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# BEFORE THE BUREAU OF REAL ESTATE

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

LIL' WAVE FINANCIAL INC.; and

BARUCH ALON HARARI, individually and as )
designated officer of Lil' Wave Financial Inc.

Respondents.

No. H-38634 LA
L-2013010788

STIPULATION
AND
AGREEMENT

It is hereby stipulated by and between Respondents LIL' WAVE FINANCIAL INC. and BARUCH ALON HARARI, individually and as designated officer of Lil' Wave Financial Inc. (sometimes collectively referred to as "Respondents"), represented by Frank M. Buda, Esq., and the Complainant, acting by and through Elliott Mac Lennan, Counsel for the Bureau of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing of the Accusation ("Accusation") filed on December 28, 2012, 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").

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2. Respondents have received, read and understand the Statement to Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the APA and the Accusation filed by the Bureau 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.
- 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 Bureau of Real Estate ("Bureau"), the state or federal government, or any agency of this state, another state or federal government is involved.
- 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 "Order" herein below. In the event that the Commissioner in his 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.

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 Bureau 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 Accusations against Respondent herein.

- 8. 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 which led to this disciplinary action. The amount of said cost is \$7,561.25.
- 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 have been corrected. The maximum cost of the subsequent audit will not exceed \$7,561.25.
- 9. Respondents understand that by agreeing to this Stipulation, Respondents agree to pay, pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 10106, the cost of the investigation and enforcement of this matter. The amount of said cost is \$2,000.

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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:

I.

The conduct, acts or omissions of LIL' WAVE FINANCIAL INC. and BARUCH ALON HARARI, as described in Paragraph 4, herein above, are in violation of Sections 10145 and 10238(a) of the Business and Professions Code ("Code") and is a basis for discipline of Respondent's license and license rights as a violation of the Real Estate Law pursuant to Code Section 10177(d).

# **ORDER**

WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondents LIL' WAVE FINANCIAL INC. and BARUCH ALON HARARI, under the Real Estate Law are suspended for a period of thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Decision:

- A. Provided, however, that if Respondents request, all thirty (30) days of said suspension (or a portion thereof) shall be stayed for two (2) years upon condition that:
- 1. Respondents pay a monetary penalty pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the Business and Professions Code at the rate of \$33.33 per day for each day of the suspension for a monetary penalty of \$1,000 for each Respondent, or \$2,000 total.
- 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 Bureau prior to the effective date of the Decision in this matter.
- 3. No further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondents occur within two (2) years from the effective date of the Decision in this matter.

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shall pay the Commissioner's reasonable cost for (a) the audit(s) which led to this disciplinary action and (b) a subsequent audits 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 \$7,561.25. 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 \$15,122.50. Respondents are jointly and severally liable for the cost of the audits.

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 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 the Respondents and the Commissioner. The suspension shall remain in effect until payment is made in full or until a 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.

III.

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondents are indefinitely suspended from the effective date of the Decision unless or until Respondents pay the sum of \$2,000 for the Commissioner's reasonable cost 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, Real Estate Fund.

IV.

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent BARUCH ALON HARARI, 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 handling course within 120 days prior to the effective date of the Decision in this matter.

V.

All proof required by this Order, shall be sent to the attention of Elliott Mac Lennan, Counsel, Legal Section, Bureau of Real Estate, 320 W. Fourth St., Suite 350, Los Angeles, California 90013-1105.

DATED: Va. 67.13

ELLIOTT MAC LENNAN, Counsel for Bureau of Real Estate

## **EXECUTION OF THE STIPULATION**

We have read the Stipulation and Agreement and have 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, Bureau 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 Bureau at the following fax number: (213) 576-6917, Attention: Elliott Mac Lennan.

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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 Bureau a facsimile copy of Respondents' actual signature as it appears on the stipulation that receipt of the facsimile copy by the Bureau shall be as binding on Respondents as if the Bureau had received the original signed stipulation. DATED: 9-24-13 LIL' WAVE FINANCIAL INC., Respondent By: BARUCH ALON HARARI, President BARUCHALON HARARI, Respondent FRANK M. BUDA, ESQ. Attorney for Respondents

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The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision as to Respondents LIL' WAVE FINANCIAL INC. and BARUCH ALON HARARI, and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on January 2, 2014.

IT IS SO ORDERED NOV 07 2013

REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER

By: JEFFREY MASON
Chief Deputy Commissioner