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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

In re:

EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION RESOURCES, INC.

Chapter 11 Case No. 09-39937

Debtor.

Hon. John H. Squires

## AFFIDAVIT OF WILLIAM A. BRANDT, JR. PURSUANT TO BANKRUPTCY RULE 2014(a) AND IN SUPPORT OF DEBTOR' APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF INTERIM ORDER AUTHORIZING RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF DSI FINANCIAL <u>CONSULTING, LLC AS FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO THE DEBTOR</u>

William A. Brandt, Jr., being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the President of Development Specialists, Inc. ("DSI") located at Three First National Plaza, 70 West Madison Street, Suite 2300, Chicago, IL 60602.

2. I respectfully submit this Affidavit in connection with the application of the above captioned debtor and debtor in possession (the "Debtor") to retain and employ DSI as its financial advisor in the above captioned case (the "Bankruptcy Case").

3. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein. If called upon to testify, I could testify competently to the facts contained herein.

4. I am not related, and, to the best of my knowledge, no other professional employed by DSI is related to any judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court of the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division.

5. To the best of my knowledge, neither I, DSI, nor any of its employees hold or represent an interest adverse to the Debtor within the meaning of Bankruptcy Code § 327(a).

6. To the best of my knowledge, I, DSI, and all of its employees are disinterested as that term is defined in Bankruptcy Code § 101(14) and used in § 327(a).

7. To the best of my knowledge, neither I, DSI, nor any of its employees have any connection to the Debtor's creditors, the United States Trustee, any person employed in the office of the United States Trustee, or any other party in interest or its respective attorneys or accountants, within the meaning of Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2014(a), except for the following:

- (a) DSI has worked with Debtor's counsel on prior occasions assisting other Debtor and other companies, unrelated to the Debtor, as financial advisor and other financial capacities.
- (b) I, William A. Brandt, Jr., was elected as the Chief Restructuring Officer and sole member of the Debtor's board of directors on October 8, 2009; I have worked as the Chief Restructuring Officer and been the sole member of the Debtor's board of directors since that time.
- (c) DSI has, in the past, provided financial advisory services to National City Bank and Fifth Third Bank and presently provides financial advisory services to Fifth Third Bank on an unrelated matter.
- (d) DSI appears in cases, proceedings and transactions involving many different attorneys, accountants, financial consultants and investment bankers, some of which now, or may in the future, represent claimants or parties of interest in this case. Should any such issues arise in the future, or should DSI discover additional information regarding such relationships, DSI will promptly make a proper disclosure of same to the Court.

8. To the extent that any such other connection to the Debtor's creditors, the United States Trustee, any person employed in the office of the United States Trustee, or any other party in interest or its respective attorneys or accountants, in addition to the connections listed in Paragraph 7 above, is discovered during the pendency of this case, I will amend this Affidavit to disclose same to the Court.

- 9. DSI intends to provide the following services to the Debtor:
  - a. Evaluating the business operations of the Debtor;
  - b. Counseling the Debtor with respect to the administration of the bankruptcy estate;
  - c. Investigating the acts, conduct, assets, liabilities, and financial condition of the Debtor, the operation of the Debtor's business, and any other matters relevant to the case or to the formulation of a plan of reorganization;
  - d. Assisting, as necessary, in the preparation of motions, answers, orders, reports, and other legal papers in connection with the administration of the bankruptcy estate;
  - e. Assisting the Debtor in fulfilling its duties set forth in 11 U.S.C §1106; and

f. Performing such other financial advisory services as may be necessary and appropriate for the efficient and economical administration of the case.

10. DSI will be compensated for my work as Chief Restructuring Officer; I will not be separately compensated by the Debtor for my work as its Chief Restructuring Officer.

11. DSI has advised the Debtor that the current hourly rates applicable to the principal employees proposed to service the Debtor's interests are as follows:

Senior Consultants:	\$425 to \$595/hour
Consultants:	\$250 to \$420/hour
Junior Consultants:	\$120 to \$245/hour

12. My hourly rate for 2009 is \$595/hour. DSI's hourly billing rates are subject to periodic adjustments to reflect economic and other conditions. These rates are set at a level designed to fairly compensate DSI for the work of its professionals and to cover fixed and routine overhead expenses. It is anticipated that I will lead DSI's financial advisory team.

13. On October 9, 2009, DSI received a retainer in the amount of \$100,000. While a final accounting has not yet been performed, it is estimated that little, if any, of this retainer remains as of the filing of the bankruptcy petition

14. Other than as set forth herein, there is no proposed arrangement to compensate DSI. DSI has not shared, nor agreed to share (a) any compensation it has received or may receive with any other party or person, other than with the professionals of DSI, or (b) any compensation another person or party has received or may receive.

15. By reason of the foregoing, I believe DSI is eligible for employment and retention by the Debtor as its financial advisor pursuant to section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and the applicable Bankruptcy Rules.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Executed on this <u>23RI</u> day of October, 2009. William A. Brandt, Jr.

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this And day of October, 2009

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