

## **DISPUTE RESOLUTION AGREEMENT**

This Dispute Resolution Agreement (hereinafter, the “Agreement”), is made and entered into by and among MUNDOMED S.A., a Dominican Republic corporation, and SOUTH HIGH CLIFF CORP., a Panama corporation (collectively, hereinafter the “Owners”) and the CITY OF CORAL GABLES, a Florida municipality (hereinafter the “City) (collectively, the “Parties”).

### **WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the Owners own certain real property identified by Miami-Dade County Property Tax Folio Identification Nos. 03-5107-001-0040 and 03-5107-001-0030, legally described as:

Lot 3 of Avocado Land Co. according to the plat thereof recorded at Plat Book 2, Page 44, in the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida (hereinafter the “Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Property is currently zoned as Single-Family Residential District pursuant to the City of Coral Gables Zoning Map; and

**WHEREAS**, the City intends to change the Property’s zoning district to Preservation District; and

**WHEREAS**, Article 3, Division 17 of the City of Coral Gables Zoning Code (“Division 17”) entitled, “Protection of Landowners’ Rights; Relief from Inordinate Burdens,” is intended to protect landowners’ rights and provide relief from inordinate burdens; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 3-1702(B) of the City of Coral Gables Zoning Code, City Staff may initiate this procedure and file an application at any time in order to settle a pending dispute or litigation; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 3-1701 of the City of Coral Gables Zoning Code, the City may agree to a settlement to mitigate the burden where a party to a settlement agrees in the settlement to bear a disproportionate burden of a government use that benefits the public; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 3-1703(A) of the City of Coral Gables Zoning Code, if the City demonstrates that a settlement would avoid, mitigate, or remedy an unfair, disproportionate, or inordinate burden to a property owner, the City Commission may grant appropriate relief; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 3-1703(B) of the city of Coral Gables Zoning Code, the decision to grant such relief rests in the sound discretion of the City Commission in the exercise of its inherent sovereign powers to settle legitimate disputes; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 3-1703(B) of the City of Coral Gables Zoning Code, the City’s policy is to fashion a proposal for resolving a dispute based on a considered balance of

the following factors: (1) the degree of burden suffered by the applicant or property owners; (2) the nature and significance of the public interest that is served by the application of the regulation to the property; and (3) the likelihood of litigation, and its likely cost, the City's potential exposure, the uncertainty of the outcome, the timetable for resolving disputes, and whether there is a perceived need for a judicial determination of the issues raised by the application; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 3-1703(B) of the City of Coral Gables Zoning Code, all relief granted pursuant to Division 17 is conditioned upon the execution of a release of all claims that may arise from or relate to the application of the land development regulations that allegedly created the unfair, disproportionate or inordinate burden; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bert J. Harris, Jr. Private Property Protection Act (the "Bert J. Harris Act") as codified in Section 70.001 of the Florida Statutes defines the term "inordinately burden" to include the use of real property such that the property owner is unable to obtain reasonable, investment-backed expectations for the use of the subject property; and

**WHEREAS**, Owners allege that the City's rezoning of the Property from Single-Family Residential District to Preservation District would disproportionately and inordinately burden the Owners' property rights in violation of Division 17 of the City of Coral Gables Zoning Code and the Bert J. Harris Act as codified in Section 70.001 of the Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, Owners have agreed, as part of the settlement, to not oppose or challenge the rezoning of the Property to the Special Use or Preservation District designation and to convey the Property to the City for use as open space and preservation area, which is of substantial public benefit, and which results in a limitation to development on the property, which is also resolved as part of this settlement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission finds sufficient evidence in the record to justify a settlement pursuant to Division 17 of the City of Coral Gables Zoning Code and the Bert J. Harris Act as codified in Section 70.001 of the Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Division 17 of the City of Coral Gables Zoning Code and the Bert J. Harris Act as codified in Section 70.001 of the Florida Statutes, the Parties wish to enter into a dispute resolution agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, on \_\_\_\_\_, the City Commission reviewed and approved this Agreement in this substantial form, after public hearing, pursuant to Section 3-1705 of the City of Coral Gables Zoning Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties have reached an agreement as to their dispute and they desire to fully and finally resolve any and all claims against each other and their respective agents, employees, officers, elected and appointed officials, independent contractors, and representatives concerning, relating to, or in any way arising out of their dispute, and entered into this Agreement to completely settle and dispose of all claims or disputes of whatever kind or nature,

