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Plaintiff(s) (name/address/phone):		Defendant(s) (name/address/phone):	
TIARA HOLDINGS II, LLC		STEMEDICA CELL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	
		ROGER J. HOWE	
		MAYNARD A. HOWE	
		NIKOLALI, TANKOVICH	
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10	TIARA HOLDINGS II, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company,	Case No.: A - 17 - 753629 - C Dept. No.: XXVIII		
11	Plaintiff,	Dept. No.: XXVIII		
12	v.	COMPLAINT		

(Request for Business Court Assignment Pursuant to EDCR 1.61(a)(2)(ii) and (iii))

(Exempt from Arbitration - Amount in Controversy Exceeds \$50,000; Equitable Relief Requested)

**Defendants** 

STEMEDICA CELL TECHNOLOGIES,

INDIVIDUALS I-X, and ROE BUSINESS

INC., a Nevada Corporation; ROGER J.

HOWE, an individual; MAYNARD A.

HOWE, an individual; NIKOLAI I.

TANKOVICH, an individual; DOE

ENTITIES I-X,

Plaintiff Tiara Holdings II, LLC ("Tiara") hereby states as its Complaint against Defendants Stemedica Cell Technologies, Inc. ("Stemedica" and/or the "Company"), Roger J. Howe ("R. Howe"), Maynard A. Howe ("M. Howe"), and Nikolai I. Tankovich ("Tankovich") (collectively "Stemedica's Founders") as follows:

## NATURE OF THE CASE

This is an action for investor fraud, breaches of fiduciary duty, and accounting. Tiara, an investor in Stemedica, was defrauded out of millions by Stemedica's Founders. As Tiara has recently learned, Stemedica's Founders have operated a nearly ten-year investment scheme wherein they have raised over \$110 million dollars from various individual investors for the purported purpose of funding and establishing a stem cell company known as Stemedica. Instead of investing funds into developing stem cells for commercialization as they claimed, Ì

Stemedica's Founders, upon information and belief, have used these investor funds, in whole or in part, to benefit themselves and their associates through excessive compensation and lavish personal expenses and related party transactions.

2. Stemedica's Founders have concealed and perpetuated this fraud through the use of purported operating subsidiaries, which permitted them to divert millions to benefit them without raising questions or concerns from Stemedica's investors and shareholders. The full extent of Stemedica's elaborate and sophisticated investment scheme and wrongdoings is not fully known as Stemedica's Founders have kept Tiara and independent auditors in the dark over its financial records and transactions. This action seeks to hold Stemedica's Founders accountable for their actions and wrongs.

## THE PARTIES

- 3. Tiara is a limited liability corporation organized under the laws of Nevada. Tiara owns 358,334 Series B preferred shares and 71,666 shares of common stock of Stemedica. Dr. Anthony M. Marlon ("Dr. Marlon") a prominent physician and business leader in Las Vegas, holds his shares in Stemedica through Tiara. Marlon is a member of the Board of Directors of Stemedica.
- 4. Defendant Stemedica is a corporation organized under the laws of Nevada, with headquarters in San Diego, California. Stemedica's Founders claim the Company engages in the development and manufacture of stem cells for use in clinic trials both nationally and internationally.
- 5. Defendant Roger Howe is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Stemedica.
- 6. Defendant Maynard Howe is the Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Stemedica.
- Defendant Tankovich is the President/Chief Medical Officer and member of the Board of Directors of Stemedica.
- 8. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate, or otherwise of defendants herein designated as DOE INDIVIDUALS I-X and ROE BUSINESS

ENTITIES I-X are unknown to Plaintiff at this time, who therefore sues said defendants by such fictitious names. Specifically, Plaintiff is informed and believes that some of the defendants named as DOE INDIVIDUALS and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES are responsible for the acts and liability complained of and described more fully herein. Plaintiff will seek leave to amend this Complaint to allege their true names and capacities as they are ascertained.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

9. Jurisdiction and venue are proper in this Court as Stemedica is a Nevada Corporation and Stemedica's Founders are officers and directors of a Nevada Corporation. Moreover, Stemedica's Founders have directed their actions and caused harm in this forum. All Defendants have the sufficient minimum contacts with this forum and the exercise of personal jurisdiction over them would not offend the traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

