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BEFORE THE BUREAU OF REAL ESTATE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Accusation of:

LAWRENCE CECIL RUMBECK and BP REALTY, INC.

Respondents.

No. H-3140 FR

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT IN SETTLEMENT AND ORDER

It is hereby stipulated by and between LAWRENCE CECIL RUMBECK

("RUMBECK") and BP REALTY, INC. ("BPRI") (collectively "Respondents") and their

attorney, Mahanvir S. Sahota of The Law Offices of Brunn & Flynn, and the Complainant, acting

by and through Adriana Z. Badilas, Counsel for the Bureau of Real Estate ("Bureau"), as follows

for the purpose of settling and disposing of the Accusation filed on December 8, 2017, in this

matter:

1. All issues which were to be contested and all evidence which was to be presented by Complainant and Respondents at a formal hearing on the Accusation, which hearing was to be held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act ("APA"), shall instead and in place thereof be submitted solely on the basis of the provisions of this Stipulation and Agreement.

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- Respondents have received, read, and understand the Statement to
   Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the APA and the Accusation filed by the Bureau in this proceeding.
- 3. Respondents filed a Notice of Defense pursuant to Section 11505 of the Government Code for the purpose of requesting a hearing on the allegations in the Accusation. Respondents hereby freely and voluntarily withdraw said Notice of Defense. Respondents acknowledge that Respondents will waive Respondents' right to require the Real Estate Commissioner ("Commissioner") to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a contested hearing held in accordance with the provisions of the APA and that Respondents will waive other rights afforded to Respondents in connection with the hearing, such as the right to present evidence in defense of the allegations in the Accusation and the right to cross-examine witnesses.
- 4. This Stipulation and Agreement and Respondents' decision not to contest the Accusation are made for the purpose of reaching an agreed disposition of this proceeding and are expressly limited to this proceeding and any other proceeding or case in which the Bureau, the state or federal government, an agency of this state, or an agency of another state is involved.
- 5. It is understood by the parties that the Commissioner may adopt the Stipulation and Agreement as his Decision and Order in this matter thereby imposing the penalty and sanctions on Respondent's real estate license and license rights as set forth in the below "Order." In the event the Commissioner in his discretion does not adopt the Stipulation and Agreement, it shall be void and of no effect, and Respondents shall retain the right to a hearing and proceeding on the Accusation under all the provisions of the APA and shall not be bound by any admission or waiver made herein.
- 6. This Decision and Order or any subsequent Order of the Commissioner made pursuant to this Stipulation and Agreement shall not constitute an estoppel, merger or bar to any further administrative or civil proceedings by the Bureau with respect to any matters, which were not specifically alleged in Accusation H-3140 FR.

#### **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

By reason of the foregoing stipulations, admissions, and waivers and solely for the purpose of settlement of the pending Accusation without hearing, it is stipulated and agreed that the following Determination of Issues shall be made:

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The acts and/or omissions of RUMBECK, as described in the Accusation, are grounds for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights of RUMBECK under Business and Professions Code ("Code") Sections 10145, 10159.2, and 10177(d), in conjunction with the California Code of Regulations ("Regulations"), Title 10, Sections 2725, 2831.2, and 2832.1.

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The acts and/or omissions of <u>BPRI</u>, as described in the Accusation, are grounds for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights of BPRI under Sections <u>10145</u> and <u>10177(d)</u> of the Code, in conjunction with Section 2831.2 and 2832.1 of the Regulations.

#### ORDER

#### I. AS TO BPRI

All licenses and licensing rights of BPRI under the Real Estate Law are suspended for a period of ninety (90) days from the effective date of this Order; provided, however, that:

1. Forty-five (45) days of said suspension shall be stayed upon the condition that BPRI petitions pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the Code and pays a monetary penalty pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the Code, at a rate of \$50 for each day of the suspension, for a total monetary penalty of \$2,250.00.

a. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the Bureau of Real Estate. Said check must be delivered to the Bureau of Real Estate, Flag Section at P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013, prior to the effective date of this Order.

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the Bureau of Real Estate, Said check must be delivered to the Bureau of Real Estate, Flag Section at P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013, prior to the effective date of this Order.

- No further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license b. of RUMBECK occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of the Order in this matter.
- If RUMBECK fails to pay the monetary penalty in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Decision, the Commissioner may, without a hearing, order the immediate execution of all or any part of the stayed suspension, in which event, RUMBECK shall not be entitled to any repayment nor credit, prorated or otherwise, for money paid to the Bureau under the terms of this decision.
- If RUMBECK pays the monetary penalty, and if no further cause for d. disciplinary action against the real estate license of RUMBECK occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of the Decision herein, then the stay hereby granted shall become permanent.
- 2. The remaining forty-five (45) days of said suspension shall also be stayed for two (2) years upon the following terms and conditions:
- RUMBECK shall obey all laws, rules and regulations governing the a. rights, duties and responsibilities of a real estate licensee in the State of California, and
- That no final subsequent determination be made, after hearing or upon b. stipulation, that cause for disciplinary action occurred within two (2) years from the effective date of this Order. Should such a determination be made, the Commissioner may, in his discretion, vacate and set aside the stay order and reimpose all or a portion of the stayed suspension. Should no such determination be made, the stay imposed herein shall become permanent.

