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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 2021-015089-CA-01

SECTION: CA43

JUDGE: Michael Hanzman

In Re:

**Champlain Towers South Collapse Litigation.** 

RECEIVER'S MOTION TO TURN OVER JOINT TESTING PROTOCOL MATERIALS, SAMPLES, AND DATA TO NIST AND/OR THE MDCPD

Michael I. Goldberg (the "Receiver"), pursuant to Rule 4 of the Complex Business

Litigation Rules, seeks entry of an Order authorizing the Receiver and the consultants and testing

agencies engaged pursuant to the Joint Access Protocol for Non-invasive Review and Testing –

Primary Evidence Facility ("Joint Access Protocol"), which was approved by the Court on March

15, 2022, to release to the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and

Technology ("NIST") and/or the Miami-Dade County Police Department ("MDCPD") all samples

and materials removed from the Primary Evidence Facility pursuant to the *Joint Access Protocol*,

along with data generated from those samples and materials.

In support of this motion, the Receiver states as follows:

1. On March 15, 2022, the Court entered the Order Regarding Joint Access Protocol

for Non-Invasive Review and Testing - Primary Evidence Facility - Phase One ("Joint Access

Order") which authorized certain testing of materials recovered from the collapse of the

Champlain Towers South building in accordance with the *Joint Access Protocol*.

2. The Joint Access Protocol investigation process has concluded. Various samples

and materials removed from the Primary Evidence Facility in accordance with the Joint Access

Order are currently held by the consultants and testing agencies engaged pursuant to the *Joint Access Order* and underlying *Joint Access Protocol*. Those consultants and testing agencies have generated certain data in performing their analyses of the various samples and materials removed.

- 3. NIST and the MDCPD have requested and seek to include in their ongoing investigations the evaluation of certain of the samples and materials governed by the *Joint Access Order*, as well as test results derived from those samples and materials and information saved to the common SharePoint site (including daily reports) generated under the *Joint Access Protocol*.
- 4. The Effective Date of the "In Re: Champlain Towers South Collapse Litigation Class Action Settlement Agreement" (the "Settlement Agreement") occurred on July 26, 2022, the date after expiration of the appeal period for the *Final Order and Judgment* entered on June 24, 2022, which, *inter alia*, approved the Settlement Agreement.
- 5. The release and turnover of the materials to NIST and/or the MDCPD would be within two weeks after the Effective Date, *i.e.*, by August 9, 2022.
- 6. NIST and the MDCPD agree to make all materials and samples turned over to them pursuant to this motion available to the Town of Surfside on reasonable notice for inspection and testing pursuant to reasonable protocols to be agreed to among them.
- 7. Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager of the Town of Surfside, and Tony Recio, Esq., shall be the Town of Surfside's contact persons for all purposes related to the samples and inspections and testing thereof.

WHEREFORE the Receiver respectfully requests that this Court enter an Order granting this Motion and authorizing the release to NIST and/or the MDCPD of all materials and samples taken from the Subject Property, and data and information derived from those materials and

samples as well information saved to the common SharePoint, within two weeks of the Effective Date, and such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted;

Date: July 26, 2022

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on July 26, 2022, a copy of the *Receiver's Motion to Turn Over Joint Testing Protocol Materials, Samples, and Data to NIST and/or the MDCPD* was electronically filed with the Clerk of Court by using the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal and furnished a copy of same to all counsel of record through the Florida Court's E-Filing Portal.

By: /s/ Christopher S. Carver