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17	Transcr	ipt of Oral Questioning of
18		MASSOUD RAHNEMA
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1	(Pro	oceedings commenced at 2:00 p.m.)
2	MASS	SOUD RAHNEMA, affirmed, questioned by Mr. Pontin:
3	Q.	Mr. Rahnema, is that correct?
4	Α.	That's right. That's my last name.
5	Q.	Thank you. And do you mind stating and spelling your
6		name for the record, please?
7	Α.	My first name is Massoud, M-A-S-S-O-U-D, and last name
8		is Rahnema, R-A-H-N-E-M-A.
9	Q.	Thank you. And do you recall that you made an
10		affidavit in proceedings involving Ceana Development
11		Sunridge Inc.?
12	Α.	Yes.
13	Q.	Just for reference, that's Court File
14		Number 1801-04745. And that affidavit was sworn or
15		affirmed on December 21, 2020?
16	Α.	Yes.
17	Q.	Thank you. And can I confirm you have a copy of that
18		in front of you?
19	Α.	Yes, I have.
20	Q.	And does that copy have the red lettered numbers on the
21		corners of each page on the right side? I'm looking at
22		the electronic copy that was provided, and the first
23		page, for example, has "H138" in the top corner. If
24		those aren't on the paper copy you have, I'll use paper
25		references; I was just going to use those for

1		reference.
2	A.	Papers, mine doesn't have those.
3	Q.	That's no problem. If I could turn you to the third
4		page of your affidavit, it should say "page 3 of 3"?
5	Α.	Yeah.
6	Q.	And if I could confirm that is your signature?
7	A.	That's right. It's my signature.
8	Q.	And when you made that affidavit, did you prepare the
9		affidavit, did you draft it?
10	Α.	Yeah, I asked my lawyer to help me with that.
11	Q.	But you read it fully before you signed it?
12	Α.	Yes.
13	Q.	And when you swore that affidavit or when you signed
14		it, did you believe that everything was true?
15	A.	Yes.
16	Q.	Thank you. And is there anything at this point that
17		you would change or add to your affidavit?
18	A.	Nothing that I can think of right now.
19	Q.	Thank you. It looks like you were or are a director of
20		this company 198 bear with me, 1989207 Alberta Inc.;
21		is that correct?
22	A.	That's right.
23	Q.	And you're still a director of that company?
24	Α.	That's right.
25	Q.	And you were authorized by that company I assume to

1		make this affidavit on the company's behalf?
2	A.	That's right.
3	Q.	Thank you. You've indicated in your affidavit that
4		198 sorry, could I confirm that I refer to that
5		company just as "198," you know who I'm referring to?
6	A.	My company number, yeah.
7	Q.	Yeah, if I call it just "198," is that okay?
8	A.	Yeah.
9	Q.	Thank you, just for simplicity. You indicate that 198
10		entered into discussions with Ceana Sunridge for the
11		purchase of two condo units?
12	A.	That's right.
13	Q.	And if I refer to Ceana Development Sunridge Inc. just
14		as "Ceana" or "Ceana Sunridge," is that okay?
15	A.	Yeah, Ceana.
16	Q.	Ceana, sure. And when you were discussing these
17		matters with Ceana, were you discussing them with
18		Bob Gaidhar?
19	A.	That's right.
20	Q.	And you say there was a discussion of purchasing two
21		units, and then 198 signed one purchase agreement; is
22		that correct?
23	A.	Yeah, we talk about purchasing two units and and one
24		unit two unit beside each other. And it's and at
25		first, he said there is another company from Ontario

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1 one unit? 2 Α. I said I originally got -- we talk about two units. 3 Then he said that I have to give 200,000 for each unit so in total of 400,000. 4 5 And then later on, he said, "Massoud, the other company from Ontario are interested again to buy one 6 7 unit. I can flip this unit for you, and you can make 8 money." And I said, "Okay, sure. But can you make me a mezzanine on the other unit?" And he talked to the 9 10 architect, and he said yes, he can. 11 So then I agreed. So I said, "Okay, sure, sell 12 the other one, and I will stay with the other units, 13 one unit." 14 MR. PONTIN: Got it. So that follows, then, Q. 15 that you've signed one purchase and sale agreement on 16 behalf of 198, and that purchase and sale agreement is attached to the affidavit? 17 18 Α. Yes. 19 And that's one of the exhibits. And then at the same 0. 20 time, there were two joint venture agreements that were 21 signed by 198, and those were essentially signed on the 22 same date. The first joint venture agreement was 23 August 23, 2016; that's the same date as the unit 24 purchase agreement. The joint venture agreement was 25 September 1st, so a week later, 2016. Does that meet

