- 88. On December 11, 2013, several days before the Ninth Judicial District Court terminated the receivership action, D. Semas and his wife, Susan O. Semas, filed a voluntary petition for Chapter 11 relief in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada.
- 89. On April 8, 2014, and amended on April 14, 2014, MST filed a proof of claim in the bankruptcy case based on the deficiency claim for the debt owed by Metalast International to MST in the amount of at least \$4,028,232.57, including \$471,582.08 personally guaranteed by D. Semas to MST.
- 90. On April 13, 2014, MST filed a proof of claim in the bankruptcy case over the disputed ownership in the intellectual property, including both trademarks and patents, utilized by Metalast International and sold through the Ninth Judicial District Court sale to MST.
- 91. On July 14, 2014, MST further instituted an adversary proceeding against D. Semas, alleging thirteen claims for relief, including violations of the Nevada Uniform Securities Act and federal securities laws, fraudulent conveyance and conversion.
- 92. On January 27, 2015, D. Semas and MST participated in a settlement conference and agreed to settle MST's claims and the adversary proceeding.
 - 93. The settlement, as placed on the record, provides as follows:

That there is a trademark regarding the name Metalast. There is a dispute regarding ownership. That dispute has been resolved as follows:

Metalast Surface Technology through the Meilings will continue to use the mark for 90 days following entry of the order approving the settlement agreement by Judge Beesley, if he does approve it. At the end of that 90-day period, Metalast Surface Technology, the Meilings, and any other entity in which the Meilings have an interest, will no longer be able to use the name Metalast in any fashion or manner whatsoever. Following that 90 days, the mark will be owned by Mr. and Mrs. Semas, or any entity in which they choose to transfer that mark.

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- 94. In addition, MST agreed to settle its allowed general unsecured claims in the combined amount of \$540,000.00 for the receipt of \$268,000.00. D. Semas has breached this obligation because, by at least the date of this First Amended Complaint, he has not paid the \$268,000.00 owed to MST through the Meilings nor has he paid any amount pursuant to an agreed to schedule.
- 95. On March 11, 2015, the Bankruptcy Court entered its order approving the settlement between the parties, thus setting the clock ticking on the 90-day period.
- 96. The referred to trademark includes only the word marks, for "Metalast." This mark has the following USPTO registration numbers: 2112804, 2097260, 2963106, and 4128211 (collectively, "Word Marks"). According to the Settlement Agreement, D. Semas may use the Word Marks after June 9, 2015. True and correct copies of the Word Marks registrations are attached as Exhibit 1.
- 97. As a result of the settlement, one of the first actions that MST undertook was to change its company name to CHEMEON in recognition of the transfer of the Word Marks.
- 98. The Bankruptcy Court's Order approving settlement, did not include and does not encompass the logos, both common law rights and those with the following USPTO registration numbers: 2091140, 2112805, and 2884333 (collectively, "Logo Marks"). These trademark assets were awarded to CHEMEON as part of the receivership. However, these were fraudulently registered at the USPTO and transferred or otherwise assigned to D. Semas, and therefore should be cancelled. True and correct copies of the Logo Marks registrations are attached as **Exhibit 2**.
- 99. CHEMEON owns common law rights in the Logo Marks as well as the Federal Registrations.
- 100. Following the exchange of several letters between the parties, on April 16, 2015, counsel for MII threatened to sue by taking "appropriate legal action" if CHEMEON uses the Word Marks.
- 101. As stated, CHEMEON acquired all assets of Metalast International through the receivership, and the subsequent bankruptcy of Mr. Semas. As a compromise, CHEMEON agreed to release its rights in the Word Marks and allow D. Semas to own them to the extent he may have

any rights in them. CHEMEON did not, however, assign any rights, much less its substantial goodwill in the Word Marks, to D. Semas or anyone else.

- 102. Fair use law and the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, provide that CHEMEON has the right to correctly recite to the public the Company's history, and thus CHEMEON can place on its products and literature its CHEMEON mark and, less prominently, that it was "formerly Metalast."
- 103. Similarly, CHEMEON is free to forever inform the public about its history, including: (1) that it purchased the assets of what was formerly Metalast International, LLC; and (2) for two decades Metalast International, LLC (not Metalast International, Inc.), and more recently, CHEMEON, sold its products as identified by its Word Marks, Logo Marks and other common law trademark rights.
- 104. CHEMEON owns common law trademark rights in the following product marks: (1) TCP-HF (and related family of marks, such as TCP-HF EPA and TCP-HF SP); (2) AA-200; and (3) the logo mark, shown as follows in two exemplary configurations:



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(collectively, "CHEMEON Trademarks"). These marks indicate products

and services associated with CHEMEON (formerly Metalast).

- 105. The CHEMEON common law word marks relate to specific chemical products, at least two of CHEMEON's top selling products.
- 106. The CHEMEON logo mark is associated with the CHEMEON brand, formerly Metalast.
- 107. The CHEMEON Trademarks have been used in commerce for these products as early as 2005.
- 108. The CHEMEON Trademarks have acquired secondary meaning in the metal surfacing industry.
- 109. Upon information and belief, the CHEMEON Trademarks are not used by any other company for any product or service in the metal surfacing industry except to the extent being improperly used by the Defendants.

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110. The CHEMEON Trademarks and all rights, title, ownership, and claim to priority therein were acquired by CHEMEON from Metalast International through the receivership.

E. SEMAS INFORMS CHEMEON OF HIS PLANS TO DIRECTLY COMPETE

- 111. On March 21, 2015, a mere ten days after the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the parties' settlement, D. Semas sent email correspondence to CHEMEON's owners, wherein he made troubling assertions about his future plans.
- As an initial matter, D. Semas agreed to execute an assignment of U.S. Patent No. 112. 7,486,302 B2, commonly known as METALAST OCP 6800, which issued on July 16, 2014, and had previously been assigned to MII, and which was fraudulently conveyed to D. Semas. D. Semas correctly claimed that once assigned to CHEMEON, the chemical product OCP 6800 will be "the only [CHEMEON] chemical that will be protected by a USPTO patent owned by [CHEMEON]."
- However, and in complete contravention of his actions and statements as Metalast 113. International's manager over the past 20 years, D. Semas brazenly claimed:
 - ... as we have long maintained the "METALAST" trademark has been branded over two decades and as such METALAST has received various approvals, authorizations, certifications and specifications, which will remain in effect. In the coming months we will continue to make the necessary preparations to offer our environmentally friendly specialty chemical products through our domestic and international distribution network to the metal finishing & coatings, anodizing, corrosion control and galvanizing industries by providing longstanding METALAST customers, as well as future new accounts the opportunity to continue to buy the universally recognized METALAST brand established in 1993. (emphasis added).
- 114. The customers D. Semas refers to in his correspondence are CHEMEON customers and were the customers of CHEMEON's predecessor, MILLC, and were never the customers of MII. The identity of these customers is both confidential and a trade secret of CHEMEON.
- 115. D. Semas further asserted that the current METALAST AA-200 additive is a commercially available chemical and its legal ownership is held by an independent chemical company. As such, D. Semas claimed that his entities would have the exclusive rights to purchase, re-label and sell the product as METALAST AA-200 for distribution worldwide.

116. D. Semas further claimed that CHEMEON's existing line of anodizing chemicals are presently private label manufactured under the name "METALAST......" These products consist of one hundred (100) different types of cleaners, deoxidizers, etchants, seals, additives, and dyes, but the underlying chemical formulations are owned by a Georgia company, not CHEMEON.

117. D. Semas further boldly claimed that:

[CHEMEON] can use the METALAST trademark for 90-days past March 11th, after which your company will only own the right of use to the USPTO Navy TCP patented chemicals so long as the name METALAST is NOT used. As it has for more than twenty (20) years MII will continue to be free to lawfully use the METALAST TCP-HF, METALAST TCP-HF SP, METALAST TCP-HF EPA names and any other branded METALAST product names as it chooses. [CHEMEON] cannot use the "METALAST" trademark or name but is free to use its new name followed by TCP-HF or TCP-HF SP and or TCP-HF EPA, however the actual chemical formulas and any modifications thereto will still continue to be owned by the U.S. Navy under their USPTO patent protection with a limited North American only right of use license granted to MST.

- 118. D. Semas concluded his correspondence by claiming that other than the exclusive rights to the OCP 6800 chemical owned by CHEMEON, all other one hundred and nineteen (119) chemical products are either owned and/or patented by third parties, and thus D. Semas and MII contend they are entirely free to negotiate with, license, partner, and/or form alliances with any of these companies or others.
- 119. D. Semas's current representations are in direct conflict with his and MII's historic statements, actions, and representations to investors and MILLC members during his near twenty year tenure as a manager of Metalast International.
- 120. D. Semas has no authorization to and cannot use CHEMEON's confidential or trade secret information, including pricing, processes, sales channels, customers, chemical formulations, proprietary source code, sources of goods, plans, and personnel information.
- 121. According to D. Semas' Employment Agreement (attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**), D. Semas was aware of what MILLC considered to be its trade secret, confidential or otherwise proprietary information. The Employment Agreement contained a specific trade secret provision, without temporal restriction, as follows:

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"TRADE SECRETS. All trade secrets, associated with metal finishing, anodizing processes, specialty chemicals and other intangible rights specifically associated with the METALAST® technology, products, services and processes or any other technology, product, service or process it may offer its licensee's, partners, customers or clients that maybe conceived or developed by DMS, either alone, by or with others, during the entire term of DMS's employment shall be the property of MILLC. DMS agrees to keep secret and shall keep confidential, and other than as provided herein shall not use, divulge or disclose, directly or indirectly, to any persons or companies, any trade secret, confidential and Proprietary Information, or any knowledge, information, documents or materials, owned, developed, controlled or possessed by MILLC concerning any of its intellectual property or confidential information relating to the registered METALAST® brand, whether in tangible or intangible form, the confidentiality of which MILLC has sought to protect, including but not limited to all MET ALAST products and services, their application, and all data, know-how and manufacturing know-how related thereto."

(**Exhibit 3** at p. 6).

122. D. Semas' Employment Agreement also contained a successor provision:

"SUCCESSORS. The rights and obligations of the parties to this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties thereto and their respective successors, executors, administrators and heirs."

(Exhibit 3 at p. 8). CHEMEON is a successor to this Agreement and the benefits thereof, including but not limited to D. Semas' obligation to keep all trade secrets, confidential or proprietary information protected from dissemination or any other type of disclosure. D. Semas breached this on-going obligation by misappropriating and disclosing CHEMEON's trade secrets, confidential or otherwise proprietary information, as described further below.

- Another trade secret is the identity of the companies that CHEMEON, and the prior trade secret owner, Metalast International, used exclusively for at least 15 years to purchase and privately label its entire product line ("Suppliers"). This Supplier information was included on a confidential internal vendor list maintained by both Metalast International and CHEMEON.
- 124. D. Semas is well-aware that the identities of the Suppliers are a strict trade secret because he himself developed the necessary steps to protect this information and treated it as confidential for over a decade.

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125. The protective measures both Metalast International and CHEMEON have taken to secure and keep secret its confidential and trade secret information, include, but are not limited to, physical labeling of confidential documents, employee contracts, an employee handbook that includes a trade secret/confidentiality provisions and employee acknowledgments relating to receipt of the handbook and the trade secret agreement, distributor, partner, and supplier agreements that include confidentiality and trade secret provisions (written and oral), electronic protections such as password protected server access to employees, and other segregation measures for both physical and electronic confidential and trade secret information, among others.

- D. Semas is also aware that product formulations for the products provided by the Suppliers are also trade secrets formerly owned by Metalast International, and now owned by CHEMEON. These formulations are and have always been highly proprietary and trade secret information.
- 127. Nevertheless, D. Semas has used the Suppliers trade secret information, and seeks to misuse product formulation trade secrets, by recently contacting a Supplier's president via email, in an effort to establish an independent relationship with this company and to purchase CHEMEON labeled products. D. Semas also contacted another Supplier, CHEMEON's largest distributor, regarding re-establishing a relationship.
- 128. D. Semas's press releases to investors, consumers of CHEMEON's products, and the public at large utilize copyrights owned by CHEMEON.
- 129. CHEMEON's copyrights are as follows: (1) Metalast 2011-2015 Narrative Proforma Assumptions; (2) Photographs of the MILLC's, now CHEMEON's, facilities; (3) LinePro Screenshots; (4) JOBPro with PDA Image; (5) JOBPro Image; (6) Turnkey Equipment Solutions Brochure Page; (7) Process Control Solutions Brochure Page; and (8) NARA Presentation. ("CHEMEON Copyrights"). True and correct copies of CHEMEON's Copyright Registration Applications and the correlating deposits of the works are attached as **Exhibit 4**.
- 130. CHEMEON is the true and rightful owner of the CHEMEON Copyrights through its acquisition of the MILLC's assets through receivership and settlement agreement with D.

Semas and assignment from the photographer of the copyrighted photographs, Cornelius Photography.

- 131. On May 18, 2015, May 28, 2015, June 1, 2015, and February 15, 2016 CHEMEON filed copyright registration applications with the U.S. Copyright Office. *See* Exhibit 4.
 - 132. Exemplary evidence of Defendants' copyright infringement is shown below:





Defendants' Use / Infringement:



Source: http://www.mhagroup.net/investment-opportunities.html (last viewed on June 3, 2015).









See SUTTER0005-0024.

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- 133. Defendants' unauthorized copying and use of the CHEMEON Copyrights constitutes copyright infringement.
- 134. Upon information and belief, D. Semas is also soliciting investments in his newly-formed entities, through an entity known as MHA Group.
- 135. MHA Group has been distributing information to interested investors regarding "METALAST INTERNATIONAL," claiming that there is a limited opportunity to acquire a substantial, controlling interest in this green anti-corrosion chemicals & technology company.
- 136. The individual behind MHA Group, Marc Harris, claims he was one of the original, first-round investors in Metalast International and has been involved in the company's operations from its inception in 1995. As an investor in Metalast International, Mr. Harris was notified by the receiver of Metalast International concerning the insolvency of Metalast International, updates regarding the insolvency, and the November 2013 sale of the Metalast International assets to D&M. Mr. Harris was also notified about the dissolution of Metalast International, and a final K-1 tax return was sent to him on April 3, 2014. As an investor, Mr. Harris has received and been

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privy to numerous reports, confidential newsletters and other communications from the Metalast International since 1995.

