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Pursuant to Section III.B.10. of the Preliminary Injunction entered September 2, 2021 (ECF No. 34), directing the Receiver to file status reports every 60 days, the Receiver submits this Status Report for the period of October 16, 2021 to December 17, 2021.

I.

INTRODUCTION

On August 20, 2021, this Court entered a Temporary Restraining Order ("TRO," ECF No. 19) and appointed Thomas W. McNamara as temporary receiver for the Receivership Defendants Internet Transaction Services, Inc. and Intertrans.com, Inc. (collectively, "Intertrans"). Pursuant to the provisions of the Preliminary Injunction ("PI," ECF No. 34) entered on September 2, 2021, the Receiver's appointment was confirmed. On September 3, 3021, the Receiver gave notice he determined a number of additional entities qualified as Receivership Entities.¹

The Receiver filed his Initial Status Report (ECF No. 80) on October 19, 2021 which, among other things, described in detail the implementation of the receivership and summarized the Receivership Entities' operations and finances. Since the filing of the Initial Status Report, the Receiver's primary focus has been on winding down the business, addressing outstanding issues, vacating office space and investigating potential claims against third parties.

Preservation of Business Records and Return of Leased Premises Α.

On October 22, 2021, the Receiver and Defendant Courdy (Intertrans' principal) stipulated to, and the Court issued, an order authorizing the Receiver to liquidate or abandon receivership estate assets and vacate the leased premises. (ECF Nos. 84, 85.) Among other things, the order directed the Receiver to "preserve all business records and potential evidence" prior to "sale or

¹ The additional Receivership Entities are set forth in Exhibit 1 to this report.

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abandonment of the Office Equipment and Property." Accordingly, on October 26, 2021, a member of the Receiver's team traveled to the Intertrans office at 1901 Redondo Avenue and collected 21 banker's boxes of business records and two computer towers and transferred them to a secure storage facility maintained by the Receiver. Having determined that all business records had been preserved and that the cost associated with liquidating any of the remaining office property exceeded the value of that property, the Receiver elected to abandon the remaining office equipment in place and relinquished control of the Redondo Avenue location to the property's landlord.

Potential Litigation Against Third Parties B.

The Receiver and his team have been actively investigating several individuals and companies that may have knowingly profited from Defendants' fraudulent scheme at the expense of the Receivership Entities. In connection with the Receiver's investigation, counsel for the Receiver has issued subpoenas and made record requests to banks and payments processors. The Receiver's team is in the process of reviewing documents produced by these third parties and continues to review the substantial volume of email data collected from Intertrans' servers and received from third parties. The Receiver has also conducted follow up interviews of Defendant Courdy to address questions raised during the investigation. Additionally, the Receiver's forensic accountant has reviewed bank statements and prepared financial and cash flow analyses to assist in understanding money flow and recipients. The Receiver will continue to update the Court on these matters as they progress.

C. Collection of Additional Electronic Evidence and Preservation of **Intertrans' Servers**

As detailed in the Receiver's Initial Status Report, the Receiver retained IT consulting firms to restore access to Intertrans' servers located at a Los Angeles co-location facility and ultimately recovered an initial volume of email data stored

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therein. As previously noted, the consultants also identified, but had been unable to recover, an additional volume of email data on the server. Just recently, however, this additional email data was recovered, collected, and will be reviewed and analyzed in the near term.²

Given the unconventional and unusually complex network system designed by Intertrans' IT consultant, Todd Foster, and described in the Receiver's Initial Status Report, it was determined that, at least for now, the best way to preserve the original data contained on Intertrans' servers was to keep the servers up and running at the co-location facility. Moving or shutting down the servers may result in a loss of data. The Receiver therefore has agreed to pay the facility for the short term until it can be confirmed all the data has been imaged or until an alternative arrangement can be agreed to by the parties.

D. Miscellaneous Issues

Several potential cryptocurrency accounts which appeared to belong to Receivership Entities were discovered. Notice of the PI and asset freeze was then provided to the cryptocurrency exchanges which held the accounts. Thus far, one active account was identified at OpenNode Inc. with a balance of approximately \$3,700. OpenNode has agreed to transfer the funds to the Receiver.

Attempts to shut down several remaining websites associated with the Defendants have been rejected by the hosting company, GoDaddy.com. Thus far, GoDaddy has refused to transfer control or shut down those websites, taking the position that the current PI does not require them to do so. The Receiver has coordinated with the Plaintiff to attempt to address this issue.

² Two of the additional email account .pst files appear to have been corrupted by malware. Efforts are underway to determine whether or not these files can be recovered.

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RECEIVERSHIP ACCOUNTING 2

Attached as Exhibit 2 is a Receipts and Disbursements Summary through December 17, 2021. During this period, receipts were \$1,090,823.31, primarily comprised of transfers from the Receivership Entities' bank and merchant accounts (\$1,090,740.43). Approved disbursements were \$181,148.29, primarily comprised of professional fees and expenses contained in the Receiver's First Interim Fee Application (ECF No. 83) and approved by the Order entered November 18, 2021 (ECF No. 97) (McNamara Smith LLP's legal fees and expenses (\$95,131.08), Receiver's fees and expenses (\$77,786.21), and Receiver's IT forensic consultant (\$4,957.75)), and MS Exchange Systems Support (\$3,060.75). Net available cash as of December 17, 2021 is \$909,675.02.

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Dated: December 20, 2021 MCNAMARA SMITH LLP

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By: /s/ Andrew M. Greene Andrew M. Greene Attorneys for Receiver, Thomas W. McNamara

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE I hereby certify that on the 20th day of December, 2021, I caused the foregoing to be electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of the filing to all participants in the case who are registered CM/ECF users. /s/ Andrew M. Greene Andrew M. Greene Attorney for Receiver, Thomas W. McNamara