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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE ST	FATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS	ANGELES
MARK REVELEY, EMMA HELLSTEN, BENGT HELLSTEN, HANNA HELLSTEN,	) Case No.
ANDREAS MIKULIC ANDERSSON, and MARGARETA SJODIN,	COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES
Plaintiffs,	) <u>Jury Trial Demanded</u>
VS.	) )
ALASKA AIRLINES, INC.; ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.; MENZIES AVIATION GROUP;	) )
and MENZIES AVIATION GROUP (USA), INC., and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,	, ) )
Defendants.	
Detendants.	) )
Plaintiffs, Bengt Hellsten, Emma Hellsten, H	anna Hellsten, Andreas Mikulic Andersson,
Mark Reveley, and Margareta Sjodin, by their attorne	eys, Kreindler & Kreindler LLP, respectfully
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COMPLAINT FOR D	DAMAGES 181449.1
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#### **SUMMARY OF THE ACTION**

1. On December 26, 2005, plaintiffs were fare-paying passengers aboard Alaska Airlines Flight 536, from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport to Burbank, California when, at 26,000 feet, a one foot piece of the aircraft's fuselage was ripped off causing an explosive and violent decompression of the cabin which caused the plaintiffs severe physical and emotional injuries.

#### **PARTIES**

- 2. Plaintiff Mark Reveley is a citizen of California and resides within the County of Los Angeles.
- 3. Plaintiff Emma Hellsten is a citizen of California and resides within the County of Los Angeles.
  - 4. Plaintiff Bengt Hellsten is a citizen of Sweden.
  - 5. Plaintiff Hanna Hellsten is a citizen of Sweden.
  - 6. Plaintiff Andreas Mikulic Andersson is a citizen of Sweden.
  - 7. Plaintiff Margareta Sjodin is a citizen of Sweden.
- 8. Defendant Alaska Airlines, Inc. ("Alaska Airlines") is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Alaska, maintaining its principal place of business in the State of Washington, is registered to do business in California and is engaged in business within the County of Los Angeles.
- 9. Defendant Alaska Air Group, Inc. ("Alaska Air Group") is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Delaware, maintaining its principal place of business in the State of Washington, and is engaged in business within the County of Los Angeles. Based on information and believe, Alaska Air Group is the holding company for Alaska Airlines and is responsible for the acts, omissions and other wrongful conduct of Alaska Airlines. At all relevant times, Alaska Air Group exercised such dominion and control over Alaska Airlines that it is liable according to the law for the acts of Alaska Airlines. (The Defendants identified in paragraphs 8 and 9 are hereinafter referred to as the "Alaska Defendants.")

- 10. Defendant Menzies Aviation Group ("Menzies Aviation") is a foreign corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the United Kingdom, maintaining its principal place of business in the United Kingdom and is engaged in business within the County of Los Angeles.
- 11. Defendant Menzies Aviation Group (USA), Inc. ("Menzies USA") is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, maintaining its principal place of business in the State of Florida and is registered to do business in California and is engaged in business within the County of Los Angeles. (The defendants identified in paragraphs 10 and 11 are hereinafter referred to as the "Menzies Defendants".)
- 12. Plaintiffs are unaware of the true names and capacities, whether corporate, individual, or otherwise of defendants named as Does 1 through 50, inclusive. Pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 474, plaintiffs will seek leave of court to amend this Complaint to state said defendants' true names and capacities when the same have been ascertained and to state appropriate charging allegations. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and, based upon such information and belief, allege that said fictitiously-named defendants are responsible in some manner for the injury and damages caused to plaintiffs.
- 13. At all times relevant herein, Does 1 through 50, inclusive, were and now are officers, directors, employees, partners, joint venturers, servants, agents, subsidiaries, divisions and/or alter egos of the each of the other defendants and/or each other, and at all times relevant herein, were acting within the course and scope of said employment, partnership, joint venture, joint enterprise, or agency relationship with the full knowledge and consent of each of the other defendants and within the authority granted to said defendants, and each of them, and/or their conduct was ratified by each of the other defendants.
- 14. In the alternative, all defendants knowingly and intentionally aided, abetted, encouraged and cooperated with the other defendants in the wrongful conduct alleged herein and accordingly are liable as aiders and abettors and/or co-conspirators of each other.

#### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 15. On December 26, 2005, Plaintiffs Mark Reveley, Emma Hellsten, Bengt Hellsten, Hanna Hellsten, Andreas Mikulic Andersson, and Margareta Sjodin were fare paying passengers aboard an MD-83 jet aircraft, FAA Registration No. N979AS ("subject aircraft") operated as Alaska Airlines Flight 536 from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Seattle, Washington ("Sea-Tac") with an intended destination of Burbank Airport, Burbank, California ("subject flight").
- 16. At all times mentioned herein, the Alaska Defendants, and each of them, were and are common carriers engaged in the business of transporting passengers for hire by air.
- 17. At all times mentioned herein, the Menzies Defendants, and each of them, were and are engaged in the business of providing aviation ground services and support to air carriers, including Alaska Airlines.
- 18. On December 26, 2005, the Menzies Defendants, and each of them, through their officers, agents, servants and/or employees, were engaged in performing aviation ground services and support for the subject aircraft at Sea-Tac when a certain ground vehicle controlled and operated by the Menzies Defendants struck the subject aircraft causing damage to the fuselage of the subject aircraft ("ground strike").
- 19. At approximately 4:25 p.m. on December 26, 2005, after having taken off from Sea-Tac, the subject aircraft was en route to Burbank at 26,000 feet when a one foot hole was ripped out of the subject aircraft's fuselage as a result of the ground strike. The hole caused the subject aircraft to explosively and violently lose cabin pressure. The plane was forced to make a sudden and rapid emergency descent and then an emergency landing at Sea-Tac.
  - 20. As a result of the foregoing, plaintiffs suffered severe physical and emotional injuries.
- 21. The defendants, their respective officers, agents, servants and/or employees, were each negligent by disregarding and violating relevant safety procedures, and training standards; and received actual or constructive notice of the dangers posed by a ground strike to the airworthiness of an aircraft and safety of passengers, including plaintiffs, aboard an aircraft.

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#### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

#### **IBY MARK REVELEY FOR NEGLIGENCE**

- 22. Plaintiff Mark Reveley repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs "1" through "21", as if fully set forth herein at length.
- 23. The explosive in-flight decompression of the cabin and subsequent emergency landing were caused or contributed by the negligence of the Alaska Defendants, and each of them, their officers, agents, servants and/or employees in that they were careless in, among other ways, the operation, control, maintenance, repair, service, and/or inspection of the subject aircraft.
- 24. As a result of the negligence of the Alaska Defendants, and each of them, plaintiff Mark Reveley sustained physical and emotional injuries, incurred medical expenses and will continue to incur expenses for medical care and treatment, suffered and will continue to suffer physical pain, emotional stress, loss of enjoyment of life and other permanent compensable injuries all with resulting damages.
- 25. By reason of the foregoing, the Alaska Defendants are liable to plaintiff Mark Reveley for compensatory damages in a sum to be determined at trial.
- 26. The explosive in-flight decompression of the cabin, subsequent emergency landing and the resultant injuries were caused by the wanton and wilful misconduct of the Alaska Defendants, and each of them, including its officers, agents, servants and/or employees as set forth herein, whose actions and omissions were outrageous and gross and said defendants acted with reckless and/or conscious disregard for the safety of plaintiff Mark Reveley. Among other things, the Alaska Defendants knew, or should have known, that the Menzies Defendants were not carefully and safely handling their aviation ground support and services responsibilities yet continued to hire and pay Menzies to perform those services. The Alaska Defendants knew, or should have known, that within four months after it retained the Menzies Defendants, ramp employees of the Menzies Defendants had caused damage to other Alaska aircraft on 12 separate occasions. The total number of incidents of aircraft damage caused by Menzies employees was more than occurred during the

entire calendar year 2004, when Alaska employees were responsible for performing the same services. Moreover, employees of the Menzies Defendants warned both Menzies and the Alaska Defendants about serious training deficiencies of ramp personnel and of the potential risk associated with continuing to utilize Menzies without proper training. These warnings were either ignored or dismissed by the Alaska Defendants for pecuniary reasons.