## The Troubling Past of Stemedica's Founders

- 10. Stemedica was founded in 2005 by R. Howe, M. Howe, and Tankovich and incorporated in Nevada in July of 2005. Stemedica claims it is a developer and manufacturer of mesenchymal and neural stem cells for research, pre-clinical and clinical trial applications.
- 11. Stemedica's Founders are longtime business partners. As Tiara recently learned, their previous business ventures have been in companies that have made questionable scientific claims over their consumer products.
- 12. According to articles published by the Bermuda Sun, Stemedica's Founders first "struck gold with a laser invention called Fraxel" through a company known as Reliant Technologies, Inc. However, this was after Tankovich's first laser product had to be removed from the market because it did not live up to its medical claims.
- 13. Tankovich also previously served on the Board of a company known as Bio-Hydration Research, along with David Cheatham, currently described as Stemedica International's business managing director. Further, Tankovich was the CEO of an affiliated company known as Aquaphotonics. These companies came under fierce scrutiny by regulators by

making false claims regarding the health benefits of its bottled water sold under the brand name Penta.

- 14. In an article published by KPBS San Diego in September 2016, it noted that since 2012 Tankovich "has claimed to have an appointment at England's prestigious Trinity College, part of the University of Oxford." Oxford officials, however, told KPBS that Tankovich "never held an academic or any other position at Trinity College."
- 15. Stemedica's Founders also work closely with each other in a company known as BioPharma Scientific, which markets a nutritional product called NanoGreens. According to an article published by the Bermuda Sun, "NanoGreens' nutritional benefits are touted on Biopharma's website, along with a host of testimonials from satisfied customers. But a disclaimer in fine print says the product has not been evaluated by the FDA and that NanoGreens is not intended for the diagnosis, treatment or prevention of any disease."
- 16. As Tiara recently learned, Stemedica's Founders have a troubling history of making false representations to consumers who purchase their products and have transitioned into doing the same with investors and shareholders in their latest company.

## Stemedica's Organizational Structure

- 17. Stemedica is the parent company of various subsidiaries run and controlled by Stemedica's founders, including CardioCell LLC ("CardioCell"), StemCutis, LLC ("StemCutis"), Stemedica International, SA ("SIA"), StemProtein, LLC ("StemProtein"), and Stemedica Asia Pte, Ltd.("SAP") (collectively "Operating Subsidiaries"), discussed in detail below:
- a. CardioCell is a Delaware Limited Liability Company incorporated in 2013. Stemedica's founders claim that through an exclusive license with Stemedica, CardioCell is focused on exploring cardiovascular applications for Stemedica's stem cells. R. Howe is a Director and Tankovich is the Chief Medical Officer and Director on CardioCell's board. The President/CEO of CardioCell, Sergey Sikora ("Sikora"), also serves as a Director on StemProtein's Board and is a Managing Member of StemCutis.
- b. StemCutis is a Delaware Limited Liability Company incorporated in 2013. Stemedica's founders claim that through an exclusive license with Stemedica, StemCutis

- c. SIA is a corporation organized under the laws of Switzerland with a purported headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland. Stemedica's founders claim that through an exclusive license with Stemedica, SIA purportedly is focused on exploring the treatment and prevention of Alzheimer's disease and vascular dementia with Stemedica's stem cells. R. Howe serves as the President and Director, Tankovich serves as the Chairman and Director, and M. Howe serves as a Director of SIA.
- d. StemProtein is a Delaware Limited Liability Company incorporated in 2014. StemProtein is a manufacturer of preserved stem cell factors derived from Stemdica's stem cell technology. Both Tankovich and R. Howe serve as Directors on StemProtein's Board. The CEO of StemProtein, Thomas Silberg, also serves a Director on CardioCell's Board and is a Managing Member of StemCutis.
- e. SAP is a corporation under the laws of Singapore with a purported headquarters in Singapore. Stemedica's founders claim that SAP has the exclusive rights to market and represent Stemedica in the Asia Pacific region. R. Howe, M. Howe, and Tankovich all serve as Directors and Senior Partners of SAP.
- 18. Upon information and belief, the Operating Subsidiaries are ultimately controlled by Stemedica's Founders and these Operating Subsidiaries have served as vehicle for Stemedica's Founders to conceal and perpetuate the defrauding of Stemedica's investors.

# Stemedica's Founders Raise Millions by Misleading Investors

- 19. Stemedica has raised more than a hundred million dollars from investors by selling securities. Upon information and belief, none of the securities have been registered under any state or federal securities law.
- 20. To initially fund the company, Stemedica entered into agreements with investors who purchased 9,000,000 shares from July 2005 to June 2008 of Series A Preferred Stock. Through this initial funding, Stemedica raised approximately \$15 million from investors.

