#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA WEST PALM BEACH DIVISION

CASE NO: 9:19CV81672

HARVEY ROTH AND ALISON ROTH,

**Plaintiffs** 

VS.

USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY,

| Defendant. |  |
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## <u>DEFENDANT'S, USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY,</u> <u>NOTICE OF REMOVAL</u>

Defendant, USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY ("USAA CIC"), by and through undersigned counsel with full reservation of rights including all defenses permitted by Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and all other jurisdictional, procedural, and venue defenses as well as defenses to the merit of this action, hereby files with this Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C §1441 and §1446, a Notice of Removal to the Court of a civil action filed in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Palm Beach County, Florida as Case No: 502019CA014472XXXXMB in which USAA CIC has been named as a Defendant, and states as follows:

- 1. Plaintiffs, Harvey Roth and Alison Roth, have filed an action in the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Palm Beach County, Florida naming USAA CIC as a Defendant.
- 2. A copy of Plaintiffs' Complaint, which was served on USAA CIC on November 15, 2019, is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**.

- 3. A complete copy of the state court file in Case No: 502019CA014472XXXXMB filed in the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Palm Beach County, Florida is attached pursuant to 28 U.S.C §1446 as **Composite Exhibit "B"**.
- 4. Upon information and belief, Plaintiffs, Harvey Roth and Alison Roth, are now and at all times material, citizens of the State of Florida as they own and reside at a property located in Palm Beach County, Florida and such property is insured under the insurance policy issued by USAA CIC to the Plaintiffs which is the subject of Plaintiffs' lawsuit. *See* Ex. A, ¶ 3 and 4.
- 5. Defendant, USAA CIC, is a citizen of the State of Texas as it is incorporated in the State of Texas and has its principal place of business in San Antonio, Texas and therefore is not a citizen of Florida.
- 6. Plaintiffs' Complaint consists of one count against USAA CIC alleging breach of contract. *See* Ex. A.
- 7. Plaintiffs' Complaint merely alleges that it is seeking in excess of \$15,000.00, the jurisdictional amount in Florida Circuit Court. However, in support of Plaintiffs' claim for damages sustained to the subject property, Plaintiffs submitted a purported repair estimate prepared by CMR Construction and Roofing to USAA CIC supporting their claim in the amount of \$124,387.39. The purported repair estimate from CMR Construction and Roofing is attached as **Exhibit "C"**. Thus, the amount in controversy is in excess of \$75,000.00.
- 8. This Court has original jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C §1332, as there is complete diversity of citizenship between the Plaintiffs and Defendant and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.00. Removal of this matter is therefore proper under 28 U.S.C. §1441.

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9. The Defendant, USAA CIC, was served with the Complaint on November 15, 2019.

Thus, the Notice of Removal is being filed within thirty (30) days of USAA CIC being served with

a copy of the Plaintiffs' Complaint as required by 28 U.S.C §1446(b).

10. Because there is complete diversity of citizenship and the amount of controversy

exceeds the jurisdictional amount, this Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C § 1332.

11. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C §1446(d), a copy of the Petition and Notice of Removal is

being properly filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit in and for

Palm Beach County, and served on counsel for Plaintiffs.

Since the property at issue which is the subject of the insurance claim and lawsuit 12.

is located in Boca Raton, Florida which is in Palm Beach County, and the Complaint was filed in

Palm Beach County, the West Palm Beach Division is the appropriate division for this case.

WHEREFORE, the Defendant, USAA Casualty Insurance Company, submits that this

Notice and Petition for Removal be deemed good and sufficient, and that the aforesaid action be

removed from the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Palm Beach County, Florida to the United

States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, West Palm Beach Division, for further

proceedings.

Dated: December 13, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

SIMON, REED & SALAZAR, P.A.

/s/ Nicholas A. Reeves

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served electronically with the Clerk of Court using CM/ECF on December 13, 2019.

By: /s/ Nicholas A. Reeves

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## EXHIBIT "A"

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

HARVEY ROTH AND ALISON ROTH,

CASE NO.:

Plaintiffs,

v.

USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

#### PLAINTIFFS' COMPLAINT FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT & DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

COMES NOW, Plaintiffs, HARVEY ROTH AND ALISON ROTH through the undersigned counsel, and hereby file this Complaint against Defendant, USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, and as grounds therefore state as follows:

- 1. This is an action for damages in excess of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00), exclusive of interest, attorneys' fees and costs, and is otherwise within the jurisdictional limits of this Court.
- 2. At all times material hereto, Defendant was an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of Florida and doing business in Palm Beach County, Florida.
- 3. At all times material hereto, the damaged property is located in Palm Beach County, Florida.
- 4. Prior to September 12, 2017, Plaintiffs sought and purchased homeowner's insurance from Defendant to cover their property located at 9593 Parkview Ave, Boca Raton, FL 33428 (hereinafter "Insured Property"). Said policy of insurance, which is believed to be policy number 007681918-020 (hereinafter "Contract"), was issued by Defendant to Plaintiff to provide

property insurance coverage for the Insured Property including, but not limited to, coverage afforded to protect the Plaintiffs' Property against damage caused by wind and/or Hurricane Irma.

- 5. At all times material hereto, Plaintiffs and Defendant had a policy of insurance, Policy No. 007681918-020 ("Contract"). Plaintiffs are not in possession of a complete certified copy of the Contract; however, Defendant has a copy of the Contract. Plaintiffs have requested a formal copy of the Contract through a Request to Produce which has been served upon Defendant contemporaneously with this Complaint. *See Equity Premium, Inc. v. Twin City Fire Ins. Co.*, 956 So. 2d 1257 (Fla. 4th DCA 2007); *Amiker v. Mid-Century Ins. Co.*, 398 So. 2d 974 (Fla. 1st DCA 1981); *Parkway General Hospital Inc. v. Allstate Ins. Co.*, 393 So. 2d 1171 (Fla. 3rd DCA 1981).
  - 6. The Plaintiffs have paid the premiums for the contract.
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#### **COUNT I – BREACH OF CONTRACT**

- 12. Plaintiffs reallege and reincorporate paragraphs 1-11 as if fully stated herein, and further alleges as follows:
- 13. Defendant had an obligation to put the property back to its pre-loss condition by paying the claim.
  - 14. Defendant has breached the contract.
- 15. The Plaintiffs have been damaged by this breach in the form of unpaid insurance proceeds needed to restore the property to its pre-loss condition as a result of the Defendant refusing to pay the full amount owed under the contract.
- 16. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breach of contract, the Plaintiffs have been required to retain the services of the undersigned attorneys to represent and protect the interests of the Plaintiffs and the Plaintiffs have become obligated to pay them a reasonable fee for their services in bringing this action.
- 17. In the event that the Plaintiffs prevail in this action, Plaintiffs are entitled to an award of attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to section 627.428, 626.9373, and 57.041, Florida Statutes and/or other Florida Law.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiffs demand judgment against Defendant for damages, including but not limited to damages owed under the contract, attorneys' fees and costs, and the Plaintiffs demand trial by jury of all issues so triable.