including, but not limited to, the Bert J. Harris Act claim, any takings or property rights claim, any petitions for certiorari, or any other matter regarding the subject matter of this Agreement whether actually asserted by Owners, or as may have been asserted, whether known or unknown, against the City; and

**WHEREAS**, this Agreement between the Parties shall fully resolve all of Owners' claims pursuant to Division 17 of the City of Coral Gables Zoning Code and the Bert J. Harris Act as codified in Section 70.001 of the Florida Statutes, which were, or could have been noticed, plead, or initiated, and any other matters described and/or defined herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, it is agreed between the Parties as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.
2. The Parties and all signatories hereto represent and warrant that they have full authorization and legal authority to establish the legally binding rights, obligations, and duties as expressed herein or contemplated hereby.
3. Owners hereby agree not to oppose or challenge the rezoning of the Property from Single Family Residential to Preservation District or Special Use or the redesignation of the Property on the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map from Residential Single-Family Low Density to Parks and Recreation, Open Space, or Conservation Areas.
4. The City hereby agrees, pursuant to Section 3-1703(A)(2) of the Zoning Code, that Owners are entitled to 50,000 square feet of transferable development rights ("TDRs"), which may be transferred to and utilized in either the Central Business District or the North Ponce Mixed Use Corridor pursuant to and subject to the TDR process and approval criteria provided for in Division 10 of Article 3 of the Zoning Code. The TDRs may also be utilized in other Commercial and Industrial Zoned areas of the City, which do not abut and are not adjacent to either (i) South Dixie Highway or (ii) properties zoned SFR (Single Family Residential), with the filing of the TDR application being subject to the absolute discretion of the City Commission. Upon the approval of the filing of such TDR application, the City Commission shall utilize utilizing the process and criteria set forth in Division 10 of Article 3 of the Zoning Code. Alternatively and subject to the TDR process and approval criteria provided for in Division 10 of Article 3 of the Zoning Code , the TDRs may be used to transfer density units at a ratio of 1,000 square feet being equivalent to 1 density unit. Any floor area utilized to transfer density units shall be deducted from the 50,000 square feet of TDRs.
5. Owners shall convey the Property to the City of Coral Gables, within 90 days of the approval of this Agreement . Said timeframe may be extended administratively by the City Manager at his/her discretion.

6. The Parties understand and agree that no Party admits liability of any sort by reason of the above incidents, acts, casualties, actions, events, representations, omissions, conduct, or interpretation.
7. As required by Section 3-1703(E) of the Coral Gables Zoning Code, Owners hereby release the City of Coral Gables, including its agents, employees, officers, elected and appointed officials, independent contractors, and representatives for any claims concerning, relating to, or in any way arising out of their dispute, including, but not limited to, the Bert J. Harris Act claim, any takings or property rights claim, any petition for certiorari, or any matter regarding the subject matter of this Agreement, whether actually asserted by Owners, or as may have been asserted, and whether known or unknown.
8. The Parties warrant and represent that they have not sold, assigned, transferred, conveyed, or otherwise disposed of any of the claims, demand, obligations, or causes of action referred to in this Agreement. Further, the Parties recognize that this matter is solely unique to the circumstances arising from any potential claims pursuant to the Bert J. Harris Act and/or Division 17 of the City of Coral Gables Zoning Code, and Owners may not assign, transfer, convey, or otherwise dispose of their obligations under this Agreement.
9. The Parties declare and represent that they were not induced to enter into this Agreement by any representations respecting the nature and extent of any damages, legal liability, or financial responsibility made by any Party or their representatives.
10. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
11. The Parties acknowledge that this Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement entered into by the Parties. The Parties further acknowledge that they have read it and understand it; that the terms and conditions of this Agreement were arrived at in arm's-length negotiations between the Parties with all Parties provided the opportunity to seek the advice of legal counsel; that each Party's legal counsel did or could have reviewed this Agreement; and that each of the Parties have given due and full consideration to the legal position of the other in regard to the provisions contained herein.
12. This Agreement sets forth the entire Agreement and understanding among the Parties relating in any way to the subject matter contained herein and merges all prior discussions between Owners and the City. This Agreement may be amended or modified by written instrument signed by both Parties.
13. As established in Section 3-1706 of the Coral Gables Zoning Code, this Agreement shall not become effective until the Agreement is executed by the City Manager,