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3. RUMBECK shall, within six (6) months from the effective date of this Order, take and pass the Professional Responsibility Examination administered by the Bureau, including the payment of the appropriate examination fee. If RUMBECK fails to satisfy this condition, RUMBECK's real estate license shall automatically be suspended until RUMBECK passes the examination.

4. All licenses and licensing rights of RUMBECK are indefinitely suspended unless or until RUMBECK provides proof satisfactory to the Commissioner, of having taken and successfully completed the continuing education course on trust fund accounting and handling specified in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 10170.5 of the Code. Proof of satisfaction of these requirements includes evidence that RUMBECK has successfully completed the trust fund accounting and handling continuing education course, no earlier than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the effective date of the Order in this matter. Proof of completion of the trust fund accounting and handling course must be delivered to the Bureau of Real Estate, Flag Section at P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013 or by fax at 916-263-8785, prior to the effective date of this Order.

### III. AS TO BOTH BPRI & RUMBECK

1. All licenses and licensing rights of Respondents are indefinitely suspended unless or until Respondents, jointly and severally, pay the sum of \$2,587.75 for the Commissioner's reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement which led to this disciplinary action. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check or certified check made payable to the Bureau of Real Estate. The investigative and enforcement costs must be delivered to the Bureau of Real Estate, Flag Section at P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013, prior to the effective date of this Order.

2. Respondents, jointly and severally, shall pay the sum of \$4,915.93 for the Commissioner's cost of the audit which led to this disciplinary action. Respondents shall pay such cost within sixty (60) days of receiving an invoice therefore from the Commissioner. The

Commissioner shall indefinitely suspend all licenses and licensing rights of Respondents pending a hearing held in accordance with Section 11500, et seq., of the Government Code, if payment is not timely made as provided for herein, or as provided for in a subsequent agreement between Respondents and the Commissioner. The suspension shall remain in effect until payment is made in full or until Respondents enter into an agreement satisfactory to the Commissioner to provide for payment, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.

3. Respondents, jointly and severally, shall pay the Commissioner's costs, not to exceed \$6,144.91, of any audit conducted pursuant to Section 10148 of the Code to determine if Respondents have corrected the violations described in the Determination of Issues, above, and any other violations found in the audit which led to this disciplinary action. In calculating the amount of the Commissioner's reasonable cost, the Commissioner may use the estimated average hourly salary for all persons performing audits of real estate brokers, and shall include an allocation for travel time to and from the auditor's place of work. Respondents shall pay such cost within sixty (60) days of receiving an invoice therefore from the Commissioner detailing the activities performed during the audit and the amount of time spent performing those activities. If Respondents fail to pay such cost within the sixty (60) days, the Commissioner shall indefinitely suspend all licenses and licensing rights of Respondents under the Real Estate Law until payment is made in full or until Respondents enter into an agreement satisfactory to the Commissioner to provide for payment. Upon full payment, the indefinite suspension provided for in this paragraph shall be stayed.

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ADRIANA Z. BADILAS, Counsel Bureau of Real Estate

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I have read the Stipulation and Agreement, have discussed it with my counsel, and its terms are understood by me and are agreeable and acceptable to me. I understand that I am waiving rights given to me by the APA (including but not limited to Sections 11506, 11508, 11509, and 11513 of the Government Code), and I willingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waive those rights, including the right of requiring the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a hearing at which I would have the right to cross-examine witnesses against me and to present evidence in defense and mitigation of the charges.

Respondents can signify acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Agreement by faxing a copy of the signature page, as actually signed by Respondent, to the Bureau at fax number (916) 263-3767 or by e-mail to adriana.badilas@DRE.ca.gov. Respondents agree, acknowledge, and understand that by electronically sending to the Bureau a fax copy of Respondents' actual signature as it appears on the Stipulation and Agreement, that receipt of the faxed copy by the Bureau shall be as binding on Respondents as if the Bureau had received the original signed Stipulation and Agreement.

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BP REALTY, INC.

By: Lawrence Cecil Rumbeck, Designated Officer

LAWRENCE CECIL RUMBECK Respondent

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1	I have reviewed this Stipulation and Agreement as to form and content and have
2	advised my clients accordingly.
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4	4-26-2018
5	DATED MAHANVIR S. SAHOTA The Law Offices of Brunn & Flynn
6	Attorney for Respondents
7	* * *
8	The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement In Settlement and Order is hereby
9	adopted by the Real Estate Commissioner as his Decision and Order and shall become effective
10	at 12 o'clock noon on DEC 0 4 2018
11	IT IS SO ORDERED October 31, 2018.
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