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COMPLAINT

TUDIOS, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION VS. PROWEST MEDIA CORPPORATION,

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:

(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):
PROWEST MEDIA CORPORATION, a California Corporation;
PROMAS R. SETTLE, an individual; JOHN B.
THOMAS R. SETTLE, an individual; long long 1-10, inclusive

RUTHERFORD, an individual; and DOES 1-10, inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

JIM FRENCH STUDIOS, INC., a California Corporation

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfheip), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements, You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llameda telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un

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California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales.

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(El nombre y dirección de la corte es): SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

400 McAllister Street

San Francisco, CA 94102 The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiffs attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): (415) 927-5200 (415) 927-5210

Carl Lippenberger (SBN 66606) LIPPENBERGER, THOMPSON, WELCH, SOROKO & GILBERT LLP

201 Tamal Vista Blvd.

Corte Madera, CA 94925

APR 13 2009 DATE:

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as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):

3. on behalf of (specify):

CCP 416.10 (corporation) under: CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation)

CCP 416.40 (association or partnership)

other (specify): by personal delivery on (date):

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Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort	Insurance coverage (18)	Mass tort (40)
Asbestos (04)	Other contract (37)	Securities litigation (28)
Product liability (24)	Real Property	Environmental/Toxic tort (30)
Medical malpractice (45)	Eminent domain/inverse	Insurance coverage claims arising from the
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Intellectual property (19)	Drugs (38)	Other complaint (not specified above) (42)
Professional negligence (25)		Miscellaneous Civil Petition
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Employment	Asset forfeiture (05)	Partnership and corporate governance (21)
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Unless this is a collections case under rul	9 3.740 or a complex case, this cover sheet	will be used for statistical purposes only.

## INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE COVE. SHEET

To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you must complete and file, along with your first paper, the Civil Case Cover Sheet contained on page 1. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check one box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1, check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the primary cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties In Rule 3.740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" under rule 3.740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a Judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties in Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the Civil Case Cover Sheet to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiff's designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that the case is complex. CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES

#### **Auto Tort**

Auto (22)—Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death Uninsured Motorist (46) (if the case involves an uninsured motorist claim subject to arbitration, check this item Instead of Auto)

Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/ Property Damage/Wrongful Death)

Asbestos (04)

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Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental) (24)

Medical Malpractice (45)

Medical Malpractice-

Physicians & Surgeons Other Professional Health Care

Malpractice Other PI/PD/WD (23)

Premises Liability (e.g., slip

and fall)

Intentional Bodily Injury/PD/WD (e.g., assault, vandalism)

Intentional Infliction of **Emotional Distress** 

Negligent Infliction of

**Emotional Distress** 

Other PI/PD/WD

Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort

**Business Tort/Unfair Business** 

Practice (07)

Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination,

false arrest) (not civil harassment) (08)

Defamation (e.g., slander, libel)

(13)

Fraud (16)

Intellectual Property (19)

Professional Negligence (25)

Legal Malpractice

Other Professional Malpractice

(not medical or legal)

Other Non-PI/PD/WD Tort (35)

**Employment** 

Wrongful Termination (36)

Other Employment (15)

Breach of Contract/Warranty (06)

Breach of Rental/Lease

Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction)

Contract/Warranty Breach-

Plaintiff (not fraud or negligence) Negligent Breach of Contract/

Warranty

Other Breach of Contract/Warranty

Collections (e.g., money owed, open book accounts) (09)

Collection Case—Seller Plaintiff Other Promissory Nate/Collections

Case

Insurance Coverage (not provisionally

complex) (18)

Auto Subrogation

Other Coverage

Other Contract (37)

Contractual Fraud

Other Contract Dispute

#### Real Property

**Eminent Domain/Inverse** 

Condemnation (14)

Wrongful Eviction (33)

Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26) Writ of Possession of Real Property

Mortgage Foreclosure

Quiet Title

Other Real Property (not eminent

domain, landlord/tenant, or

foreclosure)

#### Unlawful Detainer

Commercial (31)

Residential (32)

