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March 3, 2010

Re: Asia Economic Institute v. Xcentric Ventures, LLC, et al.

Case No.: SC106603

Dear Mr. Gingras:

It was nice speaking with you on Monday. I just wanted to memorialize some of the issues discussed in our telephone conversation.

You agreed that you had accepted service of process in the above referenced matter on behalf of your clients. Ed Magedson and Xcentric Ventures, Inc. Again, thank you for your professional courtesy with respect to this matter.

In addition, we also discussed the issue of whether your client resides or lives in California. As you know, Mr. Magedson sent my client an email unequivocally stating that he currently lives in California. A copy of this email is attached to our Complaint. I asked you whether your client did, in fact, live or reside in California. You responded that your client had lied in his email and that he did not live in California. You explained the reason your client lied was because he wanted to be sued in California in order to take advantage of the anti-SLAPP statute. I am not sure what to make of these conflicting assertions, but as litigation continues I am sure we will resolve this issue and determine whether your client is, in fact, lying.

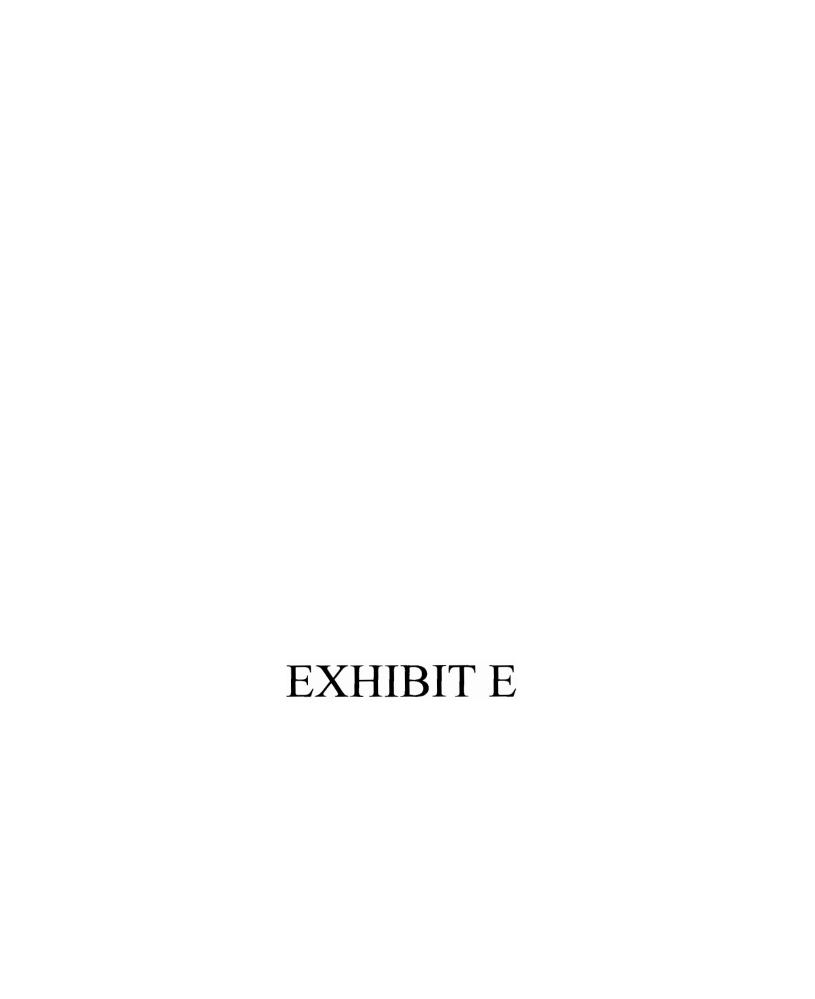
As we discussed on the phone, the issue of whether your client lives or resides in California is relevant to the issue of removal. As such, I am sure that we will iron out this issue when we file papers to oppose your removal.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Very truly yours,

Daniel F. Blackert, Esq.

