Plaintiff HUMBL, Inc. ("Plaintiff" or "Humbl") hereby files this Complaint for: (1) Breach of Written Contract; (2) Unjust Enrichment; (3) Fraudulent Misrepresentation and Inducement; (4) Violation of Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") (15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)) and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder by the SEC (17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5); and (5) Violation of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. § 78t(a)), against Defendants Pacific Lion LLC ("Pacific Lion"), Jacob Fernane ("Fernane"), and Robert Hymers III ("Hymers") (collectively, "Defendants"), and alleges as follows:

INTRODUCTION

- 1. This is an action to hold Defendants accountable for fraudulently inducing Humbl to enter into a contractual arrangement in which Humbl consolidated millions of dollars of its legacy debt with Pacific Lion and further became highly dependent on Pacific Lion as a source of core operational financing. Pursuant to an October 3, 2023 Securities Purchase Agreement ("Agreement"), a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, Pacific Lion was contractually obligated to make cash payments to Humbl at designated intervals in exchange for receiving shares of Series C Preferred Stock in Humbl. Pacific Lion made less than half of the required payments, however, and it now refuses to perform under the Agreement's clear and unambiguous terms.
- 2. Defendants led Humbl to believe that it was entering into a strategic collaboration with a new equity investment partner. But contrary to the representations made by Hymers and Fernane, Defendants were acting to enrich themselves to Humbl's detriment. This is part of a pattern of fraud that Defendants engage in with companies.
- 3. On information and belief, Pacific Lion and Fernane profited millions of dollars from the deal with Humbl, which Fernane then shared with Hymers through their partnership in a separate investment fund called Liqueous LP ("Liqueous"). Defendants concealed that the profits reaped from the Humbl transaction would be secretly shared through their partnership in Liqueous because Defendants knew Humbl

- was relying on Hymers' purportedly unbiased advice during the parties' negotiations; that Humbl would have considered Hymers' undisclosed financial interest being aligned with Fernane to be material to the propriety of Hymers' advice during said negotiations; and that Humbl would not have agreed to the Agreement's terms had Defendants' true financial relationship been properly disclosed.
- 4. Defendants' fraud continued in connection with Pacific Lion entering into a Note Purchase Agreement on October 9, 2023, with Archura Capital Pty Ltd ("Archura") (the "Archura Note Purchase Agreement"). The Archura Note Purchase Agreement resulted in Pacific Lion buying a promissory note owed from Humbl to Archura. Despite failing to make the required payments to Archura, Pacific Lion—represented by Hymers—misrepresented to Humbl that it was entitled to convert debt to equity, as discussed more fully below, thereby further enriching Defendants and harming Humbl.
- 5. Defendants have blatantly attempted to take advantage of Humbl. Humbl brings this action to vindicate its rights in the Agreement, to hold Defendants accountable for their fraud, contractual breaches, and violations of federal securities laws, and to recover substantial compensatory and punitive damages.

THE PARTIES

- 6. Humbl is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located at 101 W. Broadway, Suite 1450, San Diego, CA 92101.
- 7. On information and belief, Pacific Lion is a Florida limited liability company having a principal place of business located at 7901 4th St. N, Suite 300, St. Petersburg, Florida 33702.
- 8. Fernane is an individual who, on information and belief, resides in North Miami Beach, Florida, and is both the founder and managing member of Pacific Lion.
- 9. Hymers is an individual who, on information and belief, resides in the County of Los Angeles, California.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 10. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, as the Complaint raises a federal question under Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b) and 78t(a)) and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder by the SEC (17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5). This Court also has subject matter jurisdiction over Plaintiff's claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a) because the amount in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and is between citizens of different states. This Court further has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to the principles of supplemental jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1367.
- 11. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants in this action because Defendants have established minimum contacts with this forum such that the exercise of jurisdiction over Defendants would not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice. Defendants, Defendants' agents, and/or Defendants' personal representatives purposefully directed activities at, or availed themselves of, the forum state in such a significant manner that Defendants could reasonably anticipate being hailed into court here, as evidenced by the following: (a) Defendant Hymers resides in California; (b) Defendant Pacific Lion, through its founder, managing member, and representative, Defendant Fernane, entered into the Agreement, which requires that Pacific Lion make millions of dollars of payments to Plaintiff Humbl within California; and (c) Section 6.1 of the Agreement provides:

Each party hereto hereby (i) consents to and expressly submits to the exclusive personal jurisdiction of any state or federal court sitting in San Diego County, California, (ii) expressly submits to the exclusive venue of any such court for the purposes hereof, and (iii) waives any claim of improper venue and any claim or objection that such courts are an inconvenient forum or any other claim, defense or objection to the bringing of any such proceeding in such jurisdiction or to any claim that such venue of the suit, action or proceeding is improper.

12. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2) as a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to this action occurred within this judicial district and because the Agreement specifies venue in this District.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Hymers Convinces Humbl To Enter Into The Agreement With Pacific Lion

- 13. Humbl is a Web 3 technology company that offers a digital wallet and web platform, built on fully-verified user profiles, to improve the quality of interactions and transactions on the web, in areas like digital payments, ticketing and marketplace services.
- 14. In or about January 2023, Humbl sought assistance from Hymers with respect to restructuring its legacy debt obligations and obtaining additional liquidity through access to bridge capital funding. Hymers, while working as a consultant for Humbl, introduced Humbl to Pacific Lion. Fernane is the founder and managing member of Pacific Lion, and professes to use that company for the purpose of providing equity investment to early-stage technology businesses.
- 15. On information and belief, Pacific Lion is a toxic lender that specializes in predatory lending practices aimed at microcap companies in need of capital. As a toxic lender, Pacific Lion provides, *inter alia*, financing in the form of convertible debt—that is, debt that can be converted to stock, almost always at a steep discount to market price. Pacific Lion then converts and sells in large volumes, typically liquidating only a fraction of its debt holdings at a time to ensure that an entire tranche is sold before the next tranche is converted at a discount to the new, still lower, price. Pacific Lion's toxic lending practices cause share prices to plummet, the share dilution drives good-faith investors out of the market, and the issuing microcap company has a much greater difficulty accessing legitimate financing. *See Securities and Exchange Commission v. Ibrahim Almagarby*, 92 F.4th 1306 (11th Cir. 2024) (explaining toxic lending and upholding summary judgment in favor of the SEC against a toxic lender

for being unregistered). At the time Humbl entered into the Agreement, Humbl was unaware that Pacific Lion is a toxic lender.

- 16. Hymers has a history of deception with a criminal record for identity theft related to the disgraced athlete Lenny Dykstra's criminal sentence for grant theft auto and providing a false financial statement. Hymers also had his CPA license suspended by the California Board of Accountancy in 2019 for numerous violations, including Hymer's false and/or misleading representations to consumers.
- 17. Hymers and Fernane are partners in Liqueous, a separate investment fund. Unbeknownst to Humbl, and on information and belief, Liqueous provided a tool through which Fernane could provide kickback to Hymers for any profits made in a deal with Humbl. In conduct similar to Humbl's experience, Fernane and Liqueous have recently been accused in a lawsuit in federal court in Florida of wrongfully obtaining 2.5 million shares of stock of Shengfeng Development Limited, a foreign private issuer whose shares are listed and traded on the Nasdaq.
- 18. True to his modus operandi, Hymers concealed his conflict of interest and proceeded to negotiate a deal—ostensibly on Humbl's behalf—that would become Humbl's core source of financing. Hymers aggressively pushed Humbl into accepting deal terms in the Agreement that were favorable to Pacific Lion under the auspices of securing reliable short-term funding, cleaning up Humbl's balance sheet through debt consolidation, and achieving reduced equity selling.
- 19. Fernane similarly sought to convince Humbl that its business would be strategically advantaged through the consolidation of certain legacy debts into a single account with his company, Pacific Lion. Fernane billed himself as an expert in structuring early-stage funding for technology companies, effusively playing on the apparent strength of his own personal reputation, and misrepresented to Humbl prior to October 9, 2023, that Pacific Lion had never failed to make a required payment to any of its clients.

- 20. Humbl trusted Hymers, in part because he was working as a consultant for Humbl and in part because of representations he made that he knew Fernane and the company could trust him. Although Hymers claimed to be acting as Humbl's consultant, in fact, Hymers negotiated the original Pacific Lion note on terms that were favorable to Pacific Lion because of Hymers' undisclosed financial interest. Even after the original Agreement, Hymers negotiated an amendment to get Pacific Lion better terms. On information and belief, Hymers funded money on Pacific Lion's behalf from a personal account and was later reimbursed.
- 21. Accepting Fernane's representations and trusting Hymers, Humbl entered into the Agreement with Pacific Lion. The parties' arrangement left Humbl highly dependent on Pacific Lion while simultaneously providing Pacific Lion millions of dollars in profit from debt sales.

