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NEW YORK STATE SUPREME COURT  
NEW YORK COUNTY : CIVIL TERM : PART 3

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SURF HORIZON LIMITED,

Plaintiff,

-against- Index No. 650130/2018

PAUL J. MANAFORT, JR. And RICHARD W. GATES, III,

Defendants,

and

PERICLES EMERGING MARKET PARTNERS, L.P.,

Nominal Defendant.  
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New York Supreme Court  
60 Centre Street  
New York, New York 10007  
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THE COURT: Okay. Please set up on Surf Horizon. Surf Horizon Limited, I have from the Bryan Cave LLP firm James Altman.

MR. ALTMAN: Yes.

THE COURT: For Paul J. Manafort, Jr. and Richard W. Gates, III I have from Schlam, Stone and Dolan LLP firm Elizabeth Wolstein.

MS. WOLSTEIN: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: How are you. This is a motion by the defendants to withdraw as counsel for one of the two defendants, right? Which one?

MS. WOLSTEIN: Mr. Gates, your Honor.

THE COURT: Mr. Gates. And apparently for some reason was expected that somebody would show up, Mr. Gates himself, I assume, and I was going to grant the relief. I don't do that. It's Judge Sherwood's case. He has a right -- This is motion sequence number two. I don't know what's happened before. Anyway, he has a right to control his own case.

So, what I'm going to do is I'll put it on for the earliest opportunity. I hope it's a good time. It's Monday, March 12th at 10:00 a.m. in room 252. And as for the requested stay, the stay is until Monday, March 12th, 2018 when Judge Sherwood can hear the parties and determine -- determine the

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motion.

So, in terms of service of the copies of the papers, have you -- have you -- first place, has Mr. Gates been properly served so that he is a member of this -- of this case?

MR. ALTMAN: Yes, he has been served by the plaintiff the complaint.

THE COURT: Okay. So if you wish to e-mail. You can do whatever you want. Are you accepting service in court today?

MS. WOLSTEIN: Yes. I'll accept. What I would suggest is that --

THE COURT: You have to stand when you're talking in court.

MS. WOLSTEIN: Yes. I suggest we e-mail him the papers. That's the most effective way of providing notice.

THE COURT: All right. You'll do that on or before today. Today is March 7th. So, do that, so that gives him plenty of time, by 5:00 p.m., okay.

MS. WOLSTEIN: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: Answering papers, that will be determined by Judge Sherwood, if he's in any need, okay. All right. I did put down that you have oral argument at the time you see Judge Sherwood. So,

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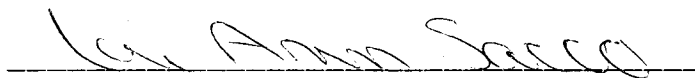
please appear. And if you think Mr. Gates should be there, I have no idea how -- how Judge Sherwood does these things. Maybe you do. So, you have it. So it will be e-filed and we'll upload it today. Make sure I get a copy of the minutes. I haven't said anything, but make sure Judge Sherwood knows I haven't said anything so he could be fully familiar. You'll have to do it expedited in order to get it to him by Monday. Okay. All right. Thank you very much. Good luck. Get home safe --

MS. WOLSTEIN: Thank you, your Honor.

THE COURT: -- now since it is snowing.

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