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ALABAMA JUDICIAL DATA CENTER JEFFERSON COUNTY CERTIFICATE OF JUDGEMENT

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TENNANT M SMALLWOOD

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

EDWIN L (NED) WEST VS SOUTHEAST CONTROL SYSTEMS INC ET AL

DEFENDANT

PARTY'S ATTORNEY:

SOUTHEAST CONTROL SYSTEMS INC % KENNETH M BYRNE

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I, ANNE-MARIE ADAMS , CLERK OF THE ABOVE NAMED COURT HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ON 03/27/2001 PLAINTIFF, WEST EDWIN L (NED) RECOVERED OF DEFENDANT IN SAID COURT A JUDGEMENT WITHOUT WAIVER OF EXEMPTIONS FOR THE \$26,500.00 DOLLARS PLUS \$159.00 DOLLARS COURT COSTS, AND SUM OF PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY(S) OF RECORD WAS: *** PRO SE *** THAT THE

03/27/2001 JUDGMENT RENDERED INFAVOR OF THE PLAINTIFF AND AGAINST THE DEFENDANT. ORDER PER SEPARATE PAPER, SEE ATTACHED. JUDGE SMALLWOOD

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS DATE 03/28/2001

\$15,000 on 11/9/2000 against Kenneth Byrne

\$11,500 on 3/13/2001 against Kenneth Byrne

Combined Judgments:

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OPERATOR: EDH

PREPARED: 03/28/2001

PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

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EDWIN L. ("NED") WEST,

Plaintiff,

ANNE-MARIE ADAMS

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CIVIL ACTION NO:

CV-00-4666

SOUTHEAST CONTROL

SYSTEMS, INC., and
KENNETH M. BYRNE,

Defendants.

ORDER

Upon Plaintiff's Motion and the March 9, 2001 hearing, at which defendants chose not to attend, the Court finds as follows:

- 1. The parties entered into a Confidential Release Settlement Agreement on or about October 23, 2000.
- 2. As defendants breached the terms of their payment plan under the Settlement Agreement, the Court entered a \$15,000.00 judgment against defendants, Southeast Control Systems, Inc. ("Southeast Control") and Kenneth M. Byrne ("Byrne") on November 9, 2000. This judgment drew ten percent (10%) interest per annum.
- 3. The Court at the time of entering the judgment, did not award attorney's fees, but rather requested that a hearing be held on this issue. That hearing was scheduled on March 9, 2001.
- 4. At the hearing, plaintiff and his counsel advised the Court that their plaintiff's attorney's fees of \$11,500.00 are reasonable and necessary as the defendants have made this

litigation difficult at every opportunity. The Court finds that defendants refused to produce company documents to plaintiff for inspection and copying even though plaintiff was a shareholder entitled to same under the law. After several attempts to obtain the records, plaintiff eventually had to petition the Court for a special evidentiary hearing. Even though defendants and their counsel strenuously opposed the production of those records, immediately following the hearing, substantial company documentation was produced to plaintiff.

5. In addition to customary discovery and other litigation work, the Court also finds that counsel for plaintiff had to consistently contact counsel for defendants to determine if defendants would honor their settlement agreement.

WHEREFORE, this Court orders and adjudges that in addition to the \$15,000.00 November judgment, an additional \$11,500.00 judgment against Southeast Control and Byrne, jointly and severally, and in favor of plaintiff, Edwin L. West is hereby entered to reimburse plaintiff for his attorney's fees and costs.

Cemant M. Smallwood, Jr., Circuit Judge

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