1 RICHARD J. ANDRIOLO LILLY, ANDRIOLO & SCHRAUDNER 2 Attorneys at Law The Baltimore, Suite 301 3 222 East Main Street Bozeman, Montana 59715 4 Telephone: (406) 586-7686 5 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF AND COUNTER-DEFENDANT 6 7 8 MONTANA EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT 9 GALLATIN COUNTY 10 \* \* \* \* \* 11 No. DV 87-407 12 WALEN F. LILLY, 13 Plaintiff, 14 VS. AFFIDAVIT 15 FRED TERWILLIGER, CLARA TERWILLIGER, JAMES BONNETT, 16 and DEBORAH BONNETT, 17 Defendants, 18 JAMES BONNETT and DEBORAH 19 BONNETT, 20 Defendants and Counter-plaintiffs, 21 VS. 22 WALEN F. LILLY, 23 Plaintiff and 24 Counter-defendant. 25

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STATE OF MONTANA ) :ss
County of Gallatin )

COMES NOW, WALEN F. LILLY, after being duly sworn upon oath, and deposes and states as follows:

- 1. That your affiant is the plaintiff in the above-referenced matter. Your affiant previously supplied an Affidavit to this Court in support of his Motion for Summary Judgment.
- 2. That upon taking possession of the premises upon which "Bud Lilly's Trout Shop" conducted business, your affiant discovered "Bud Lilly's Trout Shop's" mailing list. It had been left with all of the fixtures, inventory, and equipment.
- 3. That exhibits "A" and "B" to the security agreement at issue herein contained a list of fixtures, equipment, and inventory. Those lists do not contain the mailing list, or the name "Bud Lilly's Trout Shop."
- 4. That the original list set forth in exhibit "A" was inventory, and was not kept because of its shear volume, and therefore, is not available. Exhibit "B", the list of equipment, is attached.
- 5. That the agreed upon sales price with James Criner was \$60,000. However, in order to comply with my accountant's concerns, this amount was reduced to reflect interest to be paid over the payout on the promissory note. A copy of the note is attached hereto.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

WALEN F. LILLY

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this  $\_$  day of May, 1988.

Notary Public for the State of MT Residing at:
My commission expires:

### EXHIBIT B

1. 5 McKenzie Riverboats 2. 5 McKenzie Riverboat trailers 3. Boat cushions 4. House trailer 5. 5 ice chests 6. 6 water jugs 6 first aide kits 10 sets of oars 9. fireplace 10. fly bins with plastic boses 11. Rod racks 3 glas display counters peg boards and peg board accessories 12. 13. 14. built in shelving 3 wooden display racks 3 metal display racks 15. 16. 17. 1 free standing wooden display rack 18. 3 window display screens 19. 2 cash registers 20. 1 weather station 1 recording barometer 21. 22. map rack 23. area rugs 24. thread display 25. neon sign 26. 3 wooden signs 27. built in storage in basement 28. vacuum cleaning and brooms 29. deep freeze 30. refrigerator photographs and drawings metal filing cabinet 31. 32. 33. 2 wooden desks 34. 1 texas instrument adding maching 1 copy machine 1 electric typewriter 35. 36. 37. 2 wooden work tables 38. 1 set built in shelving 1 wooden storage cabinet 39. classroom maps, displays, charts and insect displays classroom tables, chairs and shelving rods, reels, and lines for instruction 40. 41. 42. 43. full track rodding 44. 2 braided rugs 45. covered wall panel displays 46. built in shelving and paneling for art gallery 47. pottery and prints 48. coffee maker 49. mirrors 50. print displays on miscellaneous guide supplies 51. 52. fish mounts 53. frame wall maps line winder 54. 55. repair bench 56. telephone recording 2 fire extinguishers 57.

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full propane tank

aluminum car top boat

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## PROMISSORY NOTE

\$37,263.00 West Yellowstone, Montana 59758 Date: April 13,1984

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned, JAMES CRINER, promises to pay to the order of WALEN F. LILLY, the sum of THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY THREE AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$37,263.00), together with interest thereon at the rate of 6 3/4% per annum. The undersigned promises to make payment as follows:

- 1. The sum of TEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) on the 1st. day of October, 1987, which sum shall include principal and accrued interest.
- 2. The sum of THIRTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) on the 1st. day of October, 1988, which sum shall include principal and accrued interest and upon payment of this last installment, the entire unpaid balance of principal plus all accrued interest shall be paid in full.