#### **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

The Plaintiffs further demand a trial by jury of all issues so triable as a matter of right.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a certified copy of the foregoing has been served on Defendant.

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# COMPOSITE EXHIBIT "B"

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#### I. **CASE STYLE**

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#### PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF DESIGNATION OF EMAIL ADDRESS

COMES NOW, the undersigned counsel for the Plaintiffs, HARVEY ROTH AND ALISON ROTH, and files this Notice of Designation of Primary Email Address for service of pleadings in compliance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516. Primary email address shall be:

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# PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF TAKING VIDEO DEPOSITION DUCES TECUM OF DEFENDANT'S DESIGNATED CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVE PURSUANT TO RULE 1.310(b)(6)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiffs, HARVEY ROTH AND ALISON ROTH, through the undersigned counsel will take the deposition, by oral examination of the following person pursuant to Fla.R.Civ.P. 1.310(b)(6) as indicated below or at such other location, time, and date as is mutually agreed upon by counsel or ordered by the Court, before an associate or deputy court reporter who is not of counsel to the parties or interested in the events of this cause.

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| Corporate representative designated by the Defendant to testify as to the topics listed in Schedule A&B of this notice. The persons so designated must testify about matters known or reasonably available to the Defendant. Fla. R. Civ. | To be provided by Defendant within 30 days of receipt of the summons. If no date is provided a date will be selected by the | KANNER & PINTALUGA, P.A. 925 S. Federal Highway, Sixth Floor Boca Raton, FL 33432 |
| P. 1.310(b)(6).   | Plaintiffs.   |   |

The deponent is directed to produce for inspection and/or copying the documents listed in schedule A&B of this notice 10 days prior to the scheduled deposition. This is in an effort to expedite the deposition in order to allow Plaintiffs to review the documents prior to the deposition. If the documents are not provided prior to the deposition the Defendant is put on

notice that Plaintiffs will reserve the necessary time prior to the deposition in order to review the documents. Plaintiffs will reimburse deponent for all reasonable costs associated with producing the requested documents as allowed by the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. If any documents are being claimed as privileged, Defendant must file a privilege log prior to the deposition with enough time for the Court to rule upon said objections prior to the deposition.

The deposition is being taken for the purpose of discovery, use at trial and/or for such other purposes as permitted under the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure.

The deposition will be videotaped, and the name and address of the operator will be provided after Defendant provides the date and location of the deposition as referenced above.

\*\*Documents responsive to Schedule A & B of this notice over which Defendant has claimed a privilege need not be produced to Plaintiffs but must be brought to the deposition should the need arise to refresh the witness' recollection as to questions regarding non-privileged matters. Plaintiffs stipulate that the witness' use of such documents to refresh recollection will not waive any privilege Defendant has claimed over such documents, nor entitle Plaintiffs to review or receive production of such documents at the deposition, and Plaintiffs retain the right to challenge any claims of privilege prior to or after the deposition.\*\*

#### [CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a certified copy of the foregoing has been served on Defendant.

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#### **SCHEDULE "A"**

- 1. The Corporate Representative who can identify by full name and company title all persons who participated in the handling of Plaintiffs' insurance claim that is the subject of this action.
- 2. The Corporate Representative who can testify as to the complete investigation of Plaintiffs' insurance claim that is the subject of this action.
- 3. The Corporate Representative who can testify as to any payments that were made to the Plaintiffs and/or on their behalf in reference to the insurance claim that is the subject of this action.
- 4. The Corporate Representative who can testify as to the valuation of the insurance claim that is the subject of this action.
- 5. The Corporate Representative who can testify as to the affirmative defenses asserted by Defendant in this action.
- 6. The Corporate Representative who can testify as to Defendant's responses to written discovery in this action.
- 7. The Corporate Representative who can testify as to the insurance policy that is the subject of this action.
- 8. The Corporate Representative who can testify as to the date the Defendant anticipated litigation as to the insurance claim that is the subject of this claim.
- 9. The credentials of any individual who inspected the Plaintiffs' property in reference to the insurance claim that is the subject of this claim.
- 10. The credentials of any individual who Defendant retained to make repairs at the Plaintiffs' property for the subject claim.

#### **SCHEDULE "B"**

- 1. All documents the deponent reviewed in preparation of this deposition.
- 2. All documents the deponent will rely upon in responding to the topics listed in Schedule "A" during the deposition.
- 3. The privilege log for any documents Defendant is claiming a privilege as to for the deposition.
- 4. The entire claim file for Plaintiffs' insurance claim that is the subject of this action.
- 5. Any documents associated with the calculation of Plaintiffs' insurance claim that is the subject of this action.
- 6. The credentials of any person who inspected and/or handled the insurance claim that is the subject of this claim.
- 7. The credentials of any person who Defendant retained to make repairs at the subject property for the subject claim.
  - 8. Any reports prepared for the insurance claim that is the subject of this action.
- 9. Any invoices for services performed in reference to the insurance claim that is the subject of this action.
- 10. Any documents reflecting payments of any amounts in reference to the insurance that is the subject of this action.
- 11. Any documents as to the directives and/or parameters for any inspections conducted on behalf of the Defendant for Plaintiffs' insurance claim that is the subject of this action.

- 12. Any communications (including emails and/or text messages) that are anyway associated with Plaintiffs' insurance claim that is the subject of this action.
  - 13. The insurance policy that is the subject of this action.
  - 14. The underwriting file for the insurance policy that is the subject of this action.
  - 15. Any documents that Defendant is relying upon in defense to this action.

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HARVEY ROTH AND ALISON ROTH,

CASE NO.:

Plaintiffs,

v.

USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY,

| Defend | dant. |  |  |
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## PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF TAKING VIDEO DEPOSITION DUCES TECUM OF DEFENDANT'S CLAIM ADJUSTER

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiffs, HARVEY ROTH AND ALISON ROTH, through the undersigned counsel will take the deposition, by oral examination of the following person pursuant to Fla.R.Civ.P. 1.310(b)(1) as indicated below or at such other location, time, and date as is mutually agreed upon by counsel or ordered by the Court, before an associate or deputy court reporter who is not of counsel to the parties or interested in the events of this cause.

| <u>Name</u>       | Date/Time              | <u>Place</u>                        |
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| DEFENDANT'S CLAIM | To be provided by      | The city to be provided by          |
| ADJUSTER          | Defendant within 30    | Defendant within 30 days of         |
|                   | days of receipt of the | receipt of the summons and          |
|                   | summons. If no date    | Plaintiffs will select a Court      |
|                   | is provided a date     | Reporter's office in that city. If  |
|                   | will be selected by    | no city is provided the location    |
|                   | the Plaintiffs.        | will be selected by the Plaintiffs. |

The deponent is directed to produce for inspection and/or copying the documents listed in schedule A of this notice 10 days prior to the scheduled deposition. This is in an effort to expedite the deposition in order to allow Plaintiffs to review the documents prior to the deposition. If the documents are not provided prior to the deposition the Defendant is put on notice that Plaintiffs will reserve the necessary time prior to the deposition in order to review the

documents. Plaintiffs will reimburse deponent for all reasonable costs associated with producing the requested documents as allowed by the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. If any documents are being claimed as privileged, Defendant must file a privilege log prior to the deposition with enough time for the Court to rule upon said objections prior to the deposition.

The deposition is being taken for the purpose of discovery, use at trial and/or for such other purposes as permitted under the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure.

The deposition will be videotaped, and the name and address of the operator will be provided after Defendant provides the date and location of the deposition as referenced above.

\*\*Documents responsive to Schedule A of this notice over which Defendant has claimed a privilege need not be produced to Plaintiffs but must be brought to the deposition should the need arise to refresh the witness' recollection as to questions regarding non-privileged matters. Plaintiffs stipulate that the witness' use of such documents to refresh recollection will not waive any privilege Defendant has claimed over such documents, nor entitle Plaintiffs to review or receive production of such documents at the deposition, and Plaintiffs retain the right to challenge any claims of privilege prior to or after the deposition.\*\*

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#### **SCHEDULE "A"**

- 1. All documents the deponent reviewed in preparation of this deposition.
- 2. Any communications such as email, letters, faxes, text messages, etc. between the deponent and the Plaintiffs and/or Plaintiffs' representatives for the subject insurance claim.
- 3. Any communications such as email, letters, faxes, text messages, etc. prepared and/or sent by the deponent in reference to the subject claim.
  - 4. Any reports prepared and/or reviewed by the deponent for the subject claim.

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HARVEY ROTH AND ALISON ROTH,

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Plaintiffs,

v.

USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY,

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#### PLAINTIFFS' FIRST REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS TO DEFENDANT

COMES NOW, Plaintiffs, HARVEY ROTH AND ALISON ROTH, through the undersigned counsel, and hereby file their First Requests for Admissions to Defendant, USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY:

- 1. Please admit Defendant found that under insurance policy number 007681918-020, Plaintiffs' claim, assigned claim number 007681918-020, was determined to be caused by a covered cause of loss.
- 2. Please admit Defendant found that insurance policy number 007681918-020 did not provide coverage for any portion Plaintiffs' claim, assigned claim number 007681918-020.
- 3. Please admit Defendant has not issued payment for claim number 007681918-020 to the Plaintiffs prior to the initiation of this lawsuit.
- 4. Please admit that any payment issued by Defendant to Plaintiffs under claim number 007681918-020 prior to the initiation of this action did not include any amount for overhead and profit.

- 5. Please admit Defendant's pre-suit estimate under insurance policy 007681918-020 for claim number 007681918-020 was insufficient to provide the actual cash value of the repairs needed to return the insured property to its pre-loss condition.
- 6. Please admit the adjuster whose services Defendant employed to inspect the insured property relating to claim number 007681918-020 did not have a Florida adjuster's license at the time of the inspection.
- 7. Please admit Defendant does not know the credentials of any adjuster who inspected the insured property for claim number 007681918-020.
- 8. Please admit Defendant did not have a licensed contractor inspect Plaintiffs' property for claim number 007681918-020 prior to the initiation of this lawsuit.
- 9. Please admit Defendant did not have a Florida-licensed General Contractor inspect Plaintiffs' property for claim number 007681918-020 prior to the initiation of this lawsuit.
- 10. Please admit Defendant did not have a Florida-licensed roofer examine Plaintiffs' property for claim number 007681918-020 prior to the initiation of this lawsuit.
- 11. Please admit the individual who prepared the repair estimate/report Defendant relied upon for its coverage and/or payment determinations in claim number 007681918-020 lacks the licenses required by Florida Statutes to perform the construction and repair services said individual included in his/her estimate.
- 12. Please admit that the repair estimate/report Defendant relied upon for its coverage and/or payment determinations in claim number 007681918-020 includes the unmodified prices provided by the Xactimate software price lists.

- 13. Please admit Defendant did not request an examination under oath of Plaintiffs for claim number 007681918-020 prior to the initiation of this action.
- 14. Please admit Defendant did not request a sworn proof of loss for claim number 007681918-020 prior to the initiation of this action.
- 15. Please admit Defendant did not offer to make any repairs at the subject property under claim number 007681918-020 prior to the initiation of this action.
- 16. Please admit Defendant did not request a recorded statement of Plaintiffs for claim number 007681918-020.
- 17. Please admit that it will be necessary to acquire building permits in order to complete the repairs outlined by the Defendant's adjuster's repair estimate for the subject property under claim number 007681918-020.
  - 18. Please admit Defendant invoked its option to repair under the contract.
- 19. Please admit Defendant voluntarily accepted and retained the full deductible payment made by Plaintiffs, and thereafter refused to restore the subject property back to its preloss condition.
  - 20. Please admit the subject roof tile is no longer commercially available.

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CASE NO.:

Plaintiffs,

v.

USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY,

| Defendant. |  |  |  |   |  |
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#### PLAINTIFFS' FIRST REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION TO DEFENDANT

COMES NOW, Plaintiffs, HARVEY ROTH AND ALISON ROTH through the undersigned counsel, and hereby file their First Requests for Production to Defendant, USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY:

- 1. A certified copy of the subject insurance policy, including any and all endorsements, addendums, attachments and enclosures.
- 2. Any and all applications for any and all insurance with the Defendant, including the subject insurance policy, including any photographs taken in the underwriting policy.
  - 3. The complete underwriting file for the subject insurance policy.
- 4. Any and all checks, drafts, documents, items, notices, pamphlets, questionnaires, surveys, and/or instruments evidencing payment to the Plaintiffs and/or the Plaintiffs' representatives for the subject claim. (note this includes, but it not limited to, any correspondences, letters, reports, and/or estimates enclosed or attached with payment).
- 5. Any and all recorded statements, whether by a named insured, additional insured, or behalf of the insured for the subject claim.

