2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, 12 13 Plaintiff, 14 VS. INTEGRATED NATIONAL RESOURCES, 15 INC. dba WEEDGENICS, ROLF MAX HIRSCHMANN aka "MAX BERGMANN," 16 PATRICK EARL WILLIAMS, 17 Defendants, and 18 WEST COAST DEVELOPMENT LLC, INR CONSULTING LLC (WYOMING ENTITY), OCEANS 19 INC., AUTOBAHN 19 PERFORMANCE LLC, ONE CLICK 20 GENERAL MEDIA INC., OPUS COLLECTIVE, JOHN ERIC FRANCOM, INR-CA INVESTMENT HOLDINGS, LLC, 21 MICHAEL DELGADO, TOTAL 22 SOLUTION CONSTRÚCTION LLC BAGPIPE HOLDINGS LLC, BAGPIPE
MULTIMEDIA LLC, TYLER CAMPBELL,
INR CONSULTING LLC (CALIFORNIA
ENTITY), HIDDEN SPRINGS HOLDINGS
GROUP LLC, and ALEXANDRIA PORTER 23 24 25 BOVEE aka "AIA MONTGOMERY," 26 Relief Defendants. 27

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Case No. 8:23-cv-00855-JWH-KES

ORDER GRANTING
PLAINTIFF SECURITIES AND
EXCHANGE COMMISSION
AND RELIEF DEFENDANTS
JOHN ERIC FRANCOM AND
INR-CA INVESTMENT
HOLDINGS, LLC'S JOINT
STIPULATED REQUEST FOR
A PRELIMINARY
INJUNCTION ORDER AND
ORDERS: (1) FREEZING
ASSETS; (2) APPOINTING A
PERMANENT RECEIVER;
AND (3) PROHIBITING THE
DESTRUCTION OF
DOCUMENTS

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On May 16, 2023, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Plaintiff" or the "SEC") filed a Complaint seeking a preliminary injunction against Defendants and various Relief Defendants, including John Eric Francom ("Francom") and INR-CA Investment Holdings, LLC (the "Stipulating Relief Defendants"), and seeking the appointment of a permanent receiver over INR and the entity-Relief Defendants. (Dkt. No. 1.) On the same day, the SEC filed a Memorandum of Points and Authorities, and supporting declarations and exhibits, seeking the same relief initially on a temporary basis via a Temporary Restraining Order ("TRO"). (Dkt. Nos 4-10.) On May 19, 2023, the Court entered the TRO. (Dkt. No. 17.) On June 1, 2023, the SEC filed a Reply in support of the SEC's request for a preliminary injunction and appointment of a permanent receiver. (Dkt. No. 22.) On June 2, 2023, the Court held a hearing, and issued a preliminary injunction with respect to certain Defendants and Relief Defendants (Dkt. No. 33), and extended the TRO with respect to the Stipulating Relief Defendants (Dkt. No. 36). On June 8, 2023, the Court again extended the TRO with respect to the Stipulating Relief Defendants. (Dkt. No. 47.) On June 29, 2023, the SEC and the Stipulating Relief Defendants filed their joint stipulated request for a preliminary injunction (the "Stipulation"). (Dkt. No. 92.)

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

The Court, having considered the SEC's Complaint, the Memorandum and its supporting declarations and exhibits, the Reply, the Stipulation, and the other evidence and argument presented to the Court, hereby **FINDS** as follows:

- A. This Court has jurisdiction over the parties to, and the subject matter of, this action.
- B. The SEC has made a sufficient and proper showing in support of the relief granted herein, as required by Section 20(b) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act"), 15 U.S.C. § 77t(b), Sections 21(d) and 21€ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 78u(d) and €(e), by evidence establishing a *prima facie* case and reasonable likelihood that Defendants

Williams, Hirschmann, and INR (collectively, "Defendants"), have engaged in, are engaging in, are about to engage in, and will continue to engage in unless restrained transactions, acts, practices and courses of business that constitute violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b), and Rule 10b-5 thereunder, 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5, and Section 17(a) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77q(a).

- C. Good cause exists to warrant the appointment of a permanent receiver over INR-CA Investment Holdings, LLC.
- D. Good cause exists to issue this Preliminary Injunction to prevent the dissipation of assets.
- E. Good cause exists to restrain and enjoin the Stipulating Relief Defendants from altering or destroying documents relevant to this action.

