CATHERINE M. CORFEE SBN 155064 **CORFEE STONE & ASSOCIATES** 2 P.O. Box 1098 Carmichael, CA 95609 3 Telephone: (916) 487-5441 Facsimile: (916) 487-5440 Email: legalassistant@corfeestone.com 5 ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANT Steve's Liquor Investment Inc. 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 10 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 11 SCOTT JOHNSON, Case No.: 2:16-cv-02564-JAM-EFB 12 Plaintiff, **DEFENDANT'S REQUEST FOR AN** 13 **EXTENSION OF TIME TO OBJECT TO** THE COURT'S SCHEDULING ORDER VS. 14 STEVE LIQUOR INVESTMENT INC., a 15 California Corporation; 16 And Does 1-10, 17 Defendant. 18 19 20 IT IS HEREBY REQUESTED by Defendant STEVE'S LIQUOR INVESTMENT INC., 21 through its counsel of record, Catherine M. Corfee of Corfee Stone & Associates that time for 22 Defendant to object to the scheduling order be extended until February 17, and/or February 20, 23 2017. Defendant had not retained their current counsel of record until after Plaintiff filed a request 24 for entry of default on 12-27-16 (Dkt. 5). On 12-28-16, the Clerk Entered a Default as to Steve's 25 Liquor Investments Inc. (Dkt. 6). On 1-11-17, filed an answer to the Complaint. (Dkt 7). On 1-26 27-17, Defendant filed its consent/decline form with respect to a magistrate Judge. (Dkt. 8). That 27 same day, Plaintiff's counsel agreed to also proceed with VDRP per their email to Defense 28 Z:\My Documents\sec\8937 Kamal Steves Liquor\Pleading\2-16-17 Defendant Steve's Liquor's request for eot to object to scheduling order2.docx

counsel, but they have not filed said document yet. However, on 1-27-17, Defendant filed consent to VDRP. (Dkt. 9). On 2-1-17, the parties filed their joint report for the scheduling order. (Dkt. 10). On 02/02/17, the Court issued a Status Pre-Trial Scheduling Order ("Scheduling Order"). (Dkt 11). On 2-6-17, Defendant served its Initial Disclosures on Plaintiff. In the Scheduling Order, the Court stated that objections may be filed within 7 days, i.e., 2/9/17. However, Defense counsel was out of work from 2-7-17 until 2-16-17 for medical purposes and only working a few hours on 2-16-17. Defense counsel had other legal obligations to meet during the time from 2-2-17 to 2-6-17 and there is no other attorney at this firm to work on matters.

For example, opposing counsel requires Defendant to file a joint stipulation to give Defendant an extension of time to file the answer by 2-24-17 even though Defendant filed the answer. That pleading was prepared and submitted to Plaintiff's counsel and after a follow up, Defendant has not received a response. Due to the intervening event, Defendant respectfully requests to file an objection to the scheduling order by either February 17, 2017 and/or February 20, 2017. Defendant believes there is an efficient way to resolve this matter and to stay the matter pending settlement discussions. Defendant served a FRCP 68 Offer and the parties are discussing settlement. Defendant has not requested an extension of time with the Court to date.

Dated: February 16, 2017

**CORFEE STONE & ASSOCIATES** 

/s/ Catherine M. Corfee

Catherine M. Corfee, Esq. Attorney for Defendant, Jdbamr, LLC

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IT IS SO ORDERED

Based on good cause, the Court hereby grants Defendant to February 20, 2017, to file an objection to the

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scheduling order.

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