1 your recollection? 2 Α. When we start dealing with Bob, it was all in the terms 3 of trust, and like, you know, when the trust in things. 4 So I don't deny that I signed, but honestly, I don't know even whether those -- I didn't even read 5 He put the papers in front of me. 6 them. He said, 7 "Massoud, sign here for your 400,000 deposit." 8 So I signed. And I -- and then when I -- and then he said, "Can you forward me the copies?" So he did --9 10 it takes time, and I didn't -- I didn't get it until 11 later on when the only time I realized that it's what 12 we call it joint venture and these things, it was when 13 I received a letter from -- from what's the -- from the 14 lawyer Duncan or what's the name? 15 ο. The firm name is KH/Dunkley. 16 Yeah, KH/Dunkley, then when I see that, I see I have Α. 17 only 90,000 deposit there. I tried to reach Bob, but he didn't answer me; he didn't return my call. 18 He 19 didn't --20 So that's the only time I start realizing what is this joint venture things. So in my mind, as far as I 21 22 know, the \$400,000 deposit we gave was for two unit 23 deposit, which later on when he said he will flip the 24 other one, so in my mind, all the monies deposit for 25 the other unit. The only time I realized that it's

1		90,000, that's where I when I received the letter
2		from that lawyer, the KH, whatever the name is. That's
3		the whole story.
4	Q.	So I guess to we obviously we have agreements that
5		were signed by 198 that don't line up with everything
6		that you're telling me, so it becomes a little bit
7		difficult. And then obviously our view is that the
8		written agreements will rule the day.
9		But if I can bring you perhaps to paragraph 9 of
10		your affidavit, and there you say: (as read)
11		"I am informed and verily believe that
12		the sum of \$90,000 was deposited with
13		KH/Dunkley Law Group on account of the
14		depositor's purchase of the condominium
15		unit in the project in accordance with
16		the provisions of the Condominium
17		Property Act."
18		So I have a few questions on that paragraph, if you can
19		tell me once you've read that.
20		So where you say: (as read)
21		"I am informed and verily believe that
22		the sum of \$90,000 was deposited with
23		KH/Dunkley"
24		can you tell me who has informed you of that?
25	Α.	That's what I just said. When I received the letter
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1		from them, then that's the time I tried to call Bob,
2		Bob Gaidhar, and I said, "Why is it only 90,000? What
3		is this whole story about joint venture?"
4	Q.	So that was in 2020?
5	A.	Sorry?
б	Q.	That was in 2020 that KH advised you?
7	A.	That's right.
8	Q.	Okay. And you then wouldn't have previously instructed
9		Ceana or KH/Dunkley to hold your \$90,000 in trust; is
10		that correct?
11	A.	I'm sorry, again can you repeat? You were chopping
12		off.
13	Q.	Sorry, I just want to make sure that there's no
14		correspondence or direction that you ever gave to Ceana
15		to put \$90,000 in trust at KH/Dunkley?
16	A.	No, I didn't.
17	Q.	And then you never also you didn't pay any monies to
18		KH/Dunkley directly, did you?
19	A.	No.
20	Q.	Okay.
21	A.	What happens was there was time that Bob Gaidhar would
22		bring the some form; as I said, it was based on
23		trust and things. So he would sometimes bring the
24		papers to my restaurant, and I will just sign it there.
25		It happens I don't exactly recall, but maybe two
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1		times or three times, he brought me he brought some
2		papers to the restaurant and sign, and I signed. And
3		he said he will forward me the copy.
4	Q.	And for three years, you didn't receive anything, and
5		you didn't ask for copies of the agreements or anything
6		until 2020; is that correct?
7	A.	Yeah, when I ask him, he said, "Oh, the copy's ready,
8		any time I can give it to you." And I said, "Okay."
9		I I didn't get copy until I ask him. I when I
10		talked to my when I talk to the my lawyer about
11		this, he said, "You have to get your copy."
12		So I keep calling Bob Gaidhar for my copy, and
13		then that's the time that he he provide me with the
14		copies.
15	Q.	Right. And prior to this, though, you were just
16		assuming that you would receive profits from the flip
17		of these units
18	Α.	Yes.
19	Q.	at some point?
20	Α.	Yes. I was I was taking and believing that he's
21		he flipped the unit, and I will receive some profits
22		for that. And all my deposit, I will be able to get
23		more with the one unit for me with the mezzanine
24		because originally, I was going to make one restaurant
25		and one grocery. When he said he can flip the other