Drugs (38) (if the case involves illegal drugs, check this item; otherwise,

report as Commercial or Residential)

Judicial Review

Asset Forfeiture (05)

Petition Re: Arbitration Award (11)

Writ of Mandate (02)

Writ-Administrative Mandamus

Writ-Mandamus on Limited Court

Case Matter

Writ-Other Limited Court Case

Review

Other Judicial Review (39)

Review of Health Officer Order

Notice of Appeal-Labor

Commissioner Appeals

Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court Rules 3.400-3.403)

Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)

Construction Defect (10)

Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)

Securities Litigation (28)

Environmental/Toxic Tort (30)

Insurance Coverage Claims

(arising from provisionally complex

case type listed above) (41)

#### **Enforcement of Judgment**

Enforcement of Judgment (20)

Abstract of Judgment (Out of

County)

Confession of Judgment (non-

domestic relations)

Sister State Judgment

Administrative Agency Award

(not unpaid taxes)

Petition/Certification of Entry of

Judgment on Unpaid Taxes

Other Enforcement of Judgment

Case

#### Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

**RICO (27)** 

Other Complaint (not specified

above) (42)

Declaratory Relief Only

Injunctive Relief Only (non-

harassment)

Mechanics Lien

Other Commercial Complaint

Case (non-tort/non-complex)

Other Civil Complaint

(non-tort/non-complex)

#### Miscellaneous Civil Petition

Partnership and Corporate

Governance (21)

Other Petition (not specified

above) (43)

Civil Harassment

Workplace Violence

Elder/Dependent Adult

Abuse

**Election Contest** 

Petition for Name Change

Petition for Relief from Late

Claim

Other Civil Petition

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Carl Lippenberger (SBN 66606) LIPPENBERGER, THOMPSON, WELCH, SOROKO & GILBERT LLP APR 13 2009 2 201 Tamal Vista Blvd Corte Madera, CA 94925 GORDON PARK-3 Telephone: 415-927-5200 Facsimile: 415-927-5210 Deputy Clerk 4 CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE SET Attorneys for Plaintiff 5 SEP 1 1 2009 -9 MAM 6 7 DEPARTMENT 212 8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFONIA SUMMONS 'SSUED 9 COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO 10 CGC-09-487213 JIM FRENCH STUDIOS, INC., a California ) Case No.: 11 Corporation, COMPLAINT FOR 12 Plaintiff, 1. DEFAULT UNDER SECURITY 13 AGREEMENT, POSSESSION OF ٧. COLLATERAL, AND JUDICIAL 14 PROWEST MEDIA CORPORATION, a **FORECLOSURE** California Corporation; THOMAS R. 2. BREACH OF GUARANTY 15 SETTLE, an individual; JOHN B. 3. MONEY HAD AND RECEIVED 4. ACCOUNT STATED 16 RUTHERFORD, an individual; and DOES 1-) 10, inclusive, 17 Defendants. 18 19 Plaintiff Jim French Studios, Inc., for its complaint against defendants Prowest Media 20 Corporation, Thomas R. Settle, John B. Rutherford, and Does 1 through 10, inclusive, and 21 each of them, alleges as follows: 22 ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION 23 **Parties** 24 1. Plaintiff Jim French Studios, Inc. ("French") is, and at all relevant times 25 was, a California Corporation in good standing, duly organized under and existing by 26 virtue of the laws of the State of California, French is, and at all relevant times was, 27 qualified to do business within the State of California. French is the successor-in-28

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interest to Colt Industries, also known as Colt Studios, Inc.

