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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE )  
COMMISSION, )

Plaintiff, )

v. )

MERRILL SCOTT & ASSOCIATES, LTD.; )  
MERRILL SCOTT & ASSOCIATES, INC.; )  
PHOENIX OVERSEAS ADVISORS, LTD.; )  
GIBRALTER PERMANENTE )  
ASSURANCE, LTD.; PATRICK M. )  
BRODY; DAVID E. ROSS II; and )  
MICHAEL G. LICOPANTIS, )

Defendants. )

**DECLARATION AND SEVENTH  
REPORT OF RECEIVER**

Civil No. 2:02CV 0039C

Judge: Tena Campbell

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DAVID K. BROADBENT, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declares as follows:

1. This Declaration and Report of Receiver (“Declaration”) is my seventh report as Receiver and is submitted for the purpose of apprising the Court of my work as Receiver and for the further purpose of seeking approval of the payment of fees and expenses for services incurred for the two months of December, 2002 and January, 2003 by the Receiver and by Holland & Hart LLP. In addition, I submit the most recent monthly bank statement (for the period through

January 31, 2003) of the cash reserves of the Receivership estate, which are invested in an account at Wells Fargo Bank Northwest, N.A. (“Wells Fargo”).

2. On January 23, 2002, this Court entered its Stipulated Order Appointing Receiver in this action, appointing me the Receiver for Merrill Scott & Associates, Ltd., Merrill Scott & Associates, Inc. and Phoenix Overseas Advisors, Ltd., and all subsidiaries and affiliated entities (collectively “Merrill Scott”). Section II(i) of the Order Appointing Receiver provides:

The costs, fees and expenses of the Receiver incurred in connection with the performance of his duties described herein, including the costs and expenses of those persons who may be engaged or employed by the Receiver to assist him in carrying out his duties and obligations hereunder shall be paid out of the proceeds or other assets of Merrill Scott, or any and all assets under the control of the Receiver pursuant to this Order. All applications for costs, fees and expenses for services rendered in connection with the Receiver shall be made by application setting forth in reasonable detail the nature of the services and shall be heard by the Court.

3. I submit with this declaration a proposed Order for the Court’s endorsement authorizing payment of the fees and expenses as more fully detailed below and in the accompanying statements. I respectfully request that the Court enter the proposed Order provided that neither counsel for the Securities and Exchange Commission nor counsel for the Defendants state that they wish to be heard on the matters addressed in this Declaration and the proposed Order.

**Request for payment of fees and expenses.**

4. I attach hereto as Exhibits “A” and “B” true and correct copy of invoices for services rendered and expenses incurred for the months of December, 2002 and January, 2003,

by me in my capacity as Receiver and by Holland & Hart LLP, in its capacity as counsel to the Receiver. These invoices include detailed reports of the time spent working on this matter as well as the detail concerning the particular expenses incurred.

5. By agreement of the firm of Holland & Hart LLP, the hourly rates of the partners in the firm who have participated in the representation of the Receiver in this matter have been capped at \$250, even though the established hourly rates for such attorneys are in excess of the \$250 rate. The hourly rates of the firm's associates have also been lowered for their work on this matter.

In sum, the requested fees and expenses to be paid for the months of December, 2002 and January, 2003, are as follows:

Invoice from Receiver, Holland & Hart LLP	\$ 8,100.00
Invoice from Holland & Hart LLP amount	\$185,723.24
Total	\$193,823.24

6. The cumulative amounts invoiced in my first five reports are \$177,848.00 for my services rendered in my capacity as Receiver and \$1,226,666.59 by Holland & Hart LLP, in its capacity as counsel to the Receiver.

