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VIA FEDEX

Honorable Lawrence R. Leonard United States Magistrate Judge U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia Walter E. Hoffman United States Courthouse 600 Granby Street Norfolk, VA 23510

Re: *Parks, Millican, & Mann, LLC v. Figures Toy Company et al.*, Civil Action No. 2:16cv522

Dear Judge Leonard:

We are counsel for Defendant Figures Toy Company in the above-captioned matter. There is a settlement conference scheduled before Your Honor on June 5, 2017 at 9:30AM. Mr. Steve Sandberg, Chief Executive Officer of Figures Toy Company, will participate in the settlement conference on behalf of Defendant and has settlement authority. Mr. Sandberg lives in Tampa, Florida. Defendant Figures is a very small, family run business and requiring Mr. Sandberg to travel to Virginia for mediation would cause significant hardship on the business. Pursuant to Paragraph 3 of the Court's Settlement Conference Order (Dkt. No. 26), Defendant asks that this Court permit him to appear by telephone at the settlement conference.

In the event the Court allows Mr. Sandberg to appear by telephone, we ask this Court to permit counsel for Figures Toy Company to bring cell phones into the courthouse on June 5, 2017 to facilitate communication with Mr. Sandberg.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Value

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