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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE
BY:

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of WESTERN WORLD FINANCIAL,

Western World Financial,

a California corporation doing business as Prime Choice Escrow; and DARYL SCOTT BEANS, individually and as designated Officer of

Respondents,

No. H-36792 LA

STIPULATION
AND
AGREEMENT

It is hereby stipulated by and between Respondents
WESTERN WORLD FINANCIAL and DARYL SCOTT BEANS, individually and
as designated officer of Western World Financial, (sometimes
collectively referred to as "Respondents"), and the Complainant,
acting by and through Elliott Mac Lennan, Counsel for the
Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of settling
and disposing of the Accusation ("Accusation") filed on September
3, 2010, in this matter:

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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 ("Stipulation").

- 2. Respondents have received, read and understand the Statement to Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the APA and the Accusation filed by the Department of Real Estate in this proceeding.
- 3. Respondents timely filed a Notice of Defense pursuant to Section 11506 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 they understand that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense they thereby waive their right to require the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a contested hearing held in accordance with the provisions of the APA and that they will waive other rights afforded to them in connection with the hearing such as the right to present evidence in their defense and the right to cross-examine witnesses.

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4. This Stipulation is based on the factual allegations contained in the Accusation. In the interest of expedience and economy, Respondents choose not to contest these allegations, but to remain silent and understand that, as a result thereof, these factual allegations, without being admitted or denied, will serve as a prima facie basis for the disciplinary action stipulated to herein. The Real Estate Commissioner shall not be required to provide further evidence to prove said factual allegations.

- 5. This Stipulation is made for the purpose of reaching an agreed disposition of this proceeding and is expressly limited to this proceeding and any other proceeding or case in which the Department of Real Estate ("Department"), the state or federal government, or any agency of this state, another state or federal government is involved.
- Estate Commissioner may adopt this Stipulation as her Decision in this matter thereby imposing the penalty and sanctions on Respondents' real estate licenses and license rights as set forth in the "Order" herein below. In the event that the Commissioner in her discretion does not adopt the Stipulation, it shall be void and of no effect and Respondents shall retain the right to a hearing and proceeding on the Accusation under the provisions of the APA and shall not be bound by any stipulation or waiver made herein.

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The Order or any subsequent Order of the Real 7. Estate Commissioner made pursuant to this Stipulation shall not constitute an estoppel, merger or bar to any further administrative or civil proceedings by the Department of Real Estate with respect to any matters which were not specifically alleged to be causes for Accusation in this proceeding but do constitute a bar, estoppel and merger as to any allegations actually contained in the Accusation against Respondent herein. Respondents understand that by agreeing to this Stipulation, Respondents agree to pay, pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 10148, the cost of the audit. amount of said cost for the original audit (LA 080134) is 12 \$5,735.76. 13 Respondents have received, read, and understand the 9. 14 "Notice Concerning Costs of Subsequent Audit". Respondents 15 further understand that by agreeing to this Stipulation, the 16 findings set forth below in the Determination of Issues become 17 final, and the Commissioner may charge Respondents for the cost 18 of any subsequent audit conducted pursuant to Business and 19 Professions Code Section 10148 to determine if the violations 20 have been corrected. The maximum cost of the follow-up audit will not exceed \$5,735.76. 111 23 24 111 111 25 111 26 111 27

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# DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

By reason of the foregoing, it is stipulated and agreed that the following determination of issues shall be made:

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The conduct, acts or omissions of <u>WESTERN WORLD</u>

FINANCIAL and <u>DARYL SCOTT BEANS</u>, as described in Paragraph 4,
above, are in violation of Section <u>10145</u> of the Business and
Professions Code ("Code") and Sections <u>2731</u>, <u>2831</u>, <u>2831.1</u>,

2831.2, <u>2832(a)</u>, <u>2832.1</u>, <u>2834</u>, <u>2950(d)</u>, <u>2950(g)</u>, <u>2950(h)</u> and <u>2951</u>

of Title 10, Chapter 6 of the California Code of Regulations
("Regulations") and is a basis for discipline of Respondents'
license and license rights as violation of the Real Estate Law
pursuant to Code Section <u>10177(d)</u>.

II.

The conduct, acts or omissions of DARYL SCOTT BEANS, as described in Paragraph 4, above, are in violation of Code Section 10159.2 and is a basis for discipline of Respondent's license and license rights as violation of the Real Estate Law pursuant to Code Sections 10177(d), 10177(g) and 10177(h).

