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PATRICIA L. BARFIELD Director Corporations Division

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Date June 16, 2016

RELIABLE PLANT MAINTENANCE, LLC PO BOX 26229 TEMPE, AZ 85285

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is a copy of the following document(s) that were served upon the Arizona Corporation Commission on 06/15/2016 as agent for RELIABLE PLANT MAINTENANCE, LLC:

Case caption: BREECHER & CO., P.C. etal v. RELIABLE PLANT MAINTENANCE, LLC, Court: MARICOPA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT Case number: CV2016-001274 \boxtimes Summons X Complaint Subpoena Subpoena Duces Tecum Default Judgment **Judgment** Writ of Garnishment Motion For Summary Judgment Motion for Other

Sincerely,

Lynda B. Griffin

Custodian of Records

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File number L-1642037-7

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

The undersigned person certifies the following facts:

On June 15, 2016, MARY LEE BLAIR, an employee of the Arizona Corporation Commission

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| | Name of Person Filing: Anthony Breecher Your Address: 303 W. Coolidge S Your City, State, Zip Code: Phocnix Az 850 Your Telephone Number: 602 291-4803 Attorney Bar Number (if applicable): 030899 Representing Self (Without an Attorney) or Plance | |
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WARNING: This is an official document from the court that affects your rights. Read this carefully. If you do not understand it, contact a lawyer for help.

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- A lawsuit has been filed against you. A copy of the lawsuit and other court papers are served 1. on you with this "Summons".
- lf you do not want a judgment or order taken against you without your input, you must file an 2. "Answer" or a "Response" in writing with the court, and pay the filling fee. If you do not file an "Answer" or "Response" the other party may be given the relief requested in his/her Petition or Complaint. To file your "Answer" or "Response" take, or send, the "Answer" or "Response" to the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, 201 West Jefferson Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003-2205 or the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, 222 East Javelina Drive, Mesa, Arizona 85210-6201 or Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, 14264 W. Tierra Buena Lane, Surprise, Arizona 85374. Mail a copy of your "Response" or "Answer" to the other party at the address listed on the top of this Summons.
- if this "Summons" and the other court papers were served on you by a registered process 3. server or the Sheriff, within the State of Arizona, your "Response" or "Answer" must be filed within TWENTY (20) CALENDAR DAYS from the date you were served, not counting the day you were served. If this "Summons" and the other papers were served on you by a registered process server or the Sheriff outside the State of Arizona, your Response must be filed within THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS from the date you were served, not counting the day you were served. Service by a registered process server or the Sheriff is complete when made. Service by Publication is complete thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication.
- You can get a copy of the court papers filed in this case from the Plaintiff/Attorney listed at the 4. address at the top of this paper, or from the Clerk of the Superior Court's Customer Service Center at 601 W. Jackson, Phoenix, Arizona 85003 or at 222 E. Javelina Drive, Mesa, Arizona 85210.

| 5. | Requests for reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities must be made to the office of the judge or commissioner assigned to the case, at least five (5) days before your scheduled court date. | | | | |
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Michael K Jeanes, Clerk of Court ** Electronically Filed ** Anthony E. Breecher [AZ Bar No.: 030899] 1 S. Bagnall, Deputy 303 W. Coolidge St. 2/19/2016 4:28:00 PM Phoenix, AZ 85013 2 Filing ID 7211498 Telephone: 602-291-4803 3 Attorney for Plaintiff Matthew E. Breecher 4 SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA 5 MARICOPA COUNTY 6 7 BREECHER & CO., P.C., an Arizona Case No.: CV2016-001274 8 corporation; MATTHEW E. BREECHER, an individual. COMPLAINT 9 Plaintiff, (Tort - Non-Motor Vehicle) 10 VS. 11 MEGA METALS, INC., an Arizona corporation; SUNSTATE ENERGY, LLC, an 12 Arizona limited liability company; RELIABLE PLANT MAINTENANCE, LLC, 13 an Arizona limited liability company, 14 Defendants. 15 Plaintiffs, BREECHER & CO., P.C., and MATTHEW E. BREECHER, by and through 16 undersigned counsel, for his Complaint against Defendants MEGA METALS, INC., 17 18 SUNSTATE ENERGY, LLC, and RELIABLE PLANT MAINTENANCE, LLC state and 19 allege as follows: 20 21 **PARTIES AND JURISDICTION** 22 1. Plaintiff Breecher & Co., P.C. is an Arizona Corporation, in good standing, 23 with its principal place of business in Maricopa County. 24 2. Plaintiff Matthew Breecher is an individual residing in Maricopa County, 25 Arizona. 26 3. Defendant Mega Metals, Inc. ("Mega Metals") is an Arizona corporation that 27 at all relevant times conducted business in Maricopa County, Arizona.