- 6. Any and all recorded statements Defendant relied upon in making a coverage determination for the subject claim.
  - 7. Any and all recorded statements of the Plaintiffs taken over the past 3 years.
- 8. Any reports discussing any damages and/or the lack of damages to the subject property.
- 9. Any and all notes and/or reports reflecting any statements of the Plaintiffs and/or the Plaintiffs' representatives in reference to the subject claim.
- 10. Any and all notes and/or reports reflecting any statements of the Plaintiffs and/or the Plaintiffs' representatives that Defendant relied upon and/or considered in making a coverage decision for the subject claim.
  - 11. Any and all examinations under oaths taken for the subject claim.
- 12. Any and all statements contemplated by Fla. Stat. § 92.33, whether by Plaintiffs, additional insured, or on behalf of the Plaintiffs.
- 13. Any and all photographs of the subject property taken prior to the subject loss date.
  - 14. Any and all photographs of the subject property taken after the subject loss date.
  - 15. Any and all photographs taken in reference to the subject claim.
- 16. Any and all photographs that Defendant and/or its representatives relied upon and/or considered in making a coverage determination for the subject claim.
- 17. Any and all photographs taken on behalf of the Defendant and/or its representatives for any subsequent insurance claims.
- 18. Any and all reports taken on behalf of the Defendant and/or its representatives for any subsequent insurance claims.

- 19. Any and all video taken for the subject claim by Defendant and/or its representatives.
- 20. Any and all correspondences, emails, text messages and/or communications sent by the Defendant in reference to the subject claim.
- 21. Any and all correspondences, emails, text messages and/or communications sent by the Defendant in reference to the subject insurance policy.
- 22. Any and all correspondences, emails, text messages and/or communications received by the Defendant in reference to the subject claim.
- 23. Any and all correspondences, emails, text messages and/or communications received by the Defendant in reference to the subject insurance policy.
- 24. Any estimates prepared by Defendant and/or on Defendant's behalf for the subject claim.
- 25. Any estimates prepared by Defendant and/or on Defendant's behalf for any subsequent insurance claims.
  - 26. Any estimates Defendant received in reference to the subject claim.
- 27. Any and all communications between Defendant and any individual who inspected the subject property on Defendant's behalf.
- 28. Any and all reports prepared by any individual who inspected the subject property on Defendant's behalf.
- 29. Any and all invoices for any individual who inspected the subject property on Defendant's behalf.
  - 30. Any requests for a sworn proof of loss for the subject claim.
  - 31. Any requests for an examination under oath for the subject claim.

- 32. Any requests for compliance with any post loss obligation under the subject policy in reference to the subject claim.
- 33. Any documents communicating a coverage decision to the Plaintiffs for the subject claim.
  - 34. Any receipts and/or invoices for repairs in reference to the subject claim.
- 35. Documents relating to the initial inspection and/or appraisal for the original inception of the subject insurance policy, including any reports such as a "four point" inspection.
- 36. Any reservation of rights letter(s) sent by the Defendant and/or on Defendant's behalf in reference to the subject claim.
- 37. Any documentation evidencing the credentials and/or licensing information for any individual who inspected the subject property in reference to the subject claim.
- 38. Any documentation evidencing the credentials and/or licensing information for any individual on behalf of the Defendant who communicated with the Plaintiffs and/or to an individual on the Plaintiffs' behalf for the subject claim.
- 39. Any estimate that Defendant and/or a representative of Defendant has prepared for the subject property for the past 5 years.
- 40. Any estimate that Defendant and/or a representative of Defendant has prepared for the subject property for the past 3 years.
- 41. Any and all communications and/or contracts Defendant received on behalf of the Plaintiffs for the subject claim.
- 42. Any estimates, contracts and/or proposals Defendant received from Plaintiffs and/or on Plaintiffs' behalf for the subject claim.
  - 43. Any requests for appraisal submitted by anyone for the subject claim.

- 44. If Defendant claims the claimed damages were pre-existing, any documents that support this assertion.
- 45. If Defendant claims the claimed damages were long term, any documents that support this assertion.
- 46. If Defendant claims the claimed damages were due to wear and tear, any documents that support this assertion.
- 47. Any documents reflecting Defendant invoking its option to repair under the policy.
  - 48. Any documents that support the affirmative defenses asserted by Defendant.
- 49. Any and all documents relating to any alleged material misrepresentation(s) regarding the subject claim.
- 50. Any and all documents relating to any alleged failure to cooperate of the Plaintiffs regarding the subject claim.
- 51. Any and all documents the Defendant relied upon and/or considered in making a coverage decision for the subject claim.
- 52. Any reports from any person retained by the Defendant to evaluate the waste line at the subject property for the subject claim.
- 53. Any documents in reference to any prior insurance claim(s) that Defendant is relying upon in adjusting the subject insurance claim.
- 54. Any documents in reference to any prior insurance claim(s) made by the Plaintiffs for the last 10 years.
- 55. Any documents in reference to any prior insurance claim(s) made by the Plaintiffs for the last 5 years.

- 56. Any evidence of the subject insurance policy being provided to Plaintiffs from the time of the reporting of the subject insurance claim until the time of the filing of this action.
- 57. Any evidence of the subject property showing that permits are not necessary in order to complete the repairs.
- 58. Any documentation showing Defendant accepted and retained the deductible payment made by Plaintiffs.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY,

| Defendant. |  |
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#### PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF SERVICE OF FIRST INTERROGATORIES TO **DEFENDANT**

COMES NOW, Plaintiffs HARVEY ROTH AND ALISON ROTH, through the undersigned counsel, and hereby file their First Set of Interrogatories to Defendant, USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, to be answered in writing and under oath within fortyfive (45) days after service hereof as provided by Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.340.

