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I am a Professor and Research Fellow at Regent University, a Fulbright Specialist and also partner of Brown, Fraser & Associates, a communication research and consulting firm. During the past ten years I have been working in several African nations and governments to promote HIV/AIDS prevention and to provide leadership training to local community leaders. Much of this work has been done through two non-profit organizations, Earth Conservancy and African Conservation International. We have implemented many community development projects throughout Africa to help the local community.

During the past several years, I have been working with Brian and Steven Dinning in the Eastern Cape region of South Africa. One of the projects I have provided assistance to is a land development project at Hole in the Wall, close to Coffee Bay, South Africa. I, personally, have visited this project at Hole in the Wall as well as other developing projects at Mdumbi Bay and Coffee Bay. I have met with the local community leaders and I have seen the project leases and met with many of the consultants helping the projects such as Sotheby's International Realty and others. I was flabbergasted when I first heard that one or more individuals who have either donated to one of these projects or who have invested money in one of these projects had initiated lawsuits to claim that these projects do not exist. I know of dozens of people in the Tidewater area who have visited these land sites and have seen the work that Brian and Steve Dinning have accomplished in South Africa. My church has hosted two missions' trips to this region to provide job skills training, build a church and work at an orphanage. Two missionaries have been working in Coffee Bay as a result of this work by Brian and Steve Dinning.

As a Board of Directors member with Brian Dinning, we were aware of and approved his consulting agreement whereby he was authorized to pay himself as and when money was available to Earth Conservancy and African Conservation International. He did this work under a Board approved Consulting Agreement whereby he was authorized to be compensated at \$150 per hour for time spent working on the projects for the nonprofits. This was about 40% of what he would have billed us as an independent attorney so it saved the nonprofits a lot of money. Furthermore, under an agreement with Earth Conservancy and African Conservation International, Brian Dinning agreed to repay this

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draw compensation in the future as he could. In fact, he has already begun making payments to Earth Conservancy and African Conservation International to support his commitment.


Finally, we authorized Brian Dinning to utilize a debit card and to have access to the bank accounts as he was traveling throughout Africa or to utilize to pay business and/or personal expenses and this was the only expedient manner in which to pay expenses and compensation. Many of our projects and consultants worked under a similar debit card and expense structure as it is so hard to utilize cash or traveler's checks in Africa and when traveling.

Recently our organizations, Earth Conservancy and African Conservation International, have been viciously attacked by Dr. Alan Stiner and others. Working in concert with Mr. GSV Bosman and Mr. Radie Rademeyer, a blogger who seeks to damage (or take control of) the Hole in the Wall project and related community development activities, these people have launched, in their own words, "an aggressive negative press campaign" against Brian Dinning and our years of hard work. The false and defamatory public communication against our organizations in seeking to discredit our work, damage our reputation, and hinder or stop our development project at Hole in the Wall. Our organizations filed a lawsuit against Mr. Stiner in Virginia to stop his unscrupulous activities in the past and we are planning additional legal action to remedy this situation.

These people have called Brian Dinning's church, they have harassed me at my office, spread false information that our projects in Africa do not exist and they have even threatened Mr. Dinning's life and his family. When I learned about your investigation, I believe a fair and thorough assessment should include the concerted and organized actions of those people who have damaged our projects and discouraged our investors and the local communities in South Africa with whom we are partnering. The damage to our projects is worth tens of millions of dollars and we cannot move forward until your instigation is completed.

I can attest to the fact that the projects I have noted in this letter in South Africa do, in fact, exist. Brian Dinning has worked hard to help the local people in missions and business projects. While he was paid to do so, his heart is also dedicated to helping the people of Africa. This is evidenced by his recent commitment to study Environmental Management and Sustainability at Harvard University in the fall of 2011.

Sincerely,



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