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1 CAUSE NO. 2014-40964	1 EXAMINATION INDEX 2 WITNESS: ADAM SINN
2 ERIC TORRES, ADAM SINN, * IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF XS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, *	EXAMINATION PAGE
3 L.P., and ASPIRE * COMMODITIES, L.P., *	3 BY MR. BERG 4
4 Plaintiffs * *	4
5 v. * HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS	5 SIGNATURE PAGE 102
6 CRAIG TAYLOR and ATLAS *	6 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATION 104
COMMODITIES, L.L.C., * 7 Defendants * 157TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT	8 EXHIBIT INDEX
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9 ***************	9 EXHIBIT NO. 1 25
10 ORAL AND VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF	Copy of text message dated December 21,
	10 2013 and December 31, 2014
11 ADAM SINN	11 EXHIBIT NO. 2 33
12 APRIL 8, 2015	Settlement Agreement 12
13 ****************************	EXHIBIT NO. 3
14	13 Photograph
ORAL AND VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION of ADAM SINN,	14 EXHIBIT NO. 4 58
16 produced as a witness at the instance of the	Mobile Phone Examiner Plus Report
17 Defendants, and duly sworn, was taken in the	15 MMS (1323 of 2658) 16 EXHIBIT NO. 5 88
18 above-styled and numbered cause on the 8th day of	Agreed Confidentiality and Protective Order
19 April, 2015, from 8:43 a.m. to 11:16 a.m., before me,	17
20 Jodi Wells, CSR, in and for the State of Texas,	18
21 reported by machine shorthand, at the offices of	19
	20 21
22 Rapp & Krock, PC, 3050 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 1425,	22
23 Houston, Texas 77056, pursuant to the Texas Rules of	23
24 Civil Procedure and the provisions stated on the record	24
25 attached hereto.	25
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1 APPEARANCES	1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Good morning. Today
2 3 FOR THE PLAINTIFFS:	2 is April the 8th, 2015. We're on the record at 8:43.
4 Mr. Matthew M. Buschi	3 ADAM SINN,
Ms. Terri S. Morgan	4 having been duly sworn, testified as follows:
5 Rapp & Krock, PC	5 EXAMINATION
3050 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 1425 6 Houston, Texas 77056	6 BY MR. BERG:
Telephone: 713-759-9977	7 Q. Good morning.
7 Facsimile: 713-759-9967	8 A. Good morning.
Email: Mbuschi@rk-lawfirm.com 8 Email: Tmorgan@rk-lawfirm.com	,
9	9 Q. Could you state your name for the record,
FOR THE DEFENDANTS:	10 please?
10 Mr. Geoffrey Berg	11 A. Adam Sinn.
11 Berg Feldman Johnson Bell, LLP	12 Q. Mr. Sinn, have you given a deposition before?
4203 Montrose Boulevard, Suite 150	
·	13 A. I have.
12 Houston, Texas 77006	13 A. I have. 14 Q. Okay. How many times?
12 Houston, Texas 77006 Telephone: 713-526-0200	
12 Houston, Texas 77006 Telephone: 713-526-0200 13 Facsimile: 832-615-2665 Email: Gberg@bfjblaw.com	14 Q. Okay. How many times?
12 Houston, Texas 77006 Telephone: 713-526-0200 13 Facsimile: 832-615-2665 Email: Gberg@bfjblaw.com	14 Q. Okay. How many times? 15 A. Just once.
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12 Houston, Texas 77006 Telephone: 713-526-0200 13 Facsimile: 832-615-2665 Email: Gberg@bfjblaw.com 14 15 ALSO PRESENT: 16 Mr. Craig Taylor Mr. Terry Harrison, Videographer 17	14 Q. Okay. How many times? 15 A. Just once. 16 Q. In which case? 17 A. A case involving work or an oil well 18 dispute. 19 Q. Okay. When was that?