27. As a result of the foregoing, the Alaska Defendants are liable to plaintiff Mark Reveley for punitive damages in a sum to be determined at trial.

#### **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### **IBY MARK REVELEY FOR NEGLIGENCE**

- 28. Plaintiff Mark Reveley repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs "1" through "21", as if fully set forth herein at length.
- 29. The explosive in-flight decompression of the cabin and subsequent emergency landing were proximately caused or contributed by the negligence of the Menzies Defendants, and each of them, their officers, agents, servants and/or employees in that they were careless in, among other ways, the operation and control of the ground vehicle that caused the ground strike.
- 30. As a result of the negligence of the Menzies Defendants, and each of them, plaintiff Mark Reveley sustained physical and emotional injuries, incurred medical expenses and will continue to incur expenses for medical care and treatment, suffered and will continue to suffer physical pain, emotional stress, loss of enjoyment of life and other permanent compensable injuries all with resulting damages.
- 31. By reason of the foregoing, the Menzies Defendants are liable to plaintiff Mark Reveley for compensatory damages in a sum to be determined at trial.
- 32. The explosive in-flight decompression of the cabin, subsequent emergency landing and the resultant injuries were caused by the wanton and wilful misconduct of the Menzies Defendants, and each of them, including their officers, agents, servants and/or employees as set forth herein, whose actions and omissions were outrageous and gross and said defendants acted with

reckless and/or conscious disregard for the safety of plaintiff Mark Reveley. Among other things, officers and managing employees of the Menzies Defendants knew, or should have known, that its employees were not carefully and safely handling their aviation ground services responsibilities yet continued to utilize them to perform those services. Further, within four months after being retained, ramp employees of Menzies had caused damage to other Alaska aircraft on 12 separate occasions. The number of damage incidents was more than occurred during the entire calendar year 2004, when Alaska employees were responsible for these services. Moreover, employees of Menzies warned officers or other managing employees of the Menzies Defendants and the Alaska Defendants about serious training deficiencies of ramp personnel and of the potential risks associated with continuing to utilize Menzies without proper training. These warnings were either ignored or dismissed by the Menzies Defendants for pecuniary reasons.

33. As a result of the foregoing, the Menzies Defendants are liable to plaintiff Mark Reveley for punitive damages in a sum to be determined at trial.

#### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

#### **IBY EMMA HELLSTEN FOR NEGLIGENCE**

- 34. Plaintiff Emma Hellsten repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs "1" through "21", as if fully set forth herein at length.
- 35. The explosive in-flight decompression of the cabin and subsequent emergency landing were caused or contributed by the negligence of the Alaska Defendants, and each of them, their officers, agents, servants and/or employees in that they were careless in, among other ways, the operation, control, maintenance, repair, service, and/or inspection of the subject aircraft.
- 36. As a result of the negligence of the Alaska Defendants, and each of them, plaintiff Emma Hellsten sustained physical and emotional injuries, incurred medical expenses and will continue to incur expenses for medical care and treatment, suffered and will continue to suffer physical pain, emotional stress, loss of enjoyment of life and other permanent compensable injuries all with resulting damages.

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and the resultant injuries were caused by the wanton and wilful misconduct of the Alaska Defendants, and each of them, including its officers, agents, servants and/or employees as set forth herein, whose actions and omissions were outrageous and gross and said defendants acted with reckless and/or conscious disregard for the safety of plaintiff Emma Hellsten. Among other things, the Alaska Defendants knew, or should have known, that the Menzies Defendants were not carefully and safely handling their aviation ground support and services responsibilities yet continued to hire and pay Menzies to perform those services. The Alaska Defendants knew, or should have known, that within four months after it retained the Menzies Defendants, ramp employees of the Menzies Defendants had caused damage to other Alaska aircraft on 12 separate occasions. The total number of incidents of aircraft damage caused by Menzies employees was more than occurred during the entire calendar year 2004, when Alaska employees were responsible for performing the same services. Moreover, employees of the Menzies Defendants warned both Menzies and the Alaska Defendants about serious training deficiencies of ramp personnel and of the potential risk associated with continuing to utilize Menzies without proper training. These warnings were either ignored or dismissed by the Alaska Defendants for pecuniary reasons.

