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AO 399 (01/09) Waiver of the Service of Summons

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

| Eastern District of Missouri | | | | |
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| Eagle Private Equity, LLC Plaintiff v. Lower Brule Community Dev. Enterprise, LLC, et al. Defendant) | Civil Action No. | | | |
| WAIVER OF THE SERVICE OF SUMMONS | | | | |
| To: Michael T. George, Esq. (Name of the plaintiff's attorney or unrepresented plaintiff) | | | | |
| I have received your request to waive service of a summons in this action along with a copy of the complaint, two copies of this waiver form, and a prepaid means of returning one signed copy of the form to you. | | | | |
| I, or the entity I represent, agree to save the expense of se | erving a summons and complaint in this case. | | | |
| I understand that I, or the entity I represent, will keep all defenses or objections to the lawsuit, the court's jurisdiction, and the venue of the action, but that I waive any objections to the absence of a summons or of service. | | | | |
| I also understand that I, or the entity I represent, must file and serve an answer or a motion under Rule 12 within 60 days from 04/19/2012 , the date when this request was sent (or 90 days if it was sent outside the United States). If I fail to do so, a default judgment will be entered against me or the entity I represent. | | | | |
| Date: 04/19/2012 | | | | |
| | Signature of the attorney or unrepresented party | | | |
| Printed name of party waiving service of summons | Printed name | | | |
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Duty to Avoid Unnecessary Expenses of Serving a Summons

Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires certain defendants to cooperate in saving unnecessary expenses of serving a summons and complaint. A defendant who is located in the United States and who fails to return a signed waiver of service requested by a plaintiff located in the United States will be required to pay the expenses of service, unless the defendant shows good cause for the failure.

"Good cause" does *not* include a belief that the lawsuit is groundless, or that it has been brought in an improper venue, or that the court has no jurisdiction over this matter or over the defendant or the defendant's property.

If the waiver is signed and returned, you can still make these and all other defenses and objections, but you cannot object to the absence of a summons or of service.

If you waive service, then you must, within the time specified on the waiver form, serve an answer or a motion under Rule 12 on the plaintiff and file a copy with the court. By signing and returning the waiver form, you are allowed more time to respond than if a summons had been served.

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| Eagle Private Equity, LLC | | | | Lower Brule Community Development Enterprise, LLC, and LBC Western Holdings, LLC, and Gavin Clarkson | | | | |
| (b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Hennepin, Minne (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES) | | | sota | County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE LAND INVOLVED. | | | | |
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI EASTERN DIVISION

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| vs. | |) |
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| and, | |) |
| LBC WESTE | RN HOLDINGS, LLC |) |
| Serve: | Robert Giacovas, Esq. Lazare, Potter & Giacovas LLP 950 Third Avenue New York, NY 10022 |)))) |
| and, | |) |
| GAVIN CLA | RKSON |) |
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| Defend | lants. |)) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED |

COMPLAINT FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT, FRAUD & UNJUST ENRICHMENT

COMES NOW, Plaintiff pursuant to 28 U.S.C.A. § 1332 and states the following:

PARTIES

- 1. Eagle Private Equity, LLC (hereinafter "Eagle") is a duly organized limited liability company, with it's principle place of business in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and is engaged in capital formation for business enterprises.
- 2. The Lower Brule Community Development Enterprise, LLC (hereinafter "Brule Community") is a duly organized limited liability company, with its principle place of business in Lower Brule, South Dakota, and is engaged in furthering economic development for the Lower Brule Sioux Indian tribe in South Dakota.
- 3. LBC Western Holdings LLC (hereinafter "Western Holdings") is a duly organized limited liability company, with it principle place of business in New York City, New York, and is affiliated with and controlled by Brule Community, and is engaged in broker-dealer security services.
- 4. Gavin Clarkson is a natural person, Harvard Law School graduate, Harvard Business School graduate, University of Houston Law Center Associate Professor, resident of Texas, and President and CEO of Brule Community, and officer of Western Holdings.

JURISDICTION

5. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, Eastern Division, has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Title 28 U.S.C. § 1332, because the

all plaintiffs have citizenship different from all defendants, and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.00.

FACTS

- 6. Brule Community is the lender and Western Holdings is the borrower of a certain \$22,519,638 note, that is guaranteed by the United States Government under the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Loan Guaranty Certificate No. G103D1A1501.
- 7. Brule Community wanted to monetize their United States Government guaranteed loan to Western Holdings and realize cash for other development projects.
- 8. Eagle offered to consult with and help Brule Community monetize their loan into cash.
- Eagle and Brule Community entered into their first written contract on August 23,
 2011.
- 10. That August 23rd, 2011 contract promised Eagle a 5% fee from Brule Community.
- 11. On September 22nd, 2011 a second agreement was entered into between Brule Community and Eagle, which adopted the 5% fee from the August 23rd, 2011 contract.
- 12. On December 21, 2011 a third agreement was entered into between Brule Community and Eagle.
- 13. That December 21, 2011 contract promised Eagle a 5% fee from Brule Community, with the bonus payment of 1% more (6% total) if the transactions closed prior to January 30, 2012.