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Page 37 Page 39 1 where he might be entitled to receive some of it? I don't recall, but potentially we do. Okay. Well, if it's not written, it's Most likely not. So, there are some contingencies in which he 3 certainly oral, correct? Like, I literally don't recall. I mean, I know 4 might be able to receive it? Not under this structure. 5 he said that, but I don't recall. Okay. So, let me see if I can ask it sort of Q. 0kay. 7 more directly. Α. I don't recall what the specific structure --If he found a bunch of money that would satisfy Then let me -- let me put it this way. He 9 his debt to you, he could pay it to you. Then he would 9 says to you in one way or another, oral, written, 10 be able to receive these settlement funds, right? 10 whatever -- you leave open the possibility. 11 11 A. Yes, sir. Α. Okay. 12 Q. Okay. You don't envision that happening? 12 Q. You just don't recall. He says: Hev. I owe 13 At this current time, I do not. 13 you this money. Under the Settlement Agreement, it's 14 All right. That was really all I was asking. 14 \$500,000. It's yours. I assign it to you. Ο. 15 Okav. Uh-huh. 16 Okay. So, you have an assignment from 16 O Is that right? 17 Mr. Torres giving to you the right to collect under the 17 A. Basically correct. 18 Settlement Agreement, correct? 18 Right. Whether it's written or oral, you don't I don't recall. 19 remember, but that's how it happened? 20 Okay. Remember in Mr. Torres's deposition 20 Correct. 21 where he testified that there was an assignment that 21 Okay. That was -- that's it. Okay. Now, the 22 picture. 23 Α. I honestly don't recall that, but if you -- if 23 (Exhibit No. 3 marked.) 24 there is, then he said it. 24 Q. I'm going to show you what I have -- I'm 25 Do you know who prepared that instrument? 25 actually going to cover up the exhibit label on here. Page 38 Page 40 A. I do not. 1 I've marked this as Exhibit 3 to your deposition. I 2 think you've seen this before. Exhibit 3 is a 2 I think he said it was your attorney. Would 3 that have been Mr. Hammond? 3 photograph, correct? A. It would have been Chanler Langham. Δ Correct. Okay. That's -- Chanler was your lawyer at All right. If you could just put the other 6 Susman Godfrey, correct? 6 exhibits aside, I want to --Yes. 7 Α. Okay. Α. Q. Okay. Now, there is -- this Settlement 8 -- focus on this. 9 Agreement is for \$500,000 which does not bear interest. All right. What is Exhibit 3 a photograph of? 9 10 correct? 10 It's a photograph of myself and several of my 11 A. Correct. 11 friends. So, that leaves a shortfall, if my calculation Can you identify them, if you will, reading or 13 is correct, in the debt that Mr. Torres owes to you of 13 identifying from left to right as you look at the 14 \$350,000; is that right? 14 picture? That's correct. It's Sean Kelly, Evan Caron, Barry Hammond, Α. 16 Paul Sarver, Eric Torres, Adam Sinn. 16 Q. Does he still owe that money to you, that extra 17 \$350,000? 17 Now, Barry Hammond is the person you identified 18 earlier as your attorney, correct? 18 Α. He does. 19 And do you have some type of plan of payment? 19 Α. Correct. 20 At this moment, we do not have a -- like, a 20 All right. And Eric Torres is the other party 21 written agreement. 21 in this litigation, right? 22 Q. On that 350,000? That's correct. 23 Correct. 23 Okay. You sent that photograph with no text to Α. Q. But you do have a written agreement on the 24 24 Craig Taylor in December of 2013, correct? 25 total of 500,000 under the Settlement Agreement? 25 Α. Correct.

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                                                            1 after the picture was taken?
          Why did you do that?
          I don't recall. At the time, I was
                                                                          MR. BUSCHI: Object to the form.
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 3 intoxicated.
                                                            3 A. We were not.
                                                                      (By Mr. Berg) Did you say anything about
     Q.
          Who else did you send the picture to?
         The -- the -- I don't know. There was a list
                                                            5 Atlas?
 6 that we produced. That list of people is who I sent it
                                                                Α.
                                                                     No, sir.
7 to.
                                                                 0
                                                                      Did anyone else?
8
          Well, you sent it to everyone in the picture,
                                                            8
                                                                     Not that I recall.
 9 correct?
                                                                      But you know you didn't?
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10
     Α.
          Correct.
                                                           10
                                                                     I know I did not.
                                                                Α.
11
          And you sent it to Chanler Langham?
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                                                                      You know you didn't say anything about Craig
12
          Correct.
                                                           12 Taylor?
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        Did you ever send it with the tag line "Happy
                                                           13
                                                                           MR. BUSCHI: Object to the form.