- 2. Defendant Prowest Media Corporation ("Prowest") is, and at all relevant times was, a California Corporation, duly organized under and existing by virtue of the laws of the State of California.
- 3. Defendant Thomas R. Settle ("Settle") is, and at all relevant times was, an individual and, upon information and belief, is a shareholder, officer and director of Prowest.
- 4. Defendant John B. Rutherford ("Rutherford") is, and at all relevant times was, an individual and, upon information and belief, is a shareholder, officer and director of Prowest.
- 5. Upon information and belief, Settle and Rutherford collectively own all of the issued and outstanding stock in Prowest.
- 6. The true names and/or capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate, or otherwise of defendants Does 1 through 10, inclusive, are currently unknown to French, who therefore now sues said defendants pursuant to California Civil Code Section 474 by such fictitious names. French will amend this complaint to insert their true names and/or capacities upon ascertainment, or alternatively, conform the pleadings to proof at the time of trial. French is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that at all times relevant herein each such fictitiously named defendant was and is responsible in some manner for the occurrences herein alleged, and that French's injuries and/or damages were and are directly and/or proximately caused thereby. French is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that each such fictitiously named defendant is directly and/or indirectly liable on one or more of the causes of action set forth herein.
- 7. At all relevant times herein mentioned, defendants Settle, Rutherford and Does 1 through 10, and each of them, were the agents, alter egos, employees, subsidiaries, jointventurers, shareholders, directors, officers, members and/or partners of each of the other

defendants and, in doing the things alleged herein, were acting within the course and scope of that agency or employment or relationship or were otherwise responsible for the wrongs alleged herein.

8. French is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that in committing the acts complained herein, Defendants, and each of them, acted in concert and conspiracy with each other.

#### **Factual Allegations**

- 9. On or about May 1, 2003, in San Francisco, California, Prowest and DOES 1 through 5 (the "Prowest Defendants") executed a Promissory Note promising to pay French the sum of Two Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,200,000.00) as the purchase price for certain assets that French sold to Prowest. A true and correct copy of the Promissory Note is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference.
- 10. As an inducement to enter into the Promissory Note, on or about May 1, 2003, in San Francisco, California, the Prowest Defendants executed a Security Agreement by which the Prowest Defendants gave French a security interest in certain Collateral to secure the payment of the amounts due under the Promissory Note. The Collateral is described in Exhibit "B" attached hereto. On or about June 23, 2003, a financing statement was filed in the office of the Secretary of State to perfect the security interest, and this financing statement has been maintained to date with an appropriate continuation statement.
- 11. On or about January 1, 2005, in San Francisco, California, the Prowest Defendants executed a First Amendment to Promissory Note that modified the terms of payment under the Promissory Note. A true and correct copy of the First Amendment to Promissory Note (the "Amendment") is attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and incorporated by reference.
- 12. As an inducement to enter into the Amendment, on or about January 1, 2005, in San Francisco, California, Settle, Rutherford, and Does 6 through 10 (the "Guarantor Defendants") executed a Guaranty Agreement ("Guaranty Agreement"), guaranteeing the absolute, complete and punctual payment of all payments due under the Amendment. A true

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and correct copy of the Guaranty Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "D" and incorporated by reference. French reasonably relied on the representations made by the Guarantor Defendants, and each of them, in the Guaranty Agreement.

#### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

# DEFAULT UNDER SECURITY AGREEMENT, POSSESSION OF COLLATERAL, AND JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

#### **Against the Prowest Defendants**

- 13. French incorporates by reference each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1 through 12, as though fully set forth herein.
- 14. The Prowest Defendants have defaulted on the Promissory Note and the Amendment (the "Promissory Note, as Amended") and the Security Agreement by failing to pay amounts due, and as a result, the Prowest Defendant's remaining obligation has become due, and there is now due, owing, and unpaid from the Prowest Defendants the principal sum of \$1,242,198, together with interest on that sum from and after February 13, 2009.
- 15. French has performed all conditions, covenants, promises and obligations in accordance with the Promissory Note, as Amended, and the Security Agreement.

  Alternatively, if French has not fully performed all conditions, covenants, promises, obligations and requirements to be performed by it under the Promissory Note, as Amended, and the Security Agreement, French's performance was excused and/or waived by reason of the Prowest Defendants' acts, omissions or other conduct, including, but not limited to, the Prowest Defendants' prior breach, consent, unclean hands or waiver.
- 16. Although, pursuant to the Security Agreement, the Prowest Defendants have remained to the present time in possession of some of the Collateral, as a further result of the Prowest Defendants' default, French is entitled to immediate possession of the Collateral. French has demanded possession from the Prowest Defendants, but they have wrongfully refused to give him possession.