ratified by the City Commission, and executed by an authorized representative of the Owners.

14. Any notice required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given if delivered by hand, sent by a recognized courier (such as FedEx) or mailed by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, in a postage prepaid envelope and addressed as follows:

If to the City: City Mayor  
Office of the Mayor  
405 Biltmore Way, Second Floor  
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

With Copies to: City Manager  
405 Biltmore Way, First Floor  
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

If to the Owners: Mundomed S.A.

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South High Cliff Corp.

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With Copies to: Mario Garcia-Serra, Esq.  
Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart  
600 Brickell Avenue, Suite 3500  
Miami, Florida 33131

15. This Agreement shall be construed, enforced, and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. In the event that an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement shall be construed as if crafted jointly by each of the Parties hereto and no presumptions or burdens of proof shall arise favoring any party by virtue of the authorship of any of the provisions of the Agreement. The Parties jointly conclude that, should this Agreement be challenged by any of the Parties, venue to bring such challenges shall be proper in Miami-Dade County, Florida.
16. The Parties expressly acknowledge that it is not their intent to create or confer any rights or obligations in or upon any third person or entity under this Agreement. None of the Parties intend to directly or substantially benefit a third party by this Agreement. The Parties agree that there are no third party beneficiaries to this Agreement and that no third party shall be entitled to assert a claim against any of the Parties based upon this Agreement. Nothing herein shall be construed as consent by

either of the Parties to be sued by third parties in any manner arising out of this Agreement, or other obligations, whether known or unknown to the Parties.

17. For breach of any provision of this Agreement, the Parties shall provide notice, a reasonable time to cure, and will have such remedies and rights as are available at law or in equity.
18. The waiver by any Party of a breach of any provision of this Agreement by any other Party shall not operate or be interpreted as a waiver of any later breach of that provision or any other provision.
19. The Parties agree that if any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, either legislatively or judicially, that provision will be severed from the Agreement and the remainder of this Agreement shall not be effected thereby and will continue to be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law, unless such determination of invalidity shall deprive any party of the substantial benefit of this bargain.
20. The term Owners shall include the Owners, their heirs, successors, and assigns.

WHEREFORE, on the effective date as established in paragraph 13 and Section 3-1706 of the Zoning Code, the Parties and signatories hereto acknowledge this Agreement and represent and warrant their authority to enter into this Agreement and do so jointly and severally for all purposes specified.

*[Signature pages to follow]*

The City's execution of this Dispute Resolution Agreement is subject to Ratification by the City Commission pursuant to Section 3-1705(D) of the City of Coral Gables Zoning Code.

**CITY**

**ATTEST:**

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Walter Foeman  
City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark  
City Manager

Dated \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

Approved for form and legal sufficiency:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Craig Leen  
City Attorney

**OWNERS**

**MUNDOMED S.A.**

WITNESS:

MundoMed S.A.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dated \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

STATE OF FLORIDA            )  
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COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE    )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, by \_\_\_\_\_, as \_\_\_\_\_, who is personally known to me or produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification, and acknowledged that she did execute this instrument freely and voluntarily for the purposes stated herein.

My Commission Expires:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of Florida  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**SOUTH HIGH CLIFF CORP.**

WITNESS:

South High Cliff Corp.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

STATE OF FLORIDA )

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COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE )

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My Commission Expires:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of Florida

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_