TO THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRUSTEE, CERTAIN CREDITORS AND PARTIES-IN-INTEREST:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that James C. Gianulias ("Gianulias") and Cameo Homes, the debtors and debtors-in-possession in these substantively-consolidated cases (the "Debtors"), hereby move the Court (the "Motion") for an order approving a settlement between the Debtors, on one hand, and Famille Holdings, L.P. ("Famille" and, together with the Debtors, the "Parties"), on the other hand, on the terms and conditions set forth in the Settlement Agreement attached to the Declaration of William N. Lobel (the "Lobel Declaration") as Exhibit "1" (the "Settlement Agreement, the form of which has been agreed to by the Parties, is attached to the Lobel Declaration as Exhibit "2."

The proposed settlement provides for Famille to be entitled to a single general unsecured claim in the allowed amount of \$12,500,000 in each of Case No. 8:08-bk-13150-RK and Case No. 8:08-bk-13151-RK (for a total of two claims against both estates), in exchange for the full and final settlement and satisfaction of Famille's non-dischargeability action (Adversary Proceeding No. 8:08-ap-01387-RK) and Famille's proof of claims (Claim No. 18 in Case No. 8:08-bk-13150-RK; and Claim No. 12 in Case No. 8:08-bk-13151-RK), dismissal of such non-dischargeability action, and mutual releases by and between the Parties. As discussed in detail in the Motion, the Debtors believe that the Settlement Agreement is in the best interests of the estate because of the Debtors' underlying evaluation of the merits of the litigation, the settlement provides an immediate resolution of the non-dischargeability actions, it is a critical and necessary element in Debtors' plan of reorganization, and it avoids the expense, uncertainty, and delay incident to the litigation process.

This Motion is based upon the Motion and its exhibits, the attached Memorandum of Points and Authorities and the Lobel Declaration in support thereof, all pleadings, records and files in this action and such additional arguments and evidence that may be presented to this Court at, or prior to, any hearing on this Motion, if a hearing is requested.

Main Document Page 3 of 26 1 The Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter an order approving the Settlement 2 Agreement in the form attached to the Lobel Declaration as Exhibit "2," and grant such other and 3 further relief as the Court deems just and proper. 4 PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to Rule 9013-1(o)(1) of the Local 5 Bankruptcy Rules, any party opposing the Motion must file a written response and request for hearing with the Bankruptcy Court, and serve such response upon counsel for the Debtor at the 7 addresses set forth in the upper left-hand corner of the first page of this Notice and the Office of 8 the United States Trustee, 411 W. Fourth Street, #9041, Santa Ana, CA 92701-4593, within fifteen 9 (15) days after the date of the service of this notice. 10 PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to Rule 9013-1(h) of the Local 11 Bankruptcy Rules, failure to timely file and serve a response or objection to the Motion or to 12 request a hearing on the Motion may be deemed to constitute consent to the relief requested in this 13 Motion. Dated: June , 2010 14 Respectfully submitted, 15 THE LOBEL FIRM, LLP 16 3 will By: 17 William N. Lobel Mike D. Neue 18 James E. Till Special Counsel to Debtors 19 and Debtors-in-Possession 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

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INTRODUCTION

The Debtors seek approval of the fourth of four settlements relating to the alleged non-dischargeability of debts. The first three settlements involved claims by California National Bank (now U.S. Bank) and Wachovia Bank and were approved by court orders entered by the Court January 25, 2010, and February 3, 2010, respectively. The fourth and final settlement was reached in connection with the non-dischargeability complaint filed by Famille against Gianulias under 11 U.S.C. § 523, commencing Adversary Proceeding No. 8:08-ap-01387-RK, which complaint was filed on October 3, 2008 (the "Non-Dischargeability Action").

