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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

RED ROCK VENTURES - SBIC III, L.P.)

Defendant.

Civil Action No.

**COMPLAINT FOR
RECEIVERSHIP AND
PERMANENT INJUNCTIVE
RELIEF**

1 COMES NOW Plaintiff, the United States of America, on behalf of its agency,
2 the U.S. Small Business Administration, and for its cause of action states as follows:

3 **PARTIES, JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

4 1. This is a civil action brought by the United States on behalf of its agency,
5 the U.S. Small Business Administration (hereinafter, “SBA,” “Agency” or “Plaintiff”),
6 whose central office is located at 409 Third Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20416.

7 2. Jurisdiction is conferred on this Court by virtue of the Small Business
8 Investment Act of 1958, as amended (hereinafter, the “Act”), Sections 308(d), 311, and
9 316; 15 U.S.C. §§687(d), 687c, 687h; the Small Business Act, 15 U.S.C. §634(b)(1); and
10 28 U.S.C. §1345.

11 3. Defendant, Red Rock Ventures - SBIC III, L.P. (hereinafter “Red Rock
12 III” or “Licensee”), is a Delaware limited partnership that maintains its place of business
13 and principal office at 530 Lytton Avenue, 2nd Floor, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (Santa Clara
14 County). Venue is therefore proper under 15 U.S.C. §§ 687(d), 687h and 28 U.S.C.
15 §1391(b).

16 **INTERDISTRICT ASSIGNMENT**

17 4. Pursuant to L.R. 3-2(c) and (e), this action is properly assigned to the San
18 Jose Division because the Defendant’s principal office is located in Santa Clara County.

19 **COMMON ALLEGATIONS**

20 **Statutory and Regulatory Framework**

21 5. Red Rock III was licensed by SBA as a Small Business Investment
22 Company (“SBIC”) pursuant to Section 301(c) of the Act, 15 U.S.C. §681(c) on or about
23 December 28, 2001, SBA License No. 09/79-0440.

24 6. Red Rock III’s general partner is RRV Partners IIIA, LLC.

25 7. As a licensee of SBA under Section 301 of the Act, 15 U.S.C. §681(a),
26 and pursuant to 13 C.F.R. §107.160, Red Rock III exists solely for the purpose of
27 performing the functions and conducting the activities contemplated under the Act.
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1 obligations that are dependent on earnings, such as Prioritized Payments, an “annual” 1%
2 Charge, Adjustments and Profit Participation, as applicable.

3 13. To date, Red Rock III owes SBA \$28,550,194.94 in outstanding Leverage.

4 14. SBA, through a third party financial institution, offers guaranteed
5 participation certificates evidencing undivided interests in pools of Participating
6 Securities to private investors pursuant to 13 C.F.R. §107.1600, et seq. SBA guarantees
7 the timely payment of principal and prioritized payments when due. In the event of
8 failure by an SBIC to make a payment, SBA will pay the investors the entire amount due
9 through the next payment date. SBA has exercised upon its guarantee to investors and
10 has paid the entire amount, plus prioritized payments, to the investor pool.

11 15. Red Rock III’s obligation to repay SBA the \$28,550,194.94 is recognized
12 on Red Rock III’s audited financials submitted to SBA on Form 468 as required by 13
13 C.F.R. §107.630.

14 16. Red Rock III’s general partner attested to the accuracy of the most
15 recently filed audited Form 468 under criminal penalties.

16 **SBA’s Authority for Regulatory Enforcement Against Red Rock III**

17 17. Section 308(d) of the Act, 15 U.S.C. §687(d), provides that upon
18 determination and adjudication of noncompliance or violation of the Act or the
19 Regulations, all of the rights, privileges and franchises of a Licensee such as Red Rock
20 III may be forfeited and the company may be declared dissolved.

21 18. Section 311 of the Act, 15 U.S.C. §687c, provides that if SBA determines
22 that a Licensee such as Red Rock III has engaged in or is about to engage in any acts or
23 practices which constitute or will constitute a violation of the Act or of any Rule or
24 Regulation promulgated pursuant to the Act, or of any order issued under the Act, then
25 SBA may make application for an injunction, and such Court shall have jurisdiction of
26 such action and grant a permanent or temporary injunction, or other relief without bond,
27 upon a showing that such Licensee has engaged in or is about to engage in any such acts
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1 or practices. The Court is authorized by 15 U.S.C. §687c(c) to appoint SBA to act as
2 receiver for such Licensee.

