The decision below is signed as a decision of

the court.

BORNET OF COLUMN

Signed: July 06, 2005.

S. Martin Teel, Jr. United States Bankruptcy Judge

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

In re	)
GOLAM H. KOWKABI and KAREN W. KOWKABI,	) Case No. 03-01556 ) (Chapter 11)
Debtors.	)
GIRLSONGS, et al.,	) )
Plaintiffs,	) ) Adversary Proceeding No
v.	) 05-10021
NINE F, INC., et al.,	)
Defendants.	)

## DECISION RE INEFFECTIVENESS OF NOTICE OF REMOVAL

The debtor Gholam Hossein Kowkabi Notice of Removed Action purporting to treat this matter, pending as <u>Girlsonqs, et al. v.</u> <u>Nine F, Inc., et al.</u>, Civil Action No. 05-00155 (EGS) in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, as removed to this court pursuant to a notice of removal filed in the district court. The notice of removal was a nullity. <u>See</u> <u>In re The Academy, Inc.</u>, 288 B.R. 286 (Bankr. M.D. Fla. 2002) (action already pending in federal district court cannot be "removed" to the bankruptcy court by the filing of a notice of removal; it must be "referred" to bankruptcy court by the district court); <u>Sharp Electronics Corp. v. Deutsche Fin'l</u> <u>Servs. Corp.</u>, 222 B.R. 259 (Bankr. D. Md. 1998) (same); <u>Mitchell</u> <u>v. Fukuoka Daiei Hawks Baseball Club (In re Mitchell)</u>, 206 B.R. 204 (Bankr. C.D. Cal. 1997) (same); <u>In re Croley</u>, 121 B.R. 412 (Bankr. D.D.C. 1990) (same). Accordingly, the court will treat the Notice of Removed Action as ineffective and close this adversary proceeding. An order follows.

[Signed above.]

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