### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement (the "Agreement") is made by and between GRACE & NAEEM UDDIN, INC ("GNU") and THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, a subdivision of the State of Florida, ("SCHOOL BOARD") (also collectively referred to as the "Parties"), on the last date of signature stated below.

#### Recitals

**WHEREAS**, this Agreement arises from resolution of claims made by GNU relating to the supply and installation of stadium seating at Dillard High School; and

WHEREAS, GNU contended that the SCHOOL BOARD accessed its Construction Services Minor Contract ("Open End Agreement") under which the School Board agreed to pay GNU \$675,921, for the supply and installation of stadium seating at Dillard High School and that the School Board was estopped to deny the existence of a contract between the Parties for the supply and installation of such stadium seating; and

WHEREAS, the SCHOOL BOARD denied the existence of any contract between the Parties that obligated the SCHOOL BOARD to pay GNU any amount for the supply and installation of stadium seating at Dillard High School; and

WHEREAS, GNU filed a lawsuit against Clyde Phil Vanderhider, Jr., Seating Construction USA, Inc., d/b/a Seating Constructors USA, Inc., Wachovia Bank, N.A., in the case styled *Grace & Naeem Uddin, Inc. v. Clyde Phil Vanderhider, Jr., Seating Construction USA, Inc., d/b/a Seating Constructors USA, Inc., Wachovia Bank, N.A., Case No. 08-054605*, in the Circuit Court for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida (the "Litigation"), seeking reimbursement for what GNU deemed to be the contract funds on the stadium seating project paid by the School Board to Seating Constructors USA, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, GNU added the School Board as a party to the Litigation by its motion to add party served on July 1, 2009 and by its Fourth Amended Complaint served September 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the SCHOOL BOARD has denied liability and continues to deny liability for the payment of any funds to GNU for the supply and installation of stadium seating at Dillard High School; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have now agreed to resolve and settle any and all claims asserted by GNU in the Litigation against the School Board;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Incorporation</u>: The foregoing recitals are true and correct and that such recitals are incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. <u>Settlement Payment</u>: The SCHOOL BOARD shall pay to GNU a total sum of One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand dollars (\$175,000), in full settlement of all claims asserted by GNU in the Litigation against the School Board, within thirty (30) days of approval and execution of this Agreement by the SCHOOL BOARD, as full and final payment of all claims made by GNU in the Litigation against the School Board and in final resolution and settlement of the Litigation as to the Parties. Within three (3) days of receipt of the settlement sums of One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand dollars (\$175,000) from the School Board, GNU shall file the Joint Stipulation for Entry of Order of Dismissal with Prejudice of the Litigation against the School Board and provide the form of Order of Dismissal with Prejudice to the Court for entry. (A true and correct copy of the Joint Stipulation for Entry of Order of Dismissal and form of Order of Dismissal with Prejudice are attached hereto as Comp. Exhibit "A").
- 3. <u>General Release</u>: Upon payment of the settlement amount of One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand dollars to GNU, the Parties shall exchange mutual releases releasing those claims related to the Project. (True and correct copies of the Releases are attached hereto as Comp. Exhibit "B"). These releases shall in no way affect such other claims or rights as the Parties may have against the other on other projects or arising under other contracts or bonds.

- 5. <u>Attorneys' Fees and Costs</u>: GNU and The SCHOOL BOARD agree to each bear their own attorneys' fees and costs associated with the Litigation and this Agreement.
- 6. <u>Authority</u>: Each person signing this Agreement warrants that he or she has full legal power to execute this Agreement on behalf of the party for whom he or she is signing, and to bind and obligate such party with respect to all provisions contained in this Agreement.
- 7. <u>Self Reliance</u>: In making this Agreement, the Parties have relied wholly upon their own judgment, belief, and knowledge of the nature, extent and duration of the claims and that no representation or statement regarding the claims or regarding any other matters made by any person has influenced the Parties to any extent whatsoever in making this Agreement.
- 8. <u>Entire Agreement</u>: This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Parties, and the terms of the Agreement are contractual and not a mere recital. The Parties agree that this Agreement may not be modified or changed, except by a writing signed by a duly authorized representative of each one of the Parties.
- 9. <u>Amendments, etc</u>: No amendment, modification, termination or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or consent to any departure from the terms hereof, shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by all Parties.
- 10. <u>Counterparts</u>: This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be a duplicate original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument; any of the Parties hereto may execute this Agreement by signing any such counterpart or counterparts. Facsimile copies shall be deemed originals for all purposes, including enforcement.
- 11. <u>Construction of Documents</u>: This Agreement shall be deemed to have been prepared and negotiated through the efforts of all Parties; consequently, this Agreement shall not be construed more strictly against one Party, than against the other Party.
- 12. <u>Governing Law</u>: This Agreement shall be construed in all respects in accordance with, and governed by the laws (procedural and substantive) of the State of Florida.