The Agreement Requires Pacific Lion To Make Seven Payments To Humbl Totaling \$2,040,000

- 22. Pacific Lion, for its part, promised, and was contractually obligated, to make monthly cash payments to Humbl under the terms of the Agreement in exchange for receiving shares of Series C Preferred Stock in Humbl. In truth, Pacific Lion had no intention of honoring that promise when made and made the misrepresentation explicitly to induce Humbl into entering into the Agreement.
 - 23. Specifically, Section 1.1 of the Agreement provides:
 - Purchase of Shares. Company shall issue and sell to Investor and Investor shall purchase from Company the Shares as set forth in accordance set forth on Exhibit A. In consideration thereof, Investor shall pay \$1,000.00 per Share to Company set forth on Exhibit A (the "Purchase Price") for each tranche of Shares via wire transfer of immediately available funds.

24. Exhibit A of the Agreement then sets forth the following payment schedule:

Date	Purchase Price	Shares
September 29, 2023	\$150,000	150
October 3, 2023	\$150,000	150
November 1, 2023	\$540,000	540
December 1, 2023	\$300,000	300
January 2, 2024	\$300,000	300
February 1, 2024	\$300,000	300
March 1, 2024	\$300,000	300

25. The payments required by the Agreement were intended to provide Humbl with more than \$2 million in much needed liquidity over the course of six months. Defendants had actual knowledge, prior to and at the time of execution of the Agreement, that Humbl's business operations would be materially impacted by lack of liquidity if Pacific Lion failed to make the required payments. Despite this, Defendants each misrepresented, prior to October 9, 2023, that Pacific Lion would make the required payments on the agreed upon schedule knowing that such promise was false when made.

Fernane Causes Pacific Lion Not To Make \$1,085,000 In Required Payments

- 26. Immediately after Pacific Lion successfully extracted the accessible value from Humbl's legacy debt, Pacific Lion stopped making the required payments to Humbl. Pacific Lion made only a partial payment on November 1, 2023, a payment in December, and then completely failed to pay any of the required amounts on January 2, February 1, and March 1, 2024.
- 27. As a result of Pacific Lion's failure to make payments in accordance with the payment schedule set forth in the Agreement, Pacific Lion now owes Humbl \$1,085,000 and caused Humbl countless more in damages. Humbl contacted Pacific Lion multiple times and demanded payment. But Pacific Lion has steadfastly refused, without justification, to remit that remaining amount.
- 28. On information and belief, Fernane and Hymers knew and intended from the outset of the parties' negotiations that they would cause Pacific Lion to fail to make

the majority of payments required by the Agreement. Humbl has since learned that Fernane regularly causes Pacific Lion to enter into contracts without intending that Pacific Lion will render its agreed performance.

29. For example, Fernane's and Pacific Lion's fraudulent intent is evidenced, *inter alia*, by an action filed against Pacific Lion and Fernane in New York state court on July 23, 2023, which alleges that Pacific Lion defaulted on a \$116,000 receivables contract after making only \$15,501 in payments (the "NY Action," Index No. E2023007980). Pacific Lion entered into a stipulated settlement of the NY Action on September 14, 2023, in which Pacific Lion agreed to pay \$100,000 to the plaintiff—essentially the full amount alleged to be outstanding under the contract in question. Even though the NY Action and settlement was known only to Defendants and would be a material consideration in before entering into the Agreement, Defendants failed to disclose the NY Action or the resulting settlement to Humbl prior to October 9, 2023, facts which materially contradict the representations made by Fernane and Pacific Lion during the parties' negotiations.

Defendants Fraudulently Obtain Equity in Humbl

- 30. As though ripping off Humbl for millions of dollars by entering into the Agreement with no intention of performing was not enough, Defendants further harmed Humbl by falsely claiming that Pacific Lion made required payment to a third party, which would have entitled Pacific Lion to convert debt into additional shares of Humbl.
- 31. Specifically, on October 9, 2023, Pacific Lion entered into a Note Purchase Agreement ("Archura Note Purchase Agreement") with Archura Capital Pty Ltd ("Archura") to buy a promissory note owed by Humbl to Archura.
- 32. Pacific Lion agreed to buy the note by making three payments to Archura. Pacific Lion made the first payment to Archura, but breached the Archura Note Purchase Agreement by failing to make the final two payments. Consistent with their conduct as it relates to the Securities Purchase Agreement, and on information and