The proposed settlement provides for Famille to be entitled to a single general unsecured claim in the allowed amount of \$12,500,000 in each of Case No. 8:08-bk-13150-RK and Case No. 8:08-bk-13151-RK (for a total of two claims), in exchange for the full and final settlement and satisfaction of Famille's Non-Dischargeability Action and Famille's proofs of claims (Claim No. 18 in Case No. 8:08-bk-13150-RK, and Claim No. 12 in 8:08-bk-13151-RK), mutual releases by and between Debtors and Famille, and dismissal of the Non-Dischargeability Action. As discussed in detail in the Motion, the Debtors believe that the Settlement Agreement is in the best interests of the estate because, of the four sets of non-dischargeability claims, those held by Famille appear to the Debtors to be the strongest, the settlement provides an immediate resolution of the Non-Dischargeability Action, it is a critical and necessary element to Debtors' plan of reorganization, and it avoids the expense, uncertainty, and delay incident to the litigation process.

II.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

A. Background

On June 6, 2008, three creditors of Gianulias commenced an involuntary case against him under Chapter 7 of Title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), thereby commencing case number 8:08-bk-13150-RK. Concurrently, the same three creditors commenced an involuntary chapter 7 case against Cameo Homes, a California corporation ("Cameo"), thereby

commencing case number 8:08-bk-13151-RK. On July 2, 2008 (the "Petition Date"), the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, Santa Ana Division (the "Bankruptcy Court") entered Orders for Relief and converted the Debtors' cases to chapter 11 proceedings. On December 11, 2008, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order substantively consolidating Cameo's chapter 11 estate into Gianulias' estate, effective as of June 6, 2008. Since the commencement of the bankruptcy case, the Debtors have managed their affairs as debtors and debtors-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107 and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.

B. The Non-Dischargeability Action

On October 3, 2008, Famille filed its Non-Dischargeability Action against Gianulias under 11 U.S.C. § 523, commencing Adversary Proceeding No. 8:08-ap-01387-RK.

C. Famille's Proofs of Claim

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On or about November 4, 2008, Famille filed a proof of claim in each of the Gianulias Bankruptcy Case and the Cameo Bankruptcy Case, the first in the amount of \$9,109,547.10 (Claim No. 18) (the "Gianulias Claim"), and the second in the amount of \$9,109,547.10 (Claim No. 12) (the "Cameo Claim") (collectively, the "Gianulias Claim" and the "Cameo Claim" are referred to herein as, the "Claims").

D. <u>Terms of the Settlement Agreement</u>

In order to resolve the matter without the need for further litigation, the Parties have agreed to settle their disputes as follows:¹

- 1. Famille shall be entitled to a single general unsecured claim in the allowed amount of \$12,500,000 in each of Case No. 8:08-bk-13150-RK and Case No. 8:08-bk-13151-RK, in full and final settlement and satisfaction of the Non-Dischargeability Action and its Claims.
- 2. Famille agrees to dismiss the Non-Dischargeability Action with prejudice upon final court approval of this Agreement pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 and a final order confirming a plan of reorganization consistent with this Agreement and that certain "Binding

¹ The following is intended as a summary of the material terms of the Settlement Agreement. All interested parties are urged to read the Settlement Agreement in its entirety.

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1	Term Sheet" signed on or about October 12, 2009 by the Debtors and the Official Committee of				
2	Unsecured Creditors.				
3	3. The Debtors and Famille each mutually releases the other, including all rights				
4	under section 1542 of the California Civil Code.				
5	The terms of the agreement of the Parties are set forth in the Settlement Agreement				
6	attached to the Lobel Declaration as Exhibit "1."				
7	III.				
8	<u>ARGUMENT</u>				
9	A. <u>Standards for Approving Compromises</u>				
10	Compromises in bankruptcy may be implemented pursuant to a motion for approval. See				
11	Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9019. It is well established that bankruptcy courts favor compromises. See In re				
12	Lee Way Holding Co., 120 B.R. 881, 891 (Bankr. S.D. Ohio 1990). "The purpose of a				
13	compromise agreement is to allow the trustee and the creditors to avoid the expenses and burdens				
14	associated with litigating sharply contested and dubious claims." Martin v. Kane (In re A & C				
15	Properties), 784 F.2d 1377, 1380-81 (9th Cir. 1986), cert. denied, Martin v. Robinson, 479 U.S.				
16	854 (1986). This Court does not need to conduct an exhaustive investigation into the validity of				
17	the merits of the claims that the parties seek to compromise. See United States v. Alaska Nat'l				
18	Bank (In re Walsh Const., Inc.), 669 F.2d 1325, 1328 (9th Cir. 1982). Rather, this Court need only				
19	determine that the outcome of the claim's litigation is open to reasonable doubt. See Walsh				
20	Const., Inc., 669 F.2d at 1328-29. Even if faced with objections, a bankruptcy court may still				
21	approve a settlement if it is in the best interests of the bankruptcy estate and creditors. See A&C				
22	Prop., 784 F.2d at 1382.				
23	When considering a motion to compromise, the Court should give substantial weight to the				
24	trustee's views as to the merits of the compromise and settlement. See, e.g., Blair, 538 F.2d at				

