## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

- against -

HO WAN KWOK (A/K/A MILES GUO, MILES KWOK, WENGUI GUO AND BROTHER SEVEN), KIN MING JE (A/K/A WILLIAM JE), MOUNTAINS OF SPICES LLC (D/B/A NEW YORK FARM), and G CLUB OPERATIONS LLC,

Defendant,

and

MEI GUO, QIANG GUO (A/K/A MILESON GUO), HING CHI NGOK, and SIN TING RONG,

Relief Defendants.

PAUL G. GARDEPHE, U.S.D.J.:

Counsel for all parties are directed to appear before the Court for an initial pretrial conference in accordance with Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on **June 15, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.** in Courtroom 705 of the Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, 40 Foley Square, New York, New York.

COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF(S) MUST IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY ALL ATTORNEYS IN THIS ACTION BY SERVING UPON EACH OF THEM COPIES OF THIS NOTICE AND THE COURT'S INDIVIDUAL PRACTICES. IF COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF(S) IS UNAWARE OF THE IDENTITY OF COUNSEL FOR ANY OF THE PARTIES, COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF(S) MUST IMMEDIATELY SEND COPIES OF THE NOTICE AND INDIVIDUAL PRACTICES TO THAT PARTY PERSONALLY.

Principal trial counsel must appear at this and all subsequent conferences.

This case has been designated as an electronic case and has been assigned to the Court for all purposes. By the date of the initial pretrial conference, counsel for all parties must register as filing users in accordance with this District's Electronic Case Filing

## NOTICE OF PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

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Rules and Instructions (https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/rules/ecf-related-instructions) and file a Notice of Appearance.

Seven days before the conference, the parties must submit a joint letter addressing the following in separate paragraphs: (1) a brief description of the case, including the factual and legal bases for the claim(s) and defense(s); (2) any contemplated motions; and (3) the prospect for settlement. For the Court's convenience, the parties must set forth the conference's date and time in the joint letter's opening paragraph. The Court directs the parties to consult its Individual Practices and model Case Management Plan and Scheduling Order both of which are available on the Court's website (https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-paul-ggardephe) – and to submit with their joint letter a jointly proposed Case Management Plan.

## In any case involving allegations of personal injury – whether physical, psychological, emotional, or otherwise - the Plaintiff is to provide to the Defendant prior to the initial pretrial conference all necessary medical authorizations.

The parties should be aware that the Court requires a pre-motion conference before any motion is filed, in accordance with Rule 4(A) of the Court's Individual Practices.

The Court will consider requests for adjournment of the conference only if they are in writing and otherwise in accordance with the Court's Individual Practices.

## The parties should not provide the Court with courtesy copies of any document less than six pages in length.

If this case has been settled or otherwise terminated, counsel are required to notify the Court - before the date of the conference - by calling (212) 805-0224, and must send a stipulation of discontinuance, voluntary dismissal, or other proof of termination via email to the Orders and Judgments Clerk at the following email address: judgments@nysd.uscourts.gov.

Dated: New York, New York March 17, 2023

SO ORDERED.

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Paul G. Gardephe United States District Judge