- 137. However, Metalast International no longer exists as it did prior to the 2013 receivership action. Instead, it is now CHEMEON. Defendants' attempt to recast the current Metalast International as the former Metalast company is knowingly misleading and deceptive.
- Nevertheless, in soliciting investments, MHA Group makes multiple false 138. representations about the "new" Metalast International. These misrepresentations include, but are not limited to MHA Group's website and other investment solicitation materials identifying CHEMEON's website, www.metalast.com, that pursuant to bankruptcy and related settlement agreements, CHEMEON was free to use until June 9, 2015. MHA Group and Defendants improperly used CHEMEON's website before this termination date.
- 139. MHA Group claims the company has received over \$90 million of investment capital to date, which includes \$15 million of R&D invested with its strategic partner, the U.S. Navy. This information is properly attributable to CHEMEON.
- 140. MHA Group claims "[t]he company is recognized as the foremost leading green technologies and chemicals that has been converting the entire \$2 trillion worldwide metal coating/anti-corrosion industry to environmentally safe, green technologies; specifically the replacement for the most widely-used—and most environmentally harmful—metal surface treatment chemical, hexavalent chromium." (emphasis in original). This information accurately describes CHEMEON's business.
- 141. MHA Group claims Metalast International holds over 110 patents related to environmentally-safe specialty chemicals used in the anti-corrosion surface treatment processing of metal parts and products in all industries including aerospace, aviation, military, automotive, marine, computers, architecture & construction, and leisure. This information is completely false since the only patent ever obtained has been assigned to CHEMEON by MII.
- 142. MHA Group claims that METALAST's chemicals are now being specified on blueprints for all four branches of the U.S. Military and many Fortune 500 companies. This

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statement is highly misleading in that it implies ownership of chemicals by Metalast International, where none exists. The formulations and specifications are CHEMEON trade secrets.

143. MHA Group's investment materials, based upon information provided in part by D. Semas, also state: "The Private Equity Investor (PEI) will receive 100% ownership of target company, Metalast Surface Technology, LLC (MST) with a priority @ 8% non---compounded rate of return from cash flow available for distribution. Upon sale in fifth (5th) year PEI receives preferential return of \$20 million capital. Sierra Dorado, Inc. (SDI), or designee will receive a ten (10) year option to acquire 50% of MST for \$100,000 subordinate to PEI return of investment and 8% per annum interest rate. MST sale profits split on 50%/50% basis." (emphasis added). This statement is false, highly misleading, deceptive to the public and represents unfair competition. Metalast Surface Technology, LLC (MST), is a company organized and controlled by the Meilings, the owners of CHEMEON, not D. Semas, Marc Harris, the MHA Group or any of the other Defendants. D. Semas and his partners, Marc Harris and MHA Group, offer the sale of shares in a company they are neither affiliated with nor own, nor are they authorized to market shares for, MST. See supra at \P 74-94.

- D. Semas's and the MHA Group's marketing and investment materials have copied and made use of the CHEMEON Copyrights, as identified in the above table. See supra at ¶ 131.
- 145. D. Semas and MHA Group knew or should have known that copying and using the CHEMEON Copyrights constitutes copyright infringement.
- 146. On May 1, 2015, Metalast International released an international press release that included many misrepresentations about Metalast International's ownership of assets beyond the limited award of the "Metalast" trademarks, and about CHEMEON's owners Dean and Madylon Meiling. For instance, Metalast International's law firm stated: "the well-respected Law firm of Rowe Hales Yturbide LLP of Minden, Nevada confirms that the internationally recognized METALAST® trademark has been exclusively awarded to their client." This is a misrepresentation and demonstrates unfair competition since this mark has not been "awarded" to MII by anyone and will not be exclusively useable Metalast until June 9, 2015. The May 1st international press release also stated: "The METALAST® trademark of environmentally friendly

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of specialty chemicals including the Qualified Products List certified METALAST® TCP-HF family of products as well as high performance specialty chemicals such as the METALAST® AA-200 anodizing additive have consistently produced impressive results for manufacturers and their supply chain metal finishers and coating applicators alike. As a result, many METALAST® branded chemicals have been approved or in many cases specified by a wide range of globally renowned manufacturers including BAE Systems, General Dynamics, Honeywell, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Pratt & Whitney, Sikorsky and others." The history of providing environmentally friendly products to the metal finishing industry, the certified chemicals the MILLC offered, the TCP-HF and AA-200 trademarks, and the identity of the MILLC's historical customers are all assets of CHEMEON, not Metalast International. These infringements and misrepresentations have and will continue to damage CHEMEON.

products has been provided to the metal finishing industry since 1993. The METALAST® brand

147. The May 1 press release goes on to assert that: "Mr. [David] Semas is presently conducting discussions with several prominent chemical companies and other industry leaders to continue offering the trusted METALAST® brand of 'green' specialty chemicals to the world market." Defendants discussion with chemical companies and other industry leaders demonstrates misappropriation and improper use of CHEMEON's trade secret customer, supplier and distributor lists, and other information that is the property of CHEMEON, not Defendants.

148. Through its press releases and other activities, Defendants have violated Metalast International contracts (acquired by CHEMEON) that prohibit the disclosure of confidential information with certain parties. Particularly, Metalast International was contractually bound as follows: "The parties agree that the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the nature of their business relationship, including, if applicable, the fact that one party provides or may provide goods or services to the other, and the parties' discussions concerning the Project will be considered confidential information covered by this Agreement. . . . "

149. Instead Defendants and MHA Group disclosed on their website and in their marketing materials the existence of this confidential relationship.

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At least Greg D. Semas had direct knowledge of this mutual Confidentiality 150. Agreement between Metalast International and this other company because on April 2, 2012, Greg D. Semas signed the Agreement as Senior Vice President of Metalast International.

- 151. Also with the investment materials that the MHA Group has distributed to potential investors, D. Semas and the MHA Group have disclosed CHEMEON's highly confidential and trade secret pricing information. Specifically, MHA Group has unlawfully used and disclosed CHEMEON's costs of goods for certain chemicals. This pricing information was provided by D. Semas to MHA Group for the purpose of obtaining investment in D. Semas' newly formed entities.
- In these materials, Defendants also disclose general and specific profit margins for CHEMEON's core products (TCP-HF and AA-200): "Profit Margins for the company's 120 branded production products range between []." This information is misleading since these products are CHEMEON's branded products and is a disclosure of CHEMEON's confidential or trade secret information.
- 153. Defendants' investment materials also reveal CHEMEON's existing and potential alliances and/or partnerships: "Existing R&D Alliances and/or Partnerships with Chemetall Americas, DuBois Chemicals, Okuno Chemical Industries (pending), Pratt & Whitney and the U.S. Naval Air Systems Command." These relationships are attributable to CHEMEON, not Metalast International.
- 154. Due to the long history between the parties and D. Semas' and Mr. Harris' direct involvement with Metalast International, both past and present, these individuals have knowledge that this relationship information and more importantly the pricing information are highly confidential and are trade secrets of CHEMEON.
- Further, upon information and belief, D. Semas, Greg D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria, all former employees of the MILLC, took with them at least six (6) boxes of hard copy documents, and at least D. Semas and Greg D. Semas, removed their company owned laptop computers following termination of their employment or after CHEMEON acquired all assets of

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the MILLC. Also upon information and belief, Wendi Semas-Fauria collected materials (boxes, documents, binders, and/or other things) from MILLC's headquarters, loaded them into her personal automobile, and drove them across the street to the storage facility located there. Also upon information and belief, D. Semas, at that time, had rented a unit in that storage facility. This information, both hard copy and electronic is owned by CHEMEON. Furthermore, CHEMEON believes that this hard copy and electronic information contains CHEMEON's highly proprietary, confidential and trade secret information, including, but not limited to CHEMEON's pricing information, sales history records, customer lists, distributors lists, vendor lists, contact information for all company relationships, proprietary source code to CHEMEON's Line-Pro, JOBPro and Process Control System software, photographs, marketing and sales materials, investment materials, and other CHEMEON assets.

156. The CHEMEON laptop removed by at least D. Semas contained a copy of CHEMEON's entire database, which was last updated in or about April 2013. D. Semas's practice was to keep his laptop up to date with all electronic files of the Metalast entities. Greg D. Semas also retained his company laptop, that upon information belief, also contained CHEMEON owned property. During the receivership, D. Semas and Greg D. Semas were warned not to use any proprietary, confidential, or trade secret information that was contained on those laptops. Not only did D. Semas and Greg D. Semas refuse to return the laptops, but D. Semas claimed his computer was his personal property and Greg D. Semas claimed his laptop was a gift from his father, D. Semas. However, upon information and belief, at least D. Semas's laptop was fully loaded with the MILLC's entire database of electronic information, as of April 2013.

157. At deposition in this matter, D. Semas admitted to keeping a complete copy of MILLC's company records, contained on the MILLC laptop he kept with him following his termination and departure. These company records are the property of MILLC, now CHEMEON, and D. Semas as a fiduciary to the MILLC had a responsibility to not retain and to return these records. D. Semas has no lawful justification to the contrary. D. Semas testified as follows:

25 Q Do you have that laptop?

A I have the laptop, but you have the backup.

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	1		2	So you have the same documents I have.
	2		3	Q Okay.
	2		4	A My computer was backed up a few days before I
	3		5	left, in terms of the company records.
	_		6	Q And so when you left, you left with company
	4		7	records?
	_		8	A No. I left with my METALAST, International,
	5		9	Inc. manager records. Those records belong to me. I was
	6		10	the manager of the company for 20 years. Those are my
	Ĭ		11	records, because the company has a copy of them.
	7		12	Q Who paid for the that laptop?
			13	A I did.
	8		14	Q Who who paid for you to put information on
	9		15	that laptop? Who gave you the salary to pay for your
	<i>-</i>		16	or whatever compensation you received, who paid for it?
	10		17	A Like I said, I didn't receive my salary for
			18	the past three-and-a-half-years, so
7	11		19	Q But you were still working for the company;
	12		20	correct? The LLC.
80	12		21	A I was the I was the manager of the
<u>(</u>	13		22 23	company, correct.
\geq			23 24	Q And you had a fiduciary duty to the
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	ا ۽ ا	23	1	Q correct?
	15		2	And that fiduciary duty includes turning
) 5	16		3	information over to the company when you leave it, does
32			4	it not?
<u>C</u>	17		5	A No, I don't believe it does. I believe my
one: (/	1.0		6	records are my records. And the company has an exact
	18		7	duplicate of them. My as the manager of the company,
Z	19		8	I believe during my 20-year tenure as a fiduciary, I have
	17		9	every right to keep records to demonstrate that I was a
	20		10	fiduciary and that I acted as a fiduciary. And those are
			11	my records. They belong to METALAST International, Inc.
	21		12	That's my contention.
	22		13	Now, if counsel tells me otherwise, and the
		14	Court	does, then I understand, but –
	23	(2015	-10-09 I	Deposition of D. Semas, 253:25-255:14) (emphasis added).
	24		158.	Upon information and belief, D. Semas, and perhaps Greg D
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158. Upon information and belief, D. Semas, and perhaps Greg D. Semas, have used CHEMEON's proprietary, confidential and trade secret information contained on these laptops, because this information could not have properly originated from any other source.

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159. Prior to Defendants' departure from the MILLC, Wendi Semas-Fauria and another accounting department employee requested that the MILLC's chief scientist (Dr. Alp Manavbasi) provide them trade secret information concerning the MILLC's chemical formulations. Consistent with the MILLC's policy concerning the trade secret formulations, Dr. Manaybasi confirmed this request with Greg Semas, the MILLC's Chief Operating Officer at that time. Greg Semas approved this request for providing the MILLC's trade secret chemical compositions for an alleged "cost analysis." This information was not accessible to employees of the MILLC, but was rather available only to certain, need-to-know individuals. Wendi Semas-Fauria was not one of the approved individuals, therefore Greg Semas needed to provide the requisite approval. Dr. Manaybasi provided the trade secret information to Wendi Semas-Fauria in a hard copy form, which was never returned to Dr. Manavbasi.

- 160. Examples of Defendants' improper and unlawful use of CHEMEON's trade secret information can be found in D. Semas' and MHA Group's marketing and investment materials establishing that D. Semas has and is making unlawful use of CHEMEON's trade secrets to CHEMEON's detriment.
- actions, misrepresentations, and use of improperly obtained 161. Defendants' information concerning Metalast International's position, stature, asset ownership and history, all support CHEMEON's claims of copyright infringement, trade secret misappropriation, trademark infringement, intentional interference with prospective economic advantage, unfair competition, deceptive trade practices, unjust enrichment, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of the Operating Agreement, contractual breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, tortious breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, conversion, and civil conspiracy.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Misappropriation of Trade Secrets – NRS 600A.030, et seg.)

162. Plaintiff CHEMEON hereby repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

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- 163. CHEMEON's trade secrets include business information, pricing, formulas, compilations, techniques, systems, designs, prototypes, sales channels, chemical formulations, sources of certain goods, plans, source code, and personnel information.
- 164. CHEMEON's trade secrets derive actual or potential, independent economic value, from not being generally known.
- 165. CHEMEON's trade secrets are not readily ascertainable by CHEMEON's competitors, the public, or any other persons by proper means due to their secrecy. CHEMEON employs several protective measures to ensure the secrecy of its trade secrets.
- 166. CHEMEON's trade secrets provide it with competitive advantages that if known would provide commercial or economic value from their disclosure or use to others.
- 167. CHEMEON has invested significant resources and has taken many reasonable steps to maintain the secrecy of its trade secrets.
- 168. Due to Defendants prior relationship with the entities that became CHEMEON, Defendants knew that CHEMEON treated its business information, formulas, compilations, techniques, systems, designs, prototypes and procedures, as trade secrets. Defendants have knowledge of CHEMEON's protective measures and assisted with the development and deployment of those measures during their previous affiliation with the entities that became CHEMEON.
- 169. Defendants acquired and used CHEMEON's trade secrets through improper means, including, but not limited to taking electronic documents, hard-copy documents and using personal knowledge of CHEMEON's trade secrets that pursuant to, including, but limited to contract, agreement and fiduciary duties, Defendants were prohibited from acquiring and using.
- 170. Defendants conduct as alleged above constitutes misappropriation of CHEMEON's trade secrets under the Nevada Uniform Trade Secrets Act, NRS 600A.030, et seq.
- 171. Based on the foregoing allegations relating to Defendants' conduct, CHEMEON is entitled to recover from Defendants all monetary damages sustained as a result of Defendants' misappropriation, including the actual loss caused by the misappropriation and the unjust enrichment to Defendants stemming from the wrongful acquisition and use of CHEMEON's

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valuable trade secrets.

