## **EXHIBIT A**

## SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, by orders dated January 21, 2009, June 3, 2009, January 19, 2010 and September 23, 2010 the Court in Securities & Exch. Comm'n v. Arthur Nadel, et al., Case No. 8:09-cv-87-T-26TBM (M.D. Fla.) (the "SEC Receivership Action"), appointed Burton W. Wiand as Receiver (the "Receiver") for Scoop Capital, LLC; Scoop Management, Inc.; Scoop Real Estate, L.P.; Valhalla Investment Partners, L.P.; Valhalla Management, Inc.; Victory IRA Fund, LTD; Victory Fund, LTD; Viking IRA Fund, LLC; Viking Fund, LLC; Viking Management, LLC; and Traders Investment Club and all of their subsidiaries, successors, and assigns (collectively, the "Receivership Entities"); and

WHEREAS, the Receiver sued Tracy Becker, Sharon Reisdorf, Cynthia Baschmann, and Scott Becker (collectively, the "Defendants") in an action styled <u>Burton W. Wiand, as Receiver v. Tracy Becker, et al.</u>, Case No. 8:10-cv-076-T-17MAP (M.D. Fla) (the "Becker Action"), seeking the return of certain funds received from or at the direction of one or more of the Receivership Entities by Gerald Becker ("Becker") in excess of his investment in one or more of the Receivership Entities (the "Settled Claims"); and

WHEREAS, upon Becker's death, those certain funds in excess of Becker's investment in one or more of the Receivership Entities were transferred to the Defendants, among other heirs; and

WHEREAS, the Defendants, without admitting liability, wish to resolve these matters amicably; and

WHEREAS, any resolution of this action by agreement of the Receiver and the Defendants is subject to approval by the Court presiding over the SEC Receivership Action (the "SEC Receivership Court");

NOW, THEREFORE, and subject to the approval of the SEC Receivership Court, the Defendants have agreed to pay and the Receiver has agreed to accept a total of \$25,000.00 (the "Settlement Amount") in full settlement of the Settled Claims to be paid within 60 days after approval of this settlement by the SEC Receivership Court;

Upon receipt and clearing of this full settlement payment, the Receiver, on behalf of the Receivership Entities and their employees, agents, representatives, beneficiaries, and assigns, shall be deemed to have released and forever discharged the Defendants of and from any and all claims asserted, or which could have been asserted, in the Becker Action, as well as any and all other claims, demands, rights, promises, and obligations arising from or related in any way to Becker's investment in any product, fund, entity, or venture established, operated, or controlled by Arthur Nadel and Receivership Entities.

In further consideration of the release of claims described above, the Defendants warrant that \$30,381.49 is the total amount of money or value Becker received from Receivership Entities in excess of his investment, and the Defendants agree to waive and do hereby waive any claim that they or Becker had, has, or hereafter may have against the Receiver and/or the Receivership Estate.

The Receiver and the Defendants understand and agree that, subject to the approval of the SEC Receivership Court, the payment of the aforesaid total sum and waiver of claims is in full accord and satisfaction of and in compromise of disputed

claims, and the payment and waiver are not an admission of liability, which is expressly denied, but are made for the purpose of terminating a dispute and avoiding litigation.

After execution of this Settlement Agreement by all parties, the Receiver will promptly move the SEC Receivership Court for approval of this settlement. If the SEC Receivership Court approves the settlement, following receipt and clearing of the payment called for above, the Receiver will promptly move the Court to dismiss the Becker Action with prejudice. To the extent necessary, the Defendants agree to assist the Receiver in seeking the SEC Receivership Court's approval of this settlement and following any such approval, in securing the dismissal of the Becker Action. The Defendants understand and agree that each party shall bear their own individual costs and attorney fees incurred in the resolution of this matter.

In the event the Defendants fail to make payment as provided by this Settlement Agreement, the Defendants hereby consent to the immediate entry of a Judgment upon the filing of an affidavit from the Receiver certifying failure of payment. The Defendants acknowledge and agree that such Judgment will be for the total amount of money. Becker received from the Receivership Entities in excess of his investment as stated above, less any payments, plus interest at the legal rate from the date of this agreement.

In further consideration of the Receiver's release of claims as described above, Defendants, jointly and severally, agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Receiver of and from any claim that may arise between or among Defendants and/or Becker's heirs in connection with this settlement.

The Receiver and the Defendants agree this Settlement Agreement shall be governed by and be enforceable under Florida law in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division.

Counsel for the Receiver is expressly authorized to sign this agreement on behalf of the Receiver. The Receiver and the Defendants also agree that electronically transmitted copies of signature pages will have the full force and affect of original signed pages.

In witness whereof the parties have set their hands as of the dates indicated. Burton W. Wiand, as Receiver of the Receivership Entities Date: 3-18-11 Date: 3 - (P - 1)

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