14 Holidays Atlas"?
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                                                                      At my party?
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     A. I don't recall.
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                                                                      (By Mr. Berg) When that picture was taken or
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          Did you ever send it with the tag line "Happy
                                                           16 at your party.
17 Holidays Aspire"?
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                                                                    I don't recall.
     A. I don't recall.
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                                                                           (Ms. Morgan entered the room)
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         You know that when Mr. Taylor received it I
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                                                                           MR. BUSCHI: This is another attorney at
20 sent an email to Chanler Langham and Melissa Moore who
                                                           20 the firm, Terri Morgan.
21 used to represent Mr. Torres, correct?
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                                                                           MR. BERG: All right. Why don't we take
        Correct.
                                                           22 a break? We've been going about an hour.
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     Q. Asking for an apology and for you and
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                                                                           MR. BUSCHI: Sure
24 Mr. Torres to leave him alone. Do you recall that?
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                                                                           THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record. The
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     A. I recall an email. Yeah.
                                                           25 time is 9:29.
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     Q. Do you recall that those were the requests that
                                                                           (Brief recess)
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                                                                          THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're on the record.
2 were made?
     A. I recall something to the effect that you guys
                                                            3 The time is 9:41.
 4 wanted an apology from all of us and -- or each of us
                                                                      (By Mr. Berg) Mr. Sinn, who is Lisa Rich?
                                                            4
 5 individually and to leave you alone or something, I
                                                                     A friend of mine, colleague in the industry.
 6 think, to the effect.
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                                                                     Is she a trader?
     Q.
         And you thought that was pretty funny, didn't
                                                            7
                                                                     I believe that she's a mid-marketer.
8 you?
                                                                     Mid-marketer?
9
     Α.
          What?
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                                                                     llh - huh
                                                                Α.
10
          That request.
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                                                                     What does that mean?
     A. I thought it was pretty funny that I -- I
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                                                                     A mid-marketer is essentially somebody that
12 don't -- I shouldn't say -- I didn't think it was
                                                           12 works for a company that -- that goes out and tries to
13 pretty funny. I thought it was strange that
                                                           13 hustle up deals, transactions, whatever you want to
14 considering that I sent something that I'm responsible
                                                           14 call it, on the company's behalf.
15 for, you know, something that the request would come
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                                                                Q. Would this be like an energy retailer?
16 from -- or asking for an apology from multiple people
                                                           16
                                                                Α.
                                                                     Could be.
17 in the photo.
                                                           17
                                                                     Who does she work for?
18
     Q. So, you thought it was -- the funny part was
                                                                A. The last I know that she was working
19 that he wanted individual apologies?
                                                           19 for -- what's the name of the company? It's --
20
     Α.
        Correct.
                                                           20 it -- Eagle -- I think that she -- I don't remember
21
     Q. Were you talking about Craig Taylor when you
                                                           21 what they renamed their new company, but it was the
22 sent that picture?
                                                           22 former Eagle Energy Partner guys that started the new
MR. BUSCHI: Object to the form.
                                                           23 company. I think it's Eagle something or another.
A. We were not.
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                                                                Q. Okay. Is that where she worked in December of
Q. (By Mr. Berg) Did you talk about Craig Taylor
                                                          25 2013?