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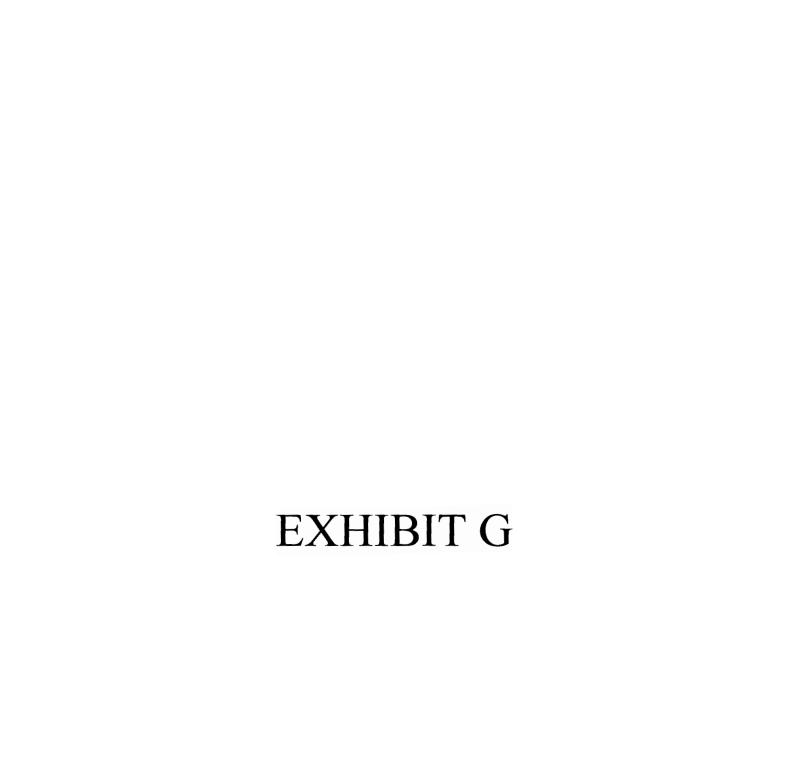
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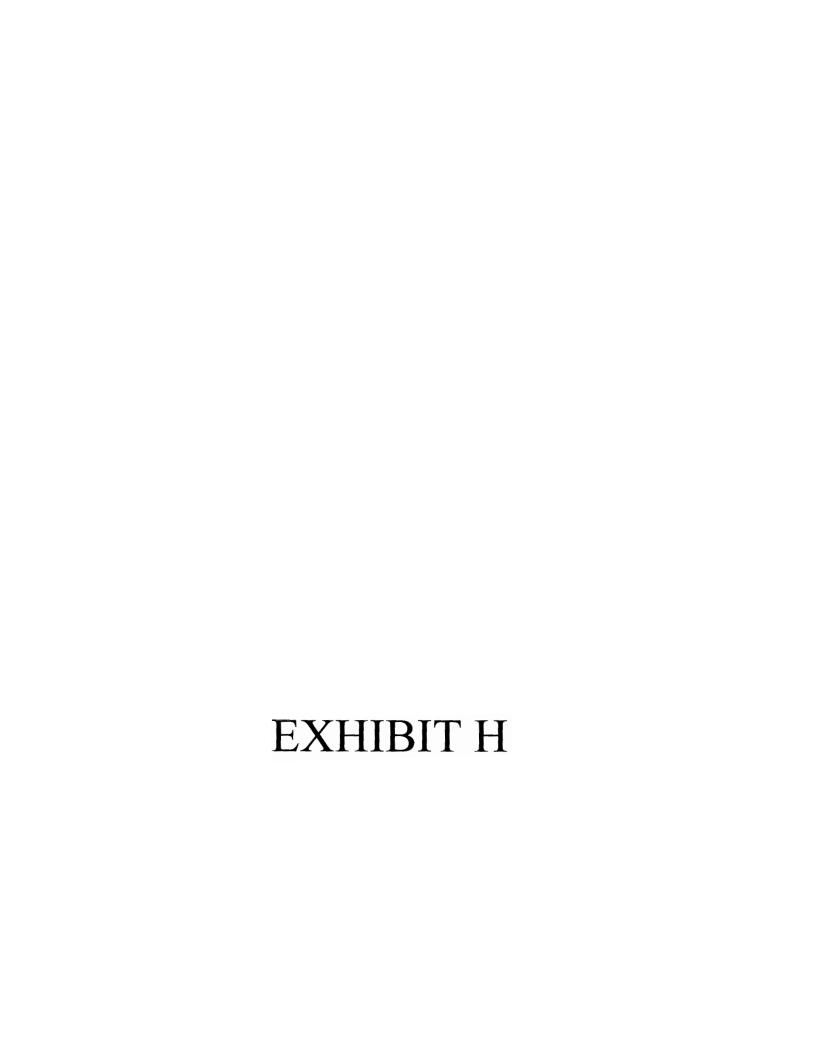
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19	Defendants Xcentric Ventures, L.L.C. and Ed Magedson hereby Answer Plaintiffs'				
20	Complaint as follows:				
21	I. Preliminary Statement				
22	Defendants object to all allegations stated under the heading "PRELIMINARY				
23	STATEMENT" on the basis that such allegations, in addition to being improper argument,				
24	fail to comply with the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 10(b). To the extent such				
25	allegations require any response, they are denied.				
26	1. Defendants lack sufficient information upon which to form a belief as to the				
27	veracity of ¶ 1 and therefore such	veracity of \P 1 and therefore such allegations are denied.			
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and that certain portions of third party created statements are used in various ways to format, index, and display the report. Deny all remaining allegations of \P 34.