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#### PLAINTIFFS' FIRST INTERROGATORIES TO DEFENDANT

| 1. | What is your name, address, and, if you are answering for someone else, your official position or relationship with the party to whom the interrogatories are directed?   |
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|    | Answer:   |
| 2. | Describe any and all policies of insurance which you contend cover or may cover the allegations set forth in Plaintiffs' complaint, detailing as to such policies the name of the insurer, the number of the policy, the available limits of liability, and the name and address of the custodian of the policy.  Answer: |
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| 3. | Please state if you contend the loss as alleged in the complaint is not covered under the subject insurance policy as referenced in the complaint. If so, please state the specific language in the insurance policy that you are relying upon as well as the facts to support this policy language.                      |
|    | Answer:   |
| 4. | Please state with specificity any conditions precedent or subsequent to the Plaintiffs' claims that you contend have not been fulfilled by the Plaintiffs, if any exist.  Answer:   |
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| 5. | Please state if any payments have been made for the claim as referenced in the complaint to and/or on the behalf of the Plaintiffs. If any payments have been made, please state the date of the payments, who the payments were made to and the basis for the payments.  |
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|    | Answer:   |
| 6. | State separately the facts upon which you rely on for each affirmative defense in your Answer to the Plaintiffs' Complaint.   |
|    | Answer:   |
| 7. | List the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all persons who are believed or known by you, your agents, or your attorneys to have any knowledge concerning any of the issues in this lawsuit, and specify the subject matter about which the witness has knowledge. |
|    | Answer:   |
| 8. | Please state the amount of covered damages Defendant estimated for the subject  |
|    | insurance claim prior to the initiation of this action. If no number was estimated, please state the basis for such.  Answer:   |
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| 9.  | Please provide a list of the names and current addresses of any and all individuals employed by or agents of the Defendant who were in any way involved with the handling of Plaintiffs' claim, including those individuals who inspected, photographed or otherwise visited the subject property for any purpose after the subject date of loss but prior to the institution of this litigation. Please also provide a short statement of the persons knowledge and involvement. |
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|     | Answer:   |
| 10. | Please state any and all dates Defendant provided the subject insurance policy to Plaintiffs and/or Plaintiffs' representative. State how the policy was provided and who the policy was provided.  |
|     | Answer:   |
| 11. | For any and all policy defenses which you reasonably believe are available with regards to the claim made by the Plaintiffs herein: Describe in detail the factual and legal basis for any such defenses and give complete names, residence addresses, business addresses, and telephone numbers of each person believed or known by you, your agents or attorneys, to have knowledge of the facts which would provide the basis for any such defense.                            |
|     | Answer:   |
| 12. | For each denied or withheld payment for the subject claim listed above, state in detail the legal ground and the factual basis upon which the claim was denied, the exact wording of any policy provisions, or the exact wording of any statutory language or case law upon which you base your denial or withholding of payment.   |
|     | Answer:   |

| 13. | Please state the name of any individual who inspected Plaintiffs' property for the subject claim number, the date(s) of the inspection(s), the qualification(s) of the individual(s), the opinions reported back to the Defendant, the amount of times the Defendant has hired these individual(s) in the past 3 years and the amount of money the Defendant has paid these individuals and/or these individuals companies in the last 3 years.                                 |
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|     | Answer:   |
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| 14. | Please state if any permits are necessary in order to complete the repairs the Defendant estimated for the subject claim number. If Defendant claims permits are not necessary, please state the basis for this opinion.  |
|     | Answer:   |
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| 15. | State the name and address of every person known to you, your agents, or your attorneys who has knowledge about or possession, custody, or control of any estimate of damage, model, plat, map, drawing, motion picture, video tape, or photograph pertaining to any fact or issue involved in this controversy; and describe as to each, what item such person has, the name and address of the person who took or prepared it, and the date it was taken or prepared.         |
|     | Answer:   |
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| 16. | Please state if any person who inspected the subject property for the insurance claim as referenced in the complaint prepared any sort of report. If so, please state the date the report was prepared, who prepared the report, the conclusions of the report, if you are claiming the report is not discoverable, the basis for claiming the report is not discoverable and if you relied upon the report in making a coverage determination for the subject insurance claim. |
|     | Answer:   |

| 17. | Please state how the amount of recoverable depreciation was calculated for the subject claim. If any formulas, calculations and/or documents were relied upon, please specifically state what these were and who is in possession of them so that they can be requested in discovery.  |
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|     | Answer:  |
| 18. | Please state the date that you received notice of this claim, who reported the claim and what specifically was reported.   |
|     | Answer:  |
| 19. | If you claim you were unable to pay Plaintiffs' claim because you had insufficien information or the notice of claim did not have sufficient support, state: When you firs realized that you had insufficient information, each and every effort made by you to obtain the needed information, when you informed the Plaintiffs of the need for further information and when you gave up trying to obtain the needed information.  Answer: |
| 20. | Please state if the subject insurance policy was provided to the Plaintiffs and/or the Plaintiffs' representatives anytime during the time period of the subject claim being reported until the filing of this action. If the subject insurance policy was not provided during this time period, please state the basis for not providing the subject insurance policy.  |
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| 21. | lease state if Plaintiffs and/or Plaintiffs' representatives requested the subject insurance  |
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|     | olicy prior to the initiation of this action. If so, please state the date Defendant received |
|     | his request and the date Defendant complied with the request for the subject insurance        |
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Answer:

22. Please state if overhead and profit was paid for the subject claim and the amount. If it was paid, please state how it was calculated and the basis for payment. If it was not paid, please state the basis for not paying it and cite to the provision in the insurance policy that overhead and profit would not be owed for the subject claim.

Answer:

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| Dated           | , 2019.           |   |
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|                 | <u> </u>          | Signature of Agent for Defendant                                  |
| STATE OF        |                   |   |
| COUNTY OF _     |                   |   |
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|                 |                   | , and who deposed and stated that the information                 |
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

HARVEY ROTH AND ALISON ROTH,

CASE NO.:

Plaintiffs,

v.

USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

#### **SUMMONS**

#### THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

To Each Sheriff of the State:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to serve this Summons and a copy of the Complaint, Interrogatories, Request for Production, Request for Admissions, Notice of Deposition, and Notice of E-mail Designation in the above-styled cause upon the Defendant:

PLEASE SERVE: USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

BY SERVING: Insurance Commissioner of the State of Florida,

for and on behalf of the Defendant, in accordance with Florida Statutes.

c/o Florida Chief Financial Officer as Reg. Agent

200 E. Gaines St.

Tallahassee, FL 32399-0000

DATED: Nov 12 2019

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As Deputy Clerk (COURT SEAL)

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#### **IMPORTANT**

A lawsuit has been filed against you. You have 20 calendar days after this summons is served on you to file a written response to the attached complaint with the clerk of the court. A phone call will not protect you. Your written response, including the case number given above and the names of the parties, must be filed if you want the court to hear your side of the case. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case, and your wages, property, and money may thereafter 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 call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book). Also, you may call your insurance company representative if you believe you are covered for this loss.

If you choose to file a written response yourself, at the same time you file your written response to the court you must also mail or take a copy of your written response to the "Plaintiff/Plaintiff's Attorney" named below.

