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THE FRAUDULENT DISPOSITIONS LAW, 1989 (LAW 15 OF 1989)

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ALAN SCOTT

Governor

6th November, 1989

A LAW TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO DISPOSITIONS MADE WITH AN INTENT TO DEFRAUD

ENACTED by the Legislature of the Cayman Islands.

Citation and commencement.

1. This law may be cited as the Fraudulent Dispositions Law, 1989, and shall come into force upon a date to be appointed (the "appointed date").

Interpretation.

2. In this Law:

"creditor" means a person to whom an obligation is owed:

"disposition" shall have the same meaning as in the Trusts (Foreign Element) Law, 1987;

"intent to defraud" means an intention of a transferor wilfully to defeat an obligation owed to a creditor;

"obligation" means an obligation or liability (which shall include a contingent liability) which existed on or prior to the date of a relevant disposition and of which the transferor had notice;

"relevant disposition" means a disposition to which section 4(1) applies;

"transferor" means the person who as owner or as the holder of a power

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in that behalf directly or indirectly makes a relevant disposition or causes it to be made;

"transferee" means the person to whom a relevant disposition is made and shall include any successor in title;

"undervalue" in relation to a disposition of property means:

- (a) the provision of no consideration for the disposition; or
- (b) a consideration for the disposition the value of which in money or money's worth is significantly less than the value of the property the subject of the disposition.

Application.

3. With effect from the appointed date this Law shall apply in place of the law in effect prior to the appointed date to every disposition of property made before or after the appointed date by any person and whether or not the property, the subject of the disposition, is situate in the Islands or elsewhere; save that in any action or proceeding commenced prior to the appointed date or within six months of the appointed date but in respect of a disposition made prior to the appointed date this Law shall have no application and the law to be applied shall be that in effect prior to the appointed date.

Avoidance of fraudulent dispositions.

- 4. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Law, every disposition of property made with an intent to defraud and at an undervalue shall be voidable at the instance of a creditor thereby prejudiced.
- (2) The burden of establishing an intent to defraud for the purposes of this Law shall be upon the creditor seeking to set aside the disposition.
- (3) No action or proceedings shall be commenced pursuant to this Law unless commenced within six years of the date of the relevant disposition.

Saving of certain rights.

- 5. In the event that any disposition shall be set aside pursuant to this Law, then -
 - (a) if the Court is satisfied that the transferee has not acted in bad faith:
 - (i) the transferee shall have a first and paramount charge over the property, the subject of the disposition, of an amount equal to the entire costs properly incurred by the transferee in the defence of the action or proceedings to set aside (and not merely such costs as might otherwise be allowed by the Court), and
 - (ii) the relevant disposition shall be set aside subject to the proper fees, costs, pre-existing rights, claims and interests of the transferee (and of any predecessor transferee which has not acted in bad faith); and

(b) if the Court is satisfied that a beneficiary of a trust has not acted in bad faith the disposition shall only be set aside subject to the right of such beneficiary to retain any distribution made consequent upon the prior exercise of a trust, power or discretion vested in the trustee of such trust, or any other person, and otherwise properly exercised.

Extent of avoidance of relevant dispositions.

6. A disposition shall be set aside pursuant to this Law only to the extent necessary to satisfy the obligation to a creditor at whose instance the disposition has been set aside together with such costs as the Court may allow.

Law not to validate certain dispositions.

7. Nothing in this Law shall validate any disposition of property which is neither owned by the transferor nor the subject of a power in that behalf vested in the transferor and nor does this Law affect the recognition of foreign laws in determining whether the transferor is the owner of such property or the holder of such power.

Relationship with Law 17 of 1987.

8. Nothing in this Law shall create or enable any right, claim or interest on behalf of a creditor or person which right, claim or interest would be avoided or defeated by the Trusts (Foreign Element) Law, 1987.

Passed the Legislative Assembly this 7th day of September, 1989.

ALAN SCOTT President.

GEORGETTE MYRIE

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.