- 172. Based on information and belief, and in view of the foregoing allegations, Defendants' misappropriation of CHEMEON's trade secrets was and is willful and malicious. Accordingly, CHEMEON should be granted exemplary damages and punitive damages, unjust enrichment damages and attorneys' fees pursuant to NRS 600A.040-060.
- 173. Due to the irreparable harm that CHEMEON has suffered and will continue to suffer as a result of Defendants' unlawful actions, CHEMEON is entitled to a preliminary and permanent injunction prohibiting Defendants from (a) any further acquisition or use of CHEMEON's trade secrets, (b) making, distributing or selling any products developed, designed, or improved through the use of CHEMEON's trade secrets, (c) engaging in any further dealings of any kind with CHEMEON's suppliers, distributors, partners and customers, and (d) engaging in any business with CHEMEON's customers that it would not have but for the misappropriation of CHEMEON's trade secrets.
- 174. CHEMEON has been forced to retain the services of Holland & Hart LLP to address the conduct complained of herein and are therefore entitled to all their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs associated with bringing this action.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Declaratory Judgment of No Trademark Infringement)

- 175. Plaintiff CHEMEON hereby repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 176. A true, actual, and ripe case or controversy exists between CHEMEON and Defendants concerning the ownership and proper use of the Word Marks and Logo Marks following CHEMEON's acquisition of the Metalast International, LLC assets through the Order Approving Sale of Assets to D&M.
- 177. CHEMEON's use of the term "Metalast" in conjunction with "formerly Metalast" does not infringe any existing valid trademark right of Defendants under the Lanham Act or the laws of any state. CHEMEON is free to identify itself as associated with or as "formerly Metalast" in accordance with the doctrine of fair use and free speech rights set forth by the First

Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

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178. The extent of CHEMEON's use of "Metalast" is as follows: "CHEMEON Surface Technology, LLC (formerly Metalast)." Such use explains CHEMEON's past connection to the Word Marks, Logo Marks and trade name, particularly since CHEMEON acquired all of the Metalast's assets through a Court Order Approving Sale of Assets. CHEMEON's use of the Word Marks clearly falls within the fair use doctrine as defined in trademark law.

- 179. CHEMEON's limited use of the Word Marks and its accurate recognition of the past association is not likely to cause confusion, mistake, or deception, or confuse the relevant public as to source, sponsorship, or affiliation with David Semas or his entities currently including the term Metalast in their names.
- 180. Defendants acquired, by registration, the Logo Marks through fraud, breach of fiduciary duties, and self-dealing, including, but not limited to assigning rights in the Logo Marks first to the MII instead of the MILLC, and second from MII to D. Semas in his personal capacity. CHEMEON is the correct and legal owner of the Logo Marks and therefore cannot infringe trademarks that it is the rightful owner of.
- Defendants have no protectable rights to the Logo Marks because they were obtained by fraud on the USPTO. Further, the Logo Marks were acquired by D. Semas and assigned to either himself personally or to the managing entity, Metalast International, Inc., instead of the parent company, Metalast International, LLC. The Logo Marks should have been assigned to Metalast International, LLC, and therefore should be the property of CHEMEON.
- 182. Accordingly, CHEMEON is entitled to a judgment declaring that Defendants do not hold trademark rights in the Logo Marks, and that CHEMEON's use of those terms or similar terms does not infringe any valid trademark rights held by Defendants.
- 183. In view of the foregoing background regarding Defendants' use of CHEMEON's trade secrets and fraud, Defendants' allegation of trademark infringement against CHEMEON is exceptional and CHEMEON is entitled to an award of its attorneys' fees under 15 U.S.C. § 1117(a).
 - 184. CHEMEON has been forced to retain the services of Holland & Hart LLP to

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address the conduct complained of herein and are therefore entitled to all their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs associated with bringing this action.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Cancellation of the Logo Trademarks)

- Plaintiff CHEMEON hereby repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates all of the 185. allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 186. Defendants' Logo Marks were acquired through D. Semas's and the Inc.'s fraud on the MILLC and its investors. D. Semas breached several duties to the MILLC, including, but not limited to his fiduciary duties to the MILLC. D. Semas's registration and assignment of the Logo Marks to himself, an individual, when D. Semas had no rights or authority to do so constitutes fraud, breach of fiduciary duties and self-dealing.
- 187. The federal registrations (U.S. Trademark Reg. Nos. 2091140, 2112805, and 2884333) were wrongfully obtained, and assigned by and to D. Semas in his individual capacity.
- 188. D. Semas's improper filing and assignment of the Logo Marks was knowingly and willfully conducted.
- 189. CHEMEON has been and will continue to be damaged by Defendants purported federal trademark registrations on the Logo Marks.
- 190. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §§ 1064 and 1119, the Court should direct the United States Patent and Trademark Office to cancel the Logo Marks Registration Nos. 2091140, 2112805, and 2884333.
- 191. CHEMEON has been forced to retain the services of Holland & Hart LLP to address the conduct complained of herein and are therefore entitled to all their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs associated with bringing this action.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Common Law Trademark Infringement)

- 192. CHEMEON hereby repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
 - 193. CHEMEON is entitled to legal protection of its trademarks under Nevada law.

- 194. CHEMEON owns valid and legally protectable marks according to common law trademark rights in the State of Nevada.
 - 195. CHEMEON owns common law trademark rights in the following marks: (1) TCP-HF (and related family of marks, such as TCP-HF EPA and TCP-HF SP); (2) AA-200; and (3) the logo mark, shown as follows in two exemplary configurations:



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. The CHEMEON Trademarks indicate products associated with

CHEMEON (formerly Metalast).

- 196. Metalast International, LLC, the company that CHEMEON acquired its assets from, including the common law trademarks, consistently used and uses these marks in commerce, including in the State of Nevada, since 1995.
- 197. CHEMEON acquired the common law trademarks through the Court Order Approving Sale of Assets of Metalast International, LLC to D&M on November 4, 2013.
- 198. Defendants unauthorized use of the exact marks as CHEMEON's marks in order to obtain investment for Defendants' businesses and to market CHEMEON's products as Defendants products to at least to CHEMEON's suppliers and distributors, is likely to cause confusion.
- 199. The common law trademarks have been substantially, exclusively and continuously used by CHEMEON in connection with metal surfacing chemicals. To CHEMEON's knowledge, no other company in its industry has used the common law trademark to identify a particular product or service.
- 200. Due to CHEMEON's length of use, marketing and sales of its metal surfacing chemicals, these marks have acquired secondary meaning.
- 201. Defendants have recently adopted the common law trademarks, particularly the word marks of TCP-HF (and its related family of marks) and AA-200, and CHEMEON's logo marks (*see supra* at ¶ 194) for chemicals to be marketed under Defendants' new companies. CHEMEON's and Defendants' products are related goods.
 - 202. Defendants have marketed and have sold or intend to sell the same or similar

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chemical products identified with these marks to the same distributors and customers to which CHEMEON has historically sold its goods.

- 203. Defendants market and sell its products in generally the same manner and through the same marketing channels as CHEMEON, since the parties are direct competitors by virtue of Defendants unlawful use of CHEMEON's trade secrets to target the identical customers, and use the same suppliers, blenders and distributors as CHEMEON.
- By virtue of its longstanding and exclusive use in the metal surfacing industry, 204. CHEMEON's common law trademarks have become strong marks.
- Defendants have used and intend to use the exact same marks owned by CHEMEON for the same products for the same customers.
- Defendants adoption and use of CHEMEON's marks has caused confusion or will 206. cause confusion with CHEMEON's suppliers, distributors, customers, and other partners, that know that only CHEMEON's products derive only from CHEMEON.
- 207. Defendants use of CHEMEON's common law trademarks is likely to cause confusion or cause mistake or to deceive as to whether Defendants are affiliated, connected or associated with CHEMEON or as to whether CHEMEON originated, sponsored or approved of Defendants products and related activities.
- 208 By so acting, Defendants have violated § 43(a) of the Lanham Act (15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)).
- 209. On information and belief, Defendants copying of CHEMEON's common law trademarks was intentional, willful and in bad faith. Defendants intended to create a confusion by using exact copies of CHEMEON's trademarks and intended to trade off of CHEMEON's brand recognition in its chemical products and to confuse customers about the origin of these products.
- 210. Defendants acts of trademark infringement or threatened acts of infringement have caused, continue to cause or will cause damages and injury to CHEMEON.
- 211. CHEMEON may disgorge Defendants' profits and recover for its damages an award to compensate CHEMEON for the injuries and damages it has sustained as a result of Defendants' conduct which violates § 43(a) of the Lanham Act.

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Because Defendants actions, on information and belief, were intentional, willful 212. and deliberate, CHEMEON is entitled to an award of treble damages under § 35(a) of the Lanham Act (15 U.S.C. § 1117(a)).

CHEMEON has been forced to retain the services of Holland & Hart LLP to 213. address the conduct complained of herein and are therefore entitled to all their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs associated with bringing this action.

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Copyright Infringement)

- 214. CHEMEON hereby repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- The CHEMEON Copyrights consist of wholly original material and are 215. copyrightable subject matter under the copyright laws of the United States.
- 216. The CHEMEON Copyrights were applied for at the U.S. Copyright Office on May 18, 2015, May 28, 2015, June 1, 2015, and February 15, 2016. See Exhibit 4.
- 217. Defendants are aware of and have copies of the CHEMEON Copyrights. CHEMEON has not licensed or otherwise authorized Defendants to sell and distribute or publicly display any works that are the same or substantially similar to the CHEMEON Copyrights or that are derivative works based on the CHEMEON Copyrights.
- 218. Defendants have engaged in the copying, distribution, and display of work bearing infringing copies of the CHEMEON Copyrights.
- 219. CHEMEON is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendants intentionally copied, distributed and displayed infringing copies of the CHEMEON Copyrights with the knowledge of CHEMEON's rights therein in an attempt to unjustly benefit from the CHEMEON Copyrights.
- 220. Defendants are infringing the CHEMEON Copyrights in violation of the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101, et seq., by distributing, publicly displaying, offering for sale, and/or selling products associated with the CHEMEON Copyrights.
 - 221. CHEMEON is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendants'

copying, distribution, and use of infringing copies of the CHEMEON Copyrights was deliberate, willful, malicious, oppressive, and without regard to CHEMEON's intellectual property rights.

- 222. Defendants' copyright infringement has caused and will continue to cause CHEMEON to suffer substantial injuries, loss, and damage to its proprietary and exclusive rights to the CHEMEON Copyrights, and has further damaged CHEMEON's business reputation and goodwill, diverted its trade, and caused loss of profits, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 223. Defendants' copyright infringement, and the threat of continuing infringement, has caused, and continues to cause, substantial and irreparable damage and injury to CHEMEON. Thus, CHEMEON is entitled to injunctive and equitable relief against Defendants under 17 U.S.C. § 502, and to an order under 17 U.S.C. § 503 and 28 U.S.C. § 1651(a) that the infringing copies of the CHEMEON Copyrights be seized, impounded, and destroyed.
- 224. Defendants are directly, contributorily, and/or vicariously liable for all damages caused by their unlawful actions.
- 225. D. Semas is liable for all damages due to his willful infringement of CHEMEON's Copyrights.
- 226. CHEMEON has been forced to retain the services of Holland & Hart LLP to address the conduct complained of herein and are therefore entitled to all their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs associated with bringing this action.

SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Intentional Interference with Prospective Economic Advantage)

- 227. Plaintiff CHEMEON hereby repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 228. Prospective contractual relationships exist or existed between CHEMEON and its suppliers, distributors, blender partners and potential customers with respect to the metal finishing and coatings, anodizing, corrosion control and galvanizing chemical products.
- 229. Defendants knew or should have known of the existence of CHEMEON's prospective relationships with its suppliers, distributors, blender partners and customers with respect to these chemical products because Defendants were previously employed by or affiliated

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with the insolvent entity Metalast International, LLC, and its manager, Metalast International, Inc.

- Defendants, by continuing to market, distribute, and collect revenue from CHEMEON's business assets, intellectual property and other property of CHEMEON, without authorization and upon information and belief, intended to harm CHEMEON by preventing CHEMEON's prospective contractual relations with its suppliers, distributors, blender partners and customers with respect to CHEMEON's complete product line of chemicals.
- Upon information and belief, Defendants' interference with CHEMEON's 231. prospective economic relations was and is intentional, willful, malicious, without justification or excuse, and was perpetrated in an effort to obtain an unfair business advantage over CHEMEON by benefiting from and exploiting CHEMEON's business, including, but not limited to its intellectual property and other business assets acquired through bankruptcy.
- 232. CHEMEON has suffered and will continue to suffer damages, including but not limited to compensatory and consequential damages, as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' intentional interference with CHEMEON's prospective contractual relations with its distributors, suppliers and customers, in an amount to be proven at trial.
- Upon information and belief, Defendants' interference with CHEMEON's prospective contractual relations with its suppliers, partners, distributors and customers was intentional, fraudulent, malicious, or oppressive, thereby entitling CHEMEON to an award of punitive damages.
- Defendants used improper means to intentionally interfere with CHEMEON's existing or potential economic relations by using CHEMEON's trade secret customer contact information and customer lists to solicit manufacturers, distributors, customers, retailers, wholesalers, and other contacts in order to partner with Defendants in direct competition against CHEMEON.
- D. Semas has also contacted CHEMEON's current and pre-existing customers, 235. suppliers and blender partners to spread misinformation about CHEMEON, what assets CHEMEON had acquired and the status of Defendants' business operations, all to the detriment of CHEMEON.

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236. Based on information and belief, and pursuant to the foregoing allegations, Defendants have used improper means to interfere with CHEMEON's existing and prospective economic relations by spreading misinformation about CHEMEON, by soliciting CHEMEON's customers and by seeking investment money for Defendants based on false information and mischaracterizations about Defendants' capabilities, the number of patents and other intellectual property that Defendants are not the rightful owners of.

- Defendants are liable for all damages due to their willful misuse of CHEMEON's 237. intellectual property and other assets, and intentional interference with CHEMEON's lawful business operations.
- 238. CHEMEON has been forced to retain the services of Holland & Hart LLP to address the conduct complained of herein and is therefore entitled to all its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs associated with bringing this action.

SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Unfair Competition – 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a))

- 239. Plaintiff CHEMEON hereby repeats, re-alleges, and incorporate all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 240. By continuing to maintain, market, and distribute information that Defendants own either the Logo Marks, the CHEMEON Trademarks or the Metalast assets so that Defendants may re-start a business in competition with CHEMEON is likely to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive as to the affiliation, connection, or association of Defendants and CHEMEON as to the origin, sponsorship, or approval of Defendants goods, services, and other commercial activities.
- 241. Defendants commercial advertising and promotion, including, but not limited to its publications related to investments in Defendants' companies, have misrepresented the nature, characteristics and qualities of Defendants' goods, services and commercial activities and have misrepresented the goods, services and commercial activities of CHEMEON.
- By so acting, Defendants have violated § 43(a) of the Lanham Act (15 U.S.C. 242. § 1125(a)).