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- 4. Defendant Sunstate Energy, LLC ("Sunstate") is an Arizona limited liability company that at all relevant times conducted business in Maricopa County, Arizona.
- 5. Defendant Reliable Plant Maintenance, LLC ("Reliable") is an Arizona limited liability company that at all relevant times conducted business in Maricopa County, Arizona.
- 6. All conduct, events, actions, occurrences, and omissions of Defendants upon which this complaint is based, occurred in Maricopa County, Arizona.
- 7. Jurisdiction and venue are appropriate in Maricopa County, Arizona under A.R.S. § 12-123, A.R.S. § 12-401 and Ariz. Const. Art. 6, § 14.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 8. Plaintiffs Breecher & Co., P.C., and Matthew E. Breecher rented an office within the building operated by Breecher Sales, Inc., for the purpose of conducting business operations; and that office contained significant personal and business property.
- 9. On and before February 20, 2014, Mega Metals operated an exotic metals processing plant located at 1325 N. 22nd Avenue (the "Mega Metals Property").
- 10. The Breecher Sales Property and the Mega Metals Property share a common boundary.
- 11. Mega Metals, Sunstate, and Reliable (collectively "Defendants"), among other things, allowed welding work and the storage bales of shredded titanium, among other metals, and combustible and flammable fuels on the Mega Metals Property.
- 12. During all relevant times, Mega Metals retained control of, and responsibility for, the operations, maintenance, and accessibility of the Mega Metals Property.
- 13. Defendant Mega Metals contracted with Sunstate for metal fabrication services, to which Sunstate hired Reliable to perform the fabrication work.

NEGLIGENCE

14. Defendant Mega Metals, as the owner and operator of the Mega Metals Property, owed a duty to Plaintiffs and others surrounding the premises to maintain and

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ensure a safe environment to protect surrounding neighbors from unreasonably dangerous conditions.

- 15. Defendant Sunstate, as a contractor at the Mega Metals Property, owed a duty to Plaintiffs and others surrounding the premises to maintain and ensure a safe environment to protect surrounding neighbors from unreasonably dangerous conditions.
- 16. Defendant Reliable, as a subcontractor and operator at the Mega Metals Property, owed a duty to Plaintiff and others surrounding the premises to maintain a safe environment to protect surrounding neighbors from unreasonably dangerous conditions.
- 17. On and before February 20, 2014, Defendants allowed welding and metal fabrication work to take place in close proximity to highly combustible titanium bails that were improperly stored within the Mega Metals Property.
- 18. The close proximity of the welding operations and storage of flammable material constituted an extremely hazardous condition that created an unreasonable danger to everyone near the Mega Metals Property.
- 19. Defendants knew or should have known that heat and debris generated from welding work near highly flammable material creates a dangerous condition.
- 20. Within the Mega Metals Property, on February 20, 2014, heat and hot debris was produced by the welding work being conducted, which ignited the improperly stored titanium bails creating an uncontrollable fire.
- 21. Due to the clear and present danger of the quickly growing fire. Defendants' employees and other occupants removed themselves from the building and property.
- 22. Defendants made no attempt to inform Breecher or any of the occupants of the Breecher Property that the fire had started and/or was spreading in a way that endangered the Breecher Property.
- 23. The fire caused all of the buildings surrounding the Mega Metals Property to be evacuated.
 - 24. The Phoenix Fire Department and Forensic Fire Consultants, LLC (a forensic

fire consultant hired by Plaintiffs) investigated the fire and determined that the fire originated within the pile of combustible metals situated in the Mega Metal Property and was ignited by the heated welding debris precipitated by Reliable's welding work performed for Mega Metals.

