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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK **INDEX NO.: COUNTY OF KINGS SUMMONS** SPECIALTY CAPITAL, LLC, Plaintiff, Plaintiff designates: KINGS COUNTY as the place of trial -against-Basis of venue designated: BORN AGAIN LANDSCAPING & CONSTRUCTION, Pursuant to the agreement between the parties and JESSE J MCNEW, Plaintiff's Address: Defendant(s). 6860 AUSTIN ST, STE 603

To the above named Defendants:

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the date of service or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated: New York, New York December 8, 2023

**Defendants to be served:** 

BORN AGAIN LANDSCAPING & CONSTRUCTION 3646 JUNIPER STREET GROVE CITY, OH 43123

JESSE J MCNEW PO BOX 948 GROVE CITY, OH 43123 AWN&R Commercial Law Group, PLLC

Attorneys for Plaintiff

By: Jeffrey Parrella, Esq. 14 Wall Street, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10005 718-233-2916

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SPECIALTY CAPITAL, LLC,

Plaintiff,

**VERIFIED COMPLAINT** 

-against-

BORN AGAIN LANDSCAPING & CONSTRUCTION, and JESSE J MCNEW,

Defendant(s).

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Plaintiff, SPECIALTY CAPITAL, LLC, by its attorney, Jeffrey Parrella, Esq., for its Complaint herein against BORN AGAIN LANDSCAPING & CONSTRUCTION ("Business Defendant") and JESSE J MCNEW ("Individual Defendant") (*collectively* "Defendants") allege the following:

#### THE PARTIES

- 1. At all relevant times, Plaintiff was and is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York.
- 2. Upon information and belief, and at all relevant times, Business Defendant was and is a company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Ohio, and is subject to the personal jurisdiction of this court pursuant to the Agreement between the parties.
- 3. Upon information and belief, at all relevant times herein, the Individual Defendant was and is an individual residing in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the personal jurisdiction of this court pursuant to the Agreement between the parties.
- 4. Venue is proper in the State of New York pursuant to CPLR §501 pursuant to the Agreement between the parties.

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**THE FACTS** 

5. On or about, Plaintiff and Business Defendant entered into a Purchase and Sale of Future

Receivables Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement") whereby Plaintiff

agreed to purchase all rights to Business Defendant's future account receivables having a

face value of \$74,730.00 with an agreed upon purchase price of \$53,000.00. A copy of the

Agreement is annexed hereto as **Exhibit A**.

6. Pursuant to the aforesaid Agreement, Business Defendant agreed to have one bank account

approved by Plaintiff (hereinafter referred to as the "Bank Account") from which Business

Defendant authorized Plaintiff to debit 12% of its weekly revenue until the purchased

amount of receivables- \$74,730.00 - was paid in full.

7. In addition, Individual Defendant agreed to guarantee any and all amounts owed to Plaintiff

from Business Defendant upon a breach in performance by Business Defendant.

8. Plaintiff paid Business Defendant the Purchase Price of \$53,000.00 minus agreed upon

fees listed on Plaintiff's Exhibit "A" page: 2, and a sum of \$16,928.49 for Merchant's

previous open balance on another merchant cash agreement (Please refer to Exhibit A,

page: 2), thus fulfilling its obligation on the Agreement.

9. Plaintiff remitted the purchase price for the future receivables to Business Defendant as

was agreed upon; and therefore, fully complied with its obligations and duties under the

Agreement.

10. Initially, Business Defendant met its obligations under the Agreement.

11. On or about 11/1/2023, Business Defendant stopped making its payments to Plaintiff and

otherwise breached the Agreement by intentionally impeding and preventing Plaintiff from

making the agreed upon ACH withdrawals from the Bank Account while conducting

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regular business operations and still in receipt of accounts-receivable. This constitutes a default under the Agreement.

- 12. Business Defendant made payments totaling \$6,638.30 leaving a balance of \$68,091.70.
- 13. Additionally, pursuant to the Agreement, Business Defendant incurred a "Default Fee" in the amount of \$5,000.00 and a "Rejected ACH / Blocked ACH Fee" in the amount of \$50.00.
- 14. Pursuant to the Agreement, the aforesaid fees have to be applied to Business Defendant's outstanding balance in the event Business Defendant altered or stopped depositing receivables into the Bank Account. Please refer to Exhibit A, page: 10.
- 15. The combined sum of the balance due to Plaintiff and fees provide for a total balance of \$73,141.70 due and owing to the Plaintiff.
- 16. Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, Defendants further owe Plaintiff a total of \$17,022.93 representing reasonable attorney's fees, or twenty five percent (25%), incurred in the collection of the underlying balance. *Please refer to* Exhibit A, page: 4 at ¶ 1.13(5); page: 6 at ¶ 3.4.
- 17. By reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiff has been damaged in the sum of \$73,141.70, together with attorney's fees of \$17,022.93, resulting in a sum total of \$90,164.63.
- 18. Despite due demand, Business Defendant has failed to pay the amounts due and owing by Business Defendant to Plaintiff under the Agreement.
- 19. Additionally, Individual Defendant is responsible for all amounts incurred as a result of any default by Business Defendant.

