1 J. RUSSELL CUNNINGHAM, State Bar #130578 J. LUKE HENDRIX. State Bar #271424 2 DAVID R. WIKSELL, State Bar #272490 DESMOND, NOLAN, LIVAICH & CUNNINGHAM 3 1830 15th Street Sacramento, California 95811 4 Telephone: (916) 443-2051 Facsimile: (916) 443-2651 5 Attorneys for J. MICHAEL HOPPER, 6 in his capacity as trustee of the bankruptcy estate of defendant MARK SCOTT 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 SACRAMENTO DIVISION 11 12 13 **ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE** Case No. 2:10-CV-01957-WBS-KJN COMPANY; AMERICAN GUARANTEE AND Chapter 7 14 LIABILITY INSURANCE COMPANY; AND STIPULATION TO CONTINUE AMERICAN ZURICH INSURANCE 15 **COMPANY HEARING ON PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO STRIKE** 16 **Plaintiffs DEFENDANTS' ANSWER AND** TRANS CAL'S CROSS COMPLAINT 17 AND ENTER DEFAULT VS. 18 TRANS CAL ASSOCIATES; TRANS CAL Date: August 1, 2011 Time: 2.00 p.m. INSURANCE ASSOCIATES, INC.: 19 SACRAMENTO SURPLUS LINES Place: Courtroom 5, 14th Floor INSURANCE BROKERS, INC.; MARK 501 "I" Street 20 SCOTT; GRAY SCOTT; and DOES 1-50, Sacramento, CA 95814 Judge: William B. Shubb 21 Defendants. 22 23 J. MICHAEL HOPPER ("Trustee"), in his capacity as trustee of the bankruptcy estate of 24 defendant MARK SCOTT ("M. Scott"), on the one hand, and plaintiffs ZURICH AMERICAN 25 INSURANCE COMPANY; AMERICAN GUARANTEE AND LIABILITY INSURANCE 26 COMPANY; AND AMERICAN ZURICH INSURANCE COMPANY (collectively "Zurich"), on 27 the other hand, in support for their stipulation, recite that: 28

("G. Scott") (collectively "Defendants"), withdrew as counsel effective May 10, 2011.

- B. WHEREAS, on May 18, 2011, Zurich filed a motion to strike the Answer filed by defendants TRANS CAL ASSOCIATES; TRANS CAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATES, INC., and SACRAMENTO SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE BROKERS, INC. (collectively "Entity Defendants") to Zurich's First Amended Complaint and to strike TRANS CAL ASSOCIATES' Cross-Complaint, and requesting entry of default against the Entity Defendants, on the basis that the Entity Defendants do not have legal counsel, and therefore are unable to defend Zurich's complaint or prosecute a cross-complaint.
- C. WHEREAS, on June 21, 2011, M. Scott filed a voluntary Chapter 7 bankruptcy petition in the United State Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of California, Sacramento Division, in Case No. 11-35381-D-7.
 - D. WHEREAS, Trustee is the duly appointed trustee of M. Scott's bankruptcy estate.
- E. WHEREAS, on June 30, 2011, G. Scott filed a Chapter 13 bankruptcy petition in the United State Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of California, Sacramento Division, in Case No. 11-36226-A-13.
- F. WHEREAS, on June 30, 2011, this Court issued an order requesting briefing from the non-bankrupt parties addressing the effect of the automatic stay provisions of 11 U.S.C. § 362 on further proceedings in this action and continuing the hearing on Zurich's motion to strike, set for July 5, 2011, to August 1, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.
- G. WHEREAS, Trustee is informed that M. Scott is an officer, director, and controlling shareholder in TRANS CAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATES, INC. and SACRAMENTO SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE BROKERS, INC., and that TRANS CAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATES, INC. and SACRAMENTO SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE BROKERS, INC. are the sole partners of TRANS CAL ASSOCIATES.
 - H. WHEREAS, Trustee and Zurich are not aware of any legal counsel having been

1 retained on behalf of the Entity Defendants. 2 WHEREAS, Trustee has sought legal counsel to assist him in assessing the 3 bankruptcy estate's interest in the above-captioned proceeding, and for that purpose, Trustee and 4 Zurich have agreed to continue the hearing on Zurich's motion to strike. 5 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between Trustee and Zurich, as follows: 6 7 1. The hearing set for August 1, 2011 at 2:00 p.m., in Courtroom 5 in the above-8 captioned Court, on Zurich's motion to strike the Entity Defendants' Answer to Zurich's First 9 Amended Complaint and TRANS CAL ASSOCIATES' Cross-Complaint and enter default, shall 10 be continued to September 12, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. in Courtroom 5 of the above-captioned Court to 11 allow Trustee an opportunity to assess the interest of the bankruptcy estate of M. Scott in the above-12 captioned proceeding. 13 14 GREENBERG TRAURIG, LLP 15 DATED: July 25, 2011 By: /s/ MARC B. KOENIGSBERG (as authorized on 7/25/11) 16 MARC B. KOENIGSBERG ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY; AMERICAN GUARANTEE AND LIABILITY INSTURANCE COMPANY; 17 AND AMERICAN ZURICH INSURANCE COMPANY 18 19 DESMOND, NOLAN, LIVAICH & CUNNINGHAM 20 DATED: July 25, 2011 By: /s/ J. LUKE HENDRIX Attorneys for J. MICHAEL HOPPER, in his capacity as trustee of the 21 bankruptcy estate of MARK SCOTT 22 23 IT IS SO ORDERED. 24 DATED: July 26, 2011 25 Va Shabe 26 SHUBB UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE 27 28