39. As a result of the foregoing, the Alaska Defendants are liable to plaintiff Emma Hellsten for punitive damages in a sum to be determined at trial.

#### **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### **IBY EMMA HELLSTEN FOR NEGLIGENCE**

- 40. Plaintiff Emma Hellsten repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs "1" through "21", as if fully set forth herein at length.
- 41. The explosive in-flight decompression of the cabin and subsequent emergency landing were proximately caused or contributed by the negligence of the Menzies Defendants, and

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each of them, their officers, agents, servants and/or employees in that they were careless in, among other ways, the operation and control of the ground vehicle that caused the ground strike.

- 42. As a result of the negligence of the Menzies Defendants, and each of them, plaintiff Emma Hellsten sustained physical and emotional injuries, incurred medical expenses and will continue to incur expenses for medical care and treatment, suffered and will continue to suffer physical pain, emotional stress, loss of enjoyment of life and other permanent compensable injuries all with resulting damages.
- 43. By reason of the foregoing, the Menzies Defendants are liable to plaintiff Emma Hellsten for compensatory damages in a sum to be determined at trial.
- 44. The explosive in-flight decompression of the cabin, subsequent emergency landing and the resultant injuries were caused by the wanton and wilful misconduct of the Menzies Defendants, and each of them, including their officers, agents, servants and/or employees as set forth herein, whose actions and omissions were outrageous and gross and said defendants acted with reckless and/or conscious disregard for the safety of plaintiff Emma Hellsten. Among other things, officers and managing employees of the Menzies Defendants knew, or should have known, that its employees were not carefully and safely handling their aviation ground services responsibilities yet continued to utilize them to perform those services. Further, within four months after being retained, ramp employees of Menzies had caused damage to other Alaska aircraft on 12 separate occasions. The number of damage incidents was more than occurred during the entire calendar year 2004, when Alaska employees were responsible for these services. Moreover, employees of Menzies warned officers or other managing employees of the Menzies Defendants and the Alaska Defendants about serious training deficiencies of ramp personnel and of the potential risks associated with continuing to utilize Menzies without proper training. These warnings were either ignored or dismissed by the Menzies Defendants for pecuniary reasons.
- 45. As a result of the foregoing, the Menzies Defendants are liable to plaintiff Emma Hellsten for punitive damages in a sum to be determined at trial.

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#### **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### **IBY BENGT HELLSTEN FOR NEGLIGENCE**

- 46. Plaintiff Bengt Hellsten repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs "1" through "21", as if fully set forth herein at length.
- 47. The explosive in-flight decompression of the cabin and subsequent emergency landing were caused or contributed by the negligence of the Alaska Defendants, and each of them, their officers, agents, servants and/or employees in that they were careless in, among other ways, the operation, control, maintenance, repair, service, and/or inspection of the subject aircraft.
- 48. As a result of the negligence of the Alaska Defendants, and each of them, plaintiff Bengt Hellsten sustained physical and emotional injuries, incurred medical expenses and will continue to incur expenses for medical care and treatment, suffered and will continue to suffer physical pain, emotional stress, loss of enjoyment of life and other permanent compensable injuries all with resulting damages.
- 49. By reason of the foregoing, the Alaska Defendants are liable to plaintiff Bengt Hellsten for compensatory damages in a sum to be determined at trial.
- 50. The explosive in-flight decompression of the cabin, subsequent emergency landing and the resultant injuries were caused by the wanton and wilful misconduct of the Alaska Defendants, and each of them, including its officers, agents, servants and/or employees as set forth herein, whose actions and omissions were outrageous and gross and said defendants acted with reckless and/or conscious disregard for the safety of plaintiff Bengt Hellsten. Among other things, the Alaska Defendants knew, or should have known, that the Menzies Defendants were not carefully and safely handling their aviation ground support and services responsibilities yet continued to hire and pay Menzies to perform those services. The Alaska Defendants knew, or should have known, that within four months after it retained the Menzies Defendants, ramp employees of the Menzies Defendants had caused damage to other Alaska aircraft on 12 separate occasions. The total number of incidents of aircraft damage caused by Menzies employees was more than occurred during the

entire calendar year 2004, when Alaska employees were responsible for performing the same services. Moreover, employees of the Menzies Defendants warned both Menzies and the Alaska Defendants about serious training deficiencies of ramp personnel and of the potential risk associated with continuing to utilize Menzies without proper training. These warnings were either ignored or dismissed by the Alaska Defendants for pecuniary reasons.

51. As a result of the foregoing, the Alaska Defendants are liable to plaintiff Bengt Hellsten for punitive damages in a sum to be determined at trial.

#### SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

#### **[BY BENGT HELLSTEN FOR NEGLIGENCE**

- 52. Plaintiff Bengt Hellsten repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs "1" through "21", as if fully set forth herein at length.
- 53. The explosive in-flight decompression of the cabin and subsequent emergency landing were proximately caused or contributed by the negligence of the Menzies Defendants, and each of them, their officers, agents, servants and/or employees in that they were careless in, among other ways, the operation and control of the ground vehicle that caused the ground strike.
- 54. As a result of the negligence of the Menzies Defendants, and each of them, plaintiff Bengt Hellsten sustained physical and emotional injuries, incurred medical expenses and will continue to incur expenses for medical care and treatment, suffered and will continue to suffer physical pain, emotional stress, loss of enjoyment of life and other permanent compensable injuries all with resulting damages.
- 55. By reason of the foregoing, the Menzies Defendants are liable to plaintiff Bengt Hellsten for compensatory damages in a sum to be determined at trial.
- 56. The explosive in-flight decompression of the cabin, subsequent emergency landing and the resultant injuries were caused by the wanton and wilful misconduct of the Menzies Defendants, and each of them, including their officers, agents, servants and/or employees as set forth herein, whose actions and omissions were outrageous and gross and said defendants acted with

reckless and/or conscious disregard for the safety of plaintiff Bengt Hellsten. Among other things, officers and managing employees of the Menzies Defendants knew, or should have known, that its employees were not carefully and safely handling their aviation ground services responsibilities yet continued to utilize them to perform those services. Further, within four months after being retained, ramp employees of Menzies had caused damage to other Alaska aircraft on 12 separate occasions. The number of damage incidents was more than occurred during the entire calendar year 2004, when Alaska employees were responsible for these services. Moreover, employees of Menzies warned officers or other managing employees of the Menzies Defendants and the Alaska Defendants about serious training deficiencies of ramp personnel and of the potential risks associated with continuing to utilize Menzies without proper training. These warnings were either ignored or dismissed by the Menzies Defendants for pecuniary reasons.

57. As a result of the foregoing, the Menzies Defendants are liable to plaintiff Bengt Hellsten for punitive damages in a sum to be determined at trial.

#### **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### [BY HANNA HELLSTEN FOR NEGLIGENCE

- 58. Plaintiff Hanna Hellsten repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs "1" through "21", as if fully set forth herein at length.
- 59. The explosive in-flight decompression of the cabin and subsequent emergency landing were caused or contributed by the negligence of the Alaska Defendants, and each of them, their officers, agents, servants and/or employees in that they were careless in, among other ways, the operation, control, maintenance, repair, service, and/or inspection of the subject aircraft.
- 60. As a result of the negligence of the Alaska Defendants, and each of them, plaintiff Hanna Hellsten sustained physical and emotional injuries, incurred medical expenses and will continue to incur expenses for medical care and treatment, suffered and will continue to suffer physical pain, emotional stress, loss of enjoyment of life and other permanent compensable injuries all with resulting damages.

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- 61. By reason of the foregoing, the Alaska Defendants are liable to plaintiff Hanna Hellsten for compensatory damages in a sum to be determined at trial.
- 62. The explosive in-flight decompression of the cabin, subsequent emergency landing and the resultant injuries were caused by the wanton and wilful misconduct of the Alaska Defendants, and each of them, including its officers, agents, servants and/or employees as set forth herein, whose actions and omissions were outrageous and gross and said defendants acted with reckless and/or conscious disregard for the safety of plaintiff Hanna Hellsten. Among other things, the Alaska Defendants knew, or should have known, that the Menzies Defendants were not carefully and safely handling their aviation ground support and services responsibilities yet continued to hire and pay Menzies to perform those services. The Alaska Defendants knew, or should have known, that within four months after it retained the Menzies Defendants, ramp employees of the Menzies Defendants had caused damage to other Alaska aircraft on 12 separate occasions. The total number of incidents of aircraft damage caused by Menzies employees was more than occurred during the entire calendar year 2004, when Alaska employees were responsible for performing the same services. Moreover, employees of the Menzies Defendants warned both Menzies and the Alaska Defendants about serious training deficiencies of ramp personnel and of the potential risk associated with continuing to utilize Menzies without proper training. These warnings were either ignored or dismissed by the Alaska Defendants for pecuniary reasons.
- 63. As a result of the foregoing, the Alaska Defendants are liable to plaintiff Hanna Hellsten for punitive damages in a sum to be determined at trial.