25 851; Vaughn v. Drexel Burnham Lambert Group, Inc., 134 B.R. at 496. Moreover, a compromise should be approved if it falls above the "lowest point in the range of reasonableness." Cofoss v. Rodman (In re W.T. Grant Co.), 699 F.2d 599, 608 (2nd Cir.), cert. denied, 464 U.S. 822 (1983),

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quoting Newman v.	Stein, 4	464 F.2d	689,	693	(2nd	Cir.	1972),	cert.	denied	sub	nom.	Benson	v.
Newman, 409 U.S.	1039 (1	1972).											

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has recognized that bankruptcy courts have wide discretion in approving compromise agreements. *See A & C Prop.*, 784 F.2d at 1380-81. In approving a compromise, a bankruptcy court must find that the compromise is fair and equitable. *See id.* at 1381. The Ninth Circuit has identified four factors that a bankruptcy court should consider in determining whether a proposed settlement agreement is fair and equitable:

- (a) the probability of success in the litigation; (b) the difficulties, if any, to be encountered in the matter of collection; (c) the complexity of the litigation involved, and the expense, inconvenience and delay necessarily attending it; [and]
- (d) the paramount interest of the creditors and a proper deference to their reasonable views in the premises.

Id. (quoting Lambert v. Flight Transp. Corp. (In re Flight Transp. Corp. Sec. Litig.), 730 F.2d
1128, 1135 (8th Cir. 1984), cert. denied, 469 U.S. 1207 (1985)); Woodson v. Fireman's Fund Ins.
Co. (In re Woodson), 839 F. 2d 610, 620 (9th Cir. 1988).

B. The Settlement Agreement Is Fair And Equitable And Should Be Approved By The Court

Application of the standard discussed above favors approving the compromises contained in the Settlement Agreement. Although the Debtors believe that Gianulias has a reasonable prospect of successfully defending the Non-Dischargeability Action, the Famille claims are the strongest of the four non-dischargeability claims filed against the Debtor and the Debtors recognize that there is always uncertainty involved in resolution of disputes through litigation. Here, Famille is represented by able and competent counsel (Jess Bressi/Luce Forward Hamilton & Scripps LLP) who vigorously litigated each aspect of the Non-Dischargeability Action. Furthermore, trial of the Non-Dischargeability Action would involve a substantial amount of time, resources and expense and, possibly would result in further substantial costs associated with any appeal therefrom, without a guarantee of a favorable outcome for the estate.

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In light of all of the foregoing, the Debtors believe, in the exercise of their respective business judgment, that the proposed Settlement Agreement is in the best interests of the estate and its creditors. The assurance of the dismissal of the Non-Dischargeability Action, combined with the avoidance of litigation expenses and delay, warrants approval of the Settlement Agreement.

C. This Court Has the Authority to Approve the Settlement Agreement Without a Hearing

Rule 9019 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure provides that "after notice and a hearing, the court may approve a compromise or settlement. Notice shall be given to creditors, the United States Trustee, the debtor, and indenture trustees as provided in Rule 2002 and to any other entity as the court may direct." Section 102(1)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that the

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DECLARATION OF WILLIAM N. LOBEL

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I, William N. Lobel, hereby declare and state as follows:

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consolidated chapter 11 cases (the "Debtors").