#### **IMPORTANTE**

Usted ha sido demandado legalmente. Tiene 20 dias, contados a partir del recibo de esta notificacion, para contester la demanda adjunta, por escrito, y presentarla ante este tribunal. Una llamada telefonica no lo protegera. Si usted desea que el tribunal considere su defensa, debe presentar su repuesta por escrito, incluyendo el numero del caso y los nombres demanda a tiemp, pudiese perder el caso y podria ser despojado de sus ingresos y propiedades, o privado de sus derechos, sin previo aviso del tribunal. Existen otros requisites legales. Si lo desea, puede usted consultar a un abogado, puede llamar a una de las oficinas de asistencia legal que aparecen en la guia telefonica.

Si desea responder a la demanda por su cuenta, al mismo teimpo en que presenta su repuesta ante el tribunal, debera usted enviar por correo o entregar una copia de su respuesta a la persona denominada abajo como "Plaintiff/Plaintiff's Attorney" (Demandante o Abogado del Demandante).

#### **IMPORTANT**

Des poursuites judicares ont ete enterprises contre vous. Vous avez 20 jours consecutifs a partir de la date de l'assignation de cetta citation pour deposer una reponse ecrite a la plainte cijointe aupres de ce tribunal. Un simple coup de telephone est insuffisant pour vous proteger. Vous etes obliges de deposer votre reponse ecrite, avec mention du numero de dossier ci-dessus et du nom des parties nommes ici, si vous souhaitez que le tribunal entende votre cause. Si vous ne deposez pas votre reponse ecrite de le relai requis, vous risqué de perdre la cause ainsi que votre salaire, votre argent, et vos biens peuvent etre saisis par la suite, sans aucun preavis ulterieur du tribunal. Il y a d'autres obligations juridiques et vous pouvez requerir les services immediats d'un avocet. Si vous ne connaissez pas d'avocat, vous pourriez telephoner a un service de reference d'avocats ou a un bureau d'assistance juridique (figurant a l'annuaire de telephones).

Si vous choisissez de deposer vous-meme una reponse ecrite, il vous faudra egalement, en meme temps que cette formalite, faire parvenir ou expedier une copie de votre reponse ecrite au "Plaintiff/Plaintiff's Attorney" (Plaignant ou a son avocet) nomme cidessous.

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HARVEY ROTH AND ALISON ROTH,

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VS.

USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY,

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## NOTICE OF APPEARANCE AND DESIGNATION OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY E-MAIL ADDRESSES

The Defendant, USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY ("USAA CIC"), hereby gives notice that Michael Simon, Esquire, Paige B. Segrera, Esquire and Nicholas A. Reeves, Esquire with the law firm of Simon, Reed & Salazar, P.A., 9130 South Dadeland Boulevard, Suite 1209, Miami, FL 33156, are counsel of record. All pleadings, notices, filings, and motions, etc. should be served upon Mr. Simon, Ms. Segrera and Mr. Reeves as counsel for USAA CIC. In addition, in accordance with Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.080 the law firm Simon, Reed & Salazar, P.A., hereby designate their Primary and Secondary e-mail addresses and requests that copies of all orders, process, pleadings, and other documents filed or served in this matter be served on it at the Primary and Secondary e-mail addresses listed below, with such service electronically through E-Portal and e-mail complying with Rule 2.516(b)(1)(E).

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served electronically through E-Portal on this December 5, 2019 with the Clerk of Palm Beach County by using the Florida Courts eFiling Portal and serving and serving via Electronic Service to: Max M. Messinger, Esq., and Matthew Gottlieb, Esq., Kanner & Pintaluga, P.A., 925 S. Federal Highway, Sixth Floor, Boca Raton, Florida 33432, <a href="majortlieb@kpattorney.com">mgottlieb@kpattorney.com</a>; <a href="majortlieb@kpattorney.com">lhernadez@kpattorney.com</a>; <a href="majortlieb@kpattorney.com">firstpartyeservice@kpattorney.com</a>.

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VS.

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### <u>DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO PLAINTIFFS' COMPLAINT</u>

Defendant, USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY ("USAA CIC"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and pursuant to the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, hereby files its Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to Plaintiffs' Complaint, and in support thereof states as follows:

- 1. Defendant's response to Plaintiffs' Complaint is currently due.
- 2. Undersigned counsel requires additional time to confer with its client and prepare an appropriate response to Plaintiffs' Complaint.
- 3. Accordingly, USAA CIC respectfully requests an extension of time to respond to Plaintiffs' Complaint.
- 4. Said request is made in good faith, in an abundance of caution and is not intended to delay this matter.
  - 5. The requested extension will not prejudice the Plaintiffs in this matter.

WHEREFORE, Defendant, USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, respectfully requests entry of an Order granting this motion and providing Defendant an extension of time to respond to Plaintiffs' Complaint.

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#### **PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF FILING**

COMES NOW, the Plaintiffs, HARVEY ROTH AND ALISON ROTH, by and through their undersigned counsel, and hereby gives notice of filing the acceptance of Service of Process, attached here to.

Dated: December 13, 2019

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HARVEY ROTH AND ALISON ROTH

CASE #: 502019CA014472XXXXMB
COURT: 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

PLAINTIFF(S)

COUNTY: PALM BEACH DFS-SOP #: 19-000300700

VS.

USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

DEFENDANT(S)

SUMMONS, COMPLAINT, DISCOVERY

#### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of acceptance of Service of Process by the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida. Said process was received in my office by ELECTRONIC DELIVERY on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 and a copy was forwarded by ELECTRONIC DELIVERY on Friday, November 15, 2019 to the designated agent for the named entity as shown below.

USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY LYNETTE COLEMAN 1201 HAYS STREET TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301

\*Our office will only serve the initial process(Summons and Complaint) or Subpoena and is not responsible for transmittal of any subsequent filings, pleadings, or documents unless otherwise ordered by the Court pursuant to Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule #1.080

Jimmy Patronis

Chief Financial Officer

MAX M. MESSINGER ATTORNEY KANNER & PINTALUGA 925 S. FEDERAL HIGHWAY, 6TH FLOOR BOCA RATON, FL 33432

## EXHIBIT "C"



Insured: Roth, Ali & Harvey Home: (561) 789-6829

Property: 9593 Parkview Ave

Boca Raton, FL 33428

Claim Number: Type of Loss: Hurricane

Date of Loss:

Date Received:

Date Inspected: Date Entered: 5/23/2019 10:55 AM

Price List: FLFL8X\_SEP19

Restoration/Service/Remodel

Estimate: ROTH

This estimate is not final as there may be hidden damages not yet foreseen beneath the roof covering. The adjuster will be notified at the time of discovery and given the opportunity to inspect the damages within a reasonable time period. If the adjuster is not available, photos and documentation of the additional damage will be provided.