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17. As a result of the default by the Prowest Defendants, French is entitled to enforce his security interest by judicial foreclosure of all of rights of the Prowest Defendants in the Collateral through public sale by the proper judicial officer.

#### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

#### **BREACH OF GUARANTY**

#### Against the Guarantor Defendants

- 18. French hereby incorporates by reference each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1 through 17 as though fully set forth herein.
- 19. The Guarantor Defendants, and each of them, breached the Guaranty Agreement by, *inter alia*, failing to pay that amounts due and owing under the Amendment when the Prowest Defendants failed to do so.
- 20. French has performed all conditions, covenants, promises and obligations in accordance with the Guaranty Agreement. Alternatively, if French has not fully performed all conditions, covenants, promises, obligations and requirements to be performed by it under the Guaranty Agreement, French's performance was excused and/or waived by reason of the Guarantor Defendants' acts, omissions or other conduct, including, but not limited to, the Guarantor Defendants' prior breach, consent, unclean hands or waiver.
- 21. As a proximate result of the Guarantor Defendants' breach of the Guaranty Agreement, French has suffered damages in the amount of \$1,242,198, together with interest on that sum from and after February 13, 2009, plus attorney's fees and costs incurred in collecting this sum.

#### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

#### MONEY HAD AND RECEIVED

#### Against All Defendants

22. French hereby incorporates by reference each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1 through 21 as though fully set forth herein.

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- 23. Within the last four years, at San Francisco, California, Defendants, and each of them, became indebted to French in the sum of \$2,200,000 for money had and received by Defendants for the use and benefit of French.
  - 24. Plaintiff has repeatedly demanded payment from Defendants, and each of them.
- 25. Defendants have paid only part of the amount due to French, leaving a balance due of \$1,242,198, together with interest on that sum from and after February 13, 2009, plus attorney's fees and costs incurred in collecting this sum.

### **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### ACCOUNT STATED

#### Against all Defendants

- 26. French hereby incorporates by reference each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1 through 21 as though fully set forth herein.
- 27. From May 2003 to the present, Defendants' account on the Promissory Note, as Amended, the Security Agreement, and the Guaranty Agreement has been stated by French to Defendants, and each of them, on correspondence that has been presented to Defendants, and each of them, from time to time. None of the Defendants have ever objected to or disputed any of the amounts stated in that correspondence.
- 28. Further, from time to time, French has stated in writing to Defendants, and each of them, the collective outstanding balance due and owing as of the dates of those written statements. French received no objections to these accountings.
- 29. Defendants, and each of them, owe French \$1,242,198, together with interest on that sum from and after February 13, 2009, plus attorney's fees and costs incurred in collecting this sum.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff French prays for judgment against Defendants, and each of them, as follows:

- 1. For damages according to proof, but in no event less than \$1,242,198;
- 2. For prejudgment interest from and after February 13, 2009;

#### PROMISSORY NOTE

\$2,200,000.00

San Francisco, California May 1, 2003

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, PROWEST MEDIA CORPORATION ("Maker") a California corporation, promises to pay to COLT INDUSTRIES ("Payee"), or to order, at 8001 Woodrow Wilson Drive, Los Angeles, California 90046, or such other place as the holder of this Note ("Holder") may from time to time designate in writing, the principal sum of Two Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,200,000.00) with simple interest on the unpaid principal balance of this Note, from the date of this Note until this Note is paid in full, at the annual rate of six percent (6%).

Principal and interest shall be payable in sixty (60) monthly installments of Forty-Two Thousand Nine Rundred Fifty-five Dollars and Thirty-Seven Cents (\$42,955.37) per month, beginning on August 1, 2003, and continuing thereafter on the first day of each month thereafter until July 31, 2008, when all sums remaining unpaid under this Note shall be due and payable. Each payment shall be credited first to accrued interest, and then to principal and interest shall then cease on the portion of principal credited. All payments shall be made in lawful money of the United States, without offset or deduction of any kind.