- 35. Admit that Xcentric's servers automatically create certain tags which contain information about the contents of each web page for indexing and searching purposes. Admit that keyword meta tags are not displayed on internet search engines and admit that such tags are used by search engines in order to index the content of a particular page. Admit that Xcentric's servers automatically include the words "rip-off," "ripoff" and "rip off" in certain tags to accurately reflect that a page is available on www.RipoffReport.com. Deny all remaining allegations of ¶ 35.
- 36. Admit that Xcentric publishes a logo for www.RipoffReport.com which contains the statements, "...for consumers, by consumers", "Ripoff Report", and "Don't let them get away with it ... let the truth be known!" Deny that any of the above are defamatory and deny all remaining allegations of \P 36.
- 37. Defendants deny ¶ 37 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
- Defendants admit ¶ 38 of Plaintiffs' Complaint. 38.
- 39. Defendants admit ¶ 39 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
- 40. Defendants admit ¶ 40 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
- 41. Deny and Defendants reserve the right to move to strike pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(f).
- 42. Admit that Xcentric's servers automatically included "Rip-off Report:" in the title tag in order to truthfully and accurately identify that the subject report is, in fact, located on www.RipoffReport.com. Admit that Exhibit is a printout of certain HTML code which speaks for itself. Deny all remaining allegations of ¶ 42.
- 43. Admit that Xcentric's servers automatically created a description tag which contains certain content provided solely by the author of the report. Admit

Deny all

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	1	82.	Defendants repeat and reallege all paragraphs of this Answer as if fully set
	2		forth herein.
	3	83.	Defendants deny ¶ 83 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
	4	84.	Defendants deny ¶ 84 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
	5	85.	Defendants deny ¶ 85 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
	6	86.	Defendants deny ¶ 86 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
	7	87.	Defendants deny ¶ 87 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
	8	88.	Defendants deny ¶ 88 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
	9	89.	Defendants deny ¶ 89 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
	10	90.	Defendants deny ¶ 90 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
	11	91.	Defendants deny ¶ 91 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
	12	92.	Defendants deny ¶ 92 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
	13	93.	Defendants deny ¶ 93 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
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RIZONA	16	95.	Defendants deny ¶ 95 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85012	17	96.	Defendants deny ¶ 96 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
Ŧ	18	97.	Defendants deny ¶ 97 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
	19	98.	Defendants deny ¶ 98 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
	20	99.	Defendants deny ¶ 99 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
	21	100	. Defendants deny ¶ 100 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
	22	101	. Defendants deny ¶ 101 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
	23	102	. Defendants repeat and reallege all paragraphs of this Answer as if fully set
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	25	103	. Defendants deny ¶ 103 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
	26	104	. Defendants deny ¶ 104 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
	27	105	. Defendants deny ¶ 105 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
	28	106	. Defendants deny ¶ 106 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
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FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Lack of Intent; Actual Malice)

Notwithstanding the fact that Xcentric did not publish any of the alleged defamatory or unlawful statements at issue in this case, any defamation-based claims set forth in the Complaint are barred to the extent that Plaintiff is a public figure and Defendants lacked actual malice and/or negligence sufficient to support any defamation-based claims.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Consent)

All claims in the Complaint are barred to the extent Plaintiffs consented to the publication of such statements.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Incremental Harm)

All claims in the Complaint are barred to the extent that any false statements of an concerning Plaintiffs caused no greater harm than would be caused by the publication of the truth about Plaintiffs.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Communications Decency Act Immunity)

All claims set forth in the Complaint are barred to the extent that the content of the statements which form the basis for such claims was provided by third parties. As such, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 230(c)(1), Defendants are absolutely immune from civil liability for any such statements posted by third parties.

WHEREFORE, having fully answered Plaintiffs' Complaint, Defendants XCENTRIC VENTURES, L.L.C. and ED MAGEDSON pray for the following relief:

- A. Dismiss Plaintiffs' Complaint with prejudice and order that Plaintiffs take nothing thereby;
- B. Deny, with prejudice, all equitable, injunctive, and/or declaratory relief in any form requested by Plaintiffs;

	1	C. Award judgment for all reasonable attorney's fees incurred in favor of		
2 3 4	Defendants and against Plaintiffs pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-349, Ariz. R. Civ P. 11, and/or under any other applicable authority;			
		5	DATED this 29 th day of September 2008.	
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on September 29, 2008 I electronically transmitted the attached document to the Clerk's Office using the CM/ECF System for filing, and for transmittal of a Notice of Electronic Filing to the following CM/ECF registrants:

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