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- 243. Defendants' conduct also constitutes an attempt to trade on the goodwill developed in, and owned by CHEMEON in, the CHEMEON Trademarks and Logo Marks, other intellectual property, including its trade secrets and copyrights, and CHEMEON's customer and supplier relationships, to the damage of CHEMEON.
- 244. CHEMEON has been and will continue to be irreparably damaged by such wrongful actions. CHEMEON further has no adequate remedy at law to redress such harm.
- 245. Because Defendants' actions, on information and belief, were intentional, willful, and/or deliberate, CHEMEON is entitled to an award of treble damages under § 35(a) of the Lanham Act (15 U.S.C. § 1117(a)).
- 246. By reason of the foregoing, CHEMEON is entitled to preliminary and permanent injunctive relief and monetary damages against Defendants.
- 247. CHEMEON has been forced to retain the services of Holland & Hart LLP to address the conduct complained of herein and are therefore entitled to all their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs associated with bringing this action.

EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Statutory Deceptive Trade Practices / Consumer Fraud)

- 248. Plaintiff CHEMEON hereby repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 249. Defendants, by continuing to market themselves as "Metalast" despite CHEMEON's acquisition of all assets (with the exception of the Metalast word marks) is knowingly passing off for sale or least as its own CHEMEON's metal surfacing goods.
- Defendants are knowingly making false representations regarding their products, 250. their intellectual property rights, and their affiliations.
- 251 Defendants are using deceptive representations in connection with Defendants actual or planned goods or services for sale.
- 252. Defendants, by continuing to market and advertise for future sale metal surfacing chemicals that are proprietary to CHEMEON, are knowingly making a false representation during the sale or lease of goods as to the source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of such goods.

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- 253. Defendants, by continuing to market and advertise for future sale metal surfacing chemicals, are knowingly making a false representation as to its affiliation, connection, association with, or certification by CHEMEON.
- 254. Defendants' actions described above constitute deceptive trade practices under Nevada law, including, *inter alia*, NRS 598.0915.
- 255. Pursuant to NRS 598.0953(1), the foregoing deceptive trade practices are prima facie evidence of Defendants' intent to injure competitors, such as CHEMEON, and to destroy or substantially lessen competition.
- 256. Pursuant to NRS 41.600(2)(e), Defendants' foregoing deceptive trade practices constitute "consumer fraud."
- 257. Defendants are liable for all damages due to their willful misuse of CHEMEON's intellectual property and other assets, and other acts intended to deceive the consuming public, and by misrepresenting CHEMEON's lawful business operations.
- 258. CHEMEON has been and will continue to be irreparably damaged by Defendants' statutory deceptive trade practices/consumer fraud, and therefore are victims for purposes of standing under NRS 41.600.
 - 259. CHEMEON has no adequate remedy at law to redress such harm.
- 260. By reason of the foregoing, CHEMEON is entitled to injunctive relief and monetary damages against Defendants.
- 261. CHEMEON has been forced to retain the services of Holland & Hart LLP to address the conduct complained of herein and are therefore entitled to all their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs associated with bringing this action.

NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Unjust Enrichment)

- 262. CHEMEON hereby repeats, re-alleges, and incorporate all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
 - 263. Defendants have obtained a benefit from CHEMEON in the form of the past and

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continued use of its intellectual property, including its trade secrets, the CHEMEON Trademarks, the Logo Marks and copyrights.

- 264. Defendants have marketed, distributed, and exploited CHEMEON's intellectual property assets and other business assets acquitted by CHEMEON, and thus has used and enjoyed the benefits derived from CHEMEON's acquisition of these assets through bankruptcy. Assets the predecessor companies and investors have spent millions of dollars developing and marketing.
 - 265. CHEMEON did not provide any permission or license to use CHEMEON's assets.
- 266. Defendants knew or should have known that CHEMEON expected to be compensated for Defendants' use of the Assets.
 - 267. CHEMEON has not been compensated for Defendants' use of the assets.
- 268. As a result of this failure, CHEMEON has conferred a benefit on Defendants for which it has not been properly compensated.
- 269. Defendants have been unjustly enriched if allowed to retain the benefit conferred thereon without having to pay CHEMEON for the same.
- 270. It would be inequitable not to require Defendants to compensate CHEMEON for the benefit conferred by the misuse of CHEMEON's assets.
- 271. CHEMEON has suffered and will continue to suffer damages, including but not limited to compensatory and consequential damages, as a result of Defendants' unjust enrichment in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 272. Defendants are liable for all damages due to their willful misuse of CHEMEON's intellectual property and other assets, deceptive trade practices, intentional interference with and misrepresentations about CHEMEON's lawful business operations.
- 273. CHEMEON has been forced to retain the services of Holland & Hart LLP to address the conduct complained of herein and are therefore entitled to all their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs associated with bringing this action.

TENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Breach of Fiduciary Duty)

274. CHEMEON hereby repeats, re-alleges, and incorporate all of the allegations

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contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

- By virtue of Metalast International's Operating Agreement and their relationship to Metalast International, D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria had a fiduciary relationship with Metalast International.
- 276. This fiduciary relationship demanded that D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria owed the highest duties of loyalty, care, and obedience to Metalast International and its interests.
- 277. At least D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria breached the fiduciary duties that they owed to Metalast International by, including, but not limited to, spending Metalast International's funds on property, such as trademark registrations, that were owned or to be owned by MII or D. Semas; and improperly paying excessive perquisite benefits, large travel and entertainment expenses, and reimbursements to themselves and others with Metalast International funds.
- 278. Based on the express language of the Purchase and Sale Agreement in the receivership action in the Ninth Judicial District Court, CHEMEON, through D&M, acquired any and all legal claims that Metalast International had at the time of D&M's purchase of Metalast International's assets, and these assets included claims against D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria for harming Metalast International and its interests through their conduct.
- As a result of D. Semas' and Wendi Semas-Fauria's breach of fiduciary duties, CHEMEON has suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial, and it is therefore entitled to monetary damages at least from D. SemasWendi Semas-Fauria.
- 280. The actions of D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria were intentional, malicious, oppressive, and done in reckless disregard of the consequences to CHEMEON. Such actions entitle CHEMEON to an award of punitive damages at least against Wendi Semas-Fauria in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 281. CHEMEON has been forced to retain the services of Holland & Hart LLP to address the conduct complained of herein and are therefore entitled to all their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs associated with bringing this action.

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ELEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Breach of Operating Agreement)

- 282. CHEMEON hereby repeats, re-alleges, and incorporate all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 283. By virtue of Metalast International's Operating Agreement and their relationship to Metalast International, D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria had a "duty of undivided loyalty to the Company in all matters affecting the Company's interest and are obligated to act in good faith in dealing with the Company and other members."
- The Operating Agreement is a binding and enforceable agreement, and D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria were bound by its provisions.
- D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria breached the Operating Agreement by, 285. including, but not limited to, spending Metalast International's funds on property, such as trademark registrations, that were owned or to be owned by MII or D. Semas; and improperly paying excessive perquisite benefits, large travel and entertainment expenses, and reimbursements to themselves and others with Metalast International funds.
- 286. Based on the express language of the Purchase and Sale Agreement in the receivership action in the Ninth Judicial District Court, CHEMEON, through D&M, acquired any and all legal claims that Metalast International had at the time of D&M's purchase of Metalast International's assets, and these assets included claims against D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria for harming Metalast International and its interests through their conduct.
- 287. As a result of D. Semas' and Wendi Semas-Fauria's breach of the Operating Agreement, CHEMEON has suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial, and it is therefore entitled to monetary damages from at leastD. SemasWendi Semas-Fauria.
- 288. CHEMEON has been forced to retain the services of Holland & Hart LLP to address the conduct complained of herein and are therefore entitled to all their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs associated with bringing this action.

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TWELFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Contractual Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing)

- 289. CHEMEON hereby repeats, re-alleges, and incorporate all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 290. The Operating Agreement contained an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, and this covenant was triggered upon the Operating Agreement becoming effective and upon D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria becoming subject to it.
- Subsequent to the Operating Agreement becoming effective, D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria acted unfaithfully to the purpose of the Operating Agreement by failing to comply with its provisions.
- 292. The actions of D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria have been conducted in bad faith in that said actions were made unreasonably, negligently, and with knowledge that there was no reasonable basis for their failure to comply with the terms of the Operating Agreement.
- 293. As a result of D. Semas' and Wendi Semas-Fauria's actions, CHEMEON's justified expectations of the Operating Agreement have been denied.
- Based on the express language of the Purchase and Sale Agreement in the receivership action in the Ninth Judicial District Court, CHEMEON, through D&M, acquired any and all legal claims that Metalast International had at the time of D&M's purchase of Metalast International's assets, and these assets included claims against D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria for harming Metalast International and its interests through their conduct.
- 295. As a result of D. Semas' and Wendi Semas-Fauria's actions, CHEMEON has suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial, and it is therefore entitled to monetary damages at least from D. SemasWendi Semas-Fauria.
- 296. CHEMEON has been forced to retain the services of Holland & Hart LLP to address the conduct complained of herein and are therefore entitled to all their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs associated with bringing this action.

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THIRTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Tortious Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing)

- 297. CHEMEON hereby repeats, re-alleges, and incorporate all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 298. Based on their special relationship of reliance or fiduciary duty, there exists a special relationship between D. Semas, Wendi Semas-Fauria, and CHEMEON, as successor to D&M and Metalast International, which imposes a duty of good faith and fair dealing on the parties.
- 299. The actions of D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria have been conducted in bad faith in that said actions were made unreasonably and with knowledge that there was no reasonable basis for their failure to comply with the terms of the Operating Agreement and their fiduciary duties under that agreement.
- As a result of D. Semas' and Wendi Semas-Fauria's actions, and by way of the 300. special relationship between them, CHEMEON's justified expectations of the Operating Agreement, as successor to D&M and Metalast International, have been denied.
- Based on the express language of the Purchase and Sale Agreement in the receivership action in the Ninth Judicial District Court, CHEMEON, through D&M, acquired any and all legal claims that Metalast International had at the time of D&M's purchase of Metalast International's assets, and these assets included claims against D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria for harming Metalast International and its interests through their conduct.
- 302. As a result of D. Semas' and Wendi Semas-Fauria's actions, CHEMEON has suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial, and it is therefore entitled to monetary damages at least from Wendi Semas-Fauria.
- 303. The actions of D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria were intentional, malicious, oppressive, and done in reckless disregard of the consequences to CHEMEON. Such actions entitle CHEMEON to an award of punitive damages against at least Wendi Semas-Fauria in an amount to be proven at trial.
 - 304. CHEMEON has been forced to retain the services of Holland & Hart LLP to

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address the conduct complained of herein and are therefore entitled to all their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs associated with bringing this action.

FOURTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Conversion)

- 305. CHEMEON hereby repeats, re-alleges, and incorporate all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 306. D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria have intentionally and knowingly exercised dominion or control over CHEMEON's property, as successor to D&M and Metalast International, thereby interfering with the rights of CHEMEON to control said property.
- 307. By engaging in the foregoing acts, including, but not limited to, spending Metalast International's funds on property, such as trademark registrations, that were owned or to be owned by MII or D. Semas, and improperly paying excessive perquisite benefits, large travel and entertainment expenses, and reimbursements to themselves and others with Metalast International funds, D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria have seriously interfered with CHEMEON's right to its property, thereby causing damage to CHEMEON.
- D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria have failed to acknowledge CHEMEON's property rights and have acted maliciously and with a conscious disregard of CHEMEON's rights.
- Based on the express language of the Purchase and Sale Agreement in the 309. receivership action in the Ninth Judicial District Court, CHEMEON, through D&M, acquired any and all legal claims that Metalast International had at the time of D&M's purchase of Metalast International's assets, and these assets included claims against D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria for harming Metalast International and its interests through their conduct.
- As a result of D. Semas' and Wendi Semas-Fauria's actions, CHEMEON has suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial, and it is therefore entitled to monetary damages from at least Wendi Semas-Fauria.
- 311. The actions of D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria were intentional, malicious, oppressive, and done in reckless disregard of the consequences to CHEMEON. Such actions entitle CHEMEON to an award of punitive damages against at least Wendi Semas-Fauria in an

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312. CHEMEON has been forced to retain the services of Holland & Hart LLP to address the conduct complained of herein and are therefore entitled to all their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs associated with bringing this action.

FIFTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Civil Conspiracy)

- 313. CHEMEON hereby repeats, re-alleges, and incorporate all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria, in concerted action with each other, pursued the unlawful objective of, including, but not limited to, acquiring, by registration, the Logo Marks; assigning rights in the Logo Marks first to the MII instead of the MILLC, and second from MII to D. Semas in his personal capacity; trademark infringement as described herein; copyright infringement as described herein; misappropriation of trade secrets; breach of various duties and agreements; and conversion of CHEMEON property, as described herein.
- The actions of D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria were knowing, intentional, 315. malicious and designed to harm CHEMEON and did harm CHEMEON.
- 316. As a result of the actions of D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria, CHEMEON has suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial, and it is therefore entitled to monetary damages from at least Wendi Semas-Fauria.
- The actions of D. Semas and Wendi Semas-Fauria were intentional, malicious, 317. oppressive, and done in reckless disregard of the consequences to CHEMEON. Such actions entitle CHEMEON to an award of punitive damages against at least Wendi Semas-Fauria in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 318. CHEMEON has been forced to retain the services of Holland & Hart LLP to address the conduct complained of herein and are therefore entitled to all their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs associated with bringing this action.