1		one for me, I said, "Okay, put me mezzanine, and I will
2		make the restaurant and the the grocery somewhere
3		else in the on there. So I will combine it."
4	Q.	If I could turn you to paragraph 8 of your affidavit,
5		please. If you can let me know once you've read that.
6	A.	(Witness mumbling).
7	THE	COURT REPORTER: Sorry, just read to yourself,
8		please.
9	A.	Yeah.
10	Q.	MR. PONTIN: There you are saying that it was
11		your understanding that the deposit of 90,000 would be
12		paid from the 400,000 that was paid to Ceana. And what
13		you've told me so far is that in fact, you were paying
14		\$200,000 per unit that you were going to participate in
15		the profits from a flip of these units and that it
16		wasn't until 2020 that you determined that it was
17		actually the \$90,000 amount and then tried to find out
18		what had happened?
19	A.	Yeah, only one one unit, not both, one unit.
20	Q.	Okay, but it wasn't until 2020 that the 90,000 first
21		came to light and that you determined that you needed
22		to sort out what was going on with that?
23	A.	Yeah.
24	Q.	Is that right?
25	A.	That's right.

1	Q.	Okay, I just and	aside from the letter from
2		KH/Dunkley indicati	ng that it was holding \$90,000 in
3		trust and the lette	r from Torys that you've attached,
4		as well, that says	they were holding now the 90,000 but
5		that Hillsboro Vent	ures Inc. was making a claim to
6		those monies, did y	ou ever receive any other
7		documentation from	Ceana or from KH/Dunkley prior to
8		2020 concerning the	project monies?
9	А.	I got one prior	to what date, sorry?
10	Q.	Prior to the letter	s in 2020 that you've attached, I
11		was just wondering	generally what sort of documentation
12		you would have rece	ived from Ceana or from KH/Dunkley?
13	А.	Yeah, this is the o	ne on Dunkley, which I got from
14		the	
15	THE	COURT REPORTER:	Sorry, can you please keep your
16		face towards the sc	reen? Thanks.
17	THE	WITNESS:	Yeah, but I have to be able to
18		read this [indeciph	erable]
19	THE	COURT REPORTER:	I'm sorry, I can't hear you.
20	THE	WITNESS:	I have to be able to
21	MR.	CHIBAMBO:	He should be able to read.
22	THE	WITNESS:	to read.
23	MR.	CHIBAMBO:	That's why he's not looking at the
24		screen.	
25	MR.	PONTIN:	Perhaps we'll go off the record
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1		while you guys determine that information, and then we
2		can go back on the record once you've got it.
3	(DIS	SCUSSION OFF THE RECORD)
4	Q.	MR. PONTIN: And so if I recall just before we
5		adjourned there briefly, I was asking if you'd received
6		any correspondence or anything in writing from
7		KH/Dunkley or from Ceana prior to 2020, and you were
8		just reviewing your records?
9	Α.	I receive from Torys on June 16th, 2020.
10	Q.	Yes, okay.
11	Α.	If it's not in the in the exhibits yet.
12	Q.	Okay. And what was that that you received from Torys?
13	A.	I have this one here, yeah, about they are going to the
14		court.
15	Q.	I see, okay. Did you do you recall, did you ever
16		speak with KH/Dunkley and the lawyer at KH/Dunkley at
17		any time when you were setting up the agreements or
18		making your investments with Ceana?
19	A.	No.
20	Q.	And I guess my last question and I think I've read
21		this previously does 198 still want to complete its
22		purchase transaction, assuming the construction is
23		completed and the units are available for sale?
24	A.	At this situation, no, because we are talking about a
25		couple of years ago, and things changed. And I

1	cannot at this situation, no, we cannot purchase it.
2	Q. And that's just on financial metrics at the moment?
3	A. That's right.
4	MR. PONTIN: Okay. I believe I don't have any
5	undertaking requests, so that concludes my examination.
6	Thank you, sir, for your attendance. Thank you,
7	Mr. Chibambo, for facilitating. Thank you,
8	Madam Reporter.
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10	(Proceedings ended at 2:25 p.m.)
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