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ORDER 1 WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made: 2 I. 3 The real estate broker license and license rights of 4 Respondent WESTERN WORLD FINANCIAL under the Real Estate Law are revoked. II. 7 All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent DARRYL 8 SCOTT BEANS under the Real Estate Law are suspended for a period of ninety (90) days from the effective date of this Decision. Provided, however, that if Respondent requests, the 11 initial thirty (30) days of said suspension (or a portion 12 thereof) shall be stayed for two (2) years upon condition that: 13 Respondent pays a monetary penalty pursuant to 14 Section 10175.2 of the Business and Professions Code at the rate 15 of \$50.00 per day for each day of the suspension for a total 16 monetary penalty of \$1,500. 17 Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's 18 check or certified check made payable to the Recovery Account of 19 the Real Estate Fund. Said check must be received by the 20 Department prior to the effective date of the Decision in this 21 matter. 22 No further cause for disciplinary action against 23 the real estate license of Respondent occurs within two (2) years 24 from the effective date of the Decision in this matter. 25 If Respondent fails to pay the monetary penalty in 26 accordance with the terms of the Decision, the Commissioner may, 27 - 6 -

without a hearing, order the immediate execution of all or any part of the stayed suspension, in which event the Respondent shall not be entitled to any repayment nor credit, prorated or otherwise, for money paid to the Department under the terms of this Decision.

5. If Respondent pays the monetary penalty and if no further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate

- 5. If Respondent pays the monetary penalty and if he further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondent occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of the Decision, the stay hereby granted shall become permanent.
- B. The remaining sixty (60) days of the ninety (90) day suspension shall be stayed for two (2) years upon the following terms and conditions:
- 1. Respondent shall obey all laws, rules and regulations governing the rights, duties and responsibilities of a real estate licensee in the State of California; and
- after hearing or upon stipulation, which cause for disciplinary action occurred within two (2) years from the effective date of this Decision. Should such a determination be made, the Commissioner may, in her 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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III.

Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Business and

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Professions Code, Respondents WESTERN WORLD FINANCIAL and DARRYL SCOTT BEANS shall pay the Commissioner's reasonable cost for (a) the audit which led to this disciplinary action and (b) a subsequent audit to determine if Respondents are now in compliance with the Real Estate Law. The cost of the audit which led to this disciplinary action is \$5,735.76. 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. Said amount for the prior and subsequent audits shall not exceed \$11,471.52. Respondents shall pay such cost within 60 days of receiving an invoice from the Commissioner detailing the activities performed during the audit and the amount of time spent performing those activities.

The Commissioner may suspend the license of Respondent 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 the Respondents and the Commissioner. The suspension shall remain in effect until payment is made in full or until Respondent enters 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.

IV.

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent DARRYL

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DATED:

SCOTT BEANS are indefinitely suspended unless or until Respondent 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 Business and Professions Code. Proof of satisfaction of this requirement includes evidence that Respondent has successfully completed the trust fund account and handling continuing education course within 120 days prior to the effective date of the Decision in this matter.

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ELLIOTT MAC LENNAN, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate

# EXECUTION OF THE STIPULATION

We have read the Stipulation and Agreement and discussed it with our attorney. Its terms are understood by us and are agreeable and acceptable to us. We understand that we are waiving rights given to us by the California Administrative Procedure Act (including but not limited to Sections 11506, 11508, 11509 and 11513 of the Government Code), and we 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 we would have the right to

cross-examine witnesses against us and to present evidence in defense and mitigation of the charges.

# MAILING AND FACSIMILE

Respondents (1) shall <u>mail</u> the original signed signature page of the stipulation herein to Elliott Mac Lennan: Attention: Legal Section, Department of Real Estate, 320 W. Fourth St., Suite 350, Los Angeles, California 90013-1105. Respondents shall also (2) <u>facsimile</u> a copy of signed signature page, to the Department at the following telephone/fax number: (213) 576-6917, Attention: Elliott Mac Lennan.

A facsimile constitutes acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of this stipulation. Respondents agree, acknowledge and understand that by electronically sending to the Department a facsimile copy of Respondents' actual signature as it appears on the stipulation that receipt of the facsimile copy by the Department shall be as binding on Respondents as if the Department had received the original signed stipulation.

