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1 JOHN W. BARRON, Counsel (SBN 171246) Bureau of Real Estate AUG 01 2014 2 P. O. Box 137007 BUREAU OF REAL ESTATE Sacramento, CA 95813-7007 3 Telephone: (916) 263-8670 4 -or-(916) 263-8680 (Direct) 5 6 7 8 BEFORE THE BUREAU OF REAL ESTATE 9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 \* \* \* 11 In the Matter of the Accusation of 12 MAD, INC., and NO. H-2904 FR MICHAEL VICTOR SALVADORI, 13 **ACCUSATION** 14 Respondents. 15 The Complainant, BRENDA SMITH, in her official capacity as a Deputy Real 16 Estate Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of Accusation against MAD, INC. 17 ("MAD"), individually and doing business as "Century 21 Salvador Realty" and "Salvadori 18 Property Management"; and, MICHAEL VICTOR SALVADORI ("SALVADORI"), 19 (collectively "Respondents"), is informed and alleges as follows: 20 21

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At all times relevant, MAD, INC., was licensed and/or had license rights by the Bureau of Real Estate ("the Bureau") as a corporate real estate broker under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code ("the Code").

At all times relevant, SALVADORI was licensed and/or had license rights by the Bureau as a real estate broker under the Code, and was licensed by the Bureau as the designated

broker/officer of MAD. As the designated broker/officer, SALVADORI was responsible, pursuant to Section 10159.2 (responsibility of corporate broker in charge) of the Code for the supervision of the activities of the officers, agents, real estate licensees and employees of MAD for which a real estate license is required.

At all times relevant, Respondents were engaged in the business of, acted in the capacity of, advertised or assumed to act as real estate broker in the State of California within the meaning of Section 10131(b) (property management) of the Code, including the operation and conduct of a property management business with the public, wherein, on behalf of others, for compensation or in expectation of compensation, Respondents leased or rented and offered to lease or rent, and solicited for prospective tenants of real property or improvements thereon, and collected rents from real property or improvements thereon.

## **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

On or about March 5, 2013, and continuing intermittently through May 7, 2013, an audit was conducted of Respondents at their main office located at 3500 North G Street, Merced, California, where the auditor examined the records for the period of January 1, 2010, through January 31, 2013 (the audit period).

While acting as real estate brokers as described in Paragraph 3, above, and within the audit period, Respondents accepted or received funds in trust (trust funds) in the course of the real estate activities described in Paragraph 3, above, and deposited or caused to be deposited those funds into a bank account maintained by Respondents, including, but not limited to:

## Trust Account #1

WestAmerica Bank 605 West Olive Avenue Merced, CA 95340

Trust Account #1 (Continued) 2 Account No.: XXXX-XX069-3 3 Account Name: Mike V Salvadori (Trustee) DBA Salvadori Realty - Rental Trust Acct. 5 Signatories: Mike Salvadori (REB) 6 7 Trust Account #2 8 WestAmerica Bank 605 West Olive Avenue Merced, CA 95340 Account No.: XXXX-XX9-133 11 Account Name: Mike V Salvadori Trustee 12 DBA Salvadori Realty – Trust 13 Deposit 14 Signatories: Michael Salvadori (REB) 15 Thereafter, Respondents from time-to-time made disbursement of said trust funds. 16 17 In the course of the activities described in Paragraph 3, above, in connection with 18 the collection and disbursement of trust funds: 19 As of December 31, 2012, there was a shortage in Respondents' Trust 20 Account #1 of at least \$292,945.05. Respondents failed to obtain the prior written consent of 21 every principal who is an owner of the funds in Trust Account #1 prior to any disbursement 22 which would reduce the balance of the funds in Trust Account #1 to an amount less than the 23 existing aggregate account liability of Respondents to all owners and/or principals of those 24 funds. Such acts and/or omissions by Respondents violate Section 10145 (handling of trust 25 funds) of the Code and Section 2832.1 (trust fund handling for multiple beneficiaries) of 26

Title 10 of the California Code of Regulations ("the Regulations").

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- (b) As of December 31, 2012, there was a shortage in Respondents' Trust Account #2 of at least \$110,840.11. Respondents failed to obtain the prior written consent of every principal who is an owner of the funds in Trust Account #2 prior to any disbursement which would reduce the balance of the funds in Trust Account #2 to an amount less than the existing aggregate account liability of Respondents to all owners and/or principals of those funds. Such acts and/or omissions by Respondents violate Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2832.1 of Regulations.
- (c) Respondents failed to maintain separate records for the receipt and disbursement of funds deposited into Trust Account #1. Such acts and/or omissions by Respondents violate Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2831.1 (separate records for each beneficiary or transaction) of the Regulations.
- (d) Respondents failed to maintain accurate monthly reconciliations of trust funds received and disbursed for Trust Accounts #1 and #2. Such acts and/or omissions by Respondents violate Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2831.2 (trust account reconciliation) of the Regulations.
- (e) Respondents failed to maintain adequate Control Records for Trust Accounts #1 and #2. Such acts and/or omissions by Respondents violate Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2831 (trust fund records maintenance) of the Regulations.

The facts alleged in Paragraph 6, above, are grounds for the suspension or revocation of the license and license rights of Respondents under Sections 10177(d) (willful disregard of Real Estate Law) and/or 10177(g) (negligence/incompetence) of the Code. In addition, the Bureau is entitled to reimbursement from Respondents for the costs of its audit pursuant to Section 10148(b) (cost of audit in final decision following disciplinary hearing) of the Code.

## **COST RECOVERY**

Section 10106 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that in any order issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before the Bureau, the Commissioner may request the Administrative Law Judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation of this part to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a hearing be conducted on the allegations of this Accusation and that upon proof thereof, a decision be rendered imposing disciplinary action against all licenses and license rights of Respondents under the Code, and for such other and further relief as may be proper under the provisions of law.

BRENDA SMITH

Deputy Real Estate Commissioner

Dated at Fresno, California

this 29 day of Jul.