#### **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### **IBY HANNA HELLSTEN FOR NEGLIGENCE**

- 64. Plaintiff Hanna Hellsten repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs "1" through "21", as if fully set forth herein at length.
- 65. The explosive in-flight decompression of the cabin and subsequent emergency landing were proximately caused or contributed by the negligence of the Menzies Defendants, and

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each of them, their officers, agents, servants and/or employees in that they were careless in, among other ways, the operation and control of the ground vehicle that caused the ground strike.

- 66. As a result of the negligence of the Menzies Defendants, and each of them, plaintiff Hanna Hellsten sustained physical and emotional injuries, incurred medical expenses and will continue to incur expenses for medical care and treatment, suffered and will continue to suffer physical pain, emotional stress, loss of enjoyment of life and other permanent compensable injuries all with resulting damages.
- 67. By reason of the foregoing, the Menzies Defendants are liable to plaintiff Hanna Hellsten for compensatory damages in a sum to be determined at trial.
- 68. The explosive in-flight decompression of the cabin, subsequent emergency landing and the resultant injuries were caused by the wanton and wilful misconduct of the Menzies Defendants, and each of them, including their officers, agents, servants and/or employees as set forth herein, whose actions and omissions were outrageous and gross and said defendants acted with reckless and/or conscious disregard for the safety of plaintiff Hanna Hellsten. Among other things, officers and managing employees of the Menzies Defendants knew, or should have known, that its employees were not carefully and safely handling their aviation ground services responsibilities yet continued to utilize them to perform those services. Further, within four months after being retained, ramp employees of Menzies had caused damage to other Alaska aircraft on 12 separate occasions. The number of damage incidents was more than occurred during the entire calendar year 2004, when Alaska employees were responsible for these services. Moreover, employees of Menzies warned officers or other managing employees of the Menzies Defendants and the Alaska Defendants about serious training deficiencies of ramp personnel and of the potential risks associated with continuing to utilize Menzies without proper training. These warnings were either ignored or dismissed by the Menzies Defendants for pecuniary reasons.
- 69. As a result of the foregoing, the Menzies Defendants are liable to plaintiff Hanna Hellsten for punitive damages in a sum to be determined at trial.

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#### **NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

## [BY ANDREAS MIKULIC ANDERSSON FOR NEGLIGENCE AGAINST ALASKA DEFENDANTS AND DOES 1-25]

- 70. Plaintiff Andreas Mikulic Andersson repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs "1" through "21", as if fully set forth herein at length.
- 71. The explosive in-flight decompression of the cabin and subsequent emergency landing were caused or contributed by the negligence of the Alaska Defendants, and each of them, their officers, agents, servants and/or employees in that they were careless in, among other ways, the operation, control, maintenance, repair, service, and/or inspection of the subject aircraft.
- 72. As a result of the negligence of the Alaska Defendants, and each of them, plaintiff Andreas Mikulic Andersson sustained physical and emotional injuries, incurred medical expenses and will continue to incur expenses for medical care and treatment, suffered and will continue to suffer physical pain, emotional stress, loss of enjoyment of life and other permanent compensable injuries all with resulting damages.
- 73. By reason of the foregoing, the Alaska Defendants are liable to plaintiff Andreas Mikulic Andersson for compensatory damages in a sum to be determined at trial.
- 74. The explosive in-flight decompression of the cabin, subsequent emergency landing and the resultant injuries were caused by the wanton and wilful misconduct of the Alaska Defendants, and each of them, including its officers, agents, servants and/or employees as set forth herein, whose actions and omissions were outrageous and gross and said defendants acted with reckless and/or conscious disregard for the safety of plaintiff Andreas Mikulic Andersson. Among other things, the Alaska Defendants knew, or should have known, that the Menzies Defendants were not carefully and safely handling their aviation ground support and services responsibilities yet continued to hire and pay Menzies to perform those services. The Alaska Defendants knew, or should have known, that within four months after it retained the Menzies Defendants, ramp employees of the Menzies Defendants had caused damage to other Alaska aircraft on 12 separate occasions. The total number of incidents of aircraft damage caused by Menzies employees was more