This Promissory Note is secured by a security agreement of even date which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

The undersigned shall have the right, without penalty, to prepay any and all principal and interest owing. In such case, the amount prepaid shall first be applied to accrued interest and the balance shall be applied to the unpaid principal

The maker and endorsers hereby waive presentment, demand, protest and notice thereof.

In the event that there shall be any default in the making of the payment as herein provided, the maker agrees to pay reasonable attorneys fees in event of suit thereon.

SCRINER

The undersigned has read the foregoing terms of and hereby accepts the same.

Dated this 13 day of April, 1987.

WALEN F. LILLY

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The defendants have filed a cross Motion for Summary

Judgment. In that motion, defendants request entry of

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judgment in their favor on the issue of their liability under the sales agreement which is at issue in this case.

Specifically, defendants claim that plaintiff's sale of the fixtures, equipment, and inventory in question was commercially unreasonable. They contend that the notice provided to them was inadequate for its failure to include the fact that The Trout Shop, Inc.'s mailing list and the name "Bud Lilly's Trout Shop" were to be sold. In addition, they claim that the sales price of Fifty-seven Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$57,000) as opposed to the proposed sales price in the notice of Sixty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$60,000) was fatal.

Defendants' cross Motion for Summary Judgment puts the issue of their liability under the sales agreement directly at issue. Plaintiff, in his Motion for Summary Judgment, has likewise requested the Court to enter summary judgment in his favor on the issue of defendants' liability under the sales agreement.

Defendants also take the position that plaintiff is not entitled to summary judgment on the First Claim for Relief in their Counterclaim. That First Claim for Relief contends that Greg Lilly, a shareholder of The Trout Shop, Inc. at the time of the sale, competed directly with the defendants, therefore violating the sales agreement. Finally, defendants argue that summary judgment in favor of the plaintiff is not appropriate on the Second Claim for Relief contained in their Counterclaim. That claim

for relief alleges that Walen F. Lilly violated a consultation paragraph in the sales agreement. Defendants argue that summary judgment is not appropriate on this issue because all of the questions are factual in nature.

Each of these arguments will be addressed separately below:

## ARGUMENT

I. PLAINTIFF, NOT DEFENDANTS, IS ENTITLED TO

SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON THE ISSUE OF LIABILITY PURSUANT TO HIS

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF.

This issue centers on the sufficiency of the Notice of Repossession provided by plaintiff to the defendants. Defendants contend that the notice was inadequate for two (2) reasons. First, the notice did not identify the mailing list or the name "Bud Lilly's Trout Shop" as assets to be sold to James Criner. Second, defendants claim it was inadequate because the proposed sales price in the notice was \$60,000 when the actual sales price to James Criner was \$57,000.

Defendants attempt to make an issue of the fact that counsel for the plaintiff drafted the sales agreement in question. However, defendants conveniently failed to advise the Court that they too were represented by counsel in this transaction. Therefore, both parties were represented in this transaction, and no conclusions can be drawn from the fact that plaintiff had counsel.

Defendants initially argue that the notice in question was inadequate because it failed to list The Trout Shop, Inc.'s mailing list and the name "Bud Lilly's Trout Shop." This argument overlooks several significant factors. First, neither the mailing list nor the name "Bud Lilly's Trout Shop" was pledged as collateral pursuant to the terms of the security agreement. Exhibit "A" to the security agreement listed the inventory, and exhibit "B" listed the fixtures and equipment. Those lists did not include the name or the mailing list (see Affidavit of Walen F. Lilly and certified copy of the Uniform Commercial Code Financing Statement filed with the Secretary of State for the State of Montana).

In providing the defendants with Notice of Repossession, the plaintiff was proceeding pursuant to the terms of the Uniform Commercial Code and the security agreement. Therefore, he was bound by the terms of that security agreement and the Uniform Commercial Code, and no others.

The mailing list was abandoned by Fred and Clara Terwilliger at the premises upon which the defendants and the Terwilligers conducted the business known as "Bud Lilly's Trout Shop." The plaintiff merely took possession of those, as they had been abandoned, and passed them on to James Criner (see Lilly Affidavit).

Likewise, having breached the sales agreement, the defendants were no longer entitled to the name "Bud

Lilly's Trout Shop." Indeed, the business known as "Bud Lilly's Trout Shop" as formed by the defendants was involuntarily dissolved.