**Receiver's Activities.**

7. The Receivership has recovered \$471,050.19 in the last two months. Total recoveries through January 31, 2003 are \$4,645,767.19, broken down as follows:

MSA Controlled Bank Accounts	\$4,000,895.84
Sale of Park City Home	143,925.74
MSA Insurance Commissions	149,914.39

Mortgage Payments	73,420.98
MSA Equipment/Furniture/Art Sale	52,827.20
Automobile Sales	51,250.00
Concilium Recovery (in addition to insurance commissions)	50,017.73
Rent on Canyon Cove Home	17,500.00
Bank Interest	9,844.61
MSA Lease Payments	4,400.00
Kinjirushi USA	77,720.05
Miscellaneous	14,050.66
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,645,767.19</b>

8. The accompanying invoices detail the work of the Receiver and his counsel at Holland & Hart LLP on a wide variety of tasks. These fall under the following general categories:

**Marshalling Assets**

- Identifying and securing assets of Merrill Scott located in the United States and abroad. We have located bank accounts in the United States, Canada, the Cayman Islands, the Bahamas, Belize, Hong Kong, and other jurisdictions. We are negotiating with parties in the foreign jurisdictions to arrange for the recovery of assets held in the offshore jurisdictions, principally in the Bahamas, Belize, Dominica and the Cayman Islands. We have recently located investments in the Cayman Islands in the approximate amount of \$1,030,000.00, and have arranged for these amounts to be transferred to the Receiver within the next 60 days.

- Obtaining possession or control of two stock accounts with stock values of approximately \$1,800,000 in Canada and the United States. We are in the process of converting the account held by TD Evergreen Securities in Canada into cash for deposit into the Receivership account with Wells Fargo. The account in the United States is subject to margin loans, and we are reviewing possible actions to be taken with regard to the margin.
- Identifying, analyzing and managing other significant assets of Merrill Scott, including a portfolio of mortgage loans made by Merrill Scott, and a portfolio of leased assets in which Merrill Scott is the lessor. We have sent demands for payment on these loans and leases, and payments are now coming in at a faster rate. We will undertake foreclosure and other actions as necessary to collect these amounts.
- Arranging for the sale of real property, furnishings and art work in a home located in Park City, Utah. The Receiver completed the transaction, selling the furnished home for \$725,000, which resulted in the net recovery of \$143,925.73, after paying off the underlying debt, sales commission and closing costs. The sale of the Park City property was completed pursuant to confirmation by the Court.
- Arranging for the sale of art work owned by MSA. In November, 2002, the Receiver conducted an art auction, and has received payment for several of the pieces of art. The Receiver is now reviewing options for selling the remaining art work.

- Foreclosing on the Legacy Capital, LLC deed of trust on approximately 400 acres in Brown's Canyon, Utah. The foreclosure was completed on October 16, 2002 for a credit bid of \$1,700,000.00. The Receiver is now working on the sale of the property.
- Obtaining and analyzing information about other real property included in the Receivership, including property located in Utah, Michigan, California, and Idaho, and working to convert certain of such holdings to cash.
- Tracking funds returned to Merrill Scott clients in the form of loans and other repatriation mechanisms.
- Working with computer specialists to recover information on the Merrill Scott computers that were seized by the FBI and the computers that were taken from Merrill Scott by its former officers and other employees.
- Coordinating with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Department of Justice and Internal Revenue Service regarding document production and review, identification of assets and claims, identification of potential witnesses and other information relating to potential Receivership claims and assets.
- Identifying and analyzing numerous court actions to which Merrill Scott is a party, in which the plaintiffs are seeking return of fees paid to Merrill Scott and the return of funds invested in Merrill Scott products. On June 18, 2002, this Court issued a Stay of Litigation with respect to these and similar actions.