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It would be impractical to fix the amount of Holder's extra expense involved in handling a delinquent payment if any installment to Holder a late payment the Accordingly, Maker agrees to pay charge equal to three percent (3\*) of the Holder within ten (10) days after the date on which it is due. Maker shall incur.

If, and as often as, this Note is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection or to defend or enforce any of Holder's rights under this Note, Maker shall pay to Holder its reasonable attorneys' fees and all court costs and other expenses incurred in connection therewith.

This Note is secured by the Security Agreement between Maker, as Debtor, and Payee, as Secured Party, dated as of this date, and a declining term life insurance policy issued by on the life of John Rutherford, the sole shareholder, officer and director of Maker.

The holder of this Note shall be entitled to declare the entire outstanding principal balance hereof, together with all accrued and unpaid interest hereunder, immediately due and payable in full upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

such payment is due under the terms of this Note.

its creditors. (B) Maker makes a general assignment for the benefit of .

bankruptcy or insolvency laws, which is not dismissed within sixty (60)

(D) Any writ of attachment, garnishment, execution or other legal process is issued against any property of Maker if such writ, garnishment, execution or other process is not fully vacated within sixty

## EXHIBIT A

(60) days. [Note: Maker could have a disagreement with creditor regarding insignificant property.]

or fails to cause to be vacated or stayed within sixty (60) days (or receiver, trustee or conservator of all or any substantial portion of Maker's property.

(F) Maker materially breaches any obligation owed to the Holder under that certain Asset Purchase Agreement among the Maker, Holder, Jim French and John Rutherford dated April \_\_\_\_, 2003.

Maker hereby waives diligence, demand, presentment for specifically consent to and waive notice of any renewals or extensions of this Note, whether made to or in favor of Maker or any other person or persons. The pleading of any statute of limitations as a defense to any demand against Maker is expressly waived by Maker.

No single or partial exercise of any power granted to Holder under this Note shall preclude other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other power. No delay or omission on the part of Holder in exercising any right under this Note shall operate as a waiver of such right or of any other right. The release of any party liable under this Note shall not operate to release any other party liable hereunder.

PROWEST MEDIA CORPORATION, a California corporation

John Rutherford, President and Secretary

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#### Schedule 1(a)

#### Collateral

All rights of ownership in and to the Colt Brand and name, including the names Colt Studio, Cadre, Buckshot Productions, Colt Men, Best of Colt Men, Spurs, Olympus, Colt Calendar Men, Legendary Bodies, LT Collection, TNT Productions and Rip Colt; all Colt magazines, Colt calendars, and Colt videos, films, and DVDs, and all masters, submasters and original footage thereof; the Colt Website; all current and expired customer lists, including names, addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, and hardware and software; all telephone numbers, including 800-445-2658, 818-985-5786; 818-985-9170 and 888-333-2658; number 818-985-2145; the alarm code for the Premises; all post office boxes, including, without limitation, Post Offices Boxes 1608, 1009 and 1933, Studio City, CA 91614; Colt wholesale and retail mail order business; all Colt calendar images other than Jim French/State of Man images in all formats; all office equipment; all negatives of all published images in all Colt magazines, Colt calendars, on the internet and published in or on all other forms; all inventory of all Colt magazines, calendars, videos, films, DVDs and merchandise; all copyrights for all Colt magazines, calendars, DVDs, videos and films; all Colt trademarks and goodwill associated with the previously listed assets; all model releases and related documents for each film and DVD; and two vehicles, a 1995 white Colt video, Chevrolet SV (VIN 1CNDU05d457129769), free and clear of all liabilities, and a 1996 green GMC SV (VIN 101KDM18W8TB506175), subject to a lease with a balance due of \$8,934 as of May 1, 2003, and assignment of the lease from Seller to Buyer; and all other Assets as added to this list by Seller and/or Buyer on or before the Closing Date, including in Schedule 1.1(b).