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Defendants are not in a position to complain. By selling the name and the mailing list, plaintiff secured more funds than he would have by simply selling the fixtures, equipment, and inventory. Therefore, the defendants have actually gained by the plaintiff's efforts. Because the sales price to James Criner was higher than could have been obtained otherwise, the size of the deficiency judgment which plaintiff now seeks against defendants is smaller.

Finally, defendants argue that the discrepancy between the proposed sales price contained in the notice of \$60,000 and the actual sales price of approximately \$57,000 renders the sale commercially unreasonable. differential is easily explained. The payment terms as set forth in the Criner agreement when added to the interest reaches the amount of approximately \$60,000. This was by design (see Lilly Affidavit). Regardless, the amount is so small as. to become ridiculously insignificant.

In sum, defendants are attempting, although valiantly, to make a good stew without meat. This simply cannot be done. The defendants have cited to this Court no case authority and no statutory authority in support of their position. Their argument is simply fluff.

Therefore, the plaintiff respectfully requests the Court to enter summary judgment in his favor on the issue of defendants' liability under the terms of the sales agreement.

## THE FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF CONTAINED IN DEFENDANTS' COUNTERCLAIM ON BOTH THE ISSUES OF LIABILITY AND DAMAGES.

The First Claim for Relief contained in defendants' Counterclaim alleges that Greg Lilly, a shareholder and director of The Trout Shop, Inc. at the time of the purchase, violated the covenant not to compete contained in the sales agreement. While Greg Lilly was in fact a shareholder and director, and did in fact compete with the defendants, the plaintiff is not liable for those actions.

Defendants appear to argue that because the sales agreement at issue was executed with the knowledge and consent of the shareholders, including Greg Lilly, that he should be bound thereby. This argument fails to address, and does not refute, the case authorities cited in plaintiff's opening Brief. In sum, those authorities clearly indicate that a director or shareholder has no good will to sell, and therefore, cannot be bound by a covenant not to compete.

Defendants also argue, although tongue in cheek, that perhaps the covenant not to compete is void under Montana law, but the Court should ignore the law because of the

fact that plaintiff's counsel drafted the agreement and was in fact a shareholder of The Trout Shop, Inc. at the time of the sale. This argument, again, is not supported by any statutory or case law. In addition, it ignores the fact that defendants were represented by counsel as well.

Defendants refuse to address the issue of waiver with regard to this claim for relief. Rather, they rely on the bold assertion that the question of waiver is one of fact and cannot be decided at this point in time. Nonetheless, defendants do not cite to this Court any law to that effect.

The facts with regard to waiver are clear, unequivocable, and unambiguous. Greg Lilly competed for a number of years before the defendants' default. Despite their knowledge of that competition, they sent no notices of default and continued to make the payments.

Surely, a notice of default, or, in the alternative, cessation of the payments, together with a notice of default, were mandatory in order to avail the defendants of this claim.

# III. PLAINTIFF IS ENTITLED TO SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON THE ISSUES OF LIABILITY AND DAMAGES PURSUANT TO DEFENDANTS' SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF.

Defendants' Second Claim for Relief alleges that plaintiff violated the consultation agreement contained in the sales agreement. Defendant maintains that this

alleged breach is strictly a factual issue. While that may be true, defendants do not address the issue of waiver.

The consultation was to occur in 1982. Never have the defendants notified the plaintiff of any breach of that provision, nor have they withheld payments for breach of that agreement. Again, a clear waiver exists.

## CONCLUSION

This is a case in which this matter should be resolved in full, save for the amount of damages, on these cross Motions for Summary Judgment. This case represents one where counsel for the defendants has ingeniously argued to assist his clients from escaping their clear liability under a sales agreement.

Unfortunately, the defendants' position is not supported by the undisputed facts, nor by the law. This matter should be resolved at this stage on the issue of liability.

Therefore, plaintiff respectfully requests the Court to enter summary judgment in his favor and to deny defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this \$\int \S'\$ day of May, 1988. LILLY, ANDRIOLO & SCHRAUDNER Attorneys at Law The Baltimore, Suite 301 222 East Main Street Bozeman, MT 59715 By: RICHARD J. ANDRIOLO Attorney for Plaintiff and Counter-defendant CERTIFICATE OF MAILING I hereby certify that I served a copy of the foregoing instrument upon the attorney of record in this matter, PIERRE L. BACHELLER, by mailing a copy of the same to his last known address of P.O. Box 2078, Billings, Montana, 59103, this day of May, 1988. kovsky, Secretary