- belief, Defendants knew when entering into the Archura Note Purchase Agreement that Pacific Lion had no intention of making the required payments.
- 33. Although claiming that he was a consultant for Humbl and was not a representative of Pacific Lion, on November 8, 2023, Hymers submitted to Humbl a conversion notice on behalf of Pacific Lion to convert \$184,000 of note balance purchased from Archura. This conversion notice was covered by the initial payment, which was made, under the Archura Note Purchase Agreement.
- 34. Although the first payment under the Archura Note Purchase Agreement was made, Defendants failed to notify Humbl that it did not make its second—or any further—required payment to Archura.
- 35. Although Pacific Lion failed to make the subsequent payments, Hymers submitted to Humbl a second conversion notice on November 15, 2023, for \$156,000 although Pacific Lion was not entitled to convert this debt into equity. Hymers, and all Defendants, misrepresented that Pacific Lion was entitled to this equity when it was not.
- 36. Humbl did not know that Pacific Lion had not paid for the portion of the Archura note it was converting, and relied on the misrepresentations of Hymers who was purportedly working as a consultant to Humbl, and mistakenly honored the conversion.
- 37. Pacific Lion converted over \$137,000 of Archura's note that it has not paid for and is not entitled to. Pacific Lion then received those shares and sold them into the market in contravention of federal securities laws.
- 38. With the blatant fraud above, Defendants took advantage of Humbl, thereby leaving Humbl with no choice but to seek judicial intervention to enforce the Agreement and recover its damages. Humbl brings this action to vindicate its rights in the Agreement, to hold Defendants accountable for their fraud, contractual breaches, and violations of federal securities laws, and to recover substantial compensatory and punitive damages.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF:

BREACH OF CONTRACT

(Against Defendant Pacific Lion)

- 39. Humbl repeats, realleges, and incorporates all foregoing and subsequent paragraphs and allegations contained in this Complaint as though set forth at this point.
- 40. Humbl and Pacific Lion entered into a valid and enforceable written contract, the Agreement, on October 3, 2023.
- 41. Section B. of the Agreement's recitals state: "[Pacific Lion] desires to purchase and [Humbl] desires to issue and sell, upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement shares of Series C Preferred Stock, \$0.00001 par value per share, of [Humbl]."
- 42. The Agreement contains a provision at Section 1.1 that requires Pacific Lion to make payments to Humbl in accordance with a set schedule attached thereto as Exhibit A. As consideration for each such payment, the Agreement provides that Pacific Lion will receive a designated number of shares of Series C Preferred Stock in Humbl.
- 43. Pacific Lion failed to pay the following amounts to Humbl, and has thereby breached the Agreement:
 - a. \$185,000 on November 1, 2023;
 - b. \$300,000 on January 2, 2024;
 - c. \$300,000 on February 1, 2024; and
 - d. \$300,000 on March 1, 2024.
- 44. Humbl has fully performed as required under the Agreement or is excused from performance based on Pacific Lion's own breach.

45. The Agreement further contains a fee-shifting provision that provides in relevant part:

Attorneys' Fees. In the event any action is filed by either party against the other to interpret or enforce any of the Transaction Documents, the unsuccessful party to such action agrees to pay to the prevailing party all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees incurred therein, including the same with respect to an appeal.

46. As a direct and proximate result of Pacific Lion's breach of its contractual obligations, Humbl has suffered significant monetary damages in the amount of \$1,085,000, which has materially impacted its business operations by substantially reducing Humbl's liquidity. Humbl is entitled to an award of actual, special, and compensatory damages according to proof at trial, as well attorneys' fees, costs, prejudgment interest, and all other relief authorized by law.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF:

UNJUST ENRICHMENT

(Against All Defendants)

- 47. Humbl repeats, realleges, and incorporates all foregoing and subsequent paragraphs and allegations contained in this Complaint as though set forth at this point.
- 48. Humbl conferred a substantial benefit upon Pacific Lion, and thereby upon Pacific Lion's managing member Fernane, by entering into a contractual arrangement in which Pacific Lion obtained millions of dollars of Humbl's legacy debt that Pacific Lion then sold for substantial profit. The arrangement left Humbl highly dependent upon Pacific Lion for operational funding, and Section 1.1 of the Agreement required that Pacific Lion make millions of dollars in payments to Humbl in order to provide Humbl with needed liquidity.
- 49. Pacific Lion also wrongfully received equity in Humbl through Hymers' misrepresentation that Pacific Lion made the required payments to Archura under the Archura Note Purchase Agreement, as outlined above. After wrongfully receiving this

equity, Pacific Lion then sold those shares into the market in contravention of federal securities laws and enriching itself.

