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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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10 NI NE TRADING COMPANY,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 UNI-PIXEL INC., et al.,

14 Defendants.

Case No. 17-cv-02187 NC

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RE:
PRO SE REPRESENTATION OF
COMPANY; AND
ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR
ELECTRONIC CASE FILING
ACCESS**

Re: Dkt. No. 5

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17 Clint S. Miller, the “sole proprietor” of Ni Ne Trading Company, filed a breach of
18 contract complaint against Uni-Pixel, Inc. on April 19, 2017. Dkt. No. 1. Ni Ne has not
19 retained an attorney, and Miller seeks to proceed on behalf of Ni Ne pro se. Miller may
20 not do so.

21 Northern District of California Civil Local Rule 3-9(b) provides that “[a]
22 corporation, unincorporated association, partnership or other such entity” must be
23 represented by an attorney who is a member of the Northern District of California’s bar.
24 *See Rowland v. California Men’s Colony, Unit II Men’s Advisory Council*, 506 U.S. 194,
25 202 (1993) (“corporations, partnerships, or associations” are not allowed “to appear in
26 federal court otherwise than through a licensed attorney”). Thus, the Court ORDERS
27 Miller to show cause why the Court should not require him to retain an attorney on behalf
28 of Ni Ne by May 19, 2017. In the alternative, Miller may amend the complaint to clarify
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1 that he, not Ni Ne Trading Company, is the correct plaintiff.

2 Because the Court finds Miller may not represent Ni Ne on a pro se basis, the Court
3 also denies him Electronic Case Filing (ECF) access. Dkt. No. 5. Local Rule 5-1(c)(1),
4 (4), and (5) only allows an attorney of record, or someone they authorize, to electronically
5 file documents.

6 The Court further informs Miller that the Federal Pro Se Program at the San Jose
7 Courthouse provides free information and limited-scope legal advice to pro se litigants in
8 federal civil cases. The Federal Pro Se Program is available by appointment and on a
9 drop-in basis. The Federal Pro Se Program is available at Room 2070 in the San Jose
10 United States Courthouse (Monday to Thursday 1:00 - 4:00 pm, on Friday by appointment
11 only), and The Law Foundation of Silicon Valley, 152 N. 3rd Street, 3rd Floor, San Jose,
12 CA (Monday to Thursday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, on Friday by appointment only), or by
13 calling (408) 297-1480.

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16 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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18 Dated: May 8, 2017



NATHANAEL M. COUSINS
United States Magistrate Judge

United States District Court
Northern District of California

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