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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE
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## BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

OASIS FUNDING INC.; and ANNA MARIE LIZARRAGA individually and as designated officer of Oasis Funding Inc.,

Respondents.

No. H-37098 LA

STIPULATION

AND

AGREEMENT

It is hereby stipulated by and between Respondents

OASIS FUNDING INC., and ANNA MARIE LIZARRAGA, individually and as
designated officer of Oasis Funding Inc. (sometimes collectively
referred to as "Respondents"), and their attorney of record,
Richard A. Rogers of SHANE, DIGUISEPPE & ROGERS LLP, and the
Complainant, acting by and through Amelia V. Vetrone, Counsel for
the Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of
settling and disposing of the Accusation filed on March 1, 2011,
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 ("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 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 waives their rights 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.
- 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"), or another licensing agency of this state, another state, or the federal government is involved, and otherwise shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.
- 6. It is understood by the parties that the Real Estate Commissioner may adopt this Stipulation as his Decision in this matter thereby imposing the penalty and sanctions on Respondents' real estate licenses and license rights as set forth in the below "Order". In the event that the Commissioner in his discretion does not adopt the Stipulation, the Stipulation 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.
- 7. The Order or any subsequent Order of the Real 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.

8. Respondents understand that by agreeing to this Stipulation, Respondents agrees to pay, and to be jointly and severally liable, pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 10148, for the cost of the audit which led to this disciplinary action (LA 090012). The amount of said cost for the audit was \$3,685.55.

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9. Respondents have received, read, and understand the "Notice Concerning Costs of Subsequent Audit". Respondents further understand that by agreeing to this Stipulation, the findings set forth below in the Determination of Issues become final, and the Commissioner may charge Respondents for the cost of any subsequent audit conducted pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 10148 to determine if the violations to the audit have been corrected. The maximum cost of the subsequent audit will not exceed \$3,685.55.

## DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

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

I.

The conduct, acts or omissions of <u>OASIS FUNDING INC.</u>, and <u>ANNA MARIE LIZARRAGA</u>, as described in Paragraph 4, above, is in violation of Sections <u>10145</u>, <u>10177(d)</u> and <u>10177(g)</u> of the Business and Professions Code ("Code") and Sections <u>2725</u>, <u>2831</u>, <u>2831.1</u>, <u>2831.2</u>, <u>2832</u>, and <u>2832.1</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 a violation of the Real Estate Law pursuant to Code Sections

10177(d), and 10177(g).

II.

The conduct, acts and omissions of ANNA MARIE

LIZARRAGA, as described in Paragraph 4, above, constitute a

failure to ensure that her brokerage was in compliance with the

Real Estate Law and is a basis for the suspension or revocation

of Respondent's license pursuant to Code Sections 10177(d), and

10177(h).

## ORDER

WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

I.

- A. All licenses and licensed rights of Respondents

  OASIS FUNDING INC. and ANNA MARIE LIZARRAGA under the Real Estate

  Law are suspended for a period of sixty (60) days from the

  effective date of this Decision; provided, however, that the

  initial thirty (30) days of said suspension shall be stayed upon

  the following terms and conditions:
- 1. Respondents OASIS FUNDING INC. and ANNA MARIE
  LIZARRAGA shall each pay a monetary penalty pursuant to Section
  10175.2 of the Business and Professions Code of \$1,500 (at the
  rate of \$50 per day for each day of the suspension) for a total
  monetary penalty of \$1,500 each.
- 2. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check or certified check made payable to the Recovery Account of the Real Estate Fund. Said check must be received by the Department prior to the effective date of the Decision in this matter.

3. No further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate licenses of Respondents OASIS FUNDING INC. and ANNA MARIE LIZARRAGA occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of the Decision in this matter.

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- 4. If Respondents OASIS FUNDING INC. and ANNA MARIE LIZARRAGA fail 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 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 Respondents OASIS FUNDING INC. and ANNA MARIE LIZARRAGA pay the monetary penalty and if no further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate licenses of Respondents OASIS FUNDING INC. and ANNA MARIE LIZARRAGA occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of the Decision, the stay hereby granted shall become permanent.
- B. The remaining thirty (30) days of the sixty (60) day suspension shall be stayed for two (2) years upon the following terms and conditions:
- 1. Respondents OASIS FUNDING INC. and ANNA MARIE
  LIZARRAGA shall obey all laws, rules and regulations governing
  the rights, duties and responsibilities of a real estate
  licensee in the State of California; and
- 2. That no final subsequent determination be made after hearing or upon stipulation, that 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 his discretion, vacate and set aside the stay order and reimpose all or a portion of the stayed suspensions. Should no such determination be made under this section, the stay imposed herein shall become permanent.

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II.

Respondent ANNA MARIE LIZARRAGA shall submit 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 this Decision. If Respondent fails to satisfy
this condition, the Commissioner may, in his discretion, vacate
and set aside the stay order and reimpose all or a portion of the
stayed suspension until Respondent presents such evidence.

III.

Respondent ANNA MARIE LIZARRAGA shall, within nine (9) months from the effective date of this Decision, present evidence satisfactory to the Real Estate Commissioner that Respondent has, since the most recent issuance of an original or renewal real estate license, taken and successfully completed the continuing education requirements of Article 2.5 of Chapter 3 of the Real Estate Law for renewal of a real estate license. If Respondent

fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may, in his discretion, vacate and set aside the stay order and reimpose all or a portion of the stayed suspension until Respondent presents such evidence. The Commissioner shall afford Respondent the opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act to present such evidence.

IV.

Respondent ANNA MARIE LIZARRAGA shall, within six (6) months after the effective date of this Decision, take and pass the Professional Responsibility Examination administered by the Department including the payment of the appropriate examination fee. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order suspension of the license until respondent passes the examination.

V.

Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Business and
Professions Code, Respondents OASIS FUNDING INC. and ANNA MARIE
LIZARRAGA 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 \$3,685.55. 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 subsequent audits, shall not exceed

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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 5 present evidence in defense and mitigation of the charges. Respondent shall (1) mail the original signed signature 7 page of the stipulation herein to Amelia V. Vetrone: Attention: 8 Legal Section, Department of Real Estate, 320 W. Fourth St., Suite 350, Los Angeles, California 90013-1105. Additionally, 10 Respondent shall also (2) facsimile a copy of the signed 11 signature page, to the Department at the following fax number: 12 (213) 576-6917, Attention: Amelia V. Vetrone. 13 14 DATED: //-27-/2 15 OASIS FUNDING INC. 16 BY: ANNA MARIE LIZARRAGA, as designated officer 17 Respondent 18 19 20 ANNA MARIE LIZARRAGA, individually and as designated officer of Oasis 21 Funding Inc., Respondent 22 23 12-5-12 24 DATED: RICHARD A. ROGERS, 25 Attorney for Respondents Approved as to form 26

The foregoing Stipulation

The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision as to Respondents OASIS FUNDING INC. and ANNA MARIE LIZARRAGA and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on February 13, 2013.

IT IS SO ORDERED Secenses 27, 2012.

Real Estate Commissioner

By WAYNE & BELL Chief Coynsel

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