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 10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

11 GNLV, Corp., a Nevada corporation,
 12 Plaintiff,
 13 v.
 14 Luca Mueller, an individual,
 15 Defendant.
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Case No.: [2:11-cv-00663-GMN-GWF](#)

**EX PARTE TEMPORARY
 RESTRAINING ORDER**

FILED UNDER SEAL

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 18 UPON CONSIDERATION of the Motion filed by Paintiff GNLV, Corp. (“GNLV” or
 19 “Plaintiff”), requesting a temporary restraining order and injunction requiring Defendant Luca
 20 Mueller (“Mueller” or “Defendant”) to immediately cease and desist all use of the
 21 <www.golddennugget.com> domain name (“the infringing Domain Name”) and Plaintiff’s
 22 trademarks and requiring the domain name registrar to lock the domain name at issue and transfer it
 23 to GNLV, the supporting Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the supporting Declarations and
 24 evidence, the record in this case, and for other good cause shown:

25 **THE COURT HEREBY FINDS THAT:**

26 1. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1121 and 28 U.S.C.
 27 §§ 1331 and 1338;

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1 2. The Court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendant in that Defendant regularly
2 conducts business in the State of Nevada, and Defendant committed tortious acts that he or she knew
3 or should have known would cause injury to Plaintiff in the State of Nevada;

4 3. GNLV has made extensive use of the GOLDEN NUGGET Marks on, among other
5 things, signage, wearing apparel, and sales and promotional materials, and has obtained federal
6 registration for the GOLDEN NUGGET Marks for various goods and services, including but not
7 limited to:

8 (a) GOLDEN NUGGET for casino and bar services (U.S. Reg. No. 1,554,155);

9 (b) GOLDEN NUGGET for nightclub, bar, cabaret and casino services (U.S. Reg. No.
10 1,082,044); and

11 (c) GOLDEN NUGGET for casino services (U.S. Reg. No. 1,203,988).

12 4. GNLV has made extensive use of the GOLDEN NUGGET Marks on, among other
13 things, signage, wearing apparel, and sales and promotional materials, and is a licensee of several
14 federal registrations for the GOLDEN NUGGET Marks for various goods and services, including
15 but not limited to:

16 (a) GOLDEN NUGGET for casino and bar services (U.S. Reg. No. 1,554,155);

17 (b) GOLDEN NUGGET for nightclub, bar, cabaret and casino services (U.S. Reg. No.
18 1,082,044); and

19 (c) GOLDEN NUGGET for casino services (U.S. Reg. No. 1,203,988).

20 5. Based on its federal trademark registrations and extensive use, GNLV owns the
21 exclusive right to use the GOLDEN NUGGET Marks in connection with resort hotel, casino and
22 related services. The extensive advertising and promotion of the "Golden Nugget" resort hotel
23 casinos have resulted in the GOLDEN NUGGET name and marks being distinctive for resort hotel
24 casino services;

25 6. Defendant Mueller has used GNLV's marks as part of his or her Internet domain
26 name <golddennugget.com> without GNLV's authority or permission;

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1 7. GNLV will suffer irreparable injury if the Court does not require the domain name
2 registrar About Domain Dot Com Solutions PVT. LTD. ("Registrar") to lock the infringing
3 <golddennugget.com> domain name and transfer it to GNLV pending litigation of this matter;

4 8. GNLV has demonstrated that it will suffer irreparable harm if a Temporary
5 Restraining Order is not entered ex parte because, immediately upon notice of suit and prior to
6 hearing, Defendant could transfer the Infringing Domain Name to another registrant or registrar.
7 Transfer of the Infringing Domain Name to another registrant would deprive the court of jurisdiction
8 and require GNLV to file additional suits to chase the Infringing Domain Name to recover its
9 intellectual property. Transfer of the Infringing Domain Name to another registrar would require
10 GNLV to expend significant effort and financial resources to track the registration;

11 9. GNLV has demonstrated likelihood of success on the merits of its cybersquatting
12 claims against Defendant under the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(d);

13 10. GNLV has demonstrated likelihood of success on the merits of its mark infringement
14 claims against Defendant under the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1114, and Nevada law;

15 11. GNLV has demonstrated likelihood of success on the merits of its unfair competition
16 claims against Defendant under the Lanham act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a);

17 12. The balance of hardships tips in favor of GNLV because issuance of the restraining
18 order and injunction would merely lock and transfer the domain name to GNLV pending trial, and
19 failure to issue the restraining order and injunction would cause GNLV to suffer irreparable injury to
20 its name and marks and the associated goodwill if Defendant is not enjoined from registering,
21 maintaining the registration on or using domain names containing GNLV's marks or marks
22 confusingly similar to GNLV's name and marks; and

23 (d) There is no likelihood of harm to the public from the temporary restraining order now being
24 granted.

25 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that: GNLV's *ex parte*
26 Application for Temporary Restraining Order is hereby GRANTED;

27 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1125(d)(1)(C), the domain name
28 <golddennugget.com> shall be immediately locked by the Registrar and/or its successor registrars

1 and transferred to GNLV.

2 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant will immediately cease and desist any and all
3 use of GNLV's name and trademarks and any and all variants thereof, including use of the
4 Infringing Domain Name, and take all necessary actions to transfer the Infringing Domain Name to
5 GNLV.

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Registrar and/or its successor registrars remove all
7 existing Domain Name Server (DNS) entries and corresponding addresses, and enter the Registrar's
8 default Domain Name Server and address entries to prevent further damage caused by the infringing
9 use of the Infringing Domain Name.

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant shall file, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1116(a), with
11 this Court and serve upon GNLV within thirty (30) days after entry of this Order, a report in writing
12 under oath setting forth in detail the manner and form in which Defendant has complied with this
13 Court's Order; and

14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that GNLV shall post a nominal bond of \$ 100.00 for
15 each domain name at issue because the evidence indicates that Defendant will only suffer minimal, if
16 any, damage by the issuance of this temporary restraining order.

17 **ORDER SETTING HEARING FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

18 UPON CONSIDERATION of GNLV's Motion, the Memorandum of Points and Authorities,
19 the supporting declarations and exhibits, the papers and pleadings on file in this matter and for good
20 cause shown;

21 1. The Court hereby sets the hearing for Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction on
22 May 12, 2011, 2011, at 10:30a.m., in Courtroom 7D at the Lloyd D.
23 George United States Federal Courthouse, 333 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, Nevada
24 89101.

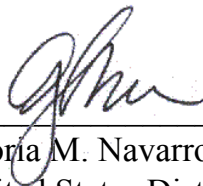
25 2. Further, the Court hereby sets the following briefing schedule relating to Plaintiff's
26 Motion:

27 (e) Defendant shall file and serve opposition papers, if any, no later than
28 12:00pm (noon) on May 5, 2011.

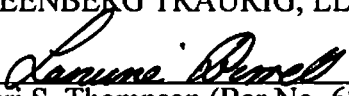
1 (f) Plaintiff shall file and serve its reply brief, if any, no later than 4:00p.m. on
2 May 9, 2011.

3 3. In addition, to ensure Defendant received timely notice of the hearing, given that
4 Defendant must maintain accurate contact information with the domain name registrar, GNLV may,
5 in addition to the requirements set forth in Rules 4 and 5 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,
6 serve the Motion, this Order and all other pleadings filed to date on Defendant by electronic mail
7 transmission.

8 DATED this 28th day of April, 2011.

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12 Gloria M. Navarro
13 United States District Judge

14 Respectfully submitted by:

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