- 14. On January 20, 2012 Brule Community entered into an agreement to sell their loan agreement with Western Holdings to Seaport Loan Products LLC (hereinafter "Seaport") for \$19,254,290.00.
- 15. The trade confirmation stated, "All Parties to use best efforts to settle in 5-10 business days."
- 16. The trade did not settle in 5-10 days.
- 17. On January 30, a second trade confirmation between Brule Community and Seaport, was signed by Gavin Clarkson.
- 18. The second trade confirmation stated, "All Parties to use best efforts to settle 5-10 business days after January 26, 2012."
- 19. The trade did not settle in 5-10 days after January 26, 2012.
- 20. All parties, Brule Community, Western Holdings, Eagle, Seaport, and Farm Credit Services of America (the ultimate buyer, hereinafter "Farm Credit") continued their efforts to settle the trade according to the second trade confirmation.
- 21. Unknown to Eagle, Seaport, and Farm Credit, Brule Community had begun negotiations with Great American Insurance Group (hereafter "Great American").
- 22. Brule Community and Western Holdings, in a recorded conversation through their CEO, President, and officer, assured Eagle that "One, you are going to get paid, and two, the note is not going to get sold out from under you."
- 23. Brule Community never informed Eagle, Seaport, or Farm Credit that it was negotiating with another buyer.
- 24. Brule Community never gave notice to Eagle or Seaport that there was a deadline by which the Seaport trade must close.

- 25. Brule Community never gave notice to Eagle or Seaport that it was cancelling the trade with Seaport.
- 26. Upon information and belief, Brule Community monetized their loan to Western Holdings for an amount greater than \$19,254,290.00.
- 27. Brule Community is refusing to settle their trade with Seaport and Farm Credit.
- 28. Brule Community is refusing to pay Eagle their 6% fee.

COUNT I BREACH OF CONTRACT AGAINST BRULE COMMUNITY AND WESTERN HOLDINGS

- 29. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 28 *supra* are re-alleged and herein incorporated in this paragraph.
- 30. Eagle had a contract to help Brule Community and Western Holdings monetize the loan between them.
- 31. Eagle used its expertise, business acumen, and time to help Brule Community and Western Holdings arrange for sale of the note through Seaport to Farm Credit.
- 32. Brule Community and Western Holdings agreed to sell the note to Seaport and Farm Credit.
- 33. Brule Community and Western Holdings refuses now to honor its sale to Seaport and Farm Credit.
- 34. Brule Community and Western Holdings, despite its previous sale to Seaport and Farm Credit, sold the note to Great American for a higher price.
- 35. Brule Community and Western Holdings, despite its contractual obligations, refuses to honor its consulting contract with Eagle and pay to Eagle its 6% fee.

- 36. Brule Community and Western Holdings' refusal to pay the 6% fee to Eagle is a breach of contract.
- 37. Brule Community and Western Holdings' by its breach has directly and proximately damaged Eagle \$1,200,000.
- 38. Brule Community and Western Holdings' breach was willful and wanton, and committed with such wreckless disregard to the rights of Eagle, as to justify punitive damages to deter Brule Community and Western Holdings from such conduct in the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays the Court order, judge, and decree that Brule Community and Western Holdings breached its contract with Eagle, and award Eagle the expectation of its contract, its 6% fee or \$1,200,000.00, statutory interest on that amount from this date of filing, attorney fees and costs expended, and punitive damages, and for such further relief and justice as this Court deems just and proper.

COUNT II FRAUD AND MISREPRESENTATION AGAINST BRULE COMMUNITY, WESTERN HOLDINGS, AND GAVIN CLARKSON

- 39. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 38 *supra* are re-alleged and herein incorporated in this paragraph.
- 40. Gavin Clarkson, for himself, Brule Community, and Western Holdings made numerous material misrepresentations to Eagle, Seaport, and Farm Credit over the course of conducting business with them.

- 41. Gavin Clarkson, Brule Community, and Western Holdings represented to Eagle that they would be paid, and that the note would not be sold out from underneath them.
- 42. Well after Gavin Clarkson had begun negotiating with Great American, and up to the close with Great American, Gavin Clarkson, Brule Community, and Western Holdings continued to induce Eagle to work towards settling the Seaport trade, while fully aware that the Great American had bought the loan.
- 43. Eagle relied upon these material misrepresentations of fact.
- 44. Eagle had a right to rely upon Gavin Clarkson, Brule Community, and Western Holdings' representations.
- 45. Gavin Clarkson, Brule Community, and Western Holdings used these material misrepresentations of fact to fraudulently induce more time, effort, and work from Eagle.
- 46. Had Gavin Clarkson, Brule Community, and Western Holdings revealed the truth, given notice of the negotiations with Great American, and given notice of a final settlement deadline with Seaport, Eagle could have reacted and protected their interests.
- 47. Instead, Gavin Clarkson, Brule Community, and Western Holdings kept the material facts and truth from Eagle, delayed the needed responses and documents to settle the Seaport trade, and broke the trade for a higher price elsewhere.
- 48. Eagle has been damaged as a direct and proximate cause of Gavin Clarkson, Brule Community, and Western Holdings' misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments.
- 49. Gavin Clarkson, Brule Community, and Western Holdings' by their fraudulent misrepresentations have directly and proximately damaged Eagle \$1,200,000.
- 50. Gavin Clarkson, Brule Community, Western Holdings' fraudulent misrepresentations were willful and wanton, and committed with such wreckless