- 21. From Stemedica's inception and initial funding, Stemedica's Founders developed a pattern of self-dealing and use of investor funds for their personal gain. During Stemedica's first years of operation it accumulated significant net losses. Stemedica's Founders represented to current and potential investors that the funds it received from selling securities were being used to commercialize its stem cell technology. At the same time, and upon information and belief, Stemedica's Founders neglected to inform its current and potential investors that these funds ultimately ended up in the bank account of entities and individuals controlled by Stemedica's Founders.
- 22. As a result, Stemedica's initial funding quickly evaporated, and Stemedica's Founders were forced to seek out new investors to fund their purported operations. Beginning in 2007, Stemedica sought out additional investors for a second round of financing. This round of financing would close on April 2014, with Stemedica raising nearly \$70 million by entering into agreements with investors for Series B Preferred Stock and common stock.
- 23. In September of 2008, Bob Sabes, a significant investor in Stemedica and personal friend of Stemedica's Founders, contacted Dr. Marlon about the Company. Mr. Sabes provided Marlon with a shareholder update sent from Stemedica's Founders to current shareholders on September 25, 2008.
- 24. In this update, Stemedica's Founders touted the recent advances and progress of Stemedica. It was represented that Stemedica's San Diego Laboratory was on the cusp of being FDA certified as cGMP-complaint. Stemedica's Founders further represented that obtaining cGMP-approval "will help mitigate most of the challenges the company currently faces," in that it will "create positive cash flow from [Stemedica's] contract manufacturing organization."
- 25. A short time after receiving this information, Dr. Marlon was provided additional information by M. Howe regarding a potential investment in Stemedica. M. Howe provided information about Stemedica's business model, prospects, and future investment opportunities. M. Howe represented that Dr. Marlon's investment would be used to fund Stemedica's business operations in commercializing its stem cell technology.

- 26. Subsequent to these representations, Dr. Marlon was provided various offering documents, including a form Unit Subscription Agreement and a Private Placement Memorandum.
- 27. Based upon these representations, Dr. Marlon through Tiara executed the Unit Subscription Agreement on November 18, 2008. The Unit Subscription Agreement called for a monetary investment of approximately \$1,400,000. In return, Marlon received 233,334 Series B Preferred Shares and 46,666 shares in Stemedica.
- 28. After making this initial investment, Stemedica continued to experience significant net losses, and as of June 2009, Stemedica had accumulated a deficiency of nearly \$40.4 million. Stemedica's Founders represented that such losses were the result of Stemedica's substantial investment into research and development needed to commercialize their stem cell products. In reality, these representations were false and, upon information and belief, a vast majority of investor funds were being used to benefit Stemedica's Founders personally.
- 29. Despite the significant net losses, Stemedica's Founders made repeated representations that Stemedica was in negotiations with various international companies that would result in successful business partnerships for Stemedica and its investors.
- 30. In 2009, M. Howe approached Dr. Marlon about joining Stemedica's Board of Directors. Dr. Marlon, believing he might be able to provide some guidance to Stemedica as a Director due to his past experience as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of a publically-traded corporation, agreed to M. Howe nominating him as Director on Stemedica's Board.
- 31. On November 20, 2009, Stemedica's Board unanimously appointed Dr. Marlon as a member of Stemedica's Board of Directors. In a subsequent press release, R. Howe claimed that Stemedica was "fortunate to have someone of Dr. Marlon's experience, expertise and stature joining our Board. He brings first hand experience to our Board as a physician and as a prominent business leader within the health care industry for the past thirty seven years."

- 32. Shortly after joining Stemedica's Board in or around December of 2009, Dr. Marlon was once again approached about investing additional funds into Stemedica. M. Howe represented that Stemedica needed additional financing to fund its developmental efforts.
- 33. In January of 2010, Dr. Marlon once again was provided with various offering documents, including a form Unit Subscription Agreement and a Private Placement Memorandum. After further discussions and reassurances from M. Howe concerning his investment, Dr. Marlon through Tiara executed a second Unit Subscription Agreement on January 11, 2010. The Unit Subscription Agreement called for a monetary investment of approximately \$750,000. In return, Dr. Marlon received 125,000 Series B Preferred Shares and 25,000 common stock shares in Stemedica.