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13. <u>Headings</u>: The headings in this Agreement are intended to be for convenience of reference only, and shall not define or limit the scope, extent or intent or otherwise affect the meaning of any portion hereof.

14. <u>Jurisdiction:</u> The Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

IN WITNESS HERETO, the Parties have made and executed this Agreement on the dates stated below.

#### FOR GRACE & NAEEM UDDIN, INC.

(Corporate Seal)	GRACE & NAEEM UDDIN, INC.
ATTEST	Printed Name: Naeem Uddin
	Printed Title: Vice President

Juan Pinzon

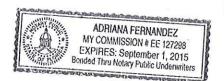
Printed Name

STATE OF Florida

COUNTY OF Broward

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this <a href="mailto:12th">12th</a> day of <a href="mailto:February">February</a>, 2014 by <a href="mailto:NAEEM">NAEEM</a> UDDIN, INC. He/she is personally known to me or has produced <a href="mailto:Driving License">Driving License</a> as identification and did/did not take an oath.

My Commission Expires:



Signature-Notary Public

Adriana Fernandez

Printed Name of Notary

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Notary's Commission No.

### FOR SCHOOL BROWARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

(Corporate Seal)	THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
ATTEST:	Patricia Good, Chair
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools	
Approved as to Form and Legal Content  Office of the General Counsel	Cadire Counsel for the School Board  . F. Malcolm Cunningham, Jr./, Esquire
STATE OF FLORIDA	
COUNTY OF BROWARD	
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged Patricia Good, Chair of THE SCHOOL BOARD C personally known to me or has produceddid/did not take an oath.	OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA. He/she is
My Commission Expires:	
	Signature-Notary Public
	Printed Name of Notary
	Notary's Commission No.

# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

GRACE & NAEEM UDDIN, INC.,		)
a Florida corporation,	)	,
Plaintiff,	)	Case No. 08-054605 CA 05
V.	)	
	)	
CLYDE PHIL VANDERHIDER, JR.;	)	
SEATING CONSTRUCTION USA, INC.,	)	
d/b/a SEATING CONSTRUCTORS USA,	)	
INC.; and THE SCHOOL BOARD OF	)	
BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA,	)	
Defendants. )	•	
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### JOINT STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF ORDER OF DISMISSAL

Plaintiff, **GRACE & NAEEM UDDIN, INC.** ("GNU"), and Defendant School Board of Broward County, Florida ("School Board") by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby stipulate to the entry of an order of dismissal of the School Board as a party in this action with prejudice, with each party to bear its own attorneys' fees and costs.

Elder & Lewis, P.A. Counsel for GNU 1500 San Remo Avenue, #214 Miami, FL 33146 (305) 667-4774 THE CUNNINGHAM LAW FIRM, P.A. Counsel for the School Board 400 Australian Avenue South, #700 West Palm Beach, FL 33401 (561) 833- 6400

Ву:	By:
David R. Elder, Esq.	F. Malcolm Cunningham, Jr., Esq.
Florida Bar No.: 272442	Florida Bar No.: 307076

### **Certificate of Service**

I HEREBY certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing motion has been served by E-mail only to David R. Elder, Esq.; Elder & Lewis, P.A.;1500 San Remo Avenue, Suite 214, Coral Gables, FL 33146 (delder@elderlewis.com and mcorozco@elderlewis.com); and Thomas C. Cooney, Esq., Co-Counsel, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, Wright Administration Building, 600 S.E. 3rd Avenue,

11th Floor, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301 (thomas.cooney@browardschools.com) on this \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2014.

Attorney

# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

GRACE & NAEEM UDDIN, INC.,	,	)
a Florida corporation,	)	Case No. 08-054605 CA 05
Plaintiff,	)	Case No. 06-054605 CA 05
V.	)	
CLYDE PHIL VANDERHIDER, JR.,	)	
SEATING CONSTRUCTION USA, INC.	)	
d/b/a SEATING CONSTRUCTORS USA,	)	
INC. and THE SCHOOL BOARD OF	)	
BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
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### ORDER OF DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE

THIS MATTER having come before the Court on the agreement of Grace & Naeem Uddin, Inc. ("GNU"), to voluntarily dismiss its action with prejudice against The School Board of Broward County, Florida and on the stipulation of GNU and the School Board for each to bear their own costs and attorney's fees, the Court having reviewed the agreement and stipulation and being otherwise advised in the premises, it is hereby

**ORDERED** and **ADJUDGED** that the action by GNU against the School Board is **DISMISSED** with prejudice, with each party to bear its own costs and attorney's fees.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2014.