disregard to the rights of Eagle, as to justify punitive damages to deter Gavin Clarkson, Brule Community, and Western Holdings from such conduct in the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays the Court order, judge, and decree that Gavin Clarkson, Brule Community, and Western Holdings made fraudulent misrepresentations to Eagle, and award Eagle the expectation of its contract, its 6% fee or \$1,200,000.00, statutory interest on that amount from this date of filing, attorney fees and costs expended, and punitive damages, and for such further relief and justice as this Court deems just and proper.

COUNT III NEGLIGENT REPRESENTATION AGAINST BRULE COMMUNITY, WESTERN HOLDINGS, AND GAVIN CLARKSON

- 51. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 50 *supra* are re-alleged and herein incorporated in this paragraph.
- 52. Gavin Clarkson, Brule Community, and Western Holdings had a duty to be honest with Eagle and to provide the relevant material facts surrounding the monetization of the loan.
- 52. Gavin Clarkson, Brule Community, and Western Holdings breached that duty by making numerous material representations to Eagle that were false over the course of conducting business with Eagle
- To wit, Gavin Clarkson, Brule Community, and Western Holdings concealed the negotiations with Great American, induced Eagle to continue to work to settle the Seaport trade, delayed the settlement with Seaport, mislead Eagle about their desire to settle with

Seaport, and in the end told Eagle that the note had been sold and gave the pretext on April 3rd in a recorded voice message from Gavin Clarkson and Mr. Dennis Ickes (the Chairman of the Board of Brule Community) that, "about a week ago a third party came in and very quickly made an offer that could not be refused," Dennis Ickes then followed this voice message with a text message on April 3rd that stated, "A very quick offer and close. About one week." These two text messages were followed by a telephone call from Dennis Ickes stating that the, "Buyer materialized from left field, it was a really quick deal, less than 7 days start to finish, that they had a higher offer, that the Brule Community had to accept it, and it was not planned." This series of pretexts were to cover the fact that Brule Community had been negotiating with Great American for at least two months.

- 54. Eagle reasonably relied to its detriment on Gavin Clarkson, Brule Community, and Western Holdings negligent representations.
- 55. Eagle has been damaged as a direct and proximate cause of Gavin Clarkson, Brule Community, and Western Holdings' negligent representations, omissions, and concealments.
- 56. Gavin Clarkson, Brule Community, and Western Holdings' negligent representations were willful and wanton, and committed with such wreckless disregard to the rights of Eagle, as to justify punitive damages to deter Gavin Clarkson, Brule Community, and Western Holdings from such conduct in the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays the Court order, judge, and decree that Gavin Clarkson, Brule Community, and Western Holdings made negligent representations to

Eagle, and award Eagle the expectation of its contract, its 6% fee or \$1,200,000.00, statutory interest on that amount from this date of filing, attorney fees and costs expended, and punitive damages, and for such further relief and justice as this Court deems just and proper.

COUNT IV UNJUST ENRICHMENT AGAINST BRULE COMMUNITY AND WESTERN HOLDINGS

- 57. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 56 *supra* are re-alleged and herein incorporated in this paragraph.
- 58. Brule Community and Western Holdings have received and kept for themselves, all of the proceeds of the sale of the note.
- 59. Brule Community and Western Holdings are refusing to pay Eagle their 5% consulting fee.
- 60. Brule Community and Western Holdings are being enriched by Eagle's 6% fee.
- 61. Brule Community and Western Holdings have been enriched at the expense, and to the detriment of Eagle.
- 63. To allow Brule Community and Western Holdings' to retain the 6% enrichment would be unjust.
- 64. Brule Community and Western Holdings' unjust enrichment were committed willfully and wantonly, and committed with such wreckless disregard to the rights of Eagle, as to justify punitive damages to deter Brule Community and Western Holdings from such conduct in the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays the Court order, judge, and decree that Brule Community and Western Holdings have been unjustly enriched, disgorge the unjust enrichment from Brule Community and Western Holdings, and award Eagle the its 6% fee or \$1,200,000.00, statutory interest on that amount from this date of filing, attorney fees and costs expended, punitive damages, and for such further relief and justice as this Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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