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Re: *CCC Atlantic, LLC v. Grey* C.A. No. 8739-VCN

## Dear Counsel:

In a July 3, 2014 letter accompanying the letter opinion dismissing Plaintiff's fiduciary duty claims, the Court inquired as to whether it should retain jurisdiction of the remaining claims that could be handled at law.

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Plaintiffs moved for reargument; when that motion was denied, the Court again requested Plaintiffs' views on retention of jurisdiction. No response to that inquiry has been received. Intervenor The Bancorp Bank wrote on July 25, 2014, urging the Court to retain jurisdiction under the cleanup doctrine.<sup>1</sup>

Reliance on the cleanup doctrine is a matter for the Court's discretion.<sup>2</sup> In this instance, with the dismissal of the equitable claims, there is no good reason to retain jurisdiction. The other issues in this litigation, generally in the nature of malpractice, are properly resolved in the Superior Court. This action is in its early stages, and no prejudice would result from the action's transfer to a law court. Accordingly, the Court declines to retain jurisdiction under the cleanup doctrine or any other grounds.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Letter of Bradley P. Lehman, Esq., dated July 25, 2014. One reason offered for the Court's retaining jurisdiction was that Bancorp planned to file a related action in this Court, and, thus, judicial economy might be served by keeping this case here. I am not aware of the filing of any such action.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Donald J. Wolfe, Jr. and Michael A. Pittenger, *Corporate and Commercial Practice in the Del. Ct. of Chancery* § 2.04 (2013).

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Therefore, this action is dismissed for lack of subject matter

jurisdiction. Plaintiffs, if they so choose, may seek to transfer this action to

the Superior Court within sixty days in accordance with 10 Del. C. § 1902.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Very truly yours,

/s/ John W. Noble

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