- 50. On information and belief, Fernane shared profits earned from the sale of Humbl's debt and equity with Hymers through their partnership in a separate investment fund called Liqueous, and Hymers had actual knowledge of the source of said profits.
- 51. Humbl conferred these benefits on Defendants based on Defendants' misrepresentations. Pacific Lion's requests to Humbl were made through its founder, managing member, and representative Fernane, and/or through Hymers, who was purportedly representing Humbl as a consultant when, in reality, he was advocating for the interests of Pacific Lion.
- 52. Defendants accepted and retained the millions of dollars in benefits that Humbl conferred upon them.
- 53. As a result, Defendants have been unjustly enriched at Humbl's expense and therefore must make restitution to Huml in an amount to be proved at trial.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF:

FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATION AND INDUCEMENT (Against All Defendants)

- 54. Humbl repeats, realleges, and incorporates all foregoing and subsequent paragraphs and allegations contained in this Complaint as though set forth at this point.
- 55. Prior to and at the time Humbl entered into the Agreement with Pacific Lion, Hymers and Fernane made fraudulent promises, misrepresentations, and omissions concerning Defendants' relationship, the benefits to Humbl's business that would stem from entering into the Agreement, payments Pacific Lion would make under the Agreement, and Pacific Lion's history of making timely payments. Fernane made the aforementioned misrepresentations on his own behalf and on behalf of Pacific Lion.

- 56. Defendants, however, knew the misrepresentations made by Hymers and Fernane were false. Defendants concealed the secret partnership between Hymers and Fernane in Liqueous until after the parties' deal was struck because they knew Humbl was relying on Hymers for advice during the parties' negotiations; that Humbl would have considered Hymers' undisclosed partnership with Fernane to be material to the propriety of Hymers' advice during said negotiations; and that Humbl would not have agreed to the Agreement's terms had Defendants' true relationship been properly disclosed. Moreover, Defendants knew and intended, before Humbl and Pacific Lion executed the Agreement, that Pacific Lion would not make all payments required by the Agreement, that Pacific Lion had a history of failing to make timely payments, and that Pacific Lion's failure to make timely payments would damage and impair Humbl's business operations through lack of liquidity.
- 57. Defendants separately committed fraud against Humbl in connection with the Archura Note Purchase Agreement. Although Defendants failed to notify Humbl that it did not make its second—or any further—required payment to Archura, Hymers submitted to Humbl a conversion notice on November 15, 2023, for \$156,000 although Pacific Lion was not entitled to convert this debt into equity. Through this misrepresentation, Pacific Lion converted over \$137,000 of Archura's note that it has not paid for and is not entitled to. Pacific Lion then received those shares and sold them into the market in contravention of federal securities laws.
- 58. In reliance upon Defendants' fraudulent misrepresentations and omissions, Humbl (1) entered into the Agreement and (2) converted over \$137,000 of Archura's note.
- 59. Defendants intended that Humbl would rely on their fraudulent misrepresentations and omissions in entering into the Agreement and in converting the Archura note because it would benefit Defendants financially.
- 60. Humbl's reliance upon Defendants' misrepresentations and omissions was reasonable and foreseeable. Humbl had no knowledge of Pacific Lion's history of

- failing to make timely payments to its other contractual partners, and Defendants actively prevented Humbl from discovering the partnership between Hymers and Fernane in Liqueous. As a result, Humbl trusted that Defendants were acting in good faith during the parties' negotiations and that Pacific Lion would abide by the terms of the Agreement. It was also reasonable for Humbl to rely on its purported consultant, Hymers, in converting over \$137,000 of the Archura Note.
- 61. Humbl was injured as a direct result of its reasonable and foreseeable reliance on Defendants' misrepresentations and omissions and has suffered substantial money damages in an amount to be determined at trial. Humbl is also entitled to an award of substantial punitive and exemplary damages in an amount commensurate with the egregious nature of Defendants' wrongdoing, sufficient to properly punish Defendants for their fraudulent misconduct, and sufficient to dissuade Defendants from engaging in similar conduct in the future.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF:

VIOLATION OF SECTION 10(b) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT AND RULE 10b-5 PROMULGATED THEREUNDER (Against Defendant Pacific Lien)

(Against Defendant Pacific Lion)

- 62. Humbl repeats, realleges, and incorporates all foregoing and subsequent paragraphs and allegations contained in this Complaint as though set forth at this point.
- 63. Under C.F.R § 240.10b-5: "It shall be unlawful for any person, directly or indirectly, by the use of any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, or of the mails or of any facility of any national securities exchange, (a) To employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud, (b) To make any untrue statement of a material fact or to omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, or (c) To engage in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person, in connection with the purchase or sale of any security."