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Page 61 Page 63 Q. Well, of course, you knew that, if you had They're not in these documents. No. 2 produced that material at the time, it would have been 2 Q. (By Mr. Berg) Right. But they do exist, don't 3 they? 3 discovered that you had repeatedly breached the Α. What exists? 4 Settlement Agreement by disparaging Craig Taylor and Comments you made about Craig Taylor and/or Q. 5 Atlas Commodities; isn't that right? 6 Atlas Commodities to people other than your lawyers or MR. BUSCHI: Object to the form. 7 Eric Torres. 7 A. No. I'm not aware that any exist. (By Mr. Berg) You didn't disparage Craig 9 Taylor or Atlas Commodities? Well, you certainly made those comments, didn't 10 vou? Α. No. 11 MR. BUSCHI: Object to the form. 11 Calling Craig Taylor a cock blast isn't a 12 I don't recall, but I believe I did not. Α. 12 disparaging comment? 13 (By Mr. Berg) You believe you did not? I think it's a funny comment. 14 Right. Α. 14 So, is that a no? 15 No comments about Craig Taylor? 15 Yeah. I don't think it's -- I mean, you tell 16 I don't recall. 16 me how it's disparaging. 17 No comments about Atlas Commodities? Q. When you depose me, I will. 17 18 Α. I don't recall. 18 So, there should have been some messages that You know that a request was made that you 19 say "Happy Holidays from Aspire," correct? 20 simply produce a record of what was sent out and to A. There are none. That's -- this -- you're 21 whom long before this lawsuit was ever filed, don't 21 referencing Chanler's email. 22 Q. Where are those messages that say "Happy A. I believe at some point in time you asked for 23 Holidays from Aspire"? 24 the messages that I sent out in regards to Chanler's 24 Α. There are none. 25 email So, when Chanler Langham told me, "The places Page 62 Page 64 Q. And you refused to do that, correct? 1 where I referenced Atlas should have referenced 2 Aspire," he was lying to me? A. I don't think anybody refused anything. I 3 think that we -- I'm not for sure what my attorney MR. BUSCHI: Object to the form. 4 decided that his strategy was going to be. A. I think Chanler was being a human being and Q. So, you weren't familiar with what he was 5 made a mistake. 6 doing? MR. BERG: Objection; nonresponsive. MR. BUSCHI: Object to the form. Q. (By Mr. Berg) He was lying? Is that right or A. Well, off the top of my head right now? I 8 wrong? 9 mean, not at this moment I don't recall what we were 9 MR. BUSCHI: Object to the form. 10 10 doing or he was doing. I would say he made an honest mistake, not 11 (By Mr. Berg) You knew you were going to be 11 lying. 12 deposed today about this, didn't you? (By Mr. Berg) Well, he made an honest mistake 13 What? A year and a half ago? 13 because his first story was that this picture was sent 14 MR. BERG: Objection; nonresponsive. 14 out with the tag line "Happy Holidays from Atlas," Q. (By Mr. Berg) Did you or did you not know that 15 correct? 16 this was a topic you were going to be deposed about 16 A. That's what he sent. Yes. 17 today? 17 And I said: Well, that's a pretty serious 18 MR. BUSCHI: Object to the form. 18 problem; send me everything that went out. Recall 19 A. What's the specific topic? 19 that? 20 20 (By Mr. Berg) Your decision to refuse to Yes. But, I mean, as I'm reading Chanler's 21 produce requested materials that you claimed at the 21 thing, he said: I believe the tag line is, you know, 22 time would have exonerated you. 22 or was -- you know, he made a mistake. Q. I believe the tag line was? A. No. I mean, I would have no idea what your 23 24 legal strategy -- legal strategy is going to be before 24 Α. I believe the tag line was "Happy Holidays from 25 Atlas." 25 walking in here this morning.

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 1 taken, the following includes counsel for all parties
 2 of record:
           MR. BUSCHI, Attorney for Plaintiffs
           MS. MORGAN, Attorney for Plaintiffs
           MR. BERG, Attorney for Defendants
           I further certify that I am neither counsel
6 for, related to, nor employed by any of the parties or
7 attorneys in the action in which this proceeding was
8 taken, and further that I am not financially or
9 otherwise interested in the outcome of the action.
           Further certification requirements pursuant to
11 Rule 203 of TRCP will be certified to after they have
12 occurred
13
           Certified to by me this 21st day of April,
14 2015.
                               Godi Wells
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                         Expiration Date: 12/31/15
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          FURTHER CERTIFICATION UNDER RULE 203 TRCP
     The original deposition was ____ was not ___
3 returned to the deposition officer on _
 4 2015;
    If returned, the attached Corrections and Signature
 6 page contains any changes and the reasons therefor:
    If returned, the original deposition was delivered
8 to MR. GEOFFREY BERG, Custodial Attorney;
                _____ is the deposition officer's
10 charges to the Attorney for Defendants, GEOFFREY BERG,
11 for preparing the original deposition transcript and
12 any copies of exhibits;
     That the deposition was delivered in accordance with
14 Rule 203.3, and that a copy of this certificate was
15 served on all parties shown herein and filed with the
16 Clerk.
     Certified to by me this ___
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                                   __ day of
               ______, 2015.
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