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SIXTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Breach of Contract – Employment Agreement)

- 319. CHEMEON hereby repeats, re-alleges, and incorporate all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 320. D. Semas breached his Employment Agreement with MILLC by, including, but not limited to, misappropriating CHEMEON's trade secrets or otherwise confidential and proprietary information, and using that information without permission or authorization from CHEMEON.
- D. Semas actions constitute breach of his Employment Agreement, that is not excused or excusable.
- 322 The actions of D. Semas were knowing, intentional, malicious and designed to harm CHEMEON and did harm CHEMEON.
- 323. As a result of D. Semas' actions, CHEMEON has suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial, and it is therefore entitled to monetary damages.
- 324. The actions of D. Semas were intentional, malicious, oppressive, and done in reckless disregard of the consequences to CHEMEON. Such actions entitle CHEMEON to an award of punitive damages against in an amount to be proven at trial.
- CHEMEON has been forced to retain the services of Holland & Hart LLP to address the conduct complained of herein and are therefore entitled to all their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs associated with bringing this action.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff CHEMEON prays for judgment in its favor and against Defendants, jointly and severally, as follows:

- For provisional preliminary and permanent injunctive relief against Defendants, 1. and their directors, officers, employees, servants, attorneys, agents, representatives, licensees, and all persons in privity, concert, or participation with it:
 - enjoining them from manufacturing, marketing, displaying, possessing, (a) copying, duplicating, displaying, imitating, circulating, selling or otherwise distributing, or otherwise making any use of CHEMEON's trade secrets;

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- (b) enjoining them from any use of CHEMEON's common law trademarks;
- enjoining them from using any unauthorized copy or colorable imitation of (c) the CHEMEON copyrights;
- (d) enjoining them from engaging in any other activity constituting unfair competition or any deceptive trade practices;
- (e) ordering them to immediately remove, destroy, or return all reproductions of CHEMEON's trade secrets and copyrighted works and any materials labeled with CHEMEON's trademarks; and
- enjoining them from assisting, aiding, or abetting another person or (f) business entity in engaging or performing any of the activities enumerated in subparagraphs (a) - (e) above;
- (e) ordering them to preserve all relevant information involving the instant litigation, including, but not limited to the information contained in the six boxes of hard copy documents, any information removed from MILLC's headquarters and stored in D. Semas' storage unit, and the two laptops retained by David Semas and Greg Seams;
- enjoining them, or any entities they own, from intimating, claiming or suggesting, that they own any goodwill of MILLC or its successor;
- enjoining them, or any entities they own, from intimating, claiming or (g) suggesting that they were MILLC, or the operating entity prior to June 10, 2013.
- 2. For provisional declaratory relief that:
- Plaintiff was and is legally permitted to use the Word Marks and any (a) common law rights to "Metalast"; and
- Defendants are not the proper and sole owner of all rights, title, and interest (b) to the Logo Marks.
- 3. Due to Defendants fraud on the U.S. Patent and Trademark office, Defendants' federally registered Logo Marks with U.S. Registration Nos., 2091140, 2112805, and 2884333 should be cancelled;
 - 4. For general, compensatory, and consequential damages, and all profits derived by

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Defendants from their wrongful acts (including without limitation under NRS Chapter 600) in an amount to be proven at trial;

- 5. For an award of treble damages due to, and Defendants' profits derived from, their wrongful acts pursuant to trademark infringement, unfair competition, and unjust enrichment;
- 6. For an award of actual damages and any additional profits or statutory damages, as provided by the Copyright Act due to, and Defendants' profits derived from, their wrongful acts pursuant to copyright infringement;
- For an award of punitive damages against Defendants in an amount deemed 7. appropriate;
- 8. For an award of reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in this action as provided for in the Employment Agreement, and including, without limitation, for an award of fees pursuant to the Nevada Uniform Trade Secret Act, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117 et. sec., and pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §550;
 - 9. For all taxable costs;
 - 10. For pre and post-judgment interest; and
 - 11. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

DATED this 7th day of April, 2016.

HOLLAND & HART LLP

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Owner

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2097260;2112804;2963106

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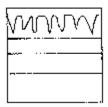
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COMMERCE: 19940600

Mark Drawing Code (2) DESIGN ONLY

Design Search Code 26.11.12 - Rectangles with bars, bands and lines

26.17.09 - Bands, curved; Bars, curved; Curved line(s), band(s) or bar(s); Lines, curved

Serial Number 75153242

Filing Date August 20, 1996

Current Basis 1A
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Published for

Opposition June 3, 1997

Registration Number 2091140

Registration Date August 26, 1997

Owner (REGISTRANT) Metalast International, Inc. LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NEVADA 2241

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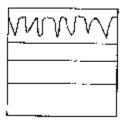
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IC 001. US 001 005 006 010 026 046. G & S: chemical surface treatment based on anodic oxidation for use in imparting corrosion resistance, wear-resistance, hardness, and for replacing surface conductivity of aluminum and aluminum alloy parts. FIRST USE: 19960200. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19960200

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01.15.03 - Fire (flames), other than emanating from objects, words, numbers, fireplaces or candles; Flames, other than flames emanating from objects, words, numbers, fireplaces or candles

26.09.12 - Squares with bars, bands and lines

75030599 **Serial Number**

November 30, 1995 Filing Date

Current Basis 1A **Original Filing**

Basis

1B

Published for Opposition

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2112805

Registration **Date**

November 11, 1997

Owner

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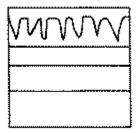
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Filing Date

August 21, 2003

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Published for **Opposition**

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September 14, 2004

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EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

This Employment Agreement (hereinafter "Third Agreement" or "Agreement") is made this 25th day of April 2010, by and between METALAST International, Inc., a Nevada corporation (hereinafter "MII"), by and through its Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Manager for and on behalf of METALAST International, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company (hereinafter "MILLC" or the "Company") with offices located at 2241 Park Place, Bldg. C, Minden, NV 89423 and David Michel Semas, individually (hereinafter "DMS") with a physical address of 301 Five Creek Road, Gardnerville, NV 89460.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, DMS is and has been employed by MILLC by and through its Manager, MII (hereinafter collectively "MILLC") since 1994 as its President, Chief Executive Officer, Manager and also serves as MII's Chairman of the Board; and

WHEREAS, through such experience he has acquired special expertise, skills, abilities, talents and an extensive background in and knowledge of MILLC's business and the primary industries in which it is engaged, including but not limited to metal finishing technologies, "green" specialty chemicals, corrosion control and bonding/adhesion products, pre-paint coatings and process control equipment; and

WHEREAS, MILLC desires assurance of the continued association and services of DMS in order to retain his experience, skill sets, abilities, background and knowledge, professional relationships and the respect that MILLC now enjoys in the metal finishing and coating industries as a result of his efforts and therefore desires to continue to engage his services on the terms and conditions set forth below; and

WHEREAS, since the formation of the Company DMS has from time to time personally guaranteed loans from individuals to MILLC including principal and accrued interest in a cumulative amount in excess of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) and made loans and advances to MILLC in excess of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). DMS also sold One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) of his personal MILLC Common LLC Interests ("shares") benefiting MILLC by causing a Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollar (\$450,000.00) defaulted business loan to be converted to MILLC Common shares; and

WHEREAS, throughout many occasions over the previous six (6) year period DMS has accrued wages payable to DMS by MILLC in accordance with the terms and conditions of his previous employment agreement dated January 29, 2001 (hereinafter "Previous Agreement") in the total amount of approximately Two Million (\$2,000,000.00) without interest, representing nearly six (6) years of base salary compensation; and

WHEREAS, MILLC has been the beneficiary of the benevolent acts of DMS regarding his personal guarantee of business loans, extending personal loans to the Company to make its payroll obligations, selling his personal shares to prevent litigation with reference to a defaulted loan and placing his personal financial well-being second to that of MILLC and

its Members by foregoing his earned bi-monthly salary compensation and accrued business expenses on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, MILLC and its Members have financially benefited from the unselfish actions of DMS and in so doing he has incurred substantial personal liability and assumed responsibility far beyond the normal or legal obligations as the Manager for MILLC and President/CEO of MII; and

WHEREAS, DMS entered into the Existing Agreement with MILLC on January 29, 2001 and both MILLC and DMS wish to supercede all of the terms and conditions as contained in the Previous Agreement by entering into this new Third Agreement; and

WHEREAS, DMS desires to continue in the employ of the Company and MILLC, its Manager and its Members who have consecutively each year elected MII as the Manager for MILLC since its formation and incorporation in May 1994 and have further reaffirmed and validated the election of MII as Manager for MILLC at the Annual Members Meeting held at the Peppermill Hotel & Casino in Reno, NV on October 10, 2009, the parties hereto agree to the following terms and conditions.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the above recitals and of the mutual promises and conditions in this Third Agreement, it is agreed as follows:

1. <u>DMS ENGAGEMENT, DUTIES AND AUTHORITY</u>. MILLC agrees to employ DMS as its Manager per his employment as the Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of MII and in such other capacities as MII, through its Board of Directors as elected by the majority of its shareholders, may from time to time determine.

DMS shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors, President and CEO of MII and as such shall conduct all of MII's and MILLC's day-to-day operations in accordance with the MILLC Operating Agreement and with the full power and authority to act on behalf of MII and MILLC in all matters including but not limited to the right to hire and terminate all employees, establish employee compensation (including the Manager and CEO), set corporate policies, borrow money, execute all contracts and agreements, financially obligate MII and/or MILLC in all matters as may be deemed reasonable by the Manager, develop business plans and financial models, establish procedures and sets operating budgets.

Further, DMS shall have complete and discretionary authority as more specifically defined in Article XI of the MILLC Operating Agreement. DMS shall manage and conduct this business, joint ventures, licensee, licensor and strategic alliance partnerships and be responsible for arranging any and all equity and/or debt financing, including establishing the pricing and valuation of MILLC's Common LLC Interests ("shares") and authorizing the issuance of different classes of shares. DMS shall establish polices concerning the pricing of the Company's products and services to its licensee's, distributors, customers and clients. MILLC, by and through its Manager hereby acknowledges and agrees that in addition to the foregoing and without limitation of any kind DMS shall be responsible for all MILLC operations and shall have complete and entire authority to:

- a. Oversee, manage and otherwise be responsible for MILLC's day-to-day operations including research and development, engineering, manufacturing, marketing, advertising, promotion, accounting, financing and worldwide implementation of all METALAST® technologies, products, services and processes or any other technology, product, service or process it may offer its licensee's, partners, customers or clients. This may include the issuance of sub-licenses and execution of royalty or license agreements with domestic or foreign chemical companies, distributors, manufacturers, job shops and suppliers. DMS shall continue to have full power and authority to act on behalf of MII and MILLC in mergers and/or acquisitions and operations of new or proposed MILLC involved business ventures in the areas of process line design, engineering, manufacturing and the manufacturing, sale and distribution of metal finishing and coating chemistries or equipment or any other business' as the Company may become involved in the future; and
- b. Establish guidelines, policies and procedures for all departments concerning the development of an Annual MILLC Operating Budget ("Budget") and approval such Budget, capital and operating expenditures; and
- c. Singularly sign and approve any bank check, draft, cashiers check, wire transfer or other financial or banking instrument in an amount up to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) or any amount above this with the additional signature of either the Vice President or Senior Vice President of Administration; and
- d. Enter into any and all types of business ventures and loan agreements. DMS has complete and entire authority to issue equity and debt instruments, which includes the issuance of MILLC Class B Common Interests ("shares") as DMS may determine is in the best interest of the majority of MILLC and its Preferred and Common Members.

DMS shall not, however take any of the following actions on behalf of MILLC without first obtaining the approval from the simple majority of the MII Board of Directors:

- e. Borrow or obtain credit in an amount exceeding the sum of Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) or executing any guaranty on behalf of MILLC exceeding a like amount; and
- f. Expend funds for capital equipment in excess of 100% of the approved annual budgeted expenditures as approved by a simple majority of the MII Board of Directors: and
- g. Execute any lease of real or personal property providing for an aggregate rent or lease liability in excess of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00).
- 2. <u>DMS's OUTSIDE ACTVITIES</u>. During his employment DMS agrees to the following;
- a. Devote his energies, interest, abilities, and productive time to the performance of this Agreement. He shall not engage in any other business activity that would materially interfere with the performance of his duties under this Agreement.

- b. While employed by the Company under the rights, duties and responsibilities as the Manager in accordance with the MILLC Operating Agreement, DMS will not, directly or indirectly, whether as a partner, employee, creditor, or otherwise, promote, participate, or engage in an activity or other business competitive with MILLC's business.
- c. While employed by the Company DMS will not take any action without the approval of a simple majority of the MII Board of Directors, to establish, form, or become employed by a competing business after employment by MILLC for a period of two (2) years.
- d. DMS shall have the right to become engaged in other businesses that are not directly involved in the metal finishing, aluminum anodizing or metal coatings specialty chemical industry or that are not in direct conflict with the specific intent of this Agreement as defined herein.
- 3. <u>TERM OF EMPLOYMENT</u>. This Third Agreement and all the provisions herein shall supercede and replace the Previous Agreement. DMS shall be employed for a term of ten (10) years, commencing upon the execution of this Agreement and ending at 12:00 AM midnight on the tenth anniversary date the day and year first above written.
- 4. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT. During the employment term DMS shall perform the services he is required to perform under this Agreement at MILLC's corporate offices presently located at the METALAST Tech Center, 2241 Park Place, Bldg. C, Minden, Nevada 89423; provided, however DMS's duties may from time to time require him to operate out of his home office or any other location, which may include those offices of a subsidiary or an operating division or travel to other locations on behalf of the MILLC's business as he may deem appropriate and in the best interest of the Company.
- 5. <u>SALARY COMPENSATION</u>. MILLC and MII shall pay a base salary to DMS at the rate of Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) per year payable in equal semi-monthly installments or under other terms as maybe acceptable to DMS. The annual base salary shall be effective as of the execution of the Agreement and shall by payable commencing on May 1, 2010

6. <u>INCENTIVE AND ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION</u>.

a. In addition to the base salary provided above, MILLC and MII herein grant DMS incentive compensation consisting of MILLC Common Interests or the equivalent of MILLC Common Stock (hereafter collectively "shares"), if applicable, should MILLC convert from a limited liability company to a corporation. The interests shall be issued to DMS in the form of MILLC stock or MILLC share options (hereafter "Options") at the "Strike Price" or Options exercise price at the rate of Fifteen Dollars (\$1500) per share Option. Should MILLC split its Common Interests or shares, the Options granted herein shall be split divided or multiplied (as the case may be) on an equal basis with all other MILLC Common Interest Members. Beginning with the first anniversary date after the execution of this Agreement (April 2010) and for each anniversary date of his employment thereafter,

MILLC shall issue DMS a minimum of Fifty Thousand (50,000) Class B Common LLC Interests ("Common Shares") each year or a total of Five Hundred (500,000) shares over his entire ten (10) year employment term. The annual Options of Fifty Thousand (50,000) shares shall have an expiration date of December 31, 2021. At such time as DMS may request, MILLC agrees to grant DMS a bonus equal to the face amount or Strike Price of all Options issued to him in the year(s) in which DMS may wish to exercise his rights under such Options to convert to Common shares.

- b. MILLC acknowledges that a total of Three Hundred and Twenty Four Thousand (324,000) Options have been previously issued to DMS since January 29, 2002 as per Previous Agreement and all of these Options shall be converted to Common Shares on or before July 31, 2010 based on the valuation of the MILLC shares at the time of conversion.
- c. In consideration for DMS foregoing his rights to receive interest payments on accrued wages of approximately Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) due DMS as calculated by the MILLC accounting department, the Company and MII agree to forgive the amount of Eight Hundred and Fifty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$859,000.00) of loans granted to DMS. The loans granted to DMS will be forgiven at the rate of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) each year beginning on December 31, 2010 and each subsequent December 31st of each year thereafter or in any other manner as maybe determined by DMS in his sole and absolute discretion, until such time that the unpaid balance of the loans reflect a zero balance. Additionally, effective with the date of execution of this Agreement DMS shall also be entitled to receive in cash on a monthly basis interest rate payments of ten percent (10%) on the outstanding balance of his accrued wages payable monthly until such time that the obligation has been satisfied in full. DMS may elect to accrue such interest rate amounts due or accept any other method of payment in any other manner as maybe determined by DMS in his sole and absolute discretion.
- In consideration for DMS having personally guaranteed loans in excess of Ten d. Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) since 1997, extending cash advances to MILLC to meet its operating expenses obligations and payroll, as well as other loans and advances made and loans to be made in the future by DMS to MILLC, which may likely be in excess of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) in the aggregate, as well as for further compensation to DMS for the sale of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) of DMS' personal MILLC Common shares benefiting MILLC by causing a defaulted loan (Sutter Capital Management, per MILLC Data Base ID #59880) to be converted to MILLC Common shares, and in addition to all other compensation as defined above DMS shall be entitled to receive a full ten percent (10%) non-diluted equity ownership position in MILLC. This ten percent (10%) non-diluted equity ownership position shall entitle DMS to receive his prorata portion of MILLC annual net profits available for distribution as well as the same percentage of net profits upon sale, merger, IPO or liquidation when and if applicable. The term "net profits" is defined as net cash proceeds derived after deducting the cost of operations each year or at the time of sale or liquidation. This calculation includes the net cash received by MILLC after all deductions for costs associated with MILLC operations such as fixed and variable expenses, loan principal and interest repayments, Preferred Member distributions or redemption, payroll, taxes, insurance or other direct and indirect costs, including reasonable operating and replacement

reserves related to the operation of the Company. After offsetting all costs as defined herein, net profits means the cash actually remaining and available for distribution to the MILLC members (Preferred and Common shares) and DMS as well as net proceeds generated from the sale, merger or liquidation of MILLC and all of its assets.