DATED: 7/11/11

WESTERN WORLD FINANCIAL, Respondent By: DARRYL SCOTT BEANS, as designated officer of Pacific Western World Financial

DATED: 7/11/11

DARRYL SCOTT BEANS, Respondent, Individually and as designated officer of Pacific Western World Financial

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The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision as to Respondents WESTERN WORLD FINANCIAL and DARRYL SCOTT BEANS and shall become effective at 12 o'clock September 2 noon on 2011. IT IS SO ORDERED BARBARA J. BIGBY Acting Real Estate Commissioner 1.3 

1 ELLIOTT MAC LENNAN, SBN 0006674 Department of Real Estate 2 320 West 4th Street, Ste. 350 Los Angeles, California 90013-1105 3 (213) 576-6911 (direct) Telephone: 4 (213) 576-6982 (office) -or-5 6 7 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 8 9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 In the Matter of the Accusation of 12 WESTERN WORLD FINANCIAL, 13 a California corporation doing business as Prime Choice Escrow; 14 and DARYL SCOTT BEANS, individually and as designated Officer of 1.5 Western World Financial, .16 Respondents. 17 18 19 20 21 22 Western World Financial, alleges as follows: 23 1. 24 25 26 111 .. 27

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ACCUSATION

The Complainant, Robin Trujillo, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of Accusation against WESTERN WORLD FINANCIAL dba Prime Choice Escrow; and DARYL SCOTT BEANS, individually and as designated officer of

The Complainant, Robin Trujillo, acting in her official capacity as a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of

California, makes this Accusation against WESTERN WORLD FINANCIAL and DARYL SCOTT BEANS.

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All references to the "Code" are to the California

Business and Professions Code and all references to "Regulations"

are to Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations except

as otherwise specified.

# LICENSE HISTORY

3.

A. At all times mentioned, WESTERN WORLD FINANCIAL ("WWF") was licensed or had license rights issued by the Department of Real Estate ("Department") as a corporate real estate broker. On December 01, 2000, WWF was originally licensed as a real estate broker by and through DARRYL SCOTT BEANS.

- B.1 At all times material herein, DARYL SCOTT BEANS ("BEANS"), was licensed by the Department as a corporate real estate broker.
- B.2. BEANS was originally licensed as a salesperson on December 29, 1994. BEANS was originally licensed as a broker on May 9, 1995.
- B.3. On January 2, 2008, in Case No. H-34132 LA,
  Respondent BEANS broker's license was disciplined by a suspension stayed by a monetary penalty. In this prior case, World Wide
  Financial was the fictitious business name and the name of the corporation was Prime Choice Escrow Corp.; a reversal of roles without a change in substance in the escrow activities conducted.

C. At all times material herein, BEANS was the designated officer and broker responsible for WWF, pursuant to Code Sections 10159.2 and 10211 for supervising the activities requiring a real estate license conducted on behalf WWF of by WWF's officers, agents and employees. BEANS became the designated officer of WWF on December 01, 2000, and continues thereon to date.

### BROKERAGE

4.

At all times mentioned, in the City of Pomona, County of Los Angeles, WWF acted as a corporate real estate broker and conducted licensed activities by means of broker-controlled escrows through WWF's escrow division under the exemption set forth in California Financial Code Section 17006(a)(4) for real estate brokers performing escrows incidental to a real estate transaction where the broker is a party and where the broker is performing acts for which a real estate license is required.

# AUDIT EXAMINATION

5.

On April 23, 2009, the Department completed an audit examination of the books and records of WWF pertaining to the broker-escrow activities described in Paragraph 4 that require a real estate license. The audit examination covered a period of time beginning on January 1, 2008 to November 30, 2008. The audit examination revealed violations of the Code and the

Regulations as set forth in the following paragraphs, and more fully discussed in Audit Report LA 080134 and the exhibits and workpapers attached to said audit report.

## ESCROW TRUST ACCOUNT

6.

At all times mentioned, in connection with the activities described in Paragraph 4, above, WWF accepted or received funds including funds in trust (hereinafter "trust funds") from or on behalf of actual or prospective parties to transactions handled by WWF including escrow holders and thereafter made deposits and or disbursements of such funds.

From time to time herein mentioned during the audit period, said trust funds were deposited and/or maintained by WWF in the bank account as follows:

"Prime Choice Escrow Corp. Escrow Trust Account"

Acct. No 1891976696

Commerica Bank
El Segundo, California ("escrow trust account")

## VIOLATIONS OF THE REAL ESTATE LAW

7.