#### FIRST AMENDMENT TO PROMISSORY NOTE

\$2,200,000.00

San Francisco, California January 1, 2005

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, PROWEST MEDIA CORPORATION ("Maker") a California corporation, promises to pay to JIM FRENCH STUDIOS, INC., formerly known as COLT INDUSTRIES (AKA COLT STUDIO, INC.) ("Payee"), or to order, at 8001 Woodrow Wilson Drive, Los Angeles, California 90046, or such other place as the holder of this Note ("Holder") may from time to time designate in writing, the remaining balance of the principal sum of Two Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,200,000.00) due under this Note as of this date, which Maker and Payes agree is \$1,835,444.63 on July 15, 2009, with simple interest on the unpaid principal balance of this Note, from the date of this Note until this Note is paid in full, at the annual rate of seven percent (7%).

Principal and interest shall be payable in thirteen (13) monthly installments of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), beginning on December 15, 2004 and continuing thereafter on the fifteenth day of each month thereafter until and including December 15, 2005; twelve (12) monthly installments of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000), beginning on January 15, 2006 and continuing thereafter on the fifteenth day of each month thereafter until and including December 15, 2006; twelve (12) monthly installments of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000), beginning on January 15, 2007 and continuing thereafter on the fifteenth day of each month thereafter until and including December 15, 2007; three (3) monthly installments of Forty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$47,500), beginning on January 15, 2008 and continuing thereafter on the fifteenth day of each month thereafter until and including March 15, 2008; five (5) monthly installments of Forty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$47,500), beginning on May 15, 2008 and continuing thereafter on the fifteenth day of each month thereafter until and including September 15, 2008; nine (9) monthly installments of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000), beginning on October 15, 2008 and continuing thereafter on the fifteenth day of each month thereafter until and including September 15, 2008; nine (9) monthly installments of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000), beginning on October 15, 2008 and continuing thereafter on the fifteenth day of each month thereafter until and including June 15, 2009; and one installment of \$129,604.42 on July 15, 2009. Each payment shall be credited first to accrued interest, and then to principal and interest shall then cease on the portion of principal credited. All payments shall be made in lawful money of the United States, without offset or deduction of any kind.

Maker may prepay this Note without premium or penalty and any partial payment shall be credited first to accrued interest, then to principal.

It would be impractical to fix the amount of Holder's extra expense involved in handling a delinquent payment if any installment under this Note is not paid when due. Accordingly, Maker agrees to pay to Holder a late payment charge equal to three percent (3%) of the installment due if all or part of any installment is not received by Holder within five (5) days after the date on which it is due. Maker agrees that this charge is a reasonable estimate of extra expenses Payee shall incur.

If, and as often as, this Note is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection or to defend or enforce any of Holder's rights under this Note, Maker shall pay to Holder its

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reasonable attorneys' fees and all court costs and other expenses incurred in connection therewith.

This Note is secured by the Security Agreement between Maker, as Debtor, and Payee, as Secured Party, dated as of June 10, 2003, and a declining term life insurance policy issued by Empire General Life Assurance Company on the life of John B. Rutherford, a shareholder, officer and director of Maker, and the Guaranty Agreement between Payee and John B. Rutherford and Thomas B. Settle, the shareholders, officers and directors of Maker, dated as of this date.

This Note or interest on this Note may be hypothecated, transferred or assigned by Holder without the prior written consent of Maker, but subject to written notification by Holder to Payee of any hypothecation, including the name, address and telephone number of any party to whom this Note is hypothecated and the terms of hypothecation on or before the date of any hypothecation. This Note is negotiable.

The holder of this Note shall be entitled to declare the entire outstanding principal balance hereof, together with all accrued and unpaid interest hereunder, immediately due and payable in full upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (A) Failure to make any payment hereunder on the date such payment is due under the terms of this Note.
- (B) Maker becomes insolvent, generally is not paying its debts as such debts become due, or makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors.
- (C) Any case is commenced by or against Maker under any bankruptcy or insolvency laws, which is not dismissed within sixty (60) days after filing.
- (D) Any writ of attachment, garnishment, execution or other legal process is issued against any property of Maker with then current fair market value in excess of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) if such writ, garnishment, execution or other process is not fully vacated within sixty (60) days thereof.
- (E) Maker hereunder seeks, consents to, acquiesces in or fails to cause to be vacated or stayed within sixty (60) days (or vacated within sixty (60) days of any such stay) the appointment of a receiver, trustee or conservator of all or any substantial portion of Maker's property.
- (F) Maker materially breaches any obligation owed to Holder under that certain Asset Purchase Agreement among Maker, Holder, Jim French and John Rutherford, dated May 13,

Maker hereby waives diligence, demand, presentment for payment, notice of nonpayment, protest and notice of protest, and specifically consents to and waives notice of any renewals or extensions of this Note, whether made to or in favor of Maker or any other person or persons. The pleading of any statute of limitations as a defense to any demand against Maker is expressly waived by Maker.

