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7 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
8 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

9 SCOTT JOHNSON,
10 Plaintiff,
11 vs.
12 AFM PROPERTY LLC;
13 ALI ABDO ALUMARI,
14 Defendants.

Case No.: 1:17-CV-01127-EPG

ORDER OF REFERRAL TO VDRP

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16 Pursuant to the parties' election to participate in the Court's Voluntary Dispute
17 Resolution Program ("VDRP"), IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

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- 19 1. This action is REFERRED to the VDRP.
 - 20 2. Within fourteen (14) days of this order, the parties shall contact the Court's VDRP
21 administrator, Sujean Park, at (916) 930-4278 or SPark@caed.uscourts.gov, to start the
22 process of selecting an appropriate neutral evaluator.
 - 23 3. The parties shall carefully review and comply with Local Rule 271, which outlines the
24 specifications and requirements of the VDRP.
 - 25 4. No later than fourteen (14) days after completion of the VDRP session, the parties shall
26 jointly file their VDRP Completion Report, consistent with Local Rule 271(o).
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1 5. Any party that objects to this referral to the VDRP shall file its objections within seven
2 (7) days of this order. Such objections shall clearly outline why that party believes that
3 the action is not appropriate for referral to the VDRP.

4 6. The deadlines in the Scheduling Order remain in place, but to the extent the schedule
5 requires modification to facilitate settlement, the parties may contact the Court to request
6 same.
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9 IT IS SO ORDERED.

10 Dated: January 9, 2018

/s/ Eric P. Groj
11 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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