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13 **IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**
14 **FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
15 **OAKLAND DIVISION**

16 **In re**

17 **CFB LIQUIDATING CORPORATION,**
18 **f/k/a CHICAGO FIRE BRICK CO., an**
Illinois Corporation, et al.,

19 **Debtors.**

Case No. 01-45483 RLE

Chapter 11

Jointly Administered

Hon. Roger L. Efremsky

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21 **DECLARATION OF BARRY A.**
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1 I, Barry A. Chatz, declare as follows:

2 1. The following facts are within my personal knowledge unless otherwise stated. If
3 called to testify as a witness with regard to the statements set forth below, I could and would
4 competently testify thereto.

5 2. I am an attorney at law, duly licensed to practice in the states of Illinois and
6 California.

7 3. I am a partner in the law firm of Arnstein & Lehr LLP (“Arnstein”) and am the chair
8 of Arnstein’s Bankruptcy, Creditors’ Rights, and Restructuring Practice Group.

9 4. Neither I, nor Arnstein, are creditors of CFB Liquidating Corporation f/k/a Chicago
10 Fire Brick Company (“CFB”) or WFB Liquidating Corporation f/k/a Wellsville Fire Brick Company
11 (“WFB” and, together with CFB, the “Debtors”). Furthermore, neither I, nor Arnstein, have had any
12 prior involvement in the Debtors’ cases.

13 5. I have practiced law for approximately 24 years. During that time, I have represented
14 several chapter 11 debtors, including ARTRA Group, Inc., a chapter 11 debtor that, at the time of its
15 bankruptcy filing, faced millions of dollars of asbestos liabilities and subsequently confirmed a
16 chapter 11 plan utilizing section 524(g) of the United States Bankruptcy Code.

17 6. For the last 11 years, I have served as a panel chapter 7 trustee for Cook County in
18 the Northern District of Illinois and have served as post-confirmation trustee in numerous bankruptcy
19 cases. In addition, I served with the Office of the United States Trustee for the Central District of
20 California from 1987 to 1990 through the United States Attorney General’s Honors Program.

21 7. I have been asked to serve as the Trustee of the liquidating trust to be established by
22 the Debtors’ current chapter 11 plan. I have agreed to accept this position. I have not provided any
23 consideration to Mr. Sharp or any other person in connection with this engagement.

24 8. Although my firm does not represent any of the individuals or law firms asserting
25 asbestos-related personal injury claims (“Asbestos Claims”) against the Debtors, Arnstein may have
26 represented other creditors and/or insurance carriers of the Debtors with respect to matters completely
27 unrelated to these cases.

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9. In addition, in certain cases for which I have been appointed the chapter 7 trustee, I have retained the law firm of FrankGecker LLP as my counsel. FrankGecker LLP currently serves as special counsel to the Debtors. In addition, my firm has been retained by certain debtors in bankruptcy and/or litigants that have also retained Development Specialists, Inc. as a professional.

10. To the extent that I subsequently discover any facts bearing on this Declaration, I will supplement this Declaration and will disclose such facts to this Court.

I declare under penalty of perjury in accordance with the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct and that this Declaration was executed on the 30th day of August, 2012, at Chicago, Illinois.

/s/ Barry A. Chatz