- e. DMS shall be entitled to receive other normal, customary and reasonable executive compensation and perks including health benefits, key-man insurance, auto allowance, a monthly reimbursable expense account, association dues and memberships to private clubs and the same type of benefits normally granted to CEO's or other senior executives with full P&L responsibility.
- 7. TRADE SECRETS. All trade secrets, associated with metal finishing, anodizing processes, specialty chemicals and other intangible rights specifically associated with the METALAST® technology, products, services and processes or any other technology, product, service or process it may offer its licensee's, partners, customers or clients that may be conceived or developed by DMS, either alone, by or with others, during the entire term of DMS's employment shall be the property of MILLC. DMS agrees to keep secret and shall keep confidential, and other than as provided herein shall not use, divulge or disclose, directly or indirectly, to any persons or companies, any trade secret, confidential and Proprietary Information, or any knowledge, information, documents or materials, owned, developed, controlled or possessed by MILLC concerning any of its intellectual property or confidential information relating to the registered METALAST® brand, whether in tangible or intangible form, the confidentiality of which MILLC has sought to protect, including but not limited to all METALAST products and services, their application, and all data, know-how and manufacturing know-how related thereto.
- 8. INDEMNIFICATION OF DMS. MILLC and MII shall, to the maximum extent permitted by law, indemnify and hold DMS harmless against expenses and pay for and advance if requested to do so by DMS all out-of-pocket costs including reasonable attorney's fees, courts costs, judgments, fines, settlements and other amounts actually incurred in connection with any proceeding arising by reason of DMS's employment by MILLC as its Manager and Managing Member or his actions taken, in good faith, on behalf of MILLC. MILLC shall advance to DMS or if requested by DMS offset any reasonable expenses and legal fees (as determined in the sole discretion of DMS) incurred in defending any such proceeding to the maximum extent permitted by law. MILLC shall pay for all legal, accounting, consulting fees and any other direct or indirect costs associated with any and all litigation, arbitration, investigation, inquiry or other proceeding that may be filed or brought against DMS by any individual, partnership, company, corporation or by local, state or federal governmental agencies, unless DMS has been found guilty or criminally indicted of a material act of dishonesty and criminal fraud and is convicted thereof.

9. <u>TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT.</u>

a. <u>Involuntary Termination.</u> The Company, MII or the majority of MILLC Common voting LLC Members can not terminate this Agreement without cause.

- b. Termination For Cause. MILLC may, with the seventy-five percent (75%) voting approval of the MII Board of Directors, terminate this Agreement at any time with ninety (90) days' written notice in the event DMS commits any material act of criminal fraud and dishonesty and is convicted thereof, is guilty of gross carelessness or misconduct or acts in any way that has a substantial and adverse negative effect on MILLC business operations. In the event this provision is enforced DMS shall continue to be entitled to receive payment in full of his accrued wages, with interest therein to date, his stock options issued and due up to twelve (12) months after his termination, together with the bonus provision that entitles him to a cash bonus amount equal to the face amount of each Option. Loan advances granted to DMS per 6c. shall be entirely forgiven as herein defined or as DMS may request. DMS shall continue to be entitled to receive his ten percent (10%) non-diluted equity ownership in MILLC as defined above.
- c. <u>Termination On Resignation.</u> DMS may terminate this Agreement by giving MILLC ninety (90) days' prior written notice of resignation. Such termination shall not effect or in anyway change DMS' equity ownership in MILLC consisting Common Interests, shares, stock ownership, Options issued ninety (90) days after his resignation. In the event this provision is enforced DMS shall continue to be entitled to receive his accrued wages, with interest therein to date, his stock options issued and due up to twelve (12) months after his termination, together with the bonus provision that entitles him to a cash bonus amount equal to the face amount of each Option. Loan advances granted to DMS per 6c. shall be entirely forgiven as herein defined or as DMS may request. DMS shall continue to be entitled to receive his ten percent (10%) non-diluted equity ownership in MILLC as defined above.
- d. <u>Termination On Death.</u> If DMS dies during the term of this Agreement, this Agreement shall be terminated on the last day of the fiscal year of his death. His heirs or nominees shall be entitled to receive accrued wages due DMS, with interest therein to date, his stock options issued and due up to twelve (12) months after his death, together with the bonus provision that entitles the heirs or nominees to a cash bonus compensation in amount equal to the face amount of each Option. Loan advances granted to DMS per 6c. shall be entirely forgiven as herein defined or as DMS may request.. DMS shall continue to be entitled to receive his ten percent (10%) non-diluted equity ownership in MILLC.
- 10. NOTICE. Any notice required to be given hereunder shall be given in writing and personally delivered to, or addressed and mailed, by certified mail with all postage prepaid thereon to the either party at the address first above written.
- 11. AT OP SES FEES AND OS S. In the event of litigation between MILLC and DMS regarding the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs as maybe set by the Court.
- 12. <u>CONTROLLING LAW.</u> This Agreement and all rights, duties and liabilities hereunder shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Nevada, and of the United States of America. The exclusive venue and jurisdiction shall be Ninth Judicial District Court, Douglas County, Nevada. The Parties expressly acknowledge that this is a mandatory forum selection clause.

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9. **TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT.**

a <u>Involuntary Termination.</u> The Company, MII or the majority of MILLC Common voting LLC Members can not terminate this Agreement without cause.

- 13. <u>SUCCESSORS.</u> The rights and obligations of the parties to this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors, executors, administrators and heirs.
- 14. <u>SEVERABILITY.</u> Every provision of this Agreement is intended to be severable. If any term or provision hereof is illegal or invalid for any reason whatsoever, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement.
- 15. <u>AMENDMENTS.</u> This Agreement shall not be amended, altered or modified except by written instrument signed by MILLC and DMS.
- 16. <u>COMPLETE ACREEMENT.</u> This Agreement sets forth the entire understanding of the parties hereto and supercedes all prior agreements, communications representations, warrants, whether oral or written, by either party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

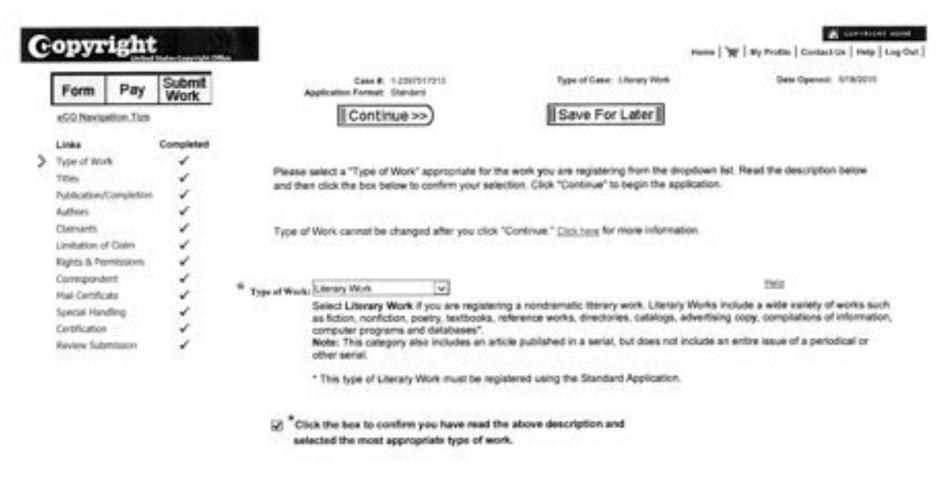
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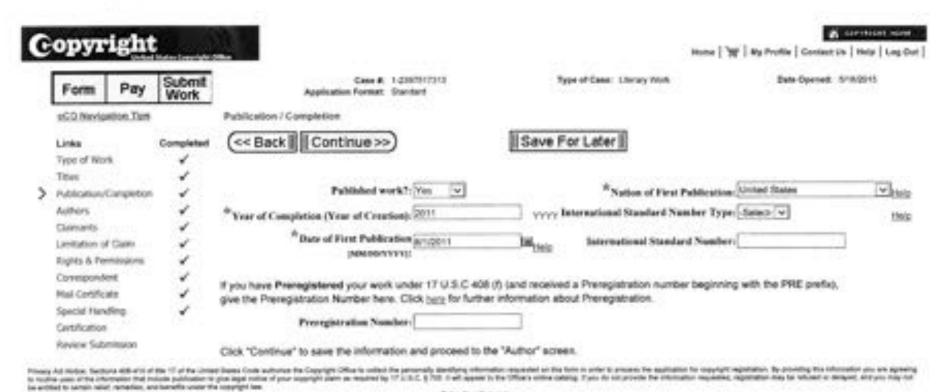


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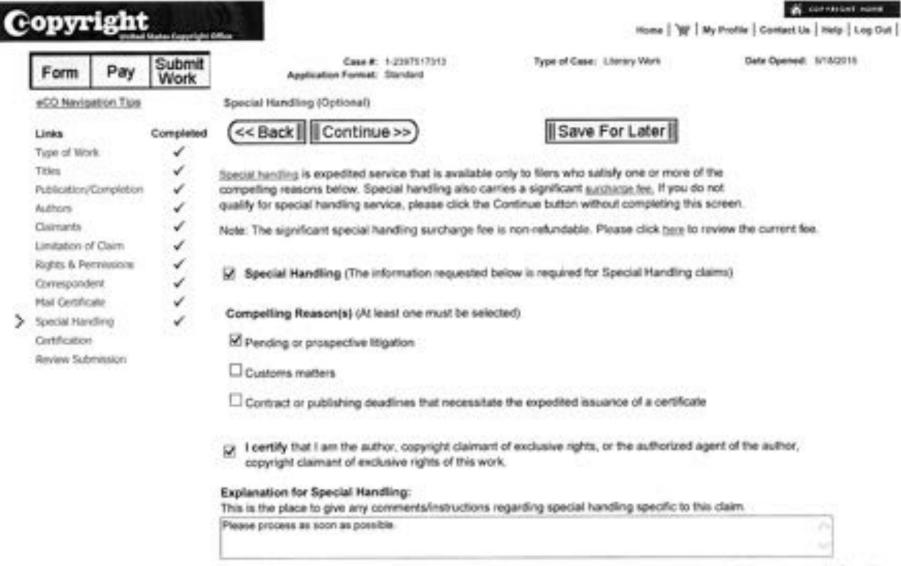
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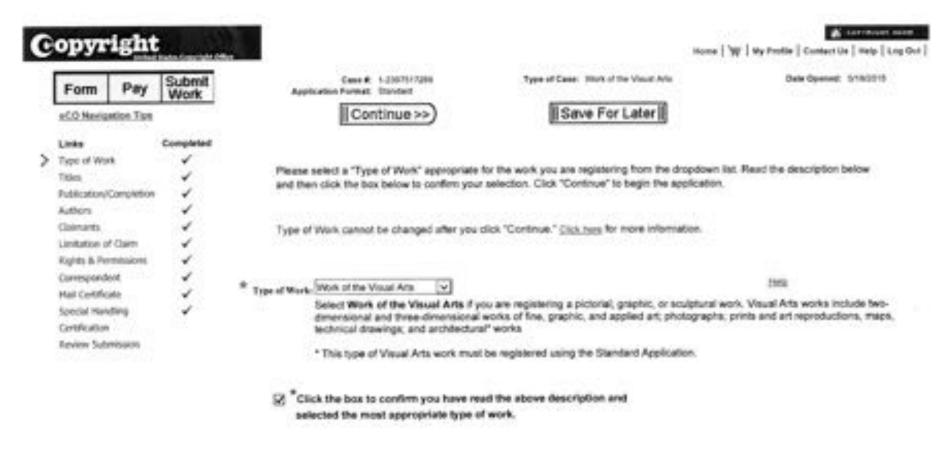
Year 2011: METALAST "Showcase Chemical" product line (METALAST TCP-HF, EPA, NP and AA-200) sales are projected at approximately \$1,400,000 representing 42% of total revenue. Generic chemicals sales and miscellaneous software products are at \$275,000 or 8% of revenues. The next largest single revenue category is equipment at \$1,100,000 or 33% of revenue, of which \$964,000 is already under a PO from the United States Army Rock Island Arsenal, IL. Revenues to date are on pace to meet this projection.

Year 2012: As manufacturer specifications begin to filter through supply chains total revenues are expected to triple from \$3,300,000 to \$9,500,000. The projections also assume, with existing independent stocking distributors (Galaxy, John Schneider, Miles, BroCo Products, OS-TECH, RD Taylor, AMZA and DIPSOL Chemical, etc.) becoming better trained on proper installation procedures and coming online, Showcase Chemicals sales increase to almost \$5,000,000 or 52% of total revenue. With the expansion of Showcase specialty products Generic chemicals sales and miscellaneous software more than double to \$650,000. Again, the next largest single revenue category is equipment at \$3,000,000 or 32% of revenue, of which \$2,200,000 will likely come from the pending project with the United States Naval Depot, Fleet Readiness Center at Jacksonville, FL.

Year 2013: An assumption is made that the Dow Chemical, Sherwin-Williams and Deft Coatings formal R&D relationships expand into commercialization agreements by the summer of 2012 and training of their sales departments occurs during the later half of 2012 and continues on throughout most of 2013. With manufacturer specifications and METALAST product implementation throughout supply chains, Showcase Chemicals are expected to begin to gain traction by growing by another 350% to \$19,000,000 or 70% of total revenue. Generic chemicals sales and miscellaneous software products will more than double to \$1,400,000. Equipment sales, as a percentage of revenue will begin to taper off at \$5,500,000 or 20% of total revenue.