- Dealing with claims from non-client creditors of Merrill Scott, including negotiating and reaching a preliminary agreement for a resolution of claims of LinkNet, Inc. against Merrill Scott in an amount in excess of \$600,000.
- Dealing with miscellaneous stock and other investments made by Merrill Scott, including an investment in Jotter Technologies, Incorporated. The receiver is working with Jotter to liquidate certain stock holdings to satisfy an \$800,000 obligation owed to Merrill Scott.
- Maintaining contact with investors and clients of Merrill Scott and obtaining information about the investors and their participation with Merrill Scott and to providing ongoing information about the progress of the Receivership to Merrill Scott clients.
- On March 21, 2002, the Receiver filed a Complaint against CGI International Holdings, Inc.; Concilium Insurance Services, Inc.; Concilium Real Estate and Mortgage Services, Inc.; Concilium Planning Group, Inc.; Concilium Merchant Capital Group, Inc. (Collectively “Concilium”); Robert J. Hipple; Rod B. Read; Drew Roberts; Aaron A. Nilsen; and others. The Complaint alleges a scheme to divert the assets of MSA concocted by Hipple, former Chief Executive Officer of MSA, and carried out in part through International Planning Associates, Inc. (“IPA”) and Concilium. On March 26, 2002, a TRO was issued against Concilium, ordering an accounting examination of the books and records of Concilium. A Stipulated Order was entered on April 5, 2002 providing, among other things, that all funds in all identified Concilium bank accounts were to be

transferred to the Receiver. Moreover, Concilium was required to deliver to the Receiver certain computer equipment and software and other assets that employees of Concilium had removed from the offices of Merrill Scott.

**Insurance Claims.**

9. The Receiver has filed a claim with Lloyds of London under the policy issued by Lloyds of London to Merrill Scott, Ltd. The claims were based on actions taken by Merrill Scott's officers, employees, and agents which led or may have led to losses incurred by Merrill Scott clients, as well as actions taken by employees and agents of Merrill Scott which led to losses suffered directly by Merrill Scott. The Receiver and his attorneys have been involved in extensive discussions and correspondence with Lloyds of London regarding the claims and coverage for the claims is either in dispute or under investigation by Lloyds of London and its attorneys. The Lloyds of London policy constitutes the largest contingent asset of the Receivership, and has a stated face amount of \$10,000,000.

**Plan of Distribution.**

10. The Receiver is currently identifying and categorizing claims related to the Receivership, including claims of investors, clients and creditors. This information has been collected through multiple sources, including mailings to MSA databases, cataloguing of bills and other claims received through the mail, contact with plaintiffs' counsel in pending litigation, telephone inquiries from MSA clients and submission of Investor Response Forms through the Receivership website.

In the past several months, the Receiver has spent significant time taking depositions of key witnesses, issuing subpoenas to locate critical information, and reviewing bank statements



and other records to determine the location and original source of assets, as well as the potential claims against the pool of assets.

The Receiver is now prepared to propose a claims procedure for the Court's approval, and expects to submit the proposed procedure to the Court within the next few weeks. The procedure will include proposed claims forms for investors and creditors, a proposed bar date, a proposed mailing and publication procedure, as well as other relevant items. This process has been complicated because of the nature of MSA's business—tax avoidance techniques and “asset protection” plans for clients—both of which include, in many cases, complex arrangements to transfer and/or hide the location and ownership of assets. To date, the Receiver believes that only about 25% of those who may have claims have submitted preliminary claims forms. A final procedure, with a set bar date for claims, will enable the gathering of additional information as to the claims against the Receivership estate as well as information relevant to an equitable plan of distribution.

The Receiver is also assisting the Securities and Exchange Commission in its development of a proposed plan of distribution. This activity includes providing all information requested by the Securities and Exchange Commission related to the marshalling of assets and the identification, categorization and validation of claims.

**Wells Fargo Account Statement.**

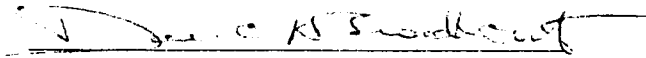
11. I attach hereto as Exhibit “C” a true and correct copy of the monthly account statement of account number 576-2693405 in the name of the Receiver in Wells Fargo for the period ending January 31, 2003. As of that date, the account had a balance of \$2,904,959.36.

## CONCLUSION

I respectfully request that this application for fees and expenses be granted in all respects and the accompanying proposed Order be endorsed by this Court by February 28, 2003, provided that neither counsel for the Securities and Exchange Commission nor counsel for Defendants in this action state that they wish to be heard on the matters addressed in the Declaration and proposed Order.

I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 14th day of February, 2003.



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February, 2003, I served a copy of the foregoing document to the following by:


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