- 25. Defendants knew or should have known that Plaintiffs, and others in proximity to Mega Metals, would suffer damage if Defendants did not maintain a safe premises and ensure safe operations within the Mega Metals Property.
- 26. Defendants breached their duties to Plaintiffs and surrounding property owners by creating and continuing to allow such a dangerous condition to exist, and by welding, and allowing welding to take place, in proximity to highly flammable and dangerous materials, despite the clear and obvious safety hazard.
- 27. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of Defendants and the presence of the hazardous and unreasonably dangerous condition on the Mega Metals Property, Plaintiffs sustained severe, permanent, and irreparable damages to their personal property, business property, reputation, and livelihood.
- 28. As a further direct and proximate result of Defendants' negligence, Plaintiffs have incurred the significant and necessary expenses for emergency disaster recovery, repair, and replacement of the damaged and destroyed property.
- 29. As a further direct and proximate result of Defendants' negligence, Plaintiffs have suffered significant business income and continuity losses.
- 30. As a further direct and proximate result of Defendants' negligence, Plaintiffs have incurred, and will continue to incur, great expense and time to repair and replace their damaged property and reputation.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for Judgment against Defendant for the following:

a) Damages suffered by Matthew Breecher for business losses of personal property, inventory, and business property; estimated to be in the range of \$75,000. This

includes business personal property in the form of books, computers, furniture, and tools of the trade. Only \$31,000 of this loss was covered by insurance; leaving \$44,000 in lost property value.

- b) Damages suffered by Matthew Breecher for business continuity losses; these include the loss of custom software that was stored, exclusively, on the computers located at the destroyed office, which required hundreds of manhours to create (estimated at 500 hours). Creating the development environment and writing the computer code to create these intellectual materials carried an opportunity cost of approximately \$100/hour; placing the total loss of this property at \$50,000 in direct damages. There are also indirect damages associated with the loss of this property, as the development of this custom computer code had resulted in saleable products. After their loss, these products could no longer be offered to customers of Mr. Breecher or his Consulting Firm.
- c) Furthermore, Mr. Breecher was forced to wind-down his recently-created soleproprietorship CPA firm (Arizona Board of Accountancy firm #4507) because the documentation necessary for his firm to maintain licensure through the State Board was destroyed in the fire. A dollar-value can be assigned to this asset at a future time.
- d) The loss of the firm resulted in the loss of all associated business opportunities, including a long-term audit client: Rio Rico Fire District. The expected revenue from this business relationship was \$9,500/year. (\$28,500-\$47,500 over the subsequent 3-5 year period)
- e) All other damages suffered by Plaintiffs as a result of the incident caused by Defendants' negligence;
- f) Additionally, the Plaintiffs believe that the conduct of the Defendants was of a quality and a nature that warrants Punitive Damages to deter them from operating their business in a similarly careless fashion in the future. Intent can be

inferred from the facts: where the plaintiff knew or should have known that the outcome was reasonably certain to occur. Here, the outcome of a fire starting under conditions that put welding work so close to flammable materials was substantially certain. Thus, punitive damages, in an amount to be determined at trial are appropriate.

- g) For such costs as are incurred in this action and awardable under A.R.S. § 12-341, et seq.;
- h) Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

DATED this 19th day of February, 2016.

Anthony E. Breecher, Esq. Attorney for Plaintiff

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STATEMENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS

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| Reliable Plant Maintenance, LLC |
| A.C.C. FILE NUMBER: L 14470377 Find the A.C.C. file number on the upper corner of filed documents OR on our website at: http://www.azcc.gov/Divisions/Corporations |
| By my signature below, I certify under the penalty of perjury that, upon information, knowledge, and belief, the above-named entity has either failed to appoint a statutory agent or failed to maintain a statutory agent at the statutory agent address on record with the Arizona Corporation Commission. |
| Signature Phil G56 Printed Name Date |
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Arizona Corporation Commission - Records Section 1300 W. Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona 85007 602-542-3414 Service of process fee: \$25.00 All fees are nonrefundable.

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