## **EXHIBIT 10**

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THE HONORABLE JAMES L. ROBART 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 9 SOARING HELMET CORPORATION, a NO. C 09-0789 JLR Washington Corporation, 10 Plaintiff, DECLARATION OF CLAUDIA 11 MALLARD IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO 12 ٧. **DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR** SUMMARY JUDGMENT NANAL, INC., a Nevada corporation, d/b/a 13 LEATHERUP.COM. 14 Defendant. 15 My name is Claudia Mallard. I reside in Shelbyville, Bedford County, 16 ١. Tennessee. I am over the age of eighteen and I am competent to testify to, and have 17 18 personal knowledge of, the facts stated herein. I am a sales representative for VEGA Helmets. My territory includes the 19 2. southeastern United States (Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, 20 21 Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and the Florida Panhandle). I am 22 23 DECLARATION OF CLAUDIA MALLARD – 1 INVICTA LAW GROUP, PLLC

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1000 SECOND AVENUE, SUITE 3310 SEATTLE, WA 98104-1019 FAX (206) 903-6365 TEL (206) 903-6361 based in Tennessee. I have been with VEGA Helmets for more than 8 years. I have been employed in the motorcycle industry since 1979.

- 3. As part of my job, I am aware of VEGA Helmet corporate policies. As a matter of corporate policy, VEGA Helmet does business only with dealers who sell VEGA Helmet products at no less than VEGA's suggested retail price (MSPR). Occasionally, VEGA Helmets allows discounting of older products, but never of current products except for special sales, according to the corporate policy.
- 4. The VEGA corporate policy is printed each year in our annual catalogue, which is provided to all our retailers each year.
- 5. I am aware that the "bricks and mortar" stores, who are my customers, are very aware of any discounting in the industry, particularly internet discounting. Discounting is a big issue for our dealers, because retailers in this industry are mostly "mom and pop" stores, or some small chains. These retailers see discounting, particularly on the internet, as very harmful to their business, and they watch all competitors very closely for any possible discounting.
- 6. One of the huge selling features of the VEGA brand is that it is protected from deep discounting, and retailers are assured that if they stock VEGA brand products, it will be profitable for the retailer. It is critical to our business that we protect the brand, and it makes my job, selling VEGA products, much easier because my customers know we protect the brand.
- 7. In fact, the reason I stopped selling a competing brand, and chose to sell VEGA helmets instead, is because of the way VEGA promotes and protects its brand.

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- 8. In April of 2009, I was traveling on sales calls with Wayne Layman, the VEGA Helmet sales representative for Michigan and Indiana.
- We called on a large retailer in Michigan Center, Michigan, called Holiday
   Powersports.
- 10. We met with Jim Machnik who was the buyer for Holiday Powersports and the son of the owner.
- 11. Attached as Exhibit  $\Delta$  is a true and correct copy of Mr. Jim Machnik's business card, which he gave me on that visit.
- 12. Wayne and I did a full-line presentation of the VEGA products to the buyer and some other parts and accessories personnel who were present. The presentation took about an hour, and the viewers seemed very interested in our line.
- Powersports, came into the store and walked by. I introduced myself to him. He asked me if we sold our helmets online. I told him that we did, but that we had a strict policy of not allowing discounting, and we enforced that policy, for online retailers as well as for brick and mortar stores. He then walked away, to his office.
- 14. Jim Machnik, the buyer, was very interested in buying our products. He walked over to the owner's office, and came back holding a sheet of paper. He said to me "This is the reason he won't do business with you" and "he says VEGA's a price whore". He handed me a print-out of the Leatherup.com advertisement. That was the first time I saw the advertisement that claimed Leatherup.com sold VEGA Helmets at 50% off.

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- 15. Before that, I had never heard of Leatherup.com.
- 16. It was clear to me that the advertisement caused the owner and the buyer at Holiday Powersports to refuse to consider buying VEGA Helmets.
- visit, right after the call on Holiday Powersports on April 9, 2009. It is my practice to make notes after every sales call, and I did that after this call. In case you can't read my handwriting, the notes say, "Jim and counter guys love helmets. Dad-owner-will only sell Fulmer. No internet. Owner printed 50% off Leatherup.com ad on computer to give to me. All parts guys like helmets owner says we discount." Although my notes don't reflect his actual words, I clearly remember that Jim told me his father said, "VEGA's a price whore."
- 18. Fulmer is a helmet manufacturer who allows absolutely no internet sales, which is what my notes mean when I wrote "Fulmer  $\emptyset$  internet."
- 19. I called Jeanne DeMund, owner of VEGA Helmet, and told her about Leatherup.com and the impact it was having on doing future business with prospective customers.
- 20. Attached as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of my notes from my visits on April 8, 2009. At the entry recording my visit at Harbor Sports Cycle, which is a Honda Powerhouse Store, I wrote that the owner told me he was planning to open an internet business, and I wrote that I reminded him of VEGA's policy that he could only sell at MSRP. I told him we don't like to do business with discounters, who screw it up for everyone else in the business.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Tennessee and the ļ United States that the foregoing is true and-correct to the best of my knowledge. 2 Executed at Shelbyville, Tennessee, this 19<sup>TH</sup> day of November, 2010. 3 4 5 Claudia Mallard 6 7 8 9 10  $\mathbf{I}$ 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23

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