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This case brought by Plaintiff L'Garde, Inc. ("L'Garde") against Defendant Raytheon Company ("Raytheon") ¹ involves two causes of action, one for fraud and one for breach of contract. (Dkt. No. 1)

On September 6, 2013, this Court granted Defendant Raytheon's Second Motion for Summary Judgment on L'Garde's second cause of action for fraud, on the basis that L'Garde could not have justifiably relied on the alleged misrepresentations. (*See* Dkt. No. 165 (the "Order")).

In the Order, this Court also made findings under Fed. R. Civ. P. 56 (g) and granted in part Raytheon's Second Motion for Summary Judgment with respect to L'Garde's first cause of action for breach of contract, "except as to the issue of Defendant's alleged failure to negotiate and the breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing." (*See* Dkt. No. 165).

A jury trial in this matter came before this Court on January 28, 2014 on the two remaining contract claims. After receiving and hearing evidence from both parties, but before submitting the matter to the jury for deliberation, on February 4, 2014, this Court granted Raytheon's Motion for Judgment as a Matter of Law as to the two remaining contract claims. (*See* Dkt. No. 290). Specifically, the Court found that: (1) there was no legally sufficient evidentiary basis to find for L'Garde on its alleged failure to negotiate claim because L'Garde did not have any reliance damages as required under *Copeland v. Baskin Robbins U.S.A.*, 96 Cal. App. 4th 1251, 1260-1264 (2002), and *Rambus Inc. v. Hynix Semiconductor, Inc.*, Case No. C 05-00334 RMW, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 41026, at **123-125 (N.D. Cal. May 14, 2009); and (2) there was no legally sufficient evidentiary basis to find for L'Garde on its claim of breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing because L'Garde did not allege or prove any acts by Raytheon which were precluded by the implied covenant, and therefore could not allege or prove any breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

¹ Erroneously sued as Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems.

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED AS FOLLOWS: 1 The Court hereby enters judgment in favor of Defendant Raytheon Company 3 and against Plaintiff L'Garde, Inc. on both causes of action and all claims 4 thereunder. Plaintiff L'Garde, Inc. shall take nothing by its Complaint, which is dismissed with prejudice. Defendant Raytheon Company is entitled to recover its 5 6 costs of suit, may submit an application to tax costs, and may seek attorneys' fees where appropriate. 1. 7 8 By: Hon. George H. Wu 9 DATED: February 20, 2014 10 United States District Court Judge 11 12 Proposed Order prepared by: 13 SEYFARTH SHAW LLP 14 15 By: /s/ Donald G. Featherstun 16 Donald G. Featherstun Giovanna A. Ferrari 17 Aaron Belzer Daniel P. Wierzba 18 Attorneys for Defendant 19 RAYTHEON COMPANY 20 21 22 23 24 25 1. Plaintiff L'Garde has objected to the inclusion of the reference to any application for attorney's fees by Defendant. In leaving the language in the Judgment, this Court does not find that Defendant has a basis for such 26 application or that any such application would be successful. Likewise, the Court does not, at this time, bar Defendant from making such application. 27

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