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#### **CMR Construction and Roofing**

#### **ROTH**

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| DESCRIPTION  | QUANTITY  | UNIT PRICE  | TAX  | O&P   | RCV  | DEPREC.  | ACV                                     |
|--|---|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| 1. Remove Tile roofing - Concrete - "S" or flat tile   | 48.66 SQ  | 193.59  | 0.00   | 1,884.02  | 11,304.11  | (0.00)   | 11,304.11                               |
| DMO has been changed due to roofing con<br>contractor licensed to perform roofing, in o<br>herein or set forth in the standards adopted  | compliance wit  | h the tolerances, F   | lorida IBC 13  | 512.2.quality a   |  |  |   |
| 2. Tile roofing - Concrete - "S" or flat tile  | 55.96 SQ  | 659.35  | 641.76   | 7,507.80  | 45,046.79  | (0.00)   | 45,046.79                               |
| DMO has been changed due to roofing con<br>contractor licensed to perform roofing, in o<br>herein or set forth in the standards adopted  | compliance wit  | h the tolerances, F   | lorida IBC 13  | 512.2.quality a   |  |  |   |
| 3. Remove Modified bitumen roof - hot mopped   | 48.66 SQ  | 54.24   | 0.00   | 527.86  | 3,167.18   | (0.00)   | 3,167.18                                |
| A.Hot Mop 30/90, Hot Mop 43/90 (see Dra<br>mechanically attached to the wood deck w<br>the laps. Extend anchor/base sheet a minin<br>laps shall be a minimum of 4 in. Over insta<br>15 % mopping of asphalt. End laps shall be<br>approved nails through tin caps or by Mian | ith approved fo<br>num of 4 in. up<br>alled anchor/bo<br>a minimum oj   | steners spaced in a<br>vertical surfaces.<br>se sheet, apply one<br>f 6 in.; head laps sh | n 12 in. grid s<br>Anchor/base<br>layer of min<br>nall be a mini | taggered in tw<br>sheet end laps<br>eral surfaced                   | o rows in the f<br>shall be a min<br>cap sheet AST           | field, and 6 in. o<br>nimum of 6 in. o<br>M D6380 in ful | n center at<br>and head<br>! 25 #/sq, ± |
| 4. Modified bitumen roof - hot mopped  | 53.53 SQ  | 437.25  | 451.53   | 4,771.50  | 28,629.02  | (0.00)   | 28,629.0                                |
| 5. Water barrier joint taping - Mod. bitumen - 4" seam tape  | 4,866.00 SF   | 0.34  | 23.84  | 335.64  | 2,013.92   | (0.00)   | 2,013.9                                 |
| Due to the current code for (HVHZ) High<br>Miami-Dade, Broward, & Coastal Palm Bo  |   | cane Zones, a seco  | ndary Water  | Barrier is requ   | uired. Countie   | s included are:  |   |
| 6. Drip edge/gutter apron  | 353.00 LF   | 2.87  | 21.25  | 206.88  | 1,241.24   | (0.00)   | 1,241.2                                 |
| 7. Tile roofing - Hurricane clip & wind lock add-on  | 353.00 LF   | 4.22  | 13.34  | 300.60  | 1,803.60   | (0.00)   | 1,803.6                                 |
| 8. Bird stop - Eave closure strip for tile roofing - metal   | 315.00 LF   | 4.03  | 34.62  | 260.82  | 1,564.89   | (0.00)   | 1,564.8                                 |
| 9. Hip & ridge nailer board for tile roofing channel metal   | - 610.00 LF   | 3.34  | 68.32  | 421.14  | 2,526.86   | (0.00)   | 2,526.8                                 |
| Accounted for both sides of channel  |   |   |  |   |  |  |   |
| 10. Ridge / Hip / Rake cap - tile roofing  | 343.00 LF   | 13.28   | 166.63   | 944.32  | 5,665.99   | (0.00)   | 5,665.9                                 |
| 11. Mortar bed for tile  | 353.00 SF   | 5.07  | 35.58  | 365.06  | 2,190.35   | (0.00)   | 2,190.3                                 |
| Labor for roofer to Mix mortar and lay em<br>unit having a Product Approval and tested<br>with RAS 113 DMO has been changed due<br>shall be performed by a qualified contractor<br>established herein or set forth in the standa   | in compliance<br>to roofing con<br>or licensed to po<br>urds adopted by | with TAS 123 or a<br>tractor performed.<br>erform roofing, in<br>these high-velocit       | job-site mix o<br>Florida IBC<br>compliance w<br>y hurricane z   | approved by th<br>1512.2.5 Wor<br>with the toleran<br>cone requirem | ne building off<br>kmanship stan<br>nces, quality an<br>ents | icial and in com<br>dards. All roofi<br>nd methods of co | pliance<br>ng work<br>onstruction       |
| 12. Caulking - butyl rubber  Cost for licensed roofing installer to caulk  | 1,481.00 LF<br>around all drip  | 3.19<br>edge, each side of  | 42.50<br>the W-pan v   | 953.38<br>alley metal, hi   | 5,720.27<br>ps & ridge nai                                   | (0.00)<br>Elerboards, & all                              | 5,720.2                                 |
| accessories. This is required by Florida Bu  | ilding Code &   | County  | _  |   | _  |  |   |
| 13. Valley metal - (W) profile   | 68.00 LF  | 7.08  | 12.71  | 98.82   | 592.97   | (0.00)   | 592.9                                   |
| 14. Step flashing  | 25.00 LF  | 12.21   | 2.36   | 61.54   | 369.15   | (0.00)   | 369.1                                   |
| 15. R&R Flashing, 14" wide   | 6.00 LF   | 4.92  | 0.47   | 6.00  | 35.99  | (0.00)   | 35.9                                    |
| <ol><li>Flashing - pipe jack - lead</li></ol>  | 3.00 EA   | 77.22   | 7.90   | 47.92   | 287.48   | (0.00)   | 287.4                                   |
| 17. Flat roof exhaust vent / cap - gooseneck 8"  | 6.00 EA   | 101.61  | 11.34  | 124.20  | 745.20   | (0.00)   | 745.2                                   |
| ОТН  |   |   |  |   | 1/   | 0/6/2019   | Pag                                     |

