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**RE: Pending of Threatened Litigation,
Claims and Assessments**

Dear Gentlemen:

I have received the Puerto Rico and the Caribbean Cardiovascular Center's request to provide a description and evaluation of all pending and/or threatened litigations and/or claims that this firm has been retained to defend on their behalf. To facilitate matters, the undersigned will provide you with an individualized description of the matters under our legal representation and that existed as of June 30, 2012 and up to the date of this letter:

1. **St Claire Woodley v. Centro Cardiovascular, Civil No KDP 08-0766,, CV-007 (GV)**

Description of the nature of the claim: this is a claim filed by plaintiff against one of the independent contractors physicians of the Hospital and against the hospital's personnel claiming that he had admitted a patient from the British Virgin Islands to the Hospital inasmuch the patient had suffered an myocardial infarction. They claim that the doctor treated the patient through medical orders by telephone and despite multiple calls that the patient was deteriorating he did not arrived promptly to the Hospital. The patient suffered a second myocardial infarction and died.

The complaint also alleges that the nurses did not advise the cardiologist of important changes in the patient's condition and that the internist provided by the Hospital to take care of the patient when the cardiologist did not respond, deviated from the medically accepted standards.

Progress of the matter to date: The Pretrial in this case is scheduled for December 10, 2012 at 9:30 AM.

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CCPR's response to the claim: The claim should be settled taking into consideration the evidence that has been discovered during the depositions.

Likelihood of an unfavorable outcome: High and the 150 thousand limit may be necessary to settle taking into consideration the damages claimed which include a loss of earnings. In addition, Dr. Manuel Quiles Lugo, a cardiologist, was consulted and his recommendation was to settle the case by paying the 150 thousand dollars.

2. **Nereida Diaz Rivera v. CCPR, et als Civil No KDP 10-0694,**
CV-025

Description of the nature of the claim: This is a claim by plaintiffs against the physicians and the Hospital claiming that they committed malpractice when they performed an ambulatory cardiovascular procedure on the patient. He eventually died at another hospital.

Progress of the matter to date: The case has been in hold and no discovery has taken place due to plaintiffs failure to keep the scheduled discovery.

CCPR's response to the claim: The claim will be vigorously defended by the Hospital since from the review of the records there seems to be no liability related to the study performed at the Hospital.

Likelihood of an unfavorable outcome: This scenario is not contemplated at this time.

3. **SAMUEL RODRIGUEZ VEGA VS. CENTRO CARDIOVASCULAR DE P.R.**
CV-031.

Description of the nature of the claim: This is a complaint alleging liability on the part of CCPRC for not taking the precautionary measures to avoid plaintiff's fall. He had been sedated with Ativan prior to a surgery the next day and was found by the nurse on the floor of the bathroom in the early morning hours.

Progress of the matter to date: The complaint was answered. Interrogatories have been sent and answered by both parties . The deposition of plaintiff Samuel Rodriguez is scheduled to take place on September 21, 2012 at 1:00 PM.

CCPR's response to the claim: After an initial evaluation of the record the Hospital was recommended to contemplate settlement in the vicinity of \$15,000.00 without engaging in costly litigation expenses.

Likelihood of an unfavorable outcome: As per the initial evaluation it was to be contemplated. After we take the deposition of plaintiff we will be in a better position to assess the probability of an unfavorable outcome.
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The previous opinions are rendered by us to the best of our knowledge taking into consideration the facts that are available to us at the present time. We also must advise that since all of these claims are filed before a court of law, it is the exclusive decision of these courts to determine the outcome of these cases.

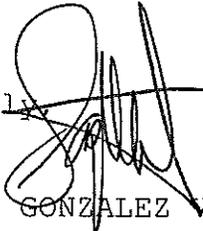
I confirm that your understanding regarding the Financial Accounting Standards Codification Topic of Contingencies is correct.

As of June 30, 2012 CCPRC owed us the amount of \$2,664.14 for services and expenses.

If you need any further information, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (787) 792-5200

With nothing further to add, I remain

Cordially


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