No single or partial exercise of any power granted to Holder under this Note shall preclude other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other power. No delay or omission on the part of Holder in exercising any right under this Note shall operate as a waiver of such right or of any other right. The release of any party liable under this Note shall not operate to release any other party liable hereunder.

PROWEST MEDIA CORPORATION, a California corporation

TOM SETTLE

Chief Financial Officer

#### GUARANTY AGREEMENT

THIS GUARANTY AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is made as of January 1, 2005, by JOHN B. RUTHERFORD and THOMAS R. SETTLE (individually, a "Guarantor" and collectively, the "Guarantors")) in favor of J. FRENCH STUDIOS, INC., formerly known as COLT INDUSTRIES ("Payee"), a California corporation.

#### RECITALS:

On June 10, 2003, Prowest Media Corporation ("Maker"), a California corporation in which Guarantors own all of the issued and outstanding stock, entered into a Promissory Note with Payee (a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A) pursuant to which Maker agreed to pay Payee the sum of \$2,200,000.00 pursuant to the terms of the Promissory Note. Guarantors each guarantee to the terms of the Promissory Note under the Promissory Note in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

Effective as of this date, pursuant to Maker's request, Maker and Payee have executed an Amended Promissory Note on the terms and in the form attached as Exhibit B, and as consideration therefor, this Agreement is executed and delivered to Payee to induce Payee to enter into the Amended Promissory Note.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, it is agreed by the parties hereto as follows:

- absolute, complete and punctual payment of all payments due and owing by Maker to Payee under the Amended Promissory Note, including all expenses of collection, including, without limitation, all court costs, attorneys' fees and other collection costs incurred with respect thereto. This Agreement is an absolute, unconditional and continuing guaranty of payment of the entire amount of the Amended Promissory Note and any renewals, consolidations, modifications, amendments, or extensions thereof. The obligations of Guarantors hereunder will not terminate until the entire amount of the Amended Promissory Note has been paid to the entire amount of the Amended Promissory Note has been paid to Payee in full.
- 2. Consents. Guarantors hereby consent to the following events and agree that their liability hereunder will not be released, reduced, impaired or affected by the occurrence of any one or more of the following events: (a) Payee's obtaining of any one or more of the following events: (a) Payee's obtaining collateral from Maker or any other person to secure payment of the Amended Promissory Note; (b) the assumption of liability by any other person (whether as a guarantor or otherwise) for any other person (whether as a guarantor or otherwise) for any other person (whether as a guarantor or otherwise) for payment of all or any portion of the Amended Promissory Note; (c) the subordination, the release, surrender, exchange, impairment, loss, termination, the Amended Promissory Note; (d) the subordination, the Amended Promissory Note; (e) the full or partial relating to the Amended Promissory Note; (e) the full or partial relating to the Amended Promissory Note; (e) the full or partial release from liability of the Guarantors, or either of them, or any other person now or hereafter liable for payment of all or any other person now or hereafter liable for payment of all or bankruptcy, reorganization, discharge, waiver or other exoneration of Maker or any person or entity now or hereafter exoneration of Maker or any person or entity now or hereafter primarily or contingently liable for payment of the Amended Promissory Note; (g) the renewal, consolidation, extension,

modification, rearrangement, or amendment of the Amended Promissory Note from time to time or of any of the documents evidencing or securing the Amended Promissory Note; (h) the failure, delay, waiver or refusal by Payee to exercise any right or remedy held by Payee under the Amended Promissory Note or any other document evidencing or securing the Amended Promissory Note; or (1) the invalidity, unenforceability or insufficiency of all or any portion of this Agreement, or any other document evidencing or securing the Amended Promissory Note.