Year 2014: Beginning in 2014 METALAST specified, QPL approved and branded Showcase Chemicals will see extensive penetration in the global markets, especially considering the sheer size and long-time dominance of one of the world's largest chemical chemical companies Dow Chemical, with its 35,000 customers, in 160 countries supported by 1,500 salesmen. Showcase Chemical sales are projected to increase to more than \$60,000,000, again by 350% over 2013, then equal to 83% of total revenue. Generic chemicals sales and miscellaneous software products will grow accordingly to about \$2,400,000 or 3.2% of revenues. As a percentage of revenue equipment sales are at 10% of total revenue or \$6,600,000.

Year 2015: Although at first glance it might appear the proverbial "Hockey Stick" revenue projections are being assumed, in realty management is of the opinion that its financial assumptions are entirely based on logical and conservative reasoning. In support of this theory is the fact that "Sole Source" specifications have been awarded by many of the Fortune 500 and by a large number other respected names in the manufacturing. Additionally, substantial specialty chemical companies like Dow Chemical have already aligned with the METALAST brand. Most of the targeted metal finishing and coating industry related specialty chemical distributors in North America as well as others around the globe have also joined the METALAST team. Considering the worldwide market for corrosion control chemicals is in excess of \$4 billion, \$152,000,000 in METALAST Showcase Chemicals sales or 90% of the \$167,000,000 in projected revenues represents a very conservative worldwide market penetration assumption of something less than 4%. It is much more likely METALAST branded products achieve a market penetration upwards of 25%, considering its growing international sales and distribution organization consisting of a considerable number of large chemical company strategic alliance partners and a substantial group of well positioned independent stocking distributors.



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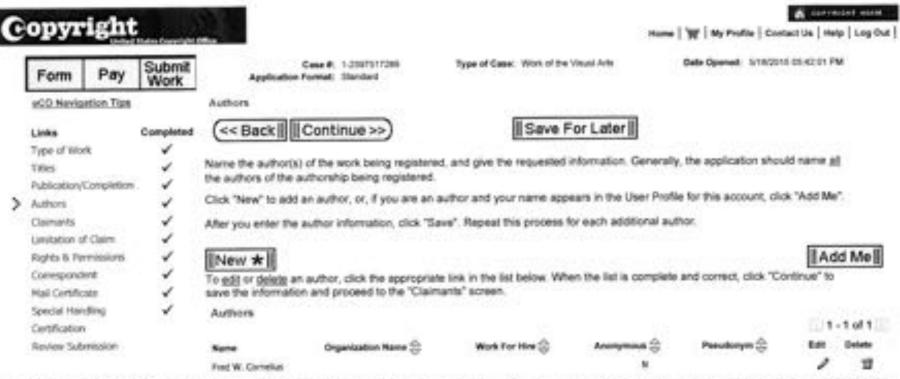
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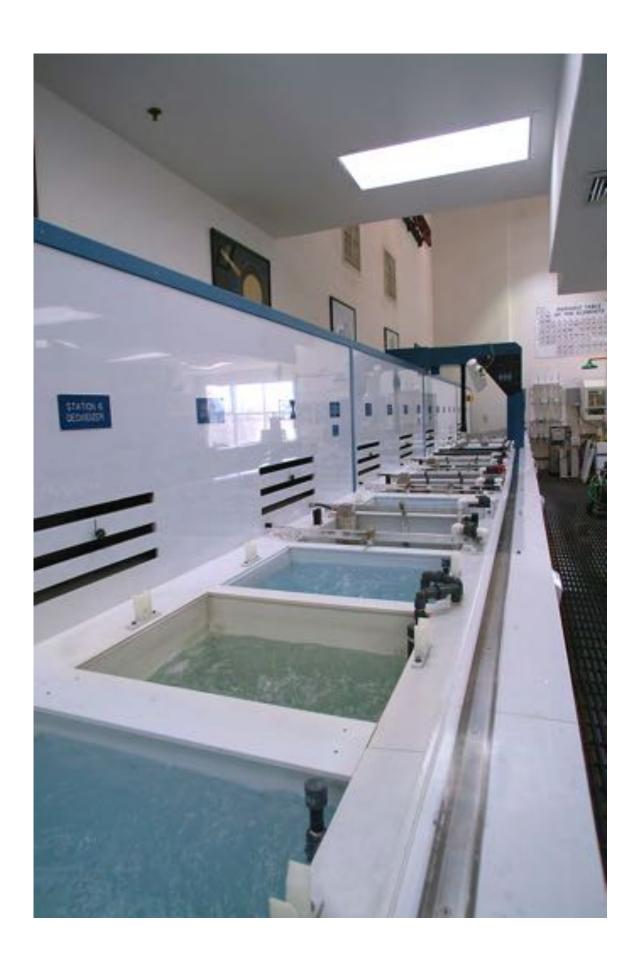
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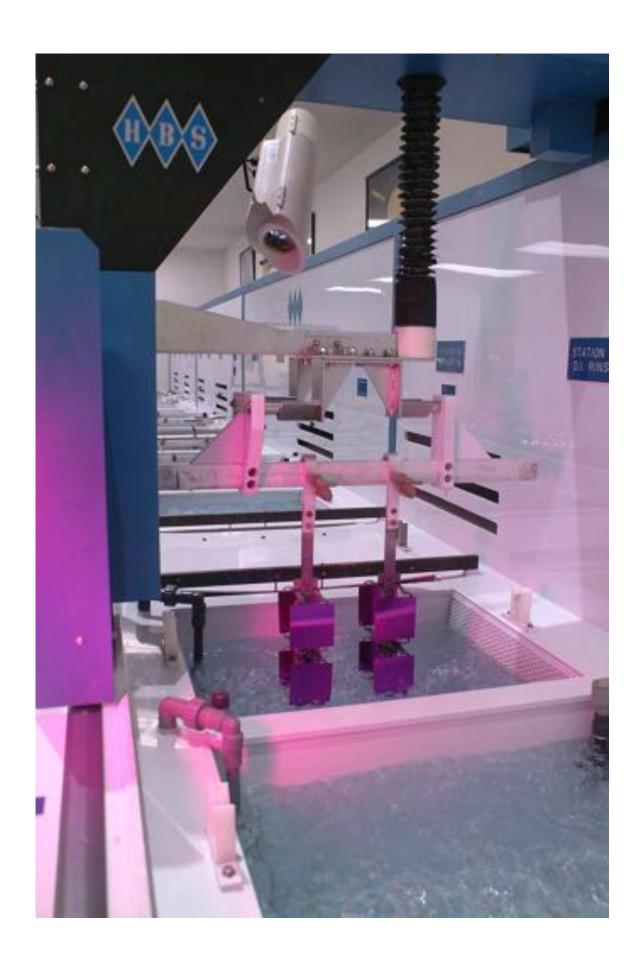










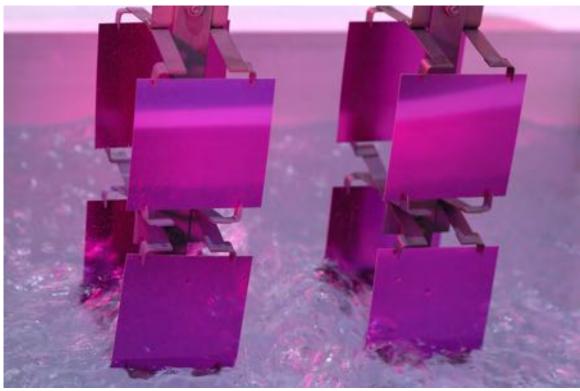








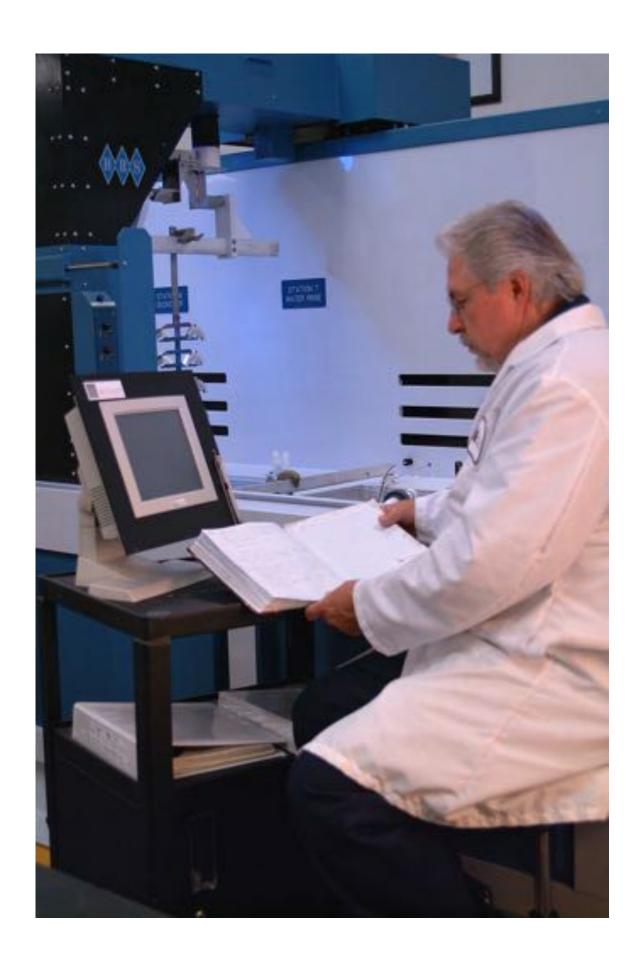


































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Completion/Publication

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Date of 1st Publication: May 22, 2002 Nation of Ist Publication: United States

Author

Author: Fred W. Cornelius

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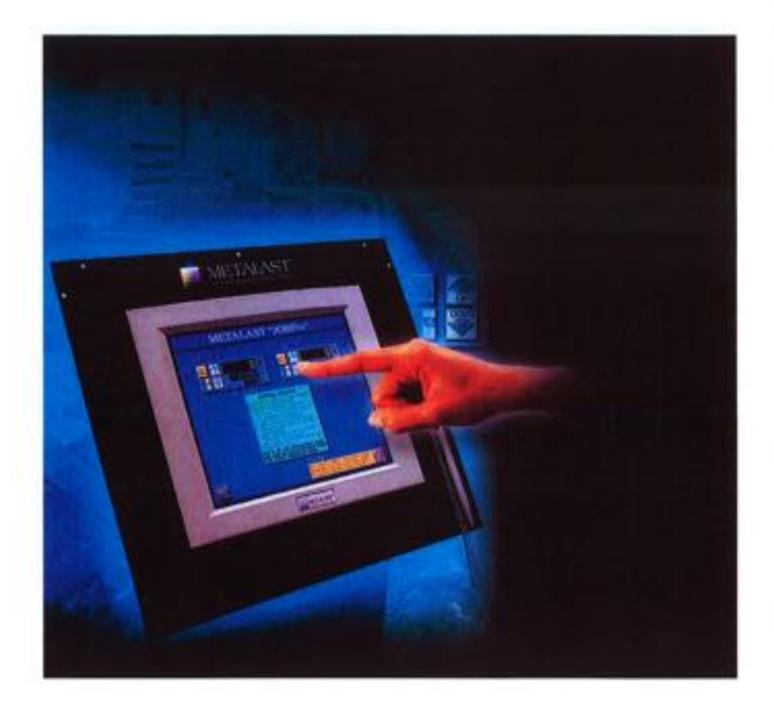
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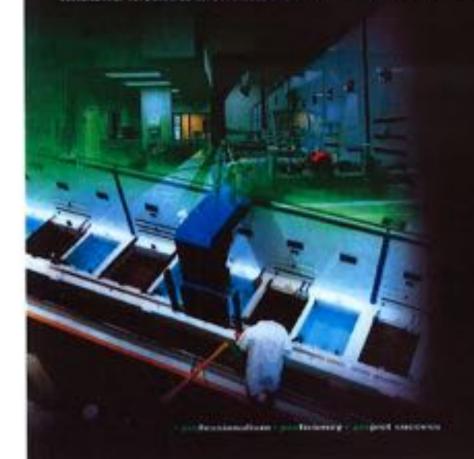
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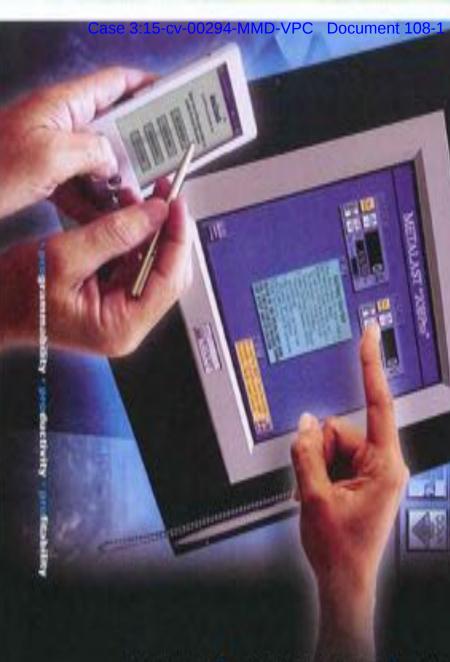
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Metal finishing's environmentally safe and superior performance replacement for Hexavalent Chromates

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METAL FINISHING'S SOLUTIONS PROVIDER

- "Green" Metal Finishing Technology Company
- \$60 billion global metal finishing industry
- Specialty chemicals and process automation
- Navy Partner for safe Cr6+ replacement
- Hexavalent chromium (Cr6+) or "Erin Brockovich"
- Solutions and Problem Solver to the Fortune 500
- METALAST TCP-HF specified by 55-companies





- First to launch \$4M T-REX mobile marketing
- Patent Pending for "No Chrome" solution (Mar 2010)
- Regulations to remove Cr6+ from supply chains
- R&D with Boeing, Air Force and Pratt & Whitney
- "SIT" driveshaft in 2,000,000 units in Jeep (2005-2010)
- METALAST (MTL) used by Navy (NADEP) Jacksonville
- 2008 NESDI Report calls conversion to METALAST





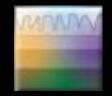


Investment Highlights

- Headquartered in Minden, Nevada (est. 1995)
- \$50 million of investment to date + \$22 million debt
- \$22 million debt (10% paid, 30% discount and 60% converts to common)
- Seeking capital to grow and expand markets
- Proj. Revenues 2014 EBIT @ 8 P/E & 15 P/E = IRR 38.10% 48.64%
 - 2010 \$ 7,413,120
 - 2011- \$ 20,445,026
 - 2012 \$ 39,190,823
 - 2013 \$ 67,864,675
 - 2014 \$ 102,552,224







Today's METALAST - 2010

METALAST: The Pinnacle of Advanced Coatings and Emerging Green Surface Finishing Technologies, Providing the Critical Component of Unparalleled Customer Service.