II. ORDER

Good cause appearing therefor, it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

- 1. The Stipulation for a Preliminary Injunction and Orders: (1) Freezing Assets; (2) Appointing a Permanent Receiver; and (3) Prohibiting the Destruction of Documents is **GRANTED**.
- 2. Except as otherwise ordered by this Court, the Stipulating Relief
 Defendants, and their officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, subsidiaries,
 and affiliate, and those persons in active concert with them, who receive actual notice
 of this Order, by personal service or otherwise, and each of them, be and hereby are
 preliminarily **RESTRAINED** and **ENJOINED** from, directly or indirectly,
 transferring, assigning, selling, hypothecating, changing, wasting, dissipating,
 converting, concealing, encumbering, or otherwise disposing of, in any manner, any
 funds, assets, securities, claims or other real or personal property, including any notes
 or deeds of trust or other interest in real property, wherever located, of any one of the
 Stipulating Relief Defendants, or their subsidiaries or affiliates, owned by, controlled
 by, managed by or in the possession or custody of any of them and from transferring,
 encumbering dissipating, incurring charges or cash advances on any debit or credit

card of the credit arrangement of any one of the Stipulating Relief Defendants or their subsidiaries and affiliates.

3. Except as otherwise ordered by this Court, an immediate freeze shall be placed on all monies and assets (with an allowance for necessary and reasonable living expenses to be granted only upon good cause shown by application to the Court with notice to and an opportunity for the SEC to be heard) in all accounts at any bank, financial institution or brokerage firm, or third-payment payment processor, all certificates of deposit, and other funds or assets, held in the name of, for the benefit of, or over which account authority is held by the Stipulating Relief Defendants, including but not limited to the accounts listed below:

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BROKERAGE/ BANK NAME	ACCOUNT HOLDER	ACCOUNT NO.
Chase	INR-CA Investment Holdings, LLC	x9758
Federal National Bank (Fidelity)	John Eric Francom	x1781
Independent Bank	121 E HWY 80 LLC	x7981, x4011
First State Bank (Athens, TX)	119 HWY 80 LLC	x7670

Any bank, financial institution or brokerage firm, or third-party payment processor holding such monies and assets described above shall hold and retain within their control and prohibit the withdrawal, removal, transfer, or other disposal of any such funds or other assets except as otherwise ordered by this Court.

4. Any person who receives actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, and who holds, possesses or controls assets exceeding \$5,000 for the account or benefit of any one of the Stipulating Relief Defendants, shall within 5 days of receiving actual notice of this Order provide counsel for the SEC with a written statement identifying all such assets, the value of such assets, or best approximation thereof, and any account numbers or account names in which the assets are held.

Except as otherwise ordered by this Court, each of the Stipulating Relief

1 2 Defendants, and their officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, subsidiaries, 3 and affiliates, and those persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, by personal service or otherwise, and each of 4 them, be and hereby are preliminarily **RESTRAINED** and **ENJOINED** from, 5 directly or indirectly: destroying, mutilating, concealing, transferring, altering, or 6 otherwise disposing of, in any manner, any documents, which includes all books, 7 records, computer programs, computer files, computer printouts, contracts, emails, 8 9 correspondence, memoranda, brochures, or any other documents of any kind in their possession, custody or control, however created, produced, or stored (manually, 10 11 mechanically, electronically, or otherwise), pertaining in any manner to the Stipulating Relief Defendants. 12

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- 6. Krista L. Freitag of E3 Advisors is **APPOINTED** as permanent receiver over Relief Defendant INR-CA Investment Holdings, LLC (the "Receivership Entity"), its subsidiaries and affiliates, with full powers of an equity receiver, including, but not limited to, full power over all funds, assets, collateral, premises (whether owned, leased, occupied, or otherwise controlled), choses in action, books, records, papers, and other property belonging to, being managed by or in the possession of or control of the Receivership Entity, and that such receiver is immediately authorized, empowered, and directed:
 - to have access to and to collect and take custody, control, possession, and charge of all funds, assets, collateral, premises (whether owned, leased, pledged as collateral, occupied, or otherwise controlled), choses in action, books, records, papers and other real or personal property, wherever located, of or managed by Receivership Entity and its subsidiaries and affiliates (collectively, the "Assets"), with full power to sue, foreclose, marshal, collect, receive, and take into possession all such Assets (including access to and taking custody, control, and possession of all such Assets);

- b. to assume full control of Receivership Entity and its subsidiaries and affiliates by removing, as the receiver deems necessary or advisable, any director, officer, attorney, independent contractor, employee, or agent of Receivership Entity and its subsidiaries and affiliates, and any named Defendant or Relief Defendant, from control of, management of, or participation in, the affairs of Receivership Entity and its subsidiaries and affiliates;
- c. to have control of, and to be added as the sole authorized signatory for, all accounts of the Receivership Entity, including all accounts at any bank, title company, escrow agent, financial institution, or brokerage firm (including any futures commission merchant) that has possession, custody, or control of any Assets, or that maintains accounts over which Receivership Entity and its subsidiaries and affiliates, and/or any of their employees or agents have signatory authority;
- d. to conduct such investigation and discovery as may be necessary to locate and account for all of the assets of or managed by Receivership Entity and its subsidiaries and affiliates, and to engage and employ attorneys, accountants, and other persons to assist in such investigation and discovery;
- e. to take such action as is necessary and appropriate to preserve and take control of and to prevent the dissipation, concealment, or disposition of any Assets;
- f. to choose, engage, and employ attorneys, accountants, appraisers, and other independent contractors and technical specialists, as the receiver deems advisable or necessary in the performance of duties and responsibilities under the authority granted by this Order;
- g. to make an accounting, as soon as practicable, to this Court and the SEC of the assets and financial condition of Receivership Entity and its

subsidiaries and affiliates, and to file the accounting with the Court and deliver copies thereof to all parties;

