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**Invoice/Inspection Report**  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2013  
 Invoice No.: 00xxx

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Billing Address:		Claimant	
Company:		Name:	
Name:			
Address:		Address:	
City/State/Zip		City/State/Zip	

Item No.	Description of Item	Assessment of Claimed Damages or Missing Items	Estimated Repair Costs
1	Framed Chalk Artwork	<p>(See photos) The artwork is authored by Henry Isaacs. This artwork was purchased in Boulder, CO in 2001 at Smith Klein Gallery. The purchase price was approximately \$4,100.00. Be advised at this point, there is no documentation to support the claimed amount; however, Mrs. Zimmerman said she feels that she would possibly be able to locate such document since she is still in the process of organizing subsequent to the move. This is not an oil painting, but a pastel on parchment (chalk). During my inspection, Mrs. Zimmerman provided her testimony, part of which was indicating that the artwork had been moved before with no damage of any kind. Her complaint is that the artwork which is on matting centered within a white border, framed in glass, is out of alignment. The other part of her complaint is that, in her opinion, the picture frame was not properly wrapped. She is of the opinion that this is what caused the chalk material used in this artwork to have particles of the chalk dislodged at different areas of the white border. I examined very carefully this condition and as the photos demonstrate, there are chalk particles on the white border at different locations. After giving this much consideration, as it is my responsibility that to the best of my judgment and knowledge, convey my professional opinion, in the spirit of fairness, I would have to classify this condition as inherent vice for the following reasons:</p> <p><b><u>Inherent Vice</u></b>  <b>Hidden defect (or the very nature) of a good or property which of itself is the cause of (or contributes to) its deterioration, damage, or wastage. Such characteristics or defects make the item an unacceptable risk to a carrier or insurer. If the characteristic or defect is not visible, and if the carrier or the insurer has not been warned of it, neither of them may be liable for any claim arising solely out of the inherent vice.</b></p> <p>Please note my emphasis above (underlined in red) with the following statement "or the very nature". Hence, it is my opinion that the chalk substance used to create the artwork falls into this category of inherent vice. It is also my opinion that such a characteristic is an unacceptable risk by the carrier involved in this claim. I therefore feel that the claimed damage is not transit-related. Although my personal position on this claim is evident, I realize that at times, moving companies make allowances to retain customer good will. If the claims management staff decides to approve this claim in Mrs. Zimmerman's favor, Mrs. Zimmerman conveyed to me while at her residence that if any work was to be approved to remedy her complaint, she desires to use the following company: Artists Frame Service on Clyborne Street, in Chicago, Illinois. This location is very close to the claimant's residence. Mrs. Zimmerman indicated that it would be her preference to have the item re-matted because the picture and border are not in proper alignment. This is in addition to remedying the chalk particles on various areas of the white border within the frame.</p>	<p>Estimated cost to repair (if handled directly by Mrs. Zimmerman):            \$700.00 –            \$1,200.00</p> <p>Estimated cost to repair (if handled by Dee's Furniture):            Handling Fee of \$400.00 additional to repair costs.</p>
		Digital Photos	No Charge
		Inspection Service Fee (includes Travel and Administrative Charges)	\$185.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$185.00</b>

**Notes: Please note the separate cover sent to your immediate attention covering the subject of the chemical composition of chalk, etc.**

