IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

QUAN-EN YANG, ET AL Plaintiff

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: Civil No. 403885-V

G & C GULF INC Defendant

NOTICE OF SCHEDULING HEARING AND ORDER OF COURT - TRACK 6

It is by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, hereby ORDERED as follows:

1) Effective this date, this case is assigned to the individual judge designated below. ALL FUTURE FILINGS IN THIS CASE SHALL BEAR THE CASE NUMBER AND THE JUDGE'S NAME BENEATH THE CASE NUMBER. On filing any motion or paper related thereto with the Clerk's Office, a courtesy copy shall be delivered to the assigned judge's chambers by the party filing the pleading.

MOTIONS FILED IN A TRACK 6 ACTION SHALL NOT EXCEED 25 PAGES INCLUDING ANY MEMORANDUM OF LAW AND OPPOSITION/REPLY MOTIONS SHALL NOT EXCEED 15 PAGES WITHOUT LEAVE OF COURT

- 2) Within sixty-five (65) days of the filing of the Complaint, Plaintiff must file proof of service on each of the Defendants of the following: copies of the Summons, the Complaint, and this Notice of Scheduling Hearing and Order. As to any Defendant for whom such proof of service has not been filed, the Court will consider dismissing the Complaint without prejudice at the time of the Scheduling Hearing. As to any Defendant not served at the time of the initial Scheduling Hearing, the Court may sever the case against that party.
 - a) As to any Defendant served with the Summons and Complaint, within thirty days of service, the Defendant must file the Defendant's Civil Information Form with the initial pleading and a copy mailed to Plaintiff.
- 3) Within the time permitted under <u>Maryland Rules</u>, each Defendant must respond to the Complaint by filing an Answer or other responsive pleading. These pleadings must be filed in accordance with Rule 2-321. If no timely response has been filed, the Court may enter an Order of Default pursuant to Rule 2-613 at the time of the initial Scheduling Hearing.
- 4) Ten days before the initial Scheduling Hearing, each party must file at Court and provide the other party and the assigned judge a Scheduling Hearing Statement setting forth the following information:
 - a) for the Plaintiff, a brief statement of the nature of the controversy and the claims being made by the Plaintiffs;
 - b) for the Defendant, a concise statement of the Defendant's defenses;

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- an itemization of damages or other relief sought for the Plaintiff and an itemization of matters in mitigation of damages or in opposition to the relief sought by the Defendant;
- d) the maximum offer or minimum demand now acceptable to your client;
- e) a concise statement of the number of witnesses and a designation of the number and identity of proposed expert witnesses;
- f) an estimation of the amount of time it will take to complete each party's portion of the trial.
- 5) No later than 10 days before the initial Scheduling Hearing, the parties shall confer in person or by telephone and attempt to reach agreement, or narrow the areas of disagreement as to the preservation of electronic information, if any, and the necessity and manner of conducting discovery regarding electronic information, and the parties shall be prepared to address the following at the Scheduling Hearing:
 - a) Identification and retention of discoverable electronic information and what, if any, initial discovery and any party requests in order to identify discoverable electronic information;
 - b) Exchange of discoverable information in electronic format where appropriate, including:
 - i) The format of production, i.e., PDF, TIFF or JPEG file or native formats such as Microsoft Word, Word Perfect, etc., and the manner in which the information shall be exchanged such as CD-ROM disks or otherwise; and
 - ii) Whether separate indices will be exchanged and whether the documents and information exchanged will be electronically numbered.
 - Whether the parties agree as to the apportionment of costs for production of electronic information that is <u>not maintained</u> on a party's <u>active</u> computers, computer servers or databases;
 - d) The manner of handling inadvertent production of privileged materials; and
 - e) Whether the parties agree to refer electronic discovery disputes to a Special Master for resolution.

The parties shall reduce all areas of agreement, including any agreements regarding inadvertent disclosure of privileged materials, to a stipulated order to be presented to the court at or before the Scheduling Hearing.

6) At the time and place noted below, all counsel and unrepresented parties shall appear before the assigned judge at an initial Scheduling Hearing to discuss the possibilities of settlement and to establish a schedule for the completion of all proceedings. This Order is the only notice that parties and counsel will receive concerning this hearing. Failure to appear may result in sanctions.

7) Upon advice that the date noted below is inconvenient for any counsel or unrepresented party, the assigned judge may postpone the Hearing once, with the consent of all parties, to his/her next succeeding hearing date. No other postponement of the Hearing will be granted except upon motion for good cause shown.

Failure to appear at the Scheduling Hearing may result in a dismissal and/or default judgment.

Case assigned to: Judge RONALD B RUBIN

Scheduling Hearing Date: July 31, 2015

Time: 9:00 AM Courtroom #: 7B

DATE: 04/30/2015 John W. Debelius III,

County Administrative Judge

Possession and use of cell phones, computers, other electronic devices, and cameras may be limited or prohibited in designated areas of the court facility. The use of any camera, cell phone, or any electronic device for taking, recording, or transmitting photographs, videos, or other visual images is prohibited in the court facility at all times, unless the court expressly grants permission in a specific instance.