- 3. Enforcement. Payee may, at Payee's option, proceed at any time and from time to time to enforce this Agreement directly against the Guarantors or either of them.
- 4. Authorizations and Waivers Relating to Actions of Payee.
- (a) Guarantors authorize Payee, before or after revocation, without notice or demand, and without affecting Guarantors' liability under this Agreement, from time to time:
- (1) to renew, extend, accelerate, compromise, and otherwise change the time for payment of the Amended Promissory Note; and to modify any other terms of the Amended Promissory Note, including changing any applicable interest rate;
- (2) to take and hold security for the payment of the Amended Promissory Note; to perfect or refrain from perfecting its interest in any security, whether or not the security is required as a condition to entering into the Amended Promissory Note.
- (3) to settle, release, compromise with and substitute any one or more of the endorsers, guarantors, and other obligors of this Guaranty or the Amended Promissory Note; and
- (4) to assign this Agreement, in whole or in part.
- (b) Guarantors, and each of them, waive any right which Guarantor may have to require Payee:
- (1) to proceed against Maker or any other person or entity liable on the Amended Promissory Note;
- presentments, demands for performance, notices of nonperformance, protests, notices of protest, notices of dishonor, and notices of acceptance of this Agreement and the incurring by Maker of new or additional Amended Promissory Note to Payee or the extension or nonpayment of the Amended Promissory Note.
- responsibility for being and keeping informed of the financial condition of Maker and of all other circumstances bearing on the risk of nonpayment of the Amended Promissory Note, which diligent inquiry would reveal, and Payee shall have no duty to advise Guarantor, or either of them, of information known to it regarding that condition or any such circumstances.

- (e) At its election, Payee may exercise any right it may have against Maker without affecting or impairing Guarantors' liability under this Agreement, except to the extent that the Amended Promissory Note is paid.
- defense arising from the absence, impairment or loss of any right of reimbursement, contribution, or subrogation, or any other right of Guarantors, or either of them, against Maker or any security, whether resulting from the election by Payee or otherwise. Guarantors, and each of them, waive any defenses arising from any cause whatsoever, including, without limitation, Payee's act or omission, resulting in the cessation of Maker's liability to Payee under the Amended Promissory Note, either in whole or in part.
- (g) Guarantors, and each of them, waive, to the fullest extent permitted by law, all rights and benefits:
- (1) under California Civil Code section 2809, which provides that a guarantor's obligations shall not exceed or be more burdensome than the principal obligation;
- (2) without limiting the generality of the foregoing or any other provision of this Agreement, under California Civil Code sections 2810, 2815, 2819, 2839, 2845, 2847-2849, 2850, 2899 and 3433, to the extent such provisions or any of them have any application to this Agreement or to the Guarantors.
- (h) In addition, Guarantors, and each of them, waive, to the fullest extent permitted by law:
- Payee's election of the application of United States Bankruptcy Code section 1111(b)(2) in any proceeding instituted under the Bankruptcy Code; and
- (2) any defense based on any borrowing or grant of a security interest under United States Bankruptcy Code section 364.

Guarantors acknowledge that Guarantors have discussed with legal counsel the effect of the above waivers on rights and remedies Guarantors may otherwise have.

- 5. Attorneys' Fees. Guarantors hereby agree that in any action brought to enforce this Agreement, Guarantors will pay to Payee the reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs and other expenses incurred by Payee in enforcing Payee's rights hereunder.
- 6. Waiver. Except as otherwise expressly provided for under the Amended Promissory Note, nothing herein contained will limit Payee in exercising any rights held under this Agreement or under any other documents evidencing or securing the Amended Promissory Note. In the event of any default under this Agreement, Payee will be entitled to enforce any one or more of the rights held by Payee and such action will not be deemed a waiver of any other right held by Payee. All of the remedies of Payee under this Agreement, and any other documents evidencing the Amended Promissory Note are cumulative and not alternative.