- 64. Pacific Lion, through Fernane and Hymers, made fraudulent misrepresentations and omissions in connection with the negotiation and execution of the Agreement, through which Pacific Lion purchased stock in Humbl, and said misrepresentations were conveyed to Humbl across state lines through telephone and internet communications.
- 65. Pacific Lion, through Fernane and Hymers, had actual knowledge that the representations made to Humbl were untrue and that Fernane and Hymers purposely omitted material facts when making said representations.
- 66. Pacific Lion therefore violated Section 10b-5 and Rule 10b-5 through material misrepresentations and omissions made relative to its purchase of stock in Humbl.
- 67. Humbl was injured as a direct result of its reasonable and foreseeable reliance on Defendants' misrepresentations and omissions and has suffered substantial money damages in an amount to be determined at trial. Humbl is also entitled to an award of substantial punitive and exemplary damages in an amount commensurate with the egregious nature of Defendants' wrongdoing, sufficient to properly punish Defendants for their fraudulent misconduct, and sufficient to dissuade Defendants from engaging in similar conduct in the future.

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF:

VIOLATION OF SECTION 20(A) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT

(Against Defendant Fernane)

- 68. Humbl repeats, realleges, and incorporates all foregoing and subsequent paragraphs and allegations contained in this Complaint as though set forth at this point.
- 69. 15 U.S.C. § 78t(a) provides: "Every person who, directly or indirectly, controls any person liable under any provision of this chapter or of any rule or regulation thereunder shall also be liable jointly and severally with and to the same extent as such controlled person to any person to whom such controlled person is liable (including to the Commission in any action brought under paragraph (1) or (3) of

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section 78u(d) of this title), unless the controlling person acted in good faith and did not directly or indirectly induce the act or acts constituting the violation or cause of action."

- 70. Fernane directly or indirectly controlled Pacific Lion within the meaning of § 78t(a) by virtue of his high-level position and ownership and contractual rights, participation in, and/or awareness of Pacific Lion's operations, and had the power to influence and control and actually did influence and control, directly or indirectly, the decision-making of the Company.
- In particular, Fernane had direct and supervisory involvement in the dayto-day operations of Pacific Lion and, therefore, had the power to control or influence the particular representations made and transactions entered into which gave rise to the securities violations as alleged herein, and he exercised the same.
- 72. As set forth above, Pacific Lion violated Section 10b-5 and Rule 10b-5 through material misrepresentations and omissions made relative to its purchase of stock in Humbl. By virtue of his position as a controlling person of Pacific Lion, Fernane is liable for violations of the Exchange Act pursuant to § 78t(a) as alleged herein.
- 73. Humbl was injured as a direct result of its reasonable and foreseeable reliance on Defendants' misrepresentations and omissions relating to the purchase of Humbl's stock, and Humbl has suffered substantial money damages in an amount to be determined at trial. Humbl is also entitled to an award of substantial punitive and exemplary damages in an amount commensurate with the egregious nature of Defendants' wrongdoing, sufficient to properly punish Defendants' for their fraudulent misconduct, and sufficient to dissuade Defendants from engaging in similar conduct in the future.

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1 PRAYER FOR RELIEF 2 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants as follows: 3 1. For actual and compensatory damages in an amount according to proof at 4 trial; 5 For disgorgement of the amount by which Defendants have been unjustly 2. enriched; 6 7 3. For a permanent injunction prohibiting Defendants from selling shares of 8 Humbl stock: 9 For an award of punitive and exemplary damages; 4. For prejudgment interest; 10 5. 11 For attorneys' fees and costs incurred by Plaintiff in this action; 6. 12 7. For an award of such other and further relief as the Court deems just and 13 proper. 14 15 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** 16 Plaintiff Humbl, Inc. demand a trial by jury of the claims for relief so triable as 17 alleged in this complaint. 18 19 GLASER WEIL FINK HOWARD DATED: March 13, 2024 JORDAN & SHAPIRO LLP 20 By: /s/ Joseph Leventhal 21 Attorneys for Plaintiff 22 HUMBL, INC. 23 24 25 26 27