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16 **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**
17 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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19 In re:
20 THOMAS A. HANTGES,
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22 Debtor.

Case No.: 07-13163-LBR
Chapter 11

DECLARATION OF MICHAEL W. CARMEL, CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE FOR THE ESTATE OF THOMAS A . HANTGES, FILED IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION FOR ORDER (1) LIMITING NOTICE AND APPROVING MASTER SERVICE LIST FOR NOTICES UNDER RULE 2002 OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE AND (2) FURTHER LIMITING NOTICE AND APPROVING A LIMITED SERVICE LIST

DATE: October 15, 2007
TIME: 9:30 a.m.

1 I, Michael W. Carmel, hereby declare the following:

2 1. I am the duly appointed Trustee in the chapter 11 bankruptcy case (“Bankruptcy
3 Case”) of Thomas A. Hantges (“Debtor”). I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein,
4 and if called as a witness I could and would testify competently thereto.¹

5 2. No committees have been appointed in this Bankruptcy Case.

6 3. The Bankruptcy Case involves millions of dollars in assets, real property and
7 holdings, numerous interested business entities and ownership interests, and potentially a large
8 number of creditor claims. In order to provide the broadest possible notice of the
9 initiation of the Bankruptcy Case, I caused the Amended Notice to be served on
10 approximately 8,000 potential creditors and other parties in interest. It is likely that a
11 majority of the parties listed in the Matrix do not have claims against the Debtor.

12 4. I am informed and believe that the same Matrix was used by Ford Elsaesser, the
13 Trustee for the estate of Milanowski, to serve the *Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case,*
14 *Meeting of Creditors & Deadline* filed in that case and that Mr. Ford has filed a
15 motion requesting that similar notice procedures are approved.

16 5. While I believed that the initial notice regarding commencement of this
17 Bankruptcy Case should be served on the Matrix, the continued service on all parties on the
18 Matrix is unnecessary under Bankruptcy Rule 2002 and impractical. Furthermore, the parties
19 listed on the Master Service List and Limited Service List represent those entities that have
20 the most interest in the administration of the Bankruptcy Case. Information will also be
21 accessible to the public at large through the website associated with this Bankruptcy Case at
22 <http://hantgesbankruptcy.step toe.com/>.

23 6. The application of the Notice Procedures as set forth in the Motion is especially
24 appropriate in a case of this size and magnitude, where providing notice of every matter to
25 hundreds of creditors and potentially interested parties would be unjustifiably burdensome and
26 economically infeasible.

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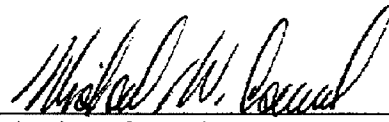
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¹ All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

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

Dated this 18th of September, 2007.



Michael W. Carmel
Chapter 11 Trustee for the Estate of Thomas A. Hantges