than occurred during the entire calendar year 2004, when Alaska employees were responsible for performing the same services. Moreover, employees of the Menzies Defendants warned both Menzies and the Alaska Defendants about serious training deficiencies of ramp personnel and of the potential risk associated with continuing to utilize Menzies without proper training. These warnings were either ignored or dismissed by the Alaska Defendants for pecuniary reasons.

75. As a result of the foregoing, the Alaska Defendants are liable to plaintiff Andreas Mikulic Andersson for punitive damages in a sum to be determined at trial.

#### **TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

### [BY ANDREAS MIKULIC ANDERSSON FOR NEGLIGENCE AGAINST THE MENZIES DEFENDANTS AND DOES 26-50]

- 76. Plaintiff Andreas Mikulic Andersson repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs "1" through "21", as if fully set forth herein at length.
- 77. The explosive in-flight decompression of the cabin and subsequent emergency landing were proximately caused or contributed by the negligence of the Menzies Defendants, and each of them, their officers, agents, servants and/or employees in that they were careless in, among other ways, the operation and control of the ground vehicle that caused the ground strike.
- 78. As a result of the negligence of the Menzies Defendants, and each of them, plaintiff Andreas Mikulic Andersson sustained physical and emotional injuries, incurred medical expenses and will continue to incur expenses for medical care and treatment, suffered and will continue to suffer physical pain, emotional stress, loss of enjoyment of life and other permanent compensable injuries all with resulting damages.
- 79. By reason of the foregoing, the Menzies Defendants are liable to plaintiff Andreas Mikulic Andersson for compensatory damages in a sum to be determined at trial.
- 80. The explosive in-flight decompression of the cabin, subsequent emergency landing and the resultant injuries were caused by the wanton and wilful misconduct of the Menzies Defendants, and each of them, including their officers, agents, servants and/or employees as set forth herein, whose actions and omissions were outrageous and gross and said defendants acted with

reckless and/or conscious disregard for the safety of plaintiff Andreas Mikulic Andersson. Among other things, officers and managing employees of the Menzies Defendants knew, or should have known, that its employees were not carefully and safely handling their aviation ground services responsibilities yet continued to utilize them to perform those services. Further, within four months after being retained, ramp employees of Menzies had caused damage to other Alaska aircraft on 12 separate occasions. The number of damage incidents was more than occurred during the entire calendar year 2004, when Alaska employees were responsible for these services. Moreover, employees of Menzies warned officers or other managing employees of the Menzies Defendants and the Alaska Defendants about serious training deficiencies of ramp personnel and of the potential risks associated with continuing to utilize Menzies without proper training. These warnings were either ignored or dismissed by the Menzies Defendants for pecuniary reasons.

81. As a result of the foregoing, the Menzies Defendants are liable to plaintiff Andreas Mikulic Andersson for punitive damages in a sum to be determined at trial.

#### **ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### [BY MARGARETA SJODIN FOR NEGLIGENCE

- 82. Plaintiff Margareta Sjodin repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs "1" through "21", as if fully set forth herein at length.
- 83. The explosive in-flight decompression of the cabin and subsequent emergency landing were caused or contributed by the negligence of the Alaska Defendants, and each of them, their officers, agents, servants and/or employees in that they were careless in, among other ways, the operation, control, maintenance, repair, service, and/or inspection of the subject aircraft.
- 84. As a result of the negligence of the Alaska Defendants, and each of them, plaintiff Margareta Sjodin sustained physical and emotional injuries, incurred medical expenses and will continue to incur expenses for medical care and treatment, suffered and will continue to suffer physical pain, emotional stress, loss of enjoyment of life and other permanent compensable injuries all with resulting damages.

