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TO THIS HONORABLE COURT AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Plaintiff S.S.L INVESTMENTS, LLC ("SSL") alleges the following claims against Defendants ASHA OROSKAR; ANIL OROSKAR; PRIYANKA SHARMA; PULAK SHARMA; GREGORY ROCKLIN; OROCHEM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.; and KAZMIRA, LLC (collectively "Defendants") as follows:

<u>THE PARTIES</u>

Plaintiff S.S.L INVESTMENTS, LLC is a California limited liability 1. company. During the relevant time period, SSL's principal place of business was located at 9419 Mason Avenue, Chatsworth, California 91311. SSL's current address is 10700 San Monica Blvd, Suite 203, Los Angeles, CA 90025. SSL is and was member managed by Michael Yedidsion, Pedram Salimpour, H. Troy Farahmand, and Bob Kashani, each of whom are domiciled in California.

2. Defendant OROCHEM TECHNOLOGIES, INC. ("Orochem") is a corporation organized under the laws of Illinois with its principal place of business at 340 Shuman Boulevard, Naperville, Illinois 60563. Orochem represents that it is a "leading provider for specialty purification technologies" and "a global expert in chromatography, including Simulated Moving Bed ("SMB") chromatography." On information and belief, Orochem is a private company that is wholly owned by Asha Oroskar and Anil Oroskar.

3. Defendant ASHA OROSKAR is an individual who is domiciled in Naperville, Illinois. At all relevant times, she was the principal, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Orochem. 23

4. Defendant ANIL OROSKAR is an individual who is domiciled in 24 Naperville, Illinois. At all relevant times, he was the principal and Chief Technology Officer of Orochem.

Plaintiff KAZMIRA, LLC ("Kazmira") is currently a Delaware limited 5. 27 liability company with its principal place of business at 34501 E. Quincy Ave., 28

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Building 35, Watkins, Colorado, 80137. In January 2017, Kazmira was formed by Anil Oroskar, Asha Oroskar, and Orochem as a Colorado limited liability company with its principal place of business is located at 34501 E. Quincy Ave., Building 35, Watkins, Colorado 80137. In May 2020, Kazmira registered as a Delaware limited liability company. On information and belief, Kazmira is a private company that is owned by Asha Oroskar and Anil Oroskar, and is a subsidiary, partner, and/or licensee of Orochem. Kazmira uses Orochem's chromatography equipment to make cannabidiol oil that is derived from hemp. Kazmira's co-Chief Executive Officers are Defendants Priyanka Sharma and Pulak Sharma, who are the children of Asha Oroskar and Anil Oroskar. The land on which Kazmira's facility is located is owned by APPoGee Kazmira, LLC, a real estate holding company with the sole purpose of holding title to the property. The only members of APPoGee Kazmira, LLC are Asha Oroskar and Anil Oroskar.

6. Defendant PRIYANKA SHARMA is an individual who is domiciled in Denver, Colorado. Mrs. Sharma is the daughter of Defendants Anil Oroskar and Asha Oroskar, and the wife of Defendant Pulka Sharma. At all relevant times, she was the co-CEO of Kazmira.

7. Defendant PULAK SHARMA is an individual who is domiciled in
Denver, Colorado. Mr. Sharma is the son-in law of Defendants Anil Oroskar and
Asha Oroskar, and the husband of Defendant Priyanka Sharma. At all relevant times,
he was the co-CEO of Kazmira.

 Defendant GREGORY ROCKLIN is an individual who is domiciled in Atherton, California. At all relevant times, he was the business development agent for Defendants Asha Oroskar, Anil Oroskar, Priyanka Sharma, Pulak Sharma, Orochem, and Kazmira.

9. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate, or otherwise, of the defendants named herein as DOES 1 to 10, are unknown to Plaintiff at this time and therefore said defendants are being sued by such fictitious

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names. The full extent of the facts linking such fictitiously sued Defendants is unknown to Plaintiff. Plaintiff is informed and believes and based thereon allege that each of the defendants designated herein as a DOE was, and is legally responsible in some manner or means for the events and happenings referred to herein and proximately caused damage to Plaintiff, either through their own conduct or the conduct of their agents, servants, or employees, or due to their ownership, supervision, and/or management of the employees, agents, entities, and/or instrumentalities that caused said damages, or in some other manner or means that is presently unknown to Plaintiff. Plaintiff will hereafter seek leave of the Court to amend this Complaint to show the fictitiously sued defendants' true names and capacities, after the same have been ascertained.

10. At all times mentioned herein, each of the Defendants was the agent, principal, partner, alter-ego, joint venturer, employee, and/or authorized representative of every other Defendant and, in doing the things hereinafter alleged, was acting within the course and scope of such agency, service, and representation and directed, aided and abetted, authorized, and/or ratified each and every act and conduct hereinafter alleged.

Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that the 11. 18 business affairs of Orochem, Asha Oroskar and Anil Oroskar are, and at all times 19 relevant were, so mixed and intermingled that they cannot reasonably be segregated, 20 and are in inextricable confusion such that a unity of interest and ownership existed, 21 including the comingling of assets and the use of Asha Oroskar and Anil Oroskar 22 personal telephone, cellular phone, computers, computer software, portable 23 electronic devices, email accounts, bank accounts, and other personal devices and/or 24 accounts in carrying out the actions alleged herein as and/or on behalf of Orochem. 25 Orochem is, and at all times relevant hereto was, used by Defendants Asha Oroskar 26 and Anil Oroskar as a shell and conduit for the conduct of certain of their affairs and 27 is, and was, the alter ego of Defendants Anil Oroskar and Asha Oroskar. The 28

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recognition of the separate existence of Orochem would be unfair and would not
 promote justice, in that it would permit Asha Oroskar and Anil Oroskar to wrongfully
 insulate themselves from liability to Plaintiff. Accordingly, Defendant Orochem
 constitutes the alter ego of Asha Oroskar and Anil Oroskar, and the fiction of its
 separate existence should be disregarded.

12. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that the business affairs of Kazmira, Orochem, Anil Oroskar, Asha Oroskar, Priyanka Sharma, and Pulak Sharma are, and at all times relevant were, so mixed and intermingled that they cannot reasonably be segregated, and are in inextricable confusion such that a unity of interest and ownership existed, including the comingling of assets and the use of Orochem, Anil Oroskar, Asha Oroskar, Priyanka Sharma, Pulak Sharma's personal telephone, cellular phone, computers, computer software, portable electronic devices, email accounts, bank accounts, and other personal devices and/or accounts in carrying out the actions alleged herein as and/or on behalf of Kazmira. Kazmira is, and at all times relevant hereto was, used by Defendants Orochem, Anil Oroskar, Asha Oroskar, Priyanka Sharma, Pulak Sharma as a shell and conduit for the conduct of certain of their affairs and is, and was, the alter ego of Defendants Orochem, Anil Oroskar, Asha Oroskar, Priyanka Sharma, Pulak Sharma. The recognition of the separate existence of Kazmira would be unfair and would not promote justice, in that it would permit Orochem, Anil Oroskar, Asha Oroskar, Priyanka Sharma, Pulak Sharma to wrongfully insulate themselves from liability to Plaintiff. Accordingly, Defendant Kazmira constitutes the alter ego of Orochem, Anil Oroskar, Asha Oroskar, Priyanka Sharma, Pulak Sharma, and the fiction of its separate existence should be disregarded.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

13. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action under28 U.S.C. §§1331 and 1338 in that this action arises under the laws of the United

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