

EXHIBIT 3

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

RNS SERVICING, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company,

Plaintiff,)

V.

Civil Action No. 17-cv-108

SPIRIT CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC.,
 a Delaware Corporation, STEVEN VAN DEN
 HEUVEL, a citizen of the State of Wisconsin,
 and SHARAD TAK, a citizen of the State of
 Florida,

Honorable Edmond E. Chang

Defendants.)

DECLARATION OF SHARAD K. TAK

I, Sharad K. Tak, declare under penalty of perjury and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that the following is true and correct:

1. I am an individually-named defendant in the above-captioned matter.
2. My permanent home is in the State of Florida.

3. I am the Manager of ST Paper Holdings, LLC. ST Paper Holdings, LLC is the Manager of ST Paper, LLC (“ST Paper”). In 2007 I was the Manager of ST Paper. ST Paper is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in the State of Wisconsin.

4. Neither I nor ST Paper conducts business in Illinois.

5. Neither I nor ST Paper was a party to any of the agreements that are the subject of RNS Servicing, LLC's ("RNS Servicing") First Amended Complaint—the Settlement Agreement, Master Lease No. 801109, Master Amendment Agreement, and Continuing Pledge

Agreement.

6. As Manager of ST Paper and for that company, I entered into four engineering, procurement, and construction contracts ("EPC Contracts") with Spirit Construction Services, Inc. ("Spirit Construction") for the new construction or construction modification of tissue paper manufacturing plants outside of Illinois.

7. The four EPC Contracts were executed outside of Illinois and related to work to be performed outside of Illinois.

8. I had every intention that ST Paper and Spirit Construction would proceed under the EPC Contracts.

9. Neither I nor ST Paper ever had an agreement with IFC Credit Corporation ("IFC"), the predecessor-in-interest to RNS Servicing.

10. I never guaranteed any of the loans at issue in RNS Servicing's First Amended Complaint.

11. I had no involvement with the subsequent actions taken by either Spirit Construction or Steven and Ron Van Den Heuvel that are the subject of this lawsuit.

Dated this 27th day of November, 2017.


Sharad K. Tak