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- 1. I am a partner in the law firm of The Lobel Firm, LLP (the "Firm"), located at 840 Newport Center Drive, Suite 750, Newport Beach, California. I am an attorney at law, admitted
- The Firm has been retained as Special Counsel to James C. Gianulias ("Gianulias") and Cameo Homes, the debtors and debtors-in-possession in these substantively-
- 3. Except where noted, I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein, and would competently testify thereto if sworn as a witness, except as to those matters stated on information and belief, which I believe to be true.
- 4. Except as otherwise indicated, all statements in this Declaration are based upon my personal knowledge. If I were called upon to testify, I could and would testify competently to the facts set forth herein.
- 5. This Declaration is filed in support of the Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement Between James C. Gianulias and Cameo Homes, and Famille Holdings, L.P. ("Famille") (the "Motion"). I have read the Motion and I believe that the information provided therein is materially accurate and complete, to the best of my knowledge. For the sake of brevity, I hereby incorporate by reference the procedural history and each of the factual statements set forth in the Motion. Capitalized terms utilized in this Declaration that are not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.
- 6. By the Motion, I am requesting that the Court approve that certain Settlement Agreement between the Debtors, on the one hand, and Famille, on the other hand (the "Settlement Agreement"). A true and complete copy of the Settlement Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "1" and incorporated herein by this reference.
- 7. The Settlement Agreement has been negotiated with the best interests of the Debtor, its creditors, and the bankruptcy estate in mind. In order to secure a certain and speedy resolution of the action, the Parties have agreed to settle their disputes as follows:

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1	e.	Any "release prices" received from a sale of French Valley 40 or Murrieta
2		Land 60 shall be applied dollar-for-dollar to reduce the gross amount of the
3		allowed claim.
4	f.	Neither French Valley 40 nor Murrieta Land 60 shall be required to cure
5		unpaid back taxes, nor to maintain real property taxes in a current status to
6		avoid a real property tax sale. However, should either French Valley 40 or
7	Y	Murrieta Land 60 not cure the back taxes and not maintain the real property
8		taxes in a current status, Famille may elect to not wait until December 31,
9		2011 to conduct a foreclosure sale but may proceed without further delay.
10	g.	If Famille does not proceed with one or both of the foreclosures by May 30,
11		2010, Gianulias, French Valley 40 and/or Murrieta Land 60 shall promptly
12		file and pursue to completion appeals of the assessed valuations of the
13		French Valley 40 and Murrieta Land 60 projects.
14	h.	The Debtors and Famille agree that French Valley 40 and Murrieta Land 60
15		each shall have a value of \$250,000 per asset (or the tax appraisal value,
16		whichever is less), for a total of \$500,000 (or less if tax appraisal is lower
17		than \$250,000 per asset).
18	i.	Famille agrees to dismiss the Non-Dischargeability Action with prejudice
19		upon final court approval of this Agreement pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule
20		9019 and a final order confirming a plan of reorganization consistent with
21		this Agreement and that certain "Binding Term Sheet" signed on or about
22		October 12, 2009 by the Debtors and the Official Committee of Unsecured
23		Creditors.
24	j.	The Debtors and Famille each mutually releases the other, including all
25		rights under section 1542 of the California Civil Code.
26	8. I belie	ve that approval of the Settlement Agreement is in the best interests of the
27	estate and its creditor	s. Although Gianulias has a reasonable prospect of successfully defending
28	the Non-Dischargeab	ility Action, the Famille claims are the strongest of the four non-

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- 9. The Settlement Agreement is in the best interests of the estate because it provides an immediate resolution of the Non-Dischargeability Action, a necessary element in Debtors' plan of reorganization, since a negative determination in the Non-Dischargeability Action would have a significant negative impact on the Debtors' ability to propose and satisfy the obligations of a plan of reorganization that will satisfy, among other requirements, the feasibility requirement of section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code. A determination that Famille's claims are non-dischargeable would threaten to undermine the settlement worked out with the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee"), as evidenced by that certain binding term sheet by and between the Debtors and the Committee. The settlement of the Non-Dischargeability Action (as well as the two California National Bank non-dischargeability actions and the Wachovia non-dischargeability action) was a critical component of the settlement with the Committee.
- 10. The assurance of the dismissal of the Non-Dischargeability Action, combined with the avoidance of litigation expenses and delay, warrants approval of the Settlement Agreement.
- 11. Based on the above, I respectfully request that the Court enter an order approving the Settlement Agreement, in the form agreed to by the Parties attached hereto as Exhibit "2," and grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Executed this day of June, 2010, at Newport Beach, California.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