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20. There remains a total balance due and owing to Plaintiff on the Agreement in the amount of \$90,164.63 with interest thereon from 11/1/2023, plus costs and disbursements.

### AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

#### (BREACH OF CONTRACT)

- 21. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs "1" through "20" of this Complaint as though fully set herein at length.
- 22. Plaintiff gave fair consideration to Business Defendant which was tendered for the right to receive the aforementioned receivables. Thus, Plaintiff fully performed under the Merchant Agreement.
- 23. Upon information and belief, Business Defendant is still conducting regular business operations and still collecting receivables.
- 24. Business Defendant breached the Agreement by defaulting on its representations and warranties to Plaintiff by blocking Plaintiff's access to the designated Bank Account from which Business Defendant agreed to permit Plaintiff to withdraw receivables, by failing to deposit receivables into the Bank Account, by disposing of Plaintiff's assets without Plaintiff's prior written express consent, and/or by depositing receivables into a bank account other than the Bank Account, all while still conducting regular business operations.
- 25. As a result, Plaintiff has been unable to collect its weekly percentage of receivables purchased from Business Defendant since the date of the aforesaid default.
- 26. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff is entitled to judgment against Business Defendant for the breach of contract in the total sum of \$73,141.70 of future receivables and all the amounts incurred as a result of the default, with interest thereon from 11/1/2023, plus costs, disbursements, and attorney's fees.

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AS AND FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(BREACH OF PERSONAL GUARANTEE)

27. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs "1" through "26" of this Complaint as though fully set forth at length herein.

- 28. Pursuant to the Agreement, Individual Defendant personally guaranteed that Business Defendant would perform its obligations under the Agreement and that Individual Defendant would be personally liable for any loss suffered by Plaintiff because of a breach by the Business Defendant.
- 29. Business Defendant has breached the Agreement as detailed above.
- 30. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff is entitled to a judgment against the Individual Defendant based on the personal guarantee in the sum of \$73,141.70, with interest thereon from 11/1/2023, plus costs, disbursements, and attorney's fees.

# AS AND FOR A THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS (ATTORNEY'S FEES)

- 31. Plaintiff repeats and reaffirms the allegations contained in Paragraphs "l" through "30" above as though fully set forth herein.
- 32. Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, Defendants further owe Plaintiff a total of \$17,022.93 representing reasonable attorney's fees, or twenty five percent (25%), incurred in the collection of the underlying balance. *Please refer to* Exhibit A, page: 4 at ¶ 1.13(5); page: 6 at ¶ 3.4.
- 33. By reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiff has been damaged in the sum of \$73,141.70, together with attorney's fees of \$17,022.93, resulting in a sum total of \$90,164.63.

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WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, SPECIALTY CAPITAL, LLC, requests Judgment against the

Business Defendant, BORN AGAIN LANDSCAPING & CONSTRUCTION, and Individual

Defendant, JESSE J MCNEW, jointly and severally, as follows:

a. On the First Cause of Action of the Complaint, Plaintiff requests Judgment against

Business Defendant in the amount of \$73,141.70, plus interest, costs,

disbursements, and attorney's fees; and

b. On the Second Cause of Action of the Complaint, Plaintiff requests Judgment

against Individual Defendant in the amount of \$73,141.70, plus interest, costs,

disbursements, and attorney's fees; and

c. On the Third Cause of Action of the Complaint, Plaintiff requests Judgment against

Business Defendant and Individual Defendant in the amount of \$73,141.70, with

interest thereon from 11/1/2023, with reasonable attorney's fees of \$17,022.93,

resulting in a sum total of \$90,164.63, plus costs and disbursements.

d. For such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York

December 8, 2023

AWN&R Commercial Law Group, PLLC

Attorneys for Plaintiff

By:

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BORIS KALENDAREV, being duly sworn, states:

I am ONE OF THE MANAGING MEMBERS for Plaintiff, SPECIALTY CAPITAL, LLC in the within action. I have read the foregoing Verified Complaint and know the contents thereof; the same is true to my knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

The foregoing statements are true under penalties of perjury.

BY: Boris Kalendarev

BORIS KALENDAREV

Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_

Diana Sabina Dumitrisu Notary Public

DIANA SABINA DUMITRESCU Notary Public - State of Florida Commission # HH 426458 Expires on July 26, 2027

Notarized online using audio-video communication

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## NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF ACTION SUBJECT TO MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the matter captioned above, which has been commenced by filing of the accompanying documents with the County Clerk, is subject to mandatory electronic filing pursuant to Section 202.5-bb of the Uniform Rules for the Trial Courts. This notice is being served as required by Subdivision (b) (3) of that Section.

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Dated: December 8, 2023

Jeffrey Parrella, Esq. AWN&R Commercial Law Group, PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 14 Wall Street, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10005 718-233-2916 FILED: KINGS COUNTY CLERK 12/08/2023 04:19 PM INDEX NO. 536017/2023

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Service of a copy of the within is hereby admitted.	
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Atto	orney(s) for