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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

In re

Bankruptcy No. 06-02238-LA13

HERNAN F. ESENDENCIA and  
NORMA B. ESENDENCIA,

ORDER AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL  
ATTORNEY FEES

Debtors.

The application for supplemental award of compensation to Debtor's counsel was heard on March 28, 2007 ("Application"). Debtor's counsel was instructed to file a supplemental declaration which provided itemization of the fees requested, and the matter was then taken under submission.

In a Chapter 13 case, the Court "may allow reasonable compensation to the Debtor's attorney for representing the interests of the Debtor in connection with the bankruptcy case based on a consideration of the benefit and necessity of such services to the Debtor and the other facts set forth in this section." 11 U.S.C. §330(a)(4)(B). The customary method for awarding a fee application in bankruptcy is the lodestar, which is calculated by multiplying the

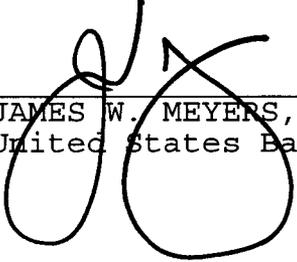
1 number of hours reasonably expended by a reasonable hourly rate. In  
2 re Eliapo, 468 F.3d 592, 598 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2006).

3 After review of the supplemental declaration of Geva Baumer in  
4 support of the Application, and the hours and services itemized in an  
5 exhibit thereto, the Court finds that the supplemental fees requested  
6 are reasonable and were necessary to represent the interests of the  
7 Debtors in this case. Therefore,

8 IT IS ORDERED THAT:

9 The Application is granted. Debtor's attorney is awarded the  
10 amount of \$3,576.00 as supplemental fees from the estate as an  
11 administrative expense in addition to the initial fee of \$2,600, for  
12 a total award of \$6,176. The Trustee is authorized to pay the fees  
13 in accordance with the confirmed plan in this case.

14 DATED: **OCT 04 2007**

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17 JAMES W. MEYERS, JUDGE  
18 United States Bankruptcy Court  
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