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BEFORE THE BUREAU OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

FRANK H. WHITEHEAD III,
doing business as South Bay
Management Services,

Respondent,

Respondent,

It is hereby stipulated by and between Respondent FRANK H. WHITEHEAD III (sometimes referred to as "Respondent") 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 February 27, 2014, in this matter:

1. All issues which were to be contested and all evidence which was to be presented by Complainant and Respondent 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. Respondent has received, read and understands the Statement to Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the APA and the Accusation filed by the Bureau of Real Estate in this proceeding.

3. Respondent 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. Respondent hereby freely and voluntarily withdraws said Notice of Defense. Respondent acknowledges that he understands that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense he thereby waives his 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 he will waive other rights afforded to him in connection with the hearing such as the right to present evidence in his 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, Respondent chooses not to contest these allegations, but to remain silent and understands 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 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, and otherwise shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceedings.

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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 Respondent's real estate license 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 Respondent 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 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 Accusation against Respondent herein.
- 8. Respondent understands that by agreeing to this Stipulation, Respondent agrees to pay, pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 10148, the cost of the original audit which led to this disciplinary action. The amount of said cost is \$5,334.30.
- 9. Respondent understands that by agreeing to this Stipulation, Respondent agrees 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 \$3,937.75.

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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:

The conduct, acts and omissions of Respondent FRANK H. WHITEHEAD III, as referred to in Paragraph 4 of the Stipulation, above, is in violation of Section 10145 of the Business and Professions Code ("Code") and Sections 2725 and, 2832(a) of Title 10, Chapter 6 of the California Code of Regulations ("Regulations") and is a basis for suspension or revocation of Respondent's broker 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:

I.

The real estate broker license of Respondent FRANK H. WHITEHEAD III under the Real Estate Law is revoked; provided, however, a restricted real estate broker license shall be issued to Respondent, pursuant to Section 10156.5 of the Business and Professions Code, if Respondent:

A. Makes application therefor and pays to the Bureau of Real Estate the appropriate fee for the restricted license within ninety (90) days from the effective date of this Decision. The restricted license issued to Respondent shall be subject to all of the provisions of Section 10156.7 of the Code and the following limitations, conditions and restrictions imposed under authority of Section 10156.6 of that Code.

B. Respondent shall, prior to and as a condition of the issuance of the restricted license, 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 the Decision in this matter.

- 1. The restricted license issued to Respondent may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate Commissioner in the event of Respondent's conviction or plea of nolo contendere to a crime which is substantially related to Respondent's fitness or capacity as a real estate licensee.
- 2. The restricted license issued to Respondent may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that Respondent has violated provisions of the California Real Estate Law, the Subdivided Lands Law, Regulations of the Real Estate Commissioner or conditions attaching to the restricted license.
- 3. Respondent shall not be eligible to apply for the issuance of an unrestricted real estate license nor for the removal of any of the conditions, limitations or restrictions of a restricted license until three (3) years has elapsed from the effective date of the issuance of the restricted license.
- 4. Respondent shall within six (6) months from the effective date of the restricted license, take and pass the Professional Responsibility Examination administered by the Bureau including the payment of the appropriate examination fee. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order suspension of the restricted license until Respondent passes the examination.
- 5. Respondent shall, within nine (9) months from the effective date of the restricted license, 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 order the suspension of the restricted license until Respondent presents such evidence. The Commissioner shall afford Respondent the

opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act to present such 1 2 evidence. 3 6. During the time Respondent is licensed as a restricted real estate broker, Respondent shall not serve as the designated broker at any corporate real estate broker unless 5 and until Respondent is the sole owner of record of the shares of the licensed real estate 6 corporation. 6. During the time Respondent is licensed as a restricted real estate broker, 8 Respondent shall not employ salespersons nor affiliate with any corporation, LLC, or fictitious business name. 9 10 П. 11 Respondent's restricted real estate broker license under the Real Estate Law is 12 suspended for a period of thirty (30) days from the effective date of issuance. 13 A. Provided, however, that if Respondent requests, all thirty (30) days of said 14 suspension (or a portion thereof) shall be stayed upon condition that: 15 1. Respondent pays a monetary penalty pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the 16 Business and Professions Code at the rate of \$166.67 per day for each day of the suspension for a 17 total monetary penalty of \$5,000. 18 2. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check or certified check made 19 payable to the Recovery Account of the Real Estate Fund. Said check must be received by the 20 Bureau prior to the effective date of the Decision in this matter. 21 3. No further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of 22 Respondent occurs within three (3) years from the effective date of the Decision in this matter. 23 4. If Respondent fails to pay the monetary penalty in accordance with the terms of 24 the Decision, the Commissioner may, without a hearing, order the immediate execution of all or 25 any part of the stayed suspension, in which event the Respondent shall not be entitled to any 26 repayment nor credit, prorated or otherwise, for money paid to the Bureau under the terms of this 27 Decision.

5. If Respondent pays the monetary penalty and if no further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondent occurs within three (3) years

III.

from the effective date of the Decision, the stay hereby granted shall become permanent.

Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Business and Professions Code, Respondent shall pay the Commissioner's reasonable cost for the original audit which led to this disciplinary action. The cost of the audit which led to this disciplinary action is \$5,334.30. 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. Respondent is liable for the cost of the audit.

Respondent 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 Respondent 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 are indefinitely suspended unless or until Respondent pays the sum of \$3,937.75 for the Commissioner's reasonable cost of the investigation and enforcement which led to this disciplinary action prior to the effective date of the Decision herein. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the Bureau of Real Estate, prior to the effective date of this Order.

Compliant acknowledges that Respondent has paid the \$16,265 restitution ordered

VI.

As of December 5, 2013, Respondent is no longer the broker of South Bay

Management Services. As such, Respondent is no longer required to provide proof of corrections of the violations cited in the Determination of Issues, above.

VII.

All proof and payment that is required by this Decision, shall be sent to the attention of Bureau of Real Estate, Flag Section, P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013

DATED: 10.15.14

in prior Case Number H-37605 LA.

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ELLIOTT MAC LENNAN, Counsel for Bureau of Real Estate

EXECUTION OF THE STIPULATION

I have read the Stipulation and Agreement. 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 California Administrative Procedure Act (including but not limited to Sections 11506, 11508, 11509 and 11513 of the Government Code). 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.

MAILING/FACSIMILE

Respondent (1) shall deliver or mail 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. Respondent (2) shall also facsimile a copy of signed signature page, to the Bureau at the following fax number: (213) 576-6917, Attention: Elliott Mac Lennan.

A facsimile constitutes acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation. Respondent agrees, acknowledges and understands that by electronically sending to the Bureau a facsimile copy of Respondent's actual signature as it appears on the Stipulation that receipt of the facsimile copy by the Bureau shall be as binding on Respondent as if the Bureau had received the original signed Stipulation.

FRANK H. WHITEHEAD III

Respondent

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The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision as to

Respondent FRANK WHITEHEAD III and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on

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> IT IS SO ORDERED OCIOBER

> > REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER

By: JEFFREY MASON Chief Deputy Commissioner