- h. to make such payments and disbursements from the Assets taken into custody, control, and possession or thereafter received by him or her, and to incur, or authorize the making of, such agreements as may be necessary and advisable in discharging his or her duties as permanent receiver;
- i. to investigate and, where appropriate, to institute, pursue, and prosecute all claims and causes of action of whatever kind and nature that may now or hereafter exist as a result of the activities of present or past employees or agents of Receivership Entity and its subsidiaries and affiliates;
- j. to institute, compromise, adjust, appear in, intervene in, or become party to such actions or proceedings in state, federal, or foreign courts, that
 - i. the receiver deems necessary and advisable to preserve or recover any Assets, or
 - ii. the receiver deems necessary and advisable to carry out the receiver's mandate under this Order; and
- k. to have access to and monitor all mail, electronic mail, and video phone of the Receivership Entity in order to review such mail, electronic mail, and video phone that he or she deems relates to their business and the discharging of his or her duties as permanent receiver.
- 7. The Stipulating Relief Defendants, and their subsidiaries and affiliates, including the Receivership Entity, and its officers, agents, servants, employees and attorneys, and any other persons who are in custody, possession or control of any assets, collateral, books, records, papers, or other property of or managed by any of the entities in receivership, shall forthwith give access to and control of such property to the permanent receiver.
- 8. No officer, agent, servant, employee, or attorney of the Stipulating Relief Defendants shall take any action or purport to take any action, in the name of

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26 28 or on behalf of the Receivership Entity or its subsidiaries or affiliates without the written consent of the permanent receiver or order of this Court.

- 9. Except by leave of this Court, during the pendency of this receivership, all clients, investors, trust beneficiaries, note holders, creditors, claimants, lessors and all other persons or entities seeking relief of any kind, in law or in equity, from the Stipulating Relief Defendants, or their subsidiaries or affiliates, and all persons acting on behalf of any such investor, trust beneficiary, note holder, creditor, claimant, lessor, consultant group or other person, including sheriffs, marshals, servants, agents, employees and attorneys, are hereby restrained and enjoined from, directly or indirectly, with respect to these persons and entities:
 - commencing, prosecuting, continuing, or enforcing any suit or a. proceeding (other than the present action by the SEC or any other action by the government) against any of them;
 - using self-help or executing or issuing or causing the execution or b. issuance of any court attachment, subpoena, replevin, execution, or other process for the purpose of impounding or taking possession of or interfering with or creating or enforcing a lien upon any property or property interests owned by or in the possession of the Stipulating Relief Defendants; and
 - doing any act or thing whatsoever to interfere with taking control, c. possession or management by the permanent receiver appointed hereunder of the property and assets owned, controlled, or managed by or in the possession of the Stipulating Relief Defendants, or in any way to interfere with or harass the permanent receiver or her attorneys, accountants, employees, or agents or to interfere in any manner with the discharge of the permanent receiver's duties and responsibilities hereunder.
- The Stipulating Relief Defendants, and their subsidiaries and affiliates, 10. shall pay the costs, fees and expenses of the permanent receiver incurred in connection with the performance of her duties described in this Order, including the

costs and expenses of those persons who may be engaged or employed by the permanent receiver to assist him or her in carrying out her duties and obligations. All applications for costs, fees, and expenses for services rendered in connection with the receivership other than routine and necessary business expenses in conducting the receivership, such as salaries, rent, and any and all other reasonable operating expenses, shall be made by application setting forth in reasonable detail the nature of the services and shall be heard by the Court.

- 11. No bond shall be required in connection with the appointment of the permanent receiver. Except for an act of gross negligence, the permanent receiver shall not be liable for any loss or damage incurred by any of the Stipulating Relief Defendants, their officers, agents, servants, employees and attorneys or any other person, by reason of any act performed or omitted to be performed by the permanent receiver in connection with the discharge of her duties and responsibilities.
- 12. This Court shall retain jurisdiction over this action for the purpose of implementing and carrying out the terms of all orders and decrees that may be entered herein and to entertain any suitable application or motion for additional relief within the jurisdiction of this Court.
- 13. All outstanding documents and responses to discovery requests propounded by the SEC on third parties—pursuant to paragraph 12 of the TRO issued in this case (Dkt. No. 15)—be produced by the required deadlines.
- 14. Counsel for the Stipulating Relief Defendants are **EXCUSED** from attending the hearing on June 30, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 29, 2023

HONORABLE JOHN W. HOLCOMB UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE