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## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH

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In re:	)	
STEPHEN M. HARMSEN	)	Bankruptcy Case No. 03-33637 JAB
	)	(Involuntary Chapter 7)
Debtor	)	
	)	MOTION TO REOPEN CASE
	)	

Stephen M. Harmsen, by and through his counsel of record, hereby moves this Court for an order reopening his Chapter 7 bankruptcy case pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 5010 and 11 U.S.C. § 350 as follows:

- 1. On August 9, 2003 The Society of Lloyds ("Petitioner") filed an involuntary Chapter 7 petition against Mr. Harmsen in this Court, case number 03-33637.
- 2. On April 13, 2004, this Court entered an Order of Dismissal dismissing the involuntary petition. The Court concluded that Mr. Harmsen was generally paying his debts as such debts became due, and therefore that Petitioner's involuntary petition should be dismissed. However, the Court denied Mr. Harmsen any claim for costs or attorneys' fees under § 303(i)(1)(A) and (B), and for damages under § 303(i)(2), finding that Mr. Harmsen had not presented evidence sufficient to support such a finding.

3. It would have been impossible for Mr. Harmsen to present evidence of

costs and attorneys' fees before the end of the trial because Mr. Harmsen could not have

known what they were at the time.

4. Mr. Harmsen has filed a Motion for Reconsideration with the Court. In

his Motion, Mr. Harmsen does not seek to alter or amend the Court's dismissal of the

involuntary petition. Mr. Harmsen merely requests that the Court reconsider that

portion of its Memorandum Decision entered on April 13, 2004 which denied Mr.

Harmsen any claim for costs and reasonable attorney fees under § 303(i)(1)(A) and (B)

of the Bankruptcy Code, and damages under § 303(i)(2), and requests that the Court

retain jurisdiction to determine fees and damages.

5. Section 350 of the Bankruptcy Code allows this Court to reopen Mr.

Harmsen's bankruptcy case "to accord relief" to Mr. Harmsen or "for other cause."

6. Here, Mr. Harmsen seeks to reopen his bankruptcy case in order to allow

the Court to make a determination under § 303(i). Such requested relief constitutes

cause to reopen the case under §350.

WHEREFORE, Mr. Harmsen respectfully requests that this Court grant an Order

reopening the bankruptcy case.

Dated: April 2, 2004.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the <u>22</u> day of April, 2004, a copy of MOTION TO REOPEN CASE was sent by mail and facsimile to the following:

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