William N. Lobel

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement and Release (the "Agreement") is entered into as of April 28, 2010, by and between debtors James C. Gianulias ("Gianulias") and Cameo Homes (collectively, the "Debtors") on the one hand, and Famille Holdings, L.P. ("Famille") on the other hand, based on the following facts:

- On June 6, 2008, certain creditors filed involuntary petitions in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, Santa Ana Division (the "Bankruptcy Court") against Gianulias and Cameo Homes, for relief under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, commencing Case Nos. 8:08-bk-13150-RK (the "Gianulias Bankruptcy Case") and 8:08-bk-13151-RK (the "Cameo Bankruptcy Case"), respectively.
- On July 1, 2008, Gianulias and Cameo Homes each filed a Consent to the Entry of an Order for Relief and Election to Convert Chapter 7 Case to a Case Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- C. On July 25, 2008, the Bankruptcy Court entered an Order Granting Debtor's Motion for Order Authorizing Joint Administration of Related Cases Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105 and Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b), with a joint pleadings docket maintained under the bankruptcy case In re James C. Gianulias, Case No. 8:08-bk-13150-RK.
- D. On October 3, 2008, Famille filed a non-dischargeability complaint against Gianulias under 11 U.S.C. § 523, commencing Adversary Proceeding No. 8:08-ap-01387-RK (the "Non-Dischargeability Action").
- On or about November 4, 2008, Famille filed a proof of claim in each of the Gianulias Bankruptcy Case and the Cameo Bankruptcy Case, the first in the amount of \$9,109,547.10 (Claim No. 18), and the second in the amount of \$9,109,547.10 (Claim No. 12) (collectively, the "Claims").
- The parties have agreed to settle all issues raised by Famille's Non-Dischargeability Action and its Claims on the terms set forth herein.
- NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged and subject to the entry of a final order of the Bankruptcy Court approving each of the terms of this Agreement, Debtors and Famille agree as follows:
- Allowed Claim. Famille shall be entitled to a single general unsecured claim in 1. the allowed amount of \$12,500,000 in each of Case No. 8:08-bk-13150-RK and Case No. 8:08-bk-13151-RK, in full and final settlement and satisfaction of the Non-Dischargeability Action and its Claims. It is projected Famille will receive a distribution from each of the Gianulias and Cameo bankruptcy estates that is presently estimated, but not guaranteed, at 26.5%, for an estimated aggregate distribution of 53%.

If the Debtors' joint plan of reorganization does not provide for a gross cash distribution of not less than \$53 million to the class of creditors which includes Famille, then Gianulias and Cameo shall be jointly and severally responsible for any shortfall in the funding of such \$53 million. For the avoidance of doubt, while no specific amount of distribution to

Famille is guaranteed, the Debtors do guarantee that not less than \$53 million will be distributed to the class of creditors which includes Famille.

This Agreement shall be accorded "most favored nations" status vis-à-vis the other settlement agreements reached between and among the Debtors and U.S. Bank National Association, a national banking association, as successor-in interest to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as Receiver for California National Bank ("U.S. Bank") and Wachovia Bank, N.A. ("Wachovia"), such that any revised or increased consideration or other terms granted to U.S. Bank and/or Wachovia shall also be granted to Famille.