#### Stemedica's Founders Continue to Misuse Investor Funds

- 34. Stemedica has not conducted an independent audit of its financial statements since December 31, 2011. Around the first quarter of 2014, Stemedica's Audit Committee began discussions about retaining an independent auditor to conduct an audit of its financial records for fiscal year of 2012 and 2013.
- 35. During the audit process, Stemedica's outside auditors informed the Audit Committee and R. Howe that it uncovered potential violations of the Security Exchange Act by Stemedica during the sale of the stock to investors. Specifically, Stemedica had a practice of paying "finder fees" to unlicensed brokers. Stemedica was advised that this practice could result in shareholders seeking rescission of their investment, resulting in significant liability for the Company. Stemedica's Founders failed to disclose this information to its investors as disclosure would jeopardize their continued ability to defraud past and future investors out of millions.
- 36. Further, during this audit process, Stemedica's outside auditors also advised that the relationship between Stemedica and the Operating Subsidiaries was unusual and created concerns over the lack of financial transparency. Realizing further scrutiny over the financial transparency between Stemedica and the Operating Subsidiaries would raise more questions from investors, Stemedica's Founders, upon information and belief, avoided paying the outside auditor's invoices, resulting in the audit process coming to a halt towards the end of 2015. To

date, Stemedica has not resumed an outside audit of its financials. If audited, Stemedica's Founders know their misrepresentations and misuse of investor funds will be exposed.

- 37. Between 2013 and 2016, the Operating Subsidiaries, for the most part, generated no revenue on their own. Yet, the Operating Subsidiaries incurred millions in "expenses." For example, between this time, the Operating Subsidiaries reported approximately \$17 million in purported expenses for personnel, professional fees, general and administrative expenses, and travel and entertainment. Upon information and belief, these purported expenses were not for any legitimate business purposes and/or were related-party transactions meant to benefit Stemedica's Founders. Essentially, Stemedica's Founders funneled investor funds, including Tiara's funds, from Stemedica to these Operating Subsidiaries for their own personal gain and benefit, including lavish personal expenses and salaries, to the significant detriment of Tiara and most likely other investors.
- 38. During the same period of time, and upon information and belief, Stemedica's Founders also established a pattern of purportedly "loaning" money to the Company. For example, between 2013 and 2016, Stemedica's notes payable ballooned from approximately \$1.6 million to \$12.4 million, along with interest payable increasing from approximately \$92,000 to nearly \$3.4 million. Based upon information and belief, these related-party loans were not disclosed to other members of the Board nor reported to Stemedica's shareholders. Instead, Stemedica's Founders secretly used these related-party loans with above-market rates for the sole purpose of benefitting themselves by using new investor funds to pay the interest and principal of these loans.

# Concerns Grow over the Continued Self-Dealing and Shareholder Dilution and Stemedica Fails to Act

39. Around the same time, Dr. Marlon began expressing growing concerns to Stemedica's Board regarding the excessive compensation being paid to Stemedica's executives, including Stemedica's Founders, and the continued dilution of current shareholder equity through the issuance of excessive options and grants. For example, between 2010 and 2011,

Stemedica's Founders awarded themselves nearly \$1.35 million in cash bonuses at a time when the Company experienced a net loss of nearly \$17 million.

- 40. During the August 2015 Compensation Committee meeting, R. Howe proposed increasing his already excessive compensation along with the other Stemedica Founders' compensation based upon an outdated valuation of the Company that assumed an investment by a foreign government in excess of \$270 million that never occurred. The same issue was raised again by R. Howe at the August 25, 2016 Compensation Committee meeting. Dr. Marlon strongly opposed R. Howe's proposal to raise compensation. At the time, Stemedica was experiencing significant net losses and the purported investment still had not been received.
- 41. After Dr. Marlon expressed his growing concern over the Stemedica Founders' suspicious activity, including signs of potential self-dealing and shareholder dilution, Stemedica agreed to purchase the shares held by Tiara in return for Dr. Marlon's \$2 million investment, and Dr. Marlon's resignation from the Board upon receipt of this payment. The only qualifier to this agreement was that payment would not be made for ninety-days.
- 42. Prior to the commencement of the August 25, 2016 Board meeting, Dr. Marlon sent an email to Stemedica's Board memorializing the agreement reached at the Compensation Committee meeting to repurchase the shares. This agreement was ratified and approved by the Board at the August 25, 2016 Board meeting.
- 43. Despite this agreement, R. Howe subsequently sent correspondence to Dr. Marlon in November of 2016, refusing to honor the agreement.
- 44. In response, Dr. Marlon requested certain financial statements and other documents from Stemedica. Stemedica's Founders have provided a limited number of documents, but have refused to provide access to critical records and documents.
- 45. Since November 2016, R. Howe made an urgent request to Stemedica's current investors for immediate financing. In this request, Stemedica represented that it is currently negotiating with four potential investors, but needed additional bridge financing until one of these purported deals could be completed. Few details were provided. Upon information and belief, these representations and claims of possible investors are false or grossly exaggerated. Rather, the

purpose of this letter was to obtain additional funds from Stemedica's investor to continue their operations and defrauding of past and future investors.