In the course of activities described in Paragraphs 4 and 6, above, and during the examination period described in Paragraph 5, Respondents WWF and BEANS acted in violation of the Code and the Regulations in that Respondents:

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(a) Permitted, allowed or caused the disbursement of trust funds from the escrow trust account, where the disbursement of funds reduced the total of aggregate funds in the escrow trust account, to an amount which, on November 30, 2008, was \$4,706.09, less than the existing aggregate trust fund liability of WWF to every principal who was an owner of said funds, without first obtaining the prior written consent of the owners of said funds, in violation of Code Section 10145 and Regulations 2832.1, 2950(d), 2950(g) and 2951.

- (b) Failed to maintain a control record in the form of a columnar record in chronological order of all trust funds received, deposited and disbursed by the escrow trust account, in violation of Code Section 10145 and Regulations 2831, 2950(d) and 2951.
- (c) Failed to maintain an accurate and complete separate record for each beneficiary or transaction, thereby failing to account for all trust funds received, deposited and disbursed for the escrow trust account, in violation of Code Section 10145 and Regulations 2831.1, 2950(d) and 2951.
- (d) Failed to perform a monthly reconciliation of the balance of all separate beneficiary or transaction records maintained pursuant to Regulation 2831.1 with the record of all trust funds received and disbursed by the escrow trust account, in violation of Code Section 10145 and Regulations 2831.2, 2950(d) and 2951.

1 broker as trustee at a bank or other financial institution, nor designated as a trust account, in violation of Code Section 10145 3 and Regulations 2832(a), 2950(d) and 2951. 4 (f) Permitted unlicensed and unbonded person Humberto 5 Zamudio to be an authorized signatory on the escrow trust 6 account, in violation of Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2834. (a) Used the fictitious name of "Prime Choice Escrow R Corp.", to conduct licensed activities including broker-9 10 controlled escrows without holding a license bearing said fictitious business name, in violation of Code Section 10159.5 11 12 and Regulation 2731; and 13 (h) Failed to disclose in writing to all parties of 14 WWF's financial interest and ownership of WWF's escrow division, 15 Prime Choice Escrow, in violation of Code Section 10145 and 16 Regulation 2950(h). 17 8. 18 The conduct of Respondents WWF and BEANS, described in 19 Paragraph 7, above, violated the Code and the Regulations as set 20 forth below: 21 PROVISIONS VIOLATED PARAGRAPH 22 23 Code Section 10145 and Regulations 7(a) 24 2832.1, 2950(d), 2950(g) and 2951 25

(e) The escrow trust account was not in the name of the

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23	The foregoing violations	constitutes cause for the suspension or
24	revocation of the real es	tate license and license rights of WWF
25	and BEANS, under the provisions of Code Sections 10177(d) and/or	
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#### NEGLIGENCE

9.

The overall conduct of Respondents WWF and BEANS constitutes negligence. This conduct and violation are cause for the suspension or revocation of the real estate license and license rights of said Respondents pursuant to Code Section 10177(g).

# SUPERVISION AND COMPLIANCE

10.

The overall conduct of Respondent BEANS constitutes a failure on his part, as officer designated by a corporate broker licensee, to exercise reasonable supervision and control over the licensed activities of WWF as required by Code Section 10159.2, and to keep WWF in compliance with the Real Estate Law, and is cause for the suspension or revocation of the real estate license and license rights of BEANS pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 10177(h).

### PRIOR DEPARTMENT ACTION

11.

On January 2, 2008, in Case No. H-34132 LA, a
Stipulation and Agreement became effective against PRIME CHOICE
ESCROW CORP. and DARRYL SCOTT BEANS, individually and then dba
Western World Financial and as designated officer of Prime Choice
Escrow Corp., resulted in discipline for said Respondents for
violations of Code Sections 10145, 10159.5 and 10176(g) and

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Regulations 2731, 2831, 2831.1, 2832.1, 2832(a), 2834, 2950(d), 2950(g), 2950(h) and 2951 based on an Accusation filed on July 19, 2007. Respondents' real estate broker licenses were disciplined by suspended licenses on terms and conditions stayed by monetary penalties.

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 the license and license rights of Respondent WESTERN WORLD FINANCIAL dba Prime Choice Escrow and DARYL SCOTT BEANS, under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code) and for such other and further relief including restitution as may be proper under other applicable provisions of law.

Dated at Los Angeles, California this 16 day of august 2011 Deputy Real Estate Commi

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