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85. By reason of the foregoing, the Alaska Defendants are liable to plaintiff Margareta Sjodin for compensatory damages in a sum to be determined at trial.

- 86. The explosive in-flight decompression of the cabin, subsequent emergency landing and the resultant injuries were caused by the wanton and wilful misconduct of the Alaska Defendants, and each of them, including its officers, agents, servants and/or employees as set forth herein, whose actions and omissions were outrageous and gross and said defendants acted with reckless and/or conscious disregard for the safety of plaintiff Margareta Sjodin. Among other things, the Alaska Defendants knew, or should have known, that the Menzies Defendants were not carefully and safely handling their aviation ground support and services responsibilities yet continued to hire and pay Menzies to perform those services. The Alaska Defendants knew, or should have known, that within four months after it retained the Menzies Defendants, ramp employees of the Menzies Defendants had caused damage to other Alaska aircraft on 12 separate occasions. The total number of incidents of aircraft damage caused by Menzies employees was more than occurred during the entire calendar year 2004, when Alaska employees were responsible for performing the same services. Moreover, employees of the Menzies Defendants warned both Menzies and the Alaska Defendants about serious training deficiencies of ramp personnel and of the potential risk associated with continuing to utilize Menzies without proper training. These warnings were either ignored or dismissed by the Alaska Defendants for pecuniary reasons.
- 87. As a result of the foregoing, the Alaska Defendants are liable to plaintiff Margareta Sjodin for punitive damages in a sum to be determined at trial.

#### TWELFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

#### [BY MARGARETA SJODIN FOR NEGLIGENCE

- 88. Plaintiff Margareta Sjodin repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs "1" through "21", as if fully set forth herein at length.
- 89. The explosive in-flight decompression of the cabin and subsequent emergency landing were proximately caused or contributed by the negligence of the Menzies Defendants, and

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each of them, their officers, agents, servants and/or employees in that they were careless in, among other ways, the operation and control of the ground vehicle that caused the ground strike.

- 90. As a result of the negligence of the Menzies Defendants, and each of them, plaintiff Margareta Sjodin sustained physical and emotional injuries, incurred medical expenses and will continue to incur expenses for medical care and treatment, suffered and will continue to suffer physical pain, emotional stress, loss of enjoyment of life and other permanent compensable injuries all with resulting damages.
- 91. By reason of the foregoing, the Menzies Defendants are liable to plaintiff Margareta Sjodin for compensatory damages in a sum to be determined at trial.
- The explosive in-flight decompression of the cabin, subsequent emergency landing 92. and the resultant injuries were caused by the wanton and wilful misconduct of the Menzies Defendants, and each of them, including their officers, agents, servants and/or employees as set forth herein, whose actions and omissions were outrageous and gross and said defendants acted with reckless and/or conscious disregard for the safety of plaintiff Margareta Sjodin. Among other things, officers and managing employees of the Menzies Defendants knew, or should have known, that its employees were not carefully and safely handling their aviation ground services responsibilities yet continued to utilize them to perform those services. Further, within four months after being retained, ramp employees of Menzies had caused damage to other Alaska aircraft on 12 separate occasions. The number of damage incidents was more than occurred during the entire calendar year 2004, when Alaska employees were responsible for these services. Moreover, employees of Menzies warned officers or other managing employees of the Menzies Defendants and the Alaska Defendants about serious training deficiencies of ramp personnel and of the potential risks associated with continuing to utilize Menzies without proper training. These warnings were either ignored or dismissed by the Menzies Defendants for pecuniary reasons.
- 93. As a result of the foregoing, the Menzies Defendants are liable to plaintiff Margareta Sjodin for punitive damages in a sum to be determined at trial.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs Mark Reveley, Emma Hellsten, Bengt Hellsten, Hanna Hellsten, Andreas Mikulic Andersson, and Margareta Sjodin each demand judgment against defendants jointly and severally, as follows:

- 1. For compensatory or general damages in an amount according to proof;
- 2. For special and economic damages, including medical expenses and related items of expense, according to proof;
- 3. For punitive damages;
- 4. For costs of suit incurred herein; and
- 5. For such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

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