46. The actions detailed above are only the tip of the iceberg. The full extent of Stemedica's Founders' wrongdoing remains unknown because Tiara and auditors alike have been kept in the dark.

### FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

## (Breach of Contract - Against Stemedica)

- 47. Tiara repeats and realleges the allegations set forth above as though fully set forth herein.
- 48. Tiara and Stemedica entered into a valid and existing contract, wherein Stemedica agreed to repurchase its shares held in Stemedica in return for its \$2 million investment, and Marlon's resignation from the Board upon receipt of this payment. The only condition to this agreement was that payment would not be made for ninety days.
- 49. At all times relevant hereto, Tiara fulfilled its obligation under the agreement or was otherwise excused from performance under the same.
- 50. Stemedica materially breached this agreement by failing and refusing to pay the \$2 million dollars after the ninety-day period had passed.
- 51. As a direct and proximate result of the acts and omission of Stemedica, Tiara has suffered and will continue to suffer direct, incidental, and consequential damages in an amount to be proven at trial, but in any event in excess of \$15,000, plus prejudgment interest.
- 52. As a result of the acts and omissions of Stemedica, Tiara has been compelled to hire the services of an attorney to protect its interests and is entitled to a reimbursement of its attorneys' fees and costs incurred in the prosecution of this action.

### **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

# (Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing - Against Stemedica)

53. Tiara repeats and realleges the allegations set forth above as though fully set forth herein.

- 54. Implied in every agreement under Nevada law is the obligation of good faith and fair dealing.
- 55. Stemedica breached its duty of good faith and fair dealing by either falsely representing that Stemedica's current financial condition prohibits the purchase of Tiara's shares or manipulating Stemedica's financial records to avoid having to pay the \$2 million dollars for Tiara's shares within ninety days as agreed upon by the parties. Stemedica's actions were unfaithful to the purpose and intent of the Agreement.
- 56. As a direct and proximate result of the acts and omission of Stemedica, Tiara has suffered and will continue to suffer direct, incidental, and consequential damages in an amount to be proven at trial, but in any event in excess of \$15,000, plus prejudgment interest.
- 32. As a result of the acts and omissions of Stemedica, Tiara has been compelled to hire the services of an attorney to protect its interests and is entitled to a reimbursement of its attorneys' fees and costs incurred in the prosecution of this action.

#### THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

### (Fraud – Against All Defendants)

- 57. Tiara repeats and realleges the allegations set forth above as though fully set forth herein.
- 58. In order to induce Tiara into the Subscription Agreements, Stemedica's Founders made material misrepresentations and Defendants knew they were false. Specifically, Defendants falsely represented, among other things, that Tiara's funds would be used to fund Stemedica's commercialization of stem cells, not to fund Stemedica Founders' own personal interests. Defendants made these representations with the intent to induce Tiara to enter into the Subscription Agreements.
- 59. Defendants continued to conceal these misrepresentations through a pattern of further material misrepresentations that investor funds were being used for business development, when in actuality Stemedica's Founders were down-streaming these funds to benefit themselves through a sophisticated organizational structure of Operating Subsidiaries.

- 60. Tiara justifiably relied upon these repeated misrepresentations as it had no way of knowing about Defendants' fraudulent scheme.
- 61. As a result of the fraudulent inducement as alleged herein, the Subscription Agreements are void, should be rescinded, and Tiara's initial investments be restored and returned to Tiara.
- 62. Additionally, and as a direct and proximate result of the acts and omissions of Defendants, Tiara has suffered and will continue to suffer direct, incidental and consequential damages in an amount to be proven at trial, but in any event in excess of \$15,000, plus prejudgment interest.
- 63. In committing the acts herein above alleged, Defendants are guilty of oppression, fraud, and malice. Therefore, in addition to general damages, Tiara is entitled to recover punitive damages for the purpose of deterring them and others similarly situated from engaging in like conduct in the future.
- 64. As a result of the acts and omissions of Defendants, Tiara has been compelled to hire the services of an attorney for the protection of its interests and is entitled to a reimbursement of its attorneys' fees and costs incurred in the prosecution of this action.

### FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

### (Breach of Fiduciary Duty – Against Stemedica's Founders)

- 65. Tiara repeats and realleges the allegations set forth above as though fully set forth herein.
- 66. By reason of their positions, Tiara had a right to reasonably trust and have confidence in Stemedica's Founders that they would exercise the utmost good faith, care, loyalty, candor, and honesty in connection with their dealings with Tiara as an investor. Stemedica's Founders were required to act in furtherance of the best interest of Tiara as an investor not in furtherance of their personal interests or benefit. In this regard, Stemedica's Founders were required to make a full and complete disclosure of all material facts and to conceal nothing.

- 67. Despite these obligations, Stemedica's Founders violated their fiduciary duties by engaging in a chronic and systematic pattern of self-dealing, fraud, misappropriation of assets and business opportunities to enhance their personal and financial positions. Such violations include, but are not limited to, the improper use of Tiara's investment funds while actively concealing it from Tiara and similarly situated investors, failing to have an independent audit of Stemedica's financial records despite the clear lack of financial transparency between Stemedica and the Operating Subsidiaries, entering into various related-party transactions that benefitted Stemedica's Founders to the significant detriment of Tiara and other investors, and willfully suppressing and/or misrepresenting known material financial information.
- 68. As a direct and proximate cause of Stemedica's Founders' acts and omissions, Tiara has suffered and will continue to suffer direct, incidental, and consequential damages in an amount to be proven at trial, but in any event in excess of \$15,000, plus prejudgment interest.
- 69. As a result of the acts and omissions of Stemedica's Founder, Tiara has been compelled to hire the services of an attorney for the protection of its interests and is entitled to a reimbursement of its attorneys' fees and costs incurred in the prosecution of this action.

#### FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

### (Unjust Enrichment – Against Stemedica's Founders)

- 70. Tiara repeats and realleges the allegations set forth above as though fully set forth herein.
- 71. By their actions alleged herein, Stemedica's Founders received certain valuable rights and benefits to which they were not entitled.
- 72. Stemedica's Founders' enrichment is directly and casually related to Tiara's decline and detriment. Ultimately, Stemedica's Founders personally profited and benefitted by engaging in the wrongful conduct set forth above against the fundamental principles of justice, equity, and good conscience.
- 73. As a direct and proximate cause of Stemedica's Founders' acts and omissions, Tiara has suffered and will continue to suffer direct, incidental, and consequential damages in an amount to be proven at trial, but in any event in excess of \$15,000, plus prejudgment interest.

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#### SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

## (Accounting – Against Stemedica)

- 75. Tiara repeats and realleges the allegations set forth above as though fully set forth herein.
- As a result of Stemedica's Founders' concealment of their wrongful activities, Tiara 76. is unable, without a detailed accounting, to verify the full extent of the fraud and misappropriation of assets and business opportunities by Stemedica's Founders.
- Tiara is entitled to an accounting of Stemedica's financial records and transactions 77. including all assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses for the period in question to be able to ascertain all monies, assets, or other benefits Stemedica's Founders have obtained through their wrongful and unlawful conduct.
- As a result of the acts and omissions of Defendants, Tiara has been compelled to **78.** hire the services of an attorney for the protection of its interests and is entitled to a reimbursement of its attorneys' fees and costs incurred in the prosecution of this action.

WHEREFORE, Tiara prays for judgment as follows:

- For a full and complete accounting, of Stemedica's financial records and 1. transactions during the relevant period;
- For recession of the Subscription Agreements and return of Tiara's initial 2. investment;
- Alternatively, for direct, incidental and consequential damages against Stemedica 3. in an amount to be proven at trial but, in any event, in excess of \$15,000.00;
- For recoupment, disgorgement, or other return of the funds Tiara invested that 4. were wrongfully diverted by Stemedica's Founders;
- For any and all other equitable relief as this Court deems just and proper on the 5. evidence presented at trial;

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- For punitive damages in the full measure provided by law; 6.
- 7. For an award of reasonable costs and attorneys' fees as provided by law;
- 8. For prejudgment and post-judgment interest on the foregoing sums at the highest rater permitted by law; and
- 9, Any additional relief this Court deems just and proper on the evidence presented are trial.

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