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#### **CONTINUED - Roof**

| DESCRIPTION   | QUANTITY    | UNIT PRICE | TAX      | O&P       | RCV        | DEPREC. | ACV        |
|---|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|------------|---------|------------|
| 18. Re-nailing of roof sheathing - complete re-nail | 4,866.00 SF | 0.30       | 6.81     | 293.32    | 1,759.93   | (0.00)  | 1,759.93   |
| Totals: Roof  |             |            | 1,540.96 | 19,110.82 | 114,664.94 | 0.00    | 114,664.94 |

#### **General Conditions**

| DESCRIPTION  | QUANTITY         | UNIT PRICE          | TAX            | O&P          | RCV           | DEPREC.         | ACV      |
|--|------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|----------|
| 19. Haul debris - per pickup truck load - including dump fees  | 4.00 EA          | 143.95              | 0.00           | 115.16       | 690.96        | (0.00)          | 690.96   |
| 20. Taxes, insurance, permits & fees (Bid Item)  | 55.96 SQ         |                     |                |              |               | AS I            | NCURRED  |
| 21. Residential Supervision / Project<br>Management - per hour   | 10.00 HR         | 57.00               | 0.00           | 114.00       | 684.00        | (0.00)          | 684.00   |
| 22. Gutter / downspout - Detach & reset  | 401.00 LF        | 3.20                | 0.00           | 256.64       | 1,539.84      | (0.00)          | 1,539.84 |
| This line item is due the gutter spikes bein have to be detached & reset.  | ig through the d | rip edge. To proper | ly install new | drip edge up | to Florida Bu | ilding Code the | gutters  |
| 23. Roofer - per hour  | 6.00 HR          | 169.96              | 0.00           | 203.96       | 1,223.72      | (0.00)          | 1,223.72 |
| Field labor hours to cut the valley & Hip tile prior to installation. DMO has been changed due to roofing contractor performed. Florida IBC 1512.2.5 Workmanship standards. All roofing work shall be performed by a qualified contractor licensed to perform roofing, in compliance with the tolerances, quality and methods of construction established herein or set forth in the standards adopted by these high-velocity hurricane zone requirements. |                  |                     |                |              |               |                 |          |
| 24. Equipment Operator - per hour  | 10.00 HR         | 48.25               | 0.00           | 96.50        | 579.00        | (0.00)          | 579.00   |
| 25. Telehandler/forklift (per day) - no operator   | 2.00 DA          | 450.00              | 0.00           | 180.00       | 1,080.00      | (0.00)          | 1,080.00 |
| <b>Totals: General Conditions</b>  |                  |                     | 0.00           | 966.26       | 5,797.52      | 0.00            | 5,797.52 |

#### **Front Elevation**

| DESCRIPTION                                 | QUANTITY | UNIT PRICE | TAX    | O&P    | RCV      | DEPREC. | ACV      |
|---|----------|------------|--------|--------|----------|---------|----------|
| 26. R&R Overhead door & hardware - 16' x 7' | 1.00 EA  | 1,471.87   | 68.61  | 308.10 | 1,848.58 | (0.00)  | 1,848.58 |
| 27. R&R Overhead door & hardware - 8' x 7'  | 1.00 EA  | 1,039.72   | 43.41  | 216.64 | 1,299.77 | (0.00)  | 1,299.77 |
| Totals: Front Elevation                     |          |            | 112.02 | 524.74 | 3,148.35 | 0.00    | 3,148.35 |

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| DESCRIPTION   | QUANTITY | UNIT PRICE | TAX  | O&P   | RCV    | DEPREC. | ACV    |
|---|----------|------------|------|-------|--------|---------|--------|
| 28. Comb and straighten a/c condenser fins with trip charge | 1.00 EA  | 157.64     | 0.00 | 31.52 | 189.16 | (0.00)  | 189.16 |
| 29. R&R Window screen, 1 - 9 SF                             | 1.00 EA  | 41.03      | 2.31 | 8.68  | 52.02  | (0.00)  | 52.02  |
| 30. Paint overhead door - 2 coats (per side)                | 1.00 EA  | 101.27     | 2.51 | 20.76 | 124.54 | (0.00)  | 124.54 |
| 31. Paint overhead door - Large - 2 coats (per side)        | 1.00 EA  | 145.92     | 3.35 | 29.86 | 179.13 | (0.00)  | 179.13 |
| Totals: Right Elevation                                     |          |            | 8.17 | 90.82 | 544.85 | 0.00    | 544.85 |

#### **Rear Elevation**

| DESCRIPTION                     | QUANTITY UN | IT PRICE | TAX  | O&P  | RCV   | DEPREC. | ACV   |
|---------------------------------|-------------|----------|------|------|-------|---------|-------|
| 32. R&R Window screen, 1 - 9 SF | 1.00 EA     | 41.03    | 2.31 | 8.68 | 52.02 | (0.00)  | 52.02 |
| Totals: Rear Elevation          |             |          | 2.31 | 8.68 | 52.02 | 0.00    | 52.02 |

#### **Labor Minimums Applied**

| DESCRIPTION                    | QUANTITY UN | NIT PRICE | TAX      | O&P       | RCV        | DEPREC. | ACV        |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|---------|------------|
| 33. Window labor minimum*      | 1.00 EA     | 149.75    | 0.00     | 29.96     | 179.71     | (0.00)  | 179.71     |
| Totals: Labor Minimums Applied |             |           | 0.00     | 29.96     | 179.71     | 0.00    | 179.71     |
| Line Item Totals: ROTH         |             |           | 1,663.46 | 20,731.28 | 124,387.39 | 0.00    | 124,387.39 |

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#### **Summary for Dwelling**

| Line Item Total Material Sales Tax | 101,992.65<br>1,663.46 |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Subtotal                           | 103,656.11             |
| Overhead                           | 10,365.64              |
| Profit                             | 10,365.64              |
| Replacement Cost Value             | \$124,387.39           |
| Net Claim                          | \$124,387.39           |

Xactware's white paper on O&P states: "General Overhead are expenses incurred by a General Contractor, that cannot be attributed to individual projects, and include any and all expenses necessary for the General Contractor to operate their business. Examples (including but not limited to): General and Administrative (G&A) expenses, office rent, utilities, office supplies, salaries for office personnel, depreciation on office equipment, licenses, and advertising. Including General Overhead expenses in an Xactimate estimate—General Overhead expenses are not included in Xactware's unit pricing, but are typically added to the estimate as a percentage of the total bid along with the appropriate profit margin. These two costs together constitute what is normally referred to in the insurance restoration industry as General Contractor's O&P, or just O&P. General Overhead and Profit percentages can be added in the Estimate Parameters window within an Xactimate estimate."

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