Improving the quality of products for Manufacturers



- Core competency "Green" chemicals and process control
- Industry served (metal finishing anodizing, electroplating and various coating)
- Cr6+ is known carcinogen being banned worldwide
- Selected by U. S. Navy (NAVAIR) as one of four licensee's
- Of 42 Cr6+ replacements only four with QPL Approval
- METALAST TCP-HF is Navy TCP (Cr3+) reformulation



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- Cr6+ not obscure chemical, it is a major anti-corrosive
- TCP-HF is also room temperature anodizing seal (versus 200F)
- Bringing effective removal of Cr6+ from environment
- AA-200, CP 6800, software and wet process line equipment
- Pratt &Whitney licensed Cr3+ (METALAST TCP-NP) product











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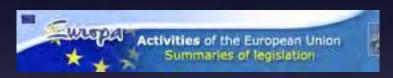
- CNBC news "CA Jobs Reno 911" nationally broadcasted on April 24, 2009
- Nevada with no state income taxes is ranked second in nation by SBI
- Greater Reno market has direct access to a highly skilled California labor pool
- MTL Recognized as Nevada's "Spotlight Company" by U.S. Senator (Apr 2009)



Key Market Issues

- "Green" Technologies products and processes
- Chemical specifications lengthy, tedious and costly
- Market leader "Alodine" dominated market for 60-years
- RoHS and U.S. PEL global directives mandate removal
- U. S. Government and DoD enforcing compliance
- Manufacturers demand consistency and accountability
- Automation and Efficiency = Globally Competitive









Primary TCP-HF Competition







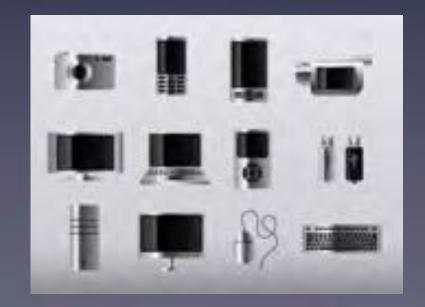
- Since 1950 \$25 billion Henkel owns Alodine brand (+/- 60% market share globally)
- SurTec and Luster-On lesser performing products with little tech support
- MacDermid, Houghton and Luster-On products deliver minimal performance
- Chemetall sells Cr6+ and TCP-HF, but must soon fully comply with regulations



Metal Finishing Market Demand

Non-Ferrous metals of aluminum, titanium and magnesium applications in the areas of chromate conversion, Type II & Type III anodizing, anodizing seal, pre-paint, E-coat, powder coat and CARC (Chemical Agent Resistant Coating)

- 5,000 domestic job shops and total 65,000 metal finishers worldwide
- Spend \$45,000 annual chromate conversion and \$75,000 as anodizing seal
- Global anodizing additive market at $13,000 \times \$25,000 = \$325M$ annual (est.)
- Non Cr6+ at \$3B annual + 13,000 anodizers seal market = \$975M (est.)
- +\$4.3 billion global @ 3% market share = \$125M in chemical revenue (2014)









M.F. Industry and Diverse Market

Specific non-ferrous metal applications including aluminum, titanium and magnesium

- Many industrial sectors including:
 - Aircraft and Aviation
 - Aerospace Primary and Secondary
 - Automotive OEM and Tier #1
 - Department of Defense
 - ► Electronics and Electrical Equipment
 - ► Telecommunication Infrastructure
 - Common household products like cookware
- Market sectors should begin to see exponential revenues growth















Coatings Industry Market Demand

Ferrous metal applications for anti-corrosion protection on steel, tin and iron as undercoating or top coat over phosphates (zinc, iron and manganese) in the specific areas of paint, E-coat, powder coat and CARC

- Global Paint and Coatings Industry Market (ACA) is estimated at \$85 billion
- Industrial applications estimated at 56% (\$48B) and architectural at 44% (\$37B)
- U.S. paint and coatings manufacturing industry represents \$20 billion annually
- NACE & U.S. DOT estimate annual corrosion costs at \$276 billion (3.1% of GDP)









Coatings Industry - A Diverse Market

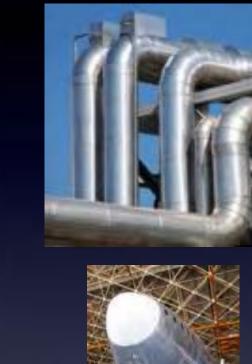
Specific ferrous metal applications for anti-corrosion protection bonding and adhesion on steel, tin and iron



























Benefits of Process Control

- Industrial process control software
 - Developed for the metal finishing industry
 - Advanced JobPro controls entire process line
 - Ruggedized hardware with touch-screen controls
- Greater product consistency and productivity
- JobPro is validated by a 10-year track record
- Navy at Jacksonville calling for all DoD to adopt METALAST "Best Practices" technology worldwide
- \$25 billion Flextronics specified METALAST anodizing for its PC notebook supply chain in China (March 2010)











Company Overview

- 17,000 square foot Technical and Training Center
- Chemical and metallurgical scientists and tech staff
- PC software engineers and industry professionals
- 27 employees 10 dedicated technical sales personnel
- I0 Distributors with a total of 300 Sales Reps
- METALAST brand recognized by most Fortune 500
- METALAST © CP 6800 "Zero Chrome" (May 2010)



QualiChem, Inc. Your Chemical Manufacturing Partner





Company Overview

- Offsite manufacturing by three precision blenders
- Partnerships with U.S. Navy, Air Force and Army
- On-going R&D/technical support relationships with:
 - BAE Systems, Lockheed, Raytheon and UTC
 - DoD, Bath Ironworks and General Dynamics
 - Chrysler, Ford, GE Healthcare, Honeywell and Tyco
 - Allied Tube, Goodrich, NASA and Weber Aircraft
- T-REX Tour (2004-2007) Visited Fortune 500 coast to coast



T-REX Mobile Marketing Strategy

- November 2004 December 2007: "T-REX (Touring Research and Educational Exhibit) was the single most significant decision, which defined the pivotal years for our Company and is the cornerstone of the METALAST brand." David M. Semas, Chairman/CEO
 - √ 1,250 seminars -10,000 engineering professionals
 - √ 400 manufacturers many of the Fortune 500
 - √ 3-year tour traveled 89,000 miles over 31 states
 - √ Changed methodology of the largest companies
 - ✓ Against all odds, adapted and endured difficulties
 - √ Impacting status quo of I00-year old industry





T-REX Mobile Marketing Strategy













T-REX Envisioned (2004-2007)

- Reached masses by bringing the METALAST "Best Practices" story to them
- No hassle free seminars at engineers facilities
- 3-year T-REX "Solutions Providers Tour" (Nov '04)



→ Over 1,250 - 2-hour seminars held before many of the Fortune 500









Partnerships & Alliances Created

• SIC Technologies (chemicals & dyes)



- Price Industries & M.E. Baker (process line equipment)
- Pratt & Whitney (METALAST TCP-NP)



- ASC Process Systems (partial automation)
- American Plating (power supply and rectifiers)
- Process Chiller Systems (refrigeration)





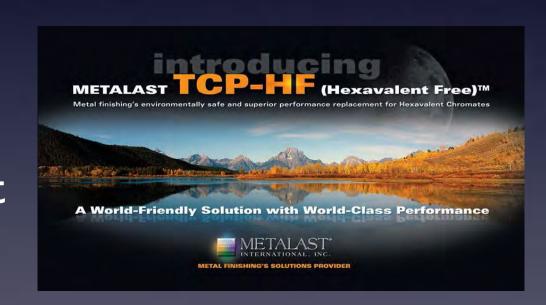




Strategic Partnerships Alliances

- NAVAIR License for "Green" Cr6+ alternative
- NADEP Jacksonville, FL 6 year Licensee
- Pratt and Whitney METALAST TCP-NP
- U. S. Air Force on SBIR Research Grant
- Chemetall GmbH \$3B specialty chemical giant
- Visteon & Chrysler 2,000,000 driveshaft units



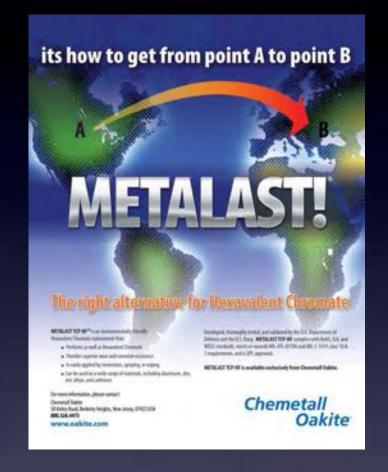


P&W specified TCP-HF anodizing seal to global supply chain of 750 vendors



Chemetall US Partnership

- Needed to align with respected chemical company
- Fortune 500 wouldn't specify small chemical company
- Chemetall makes 2x the profit selling Cr6+ product
- U. S. and European Directives will force compliance
- Independent distributor margins are between 30% 40% higher than Chemetall net adjust profit margins (NAPM)











TCP-HF Manufacturing & Independent Distribution Network

- QualiChem TCP-HF production (Oct '08)
- QualiChem TCP-HF EPA production (Mar '09)



- Expanding to West Coast and International markets
- Distributor strategy opens domestic and global markets

















T-REX Seminar Attendees & Manufacturer Specification Approvals



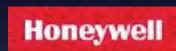
























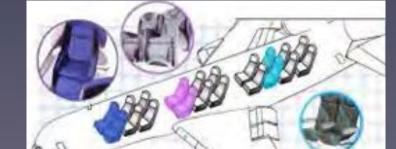












WEBER AIRCRAFT LP















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ONE VISION









ONE COMPANY



































METALAST Key Management

- David M. Semas Chairman/CEO: 17-years MF industry former EVP Shearson/American Express
- James C. Kieckhafer CFO: CPA Senior Partner for Arthur Anderson & Company, METALAST ('94)
- Jeff Mackinen SVP Administration: 25-years in banking, METALAST ('94) BS Finance/Admin
- Wendi Fauria VP Accounting: 15-years MF industry, METALAST ('94) BS Accounting/CPA Exam
- Harish Bhatt VP Technical Support: 20-years Ford Executive (STF) MBA/BS Chemical Engineering
- Byron Estes VP Sales Support: 30 years industry METALAST ('98) GM the largest anodizers in U.S.













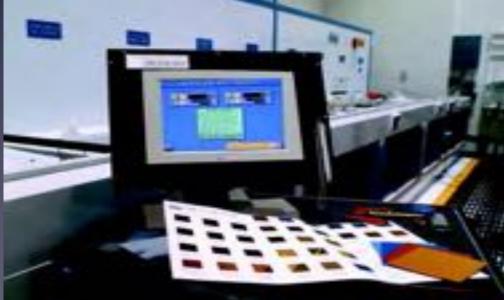




METALAST Key Management

- Greg Semas VP Sales and Marketing: 15-years MF industry, METALAST ('94) BS Marketing
- Alp Manavbasi, Ph.D. VP Technology: UNR Assoc. Professor BS and MS in Metallurgical Engineering
- Kevin Bodily Engineer: 25-years process control C-Programming BS Electrical Engineering
- Syam Nibhan Senior Lab Metallurgist BS and MS in Metallurgical Engineering
- Keith Johnson Anodizing Technician: 35 years anodizing industry as Technical Production Manager









Barriers to Entry



Tech Center



Laboratory



Anodizing Process Line

- Significant time patient capital required
- +\$50 million dollars of investment to date
- A decade of R&D, specs and branding
- Chemical testing/approvals 5-year process
- Recruit, hire and train tech/sales staff
- Assemble global distribution network
- Very fragmented target market that is extremely difficult to penetrate



Chemistry



Process Control



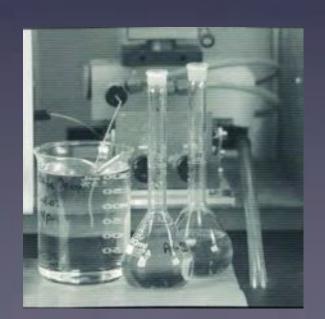
Tech Support Staffing



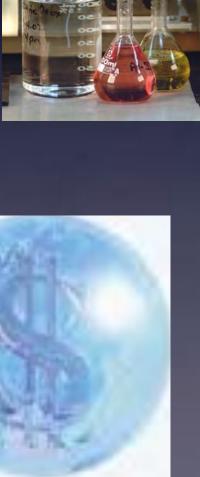
Exit Strategy



- 5-year projected investment holding period
- +40% margins with impressive EBITDA at +30%
- Diversified industrial sectors broad customer base
- Attractive to Dow, DuPont, PPG, BASF, Henkel, Houghton, Sherwin-Williams or Hentzen Coatings
- Ideally positioned for future sale, merger or IPO









Closing Statement

- 14-years of establishing METALAST brand
- First to take a solutions and problem solving approach
- 10,000 engineers attended 1,250 T-REX seminars
- TCP-HF specified by 55 companies worldwide
- Partnered with Navy, Air Force and Pratt & Whitney
- Market driving global regulations and public opinion
- METALAST has been featured by an award-winning film maker for the upcoming release of "Eco-Nomic\$ Why Going Green Is Not Black and White", scheduled for its 2011 Film Premier at "The Sundance Film Festival"







Closing Statement

SIX REASONS TO CAPTURE MARKET SHARE

- (I) Best NAVYTCP products as validated by industry
- (2) One of four of 42 replacements QPL approved
- (3) TCP-HF EPA is the only QPL approved additive
- (4) TCP-NP (P&W) is a complimentary alternative
- (5) CP 6800 "Zero" or "No Chrome" breakthrough
- (6) AA-200 performance is becoming DoD mandated
- Products have brand appeal and create a "Grand Slam"
- TCP-HF and AA-200 gaining market acceptance each day





Closing Statement







- NESDI calling for DoD to convert to METALAST "Best Practices"
- Distributor network already grown to over 300 field Sales Reps
- Galaxy and Global Trading Commodities opening world markets
- Tested, proven, seasoned and fiscally responsible management team



Final Closing Statement





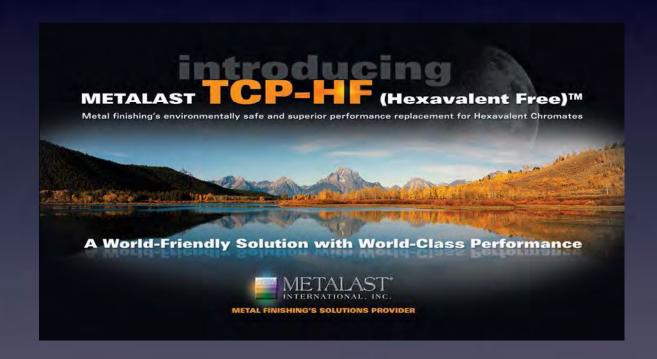


- After 100-years of status-quo, metal finishing is now positioned for change
- Executives, shareholders and consumers are demanding green products
- Market leader Henkel focused on retail products not MF industrial markets
- METALAST business-to-business brand is trusted by many of the Fortune 500
- Products, tech support, R&D, training and education represent "Cutting Edge"



Metal Finishing's Solutions Provider





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