3 **Red Rock III is in Violation of the Act and Regulations**

4 19. Red Rock III submitted quarterly financial information to SBA under the
5 requirements of 13 C.F.R. §107.630.

6 20. Red Rock III's quarterly financial submission for the period ending June
7 30, 2009 contained information that Red Rock III had a condition of capital impairment
8 under 13 C.F.R. §§107.1830-1850.

9 21. By letter dated September 8, 2009, SBA notified Red Rock III that it had a
10 condition of capital impairment of 64.26%, which exceeded Red Rock III's allowable
11 maximum of 60% under 13 C.F.R. §§107.1830-1850 of the Regulations. Pursuant to 13
12 C.F.R. §107.1820(f), SBA's letter also directed Red Rock III to cure the capital
13 impairment within 15 (fifteen) days by increasing its regulatory capital by not less than
14 \$2,158,962, plus an amount equal to any additional unrealized depreciation and operating
15 expenses incurred subsequent to June 30, 2009. SBA's letter also notified Red Rock III
16 that if it failed to cure its impairment as required by SBA, then SBA would impose
17 Restricted Operations remedies under 13 C.F.R. §107.1820(f).

18 22. Red Rock III failed to cure its capital impairment in the time and manner
19 required by SBA.

20 23. By letter dated February 16, 2010, SBA notified Red Rock III that it had
21 failed to cure its condition of capital impairment as required, was not in compliance with
22 the terms of its Leverage, and that SBA was transferring Red Rock III from operating
23 status to liquidation status.

24 24. By letter dated September 12, 2011, SBA informed Red Rock III that its
25 Capital Impairment percentage as of June 30, 2011 was 89.27%.

26 25. Red Rock III's quarterly financial submission for the period ending
27 December 31, 2012 contained information that it had a Capital Impairment percentage of
28 110.11%. Red Rock III's its quarterly financial submission for the period ending

1 December 31, 2013 contained information that it had a Capital Impairment percentage of
2 119.25%. Red Rock III's its quarterly financial submission for the period ending
3 December 31, 2014 contained information that it had a Capital Impairment percentage of
4 128.87%.

5 26. Red Rock III continues to have a condition of Capital Impairment in
6 excess of its permissible maximum of 60% under the Regulations, as confirmed by its
7 most recent audited financial statements submitted to SBA on Form 468.

8 27. Under 13 C.F.R. § 107.1820, a Capital Impairment Percentage in excess of
9 100% is qualified as "extreme Capital Impairment." Pursuant to 13 C.F.R. §
10 107.1820(b)(1)(i), a licensee can only be considered to have a condition of extreme
11 Capital Impairment after the first 8 years from your first issuance of Participating
12 Securities.

13 28. Red Rock III was first issued participating securities on May 10, 2002,
14 more than 8 years ago. As such, based upon its December 31, 2014 financial statements,
15 Red Rock III currently has a condition of extreme Capital Impairment.

16 29. SBA has determined that due to Red Rock III's violation of applicable
17 regulations, it is in the best interests of SBA in protecting its investment of federal funds
18 that Red Rock III be placed into receivership in accordance with 15 U.S.C. §687c.

19 30. By execution of a Consent Order for Receivership and Stipulation for
20 Entry of Consent Order for Receivership ("Consent Order") dated October 29, 2015, Red
21 Rock III has already consented to the appointment of SBA as receiver of Red Rock III. A
22 true and correct copy of the aforementioned executed Consent Order is attached hereto as
23 Exhibit A to this Complaint.

24 **COUNT ONE**

25 **CAPITAL IMPAIRMENT**

26 31. Paragraphs 1 through 26 are incorporated by reference herein.
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1 investing, conveying, disposing, executing or encumbering in any fashion any assets of
2 Red Rock III, wherever located; and (3) from further violating the Act or the Regulations
3 promulgated thereunder.

4 B. That this Court determine and adjudicate Red Rock III's noncompliance
5 with and violation of the Act and the Regulations promulgated thereunder.

6 C. That this Court, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §687c, (1) take exclusive
7 jurisdiction of Red Rock III and all of its assets, wherever located, (2) appoint SBA as
8 receiver of Red Rock III for the purpose of marshaling and liquidating the assets of Red
9 Rock III, satisfying the claims of creditors as determined by the Court and (3) grant such
10 other relief as contained in the Consent Order of Receivership filed concurrently
11 herewith.

12 D. That this Court grant such other relief it deems just and proper.

13 Respectfully submitted,
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