Thomas M. Lynch, IV, Circuit Judge

Conformed copies to:

F. Malcolm Cunningham, Jr., Esq., Cunningham Law Firm, 400 Australian Ave. South, #700, West Palm Beach, FL <u>33401;fmcunni@cunninghamlaw.com,afischer@cunninghamlaw.com,</u> lwilson@cunninghamlaw.com

David R. Elder, Esq., Elder & Lewis, P.A., Bayview Executive Plaza, # 301, 3225 Aviation Ave., Coconut Grove, FL 33133; delder@elderlewis.com, dwilliams@elderlewis.com, mcorozco@elderlewis.com Seating Construction USA, Inc. d/b/a Seating Constructors, USA, Inc., 2348 Circuit Way, Brooksville, FL 34604

# GENERAL RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS FOR STADIUM SEATING AT DILLARD HIGH SCHOOL, BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that GRACE & NAEEM UDDIN. INC. ("GNU"), for and in consideration of the sum of TEN (\$10.00) Dollars and for other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, hereby remises, releases, acquits, satisfies and forever discharges The School Board of Broward County, Florida and their respective successors, assigns, corporate affiliates, subsidiaries, parent corporations, Board members, officers, shareholders, employees, agents, partners, representatives, attorneys, and personal representatives, of and from any and all actions, causes of action, suits, claims, debts, dues, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, specialties, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, damages, judgments, executions, and demands whatsoever, in law or in equity, which GNU, its successors, assigns, employees, agents, representatives, attorneys and personal representatives had or now have or which may hereafter accrue, for, upon or by reason of any matter, cause or thing whatsoever, from the beginning of the world to the day of these presents, RELATING TO all matters, actions, causes of action, claims, and damages arising out of, raised in, that could have been raised in, concerning, referring or relating to litigation styled: Grace & Naeem Uddin, Inc. v. The School Board of Broward County, Florida, Case No. 08-054605 CA 05, Circuit Court for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida.

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#### GRACE & NAEEM UDDIN, INC.

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	Print name:		
	Title:		
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The foregoing instrumer, 2014, by NAEEM UDDIN, INC., who is p as identification and who took	nt was sworn to personally know an oath.	o and subscribed before me this do , as of GRAC wn to me or who has produced	ay of E &
		NOTARY PUBLIC	
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My Commission Expires: (SEAL)

## GENERAL RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS FOR STADIUM SEATING AT DILLARD HIGH SCHOOL, BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA (the "SCHOOL BOARD"), for and in consideration of the sum of TEN (\$10.00) Dollars and for other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, hereby remises, releases, acquits, satisfies and forever discharges GRACE & NAEEM UDDIN, INC. ("GNU") and its respective successors, assigns, corporate affiliates, subsidiaries, parent corporations, Board members, officers, shareholders, employees, agents, partners, representatives, attorneys and personal representatives, of and from any and all actions, causes of action, suits, claims, debts, dues, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, specialties, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, damages, judgments, executions, and demands whatsoever, in law or in equity, which the SCHOOL BOARD, its successors, assigns, employees, agents, representatives, attorneys and personal representatives had or now have or which may hereafter accrue, for, upon or by reason of any matter, cause or thing whatsoever, from the beginning of the world to the day of these presents, RELATING TO all matters, actions, causes of action, claims and damages arising out of, raised in, that could have been raised in, concerning, referring or relating to that certain litigation Styled: Grace & Naeem Uddin, Inc. v. The School Board of Broward County, Florida, Case No. 08-054605 CA 05, Circuit Court for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida.. This release shall in no way affect such other claims or rights as SCHOOL BOARD may have against GNU on other projects or arising under other contracts or bonds.

(Corporate Sear)	COUNTY, FLORIDA
ATTEST:	By:Patricia Good, Chair
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools	Approved as to Form and Legal Content:  School Board Attorney
STATE OF FLORIDA) SS:	
COUNTY OF BROWARD)	
The foregoing instrument was sworn to of, 2014, by Patricia Good, as BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, who is personal as identification and who took a	Chair of THE SCHOOL BOARD OF onally known to me or who has produced

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