2. French Valley 40 and Murrieta Land 60.

- a) Famille shall retain its existing deeds of trust on the French Valley 40 and Murrieta Land 60 projects, which have not yet been foreclosed out by senior lenders. Famille shall reconvey either of the deeds of trust upon payment of \$1,000,000 per deed of trust through December 31, 2016.
- b) If the French Valley 40 and Murrieta Land 60 projects are not sold by December 31, 2011, Famille may foreclose upon such projects, and the greater of the amount of its credit bid or successful third party bid shall be credited to the gross amount of Famille's allowed claim. Notwithstanding, Famille shall either foreclose upon or reconvey fully and unconditionally its liens against one or both of such projects by no later than December 31, 2016. Upon any foreclosure of such projects, the Debtors, collectively or singularly, shall be entitled to exercise any or all of their rights associated with such projects, including, but not limited to causing the dissolution of French Valley 40 and Murrieta Land 60.
- c) Any "release prices" received from a sale of French Valley 40 or Murrieta Land 60 shall be applied dollar-for-dollar to reduce the gross amount of the allowed claim.
- d) Neither French Valley 40 nor Murrieta Land 60 shall be required to cure unpaid back taxes, nor to maintain real property taxes in a current status to avoid a real property tax sale. However, should either French Valley 40 or Murrieta Land 60 not cure the back taxes and not maintain the real property taxes in a current status, Famille may elect to not wait until December 31, 2011 to conduct a foreclosure sale but may proceed without further delay.
- e) If Famille does not proceed with one or both of the foreclosures by May 30, 2010, Gianulias, French Valley 40 and/or Murrieta Land 60 shall promptly file and pursue to completion appeals of the assessed valuations of the French Valley 40 and Murrieta Land 60 projects.
- f) The Debtors and Famille agree that French Valley 40 and Murrieta Land 60 each shall have a value of \$250,000 per asset (or the tax appraisal value, whichever is less), for a total of \$500,000 (or less if tax appraisal is lower than \$250,000 per asset).

- 3. <u>Court Approval; Dismissal of Non-Dischargeability Action.</u> Within five business days of the execution of this Agreement by Famille, Debtors shall file a motion for approval of this settlement pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019. Famille agrees to dismiss the Non-Dischargeability Action with prejudice within ten (10) days of final court approval of this Agreement pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 and a final order confirming a plan of reorganization consistent with this Agreement.
- 4. <u>No Assignment of Claims</u>. Famille represents and warrants that its Claims have not been sold, transferred or assigned to any person or entity, and that it has full authority to settle such Claims.
- 5. <u>Mutual Release</u>. Except as provided herein, the Debtors and Famille each release and forever discharge the other, and their affiliates, subsidiaries, divisions, predecessors, successors and assigns, and their directors, officers, employees, shareholders, agents, representatives, attorneys and accountants, from any and all claims, causes of actions, liabilities, debts, damages and costs, whatsoever known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen, fixed or contingent, which exist or may exist between them as of the effective date of this Agreement. Furthermore, each party to this Agreement expressly waives all rights under section 1542 of the California Civil Code, and under any similar laws, as to unknown claims. Section 1542 of the California Civil Code states:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor.

The Debtors and Famille acknowledge that the foregoing releases are a key element of this Agreement.

Nothing contained in this Agreement including the above release shall waive Famille's right to object to Debtors' plan of reorganization and/or disclosure statement, or otherwise participate as a creditor in the Gianulias and Cameo Bankruptcy Cases.

6. <u>Miscellaneous</u>. Each party is to bear its own fees and costs in this matter except as set forth in the Claims as modified by this Agreement. This is the entire agreement of the parties concerning the subject matter hereof; this Agreement supersedes and replaces any and all prior or contemporaneous verbal or written agreements between the parties; and this Agreement is not being executed based on any promise, representation or agreement not contained herein. This Agreement cannot be modified or amended verbally; it can only be modified or amended in a writing signed by the parties. Any dispute arising out of this Agreement shall be decided by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, Santa Ana Division. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties agree to the foregoing.

Famille Holdings, L.P.: By: Hope Financial, LLC, its	Debtor James C. Gianulias:
general partner	
Ву:	
Print Name: James J. Herbst	James C. Gianulias
Title: Manager	
Debtor Cameo Homes:	
By: C.	
Print Name: JAMES C. GIANULIAS	
Title: CHAIRMAN	

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties agree to the foregoing.

Famille Holdings, L.P.: By: Hope Financial, U.C. its general partner By:	Debtor James C. Giarmins;
Print Name James I Herbst	James C. Gianulius
Title: Manager	
Debtor Cameo Homes:	
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1	having determined that the proposed Settlement Agreement is fair and equitable and in the bes	st
2	interests of the estate and its creditors, that the proposed settlement reflected in the Settlement	
3	Agreement meets the Ninth Circuit's standards for approval of compromises, and good cause	
4	appearing therefor,	
5	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:	
6	1. The Motion is granted;	
7	2. The Settlement Agreement attached to the Motion as Exhibit "1" is approved, and,	
8	3. The Parties are authorized to take the actions set forth therein to implement the terr	ns
9	of the Settlement Agreement.	
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