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BEFORE THE BUREAU OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

SWAMI INTERNATIONAL; and
MARK RAM MITTAL, individually and as Designated Officer of Swami International,

Respondents.

No. H-40083 LA

STIPULATION

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AGREEMENT

It is hereby stipulated by and between Respondents SWAMI INTERNATIONAL, and MARK RAM MITTAL, individually and as designated officer of Swami International, (sometimes collectively referred to as "Respondents"), acting by and through their attorney, Mary E. Work of Mary E. Work, A Professional Corporation, and the Complainant, acting by and through Amelia V. Vetrone, Counsel for the Bureau of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing of the Accusation ("Accusation") filed on December 28, 2015, 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

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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 Bureau of Real Estate in this proceeding.
- 3. Respondents each 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 Notices of Defense. Respondents acknowledge that they understand that by withdrawing said Notices 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 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 not any other proceeding or case in which the Bureau of Real Estate ("Bureau"), or another licensing agency of this state, another state, or the federal government is involved, and otherwise shall not be admissible in any 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

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MARK RAM MITTAL under the Real Estate Law are revoked; provided, however, a restricted

WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

All licenses and licensed rights of Respondents SWAMI INTERNATIONAL and

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- unrestricted real estate licenses nor for removal of any of the conditions, limitations or restrictions of a restricted license until two (2) years have elapsed from the effective date of this Decision and Order. Respondents shall not be eligible to apply for any unrestricted licenses until all restrictions attaching to the license have been removed.
- 4. Respondent MITTAL shall, within nine (9) months from the effective date of this Decision and Order, present evidence satisfactory to the Real Estate Commissioner that he 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. Evidence of continuing education submitted

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5. Respondent MITTAL shall within 120 days from the effective date of the Decision and Order herein 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 Code. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, Respondent MITTAL's real estate license shall be automatically suspended until he presents evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner of having taken and successfully completed the trust fund accounting and handling course. **Proof of completion of the continuing education course must be delivered to the Bureau of Real Estate, Flag Section, P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013.**

6. Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Business and Professions Code, Respondents shall pay the Commissioner's reasonable cost for 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. Payment of the audit costs should not be made until Respondents receive the invoice. Respondents are jointly and severally liable for the cost of the audit. If Respondents fail to satisfy this condition in a timely manner as provided for herein, Respondents' real estate licenses shall automatically be suspended until payment is made in full, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.

Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Code, Respondents shall pay the

Commissioner's reasonable cost, not to exceed \$10,457.85, for a subsequent audit to determine if

Respondents have corrected the violations found in the Determination of Issues. In calculating

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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 therefor from the Commissioner. Payment of the audit costs should not be made until Respondents receive the invoice. Respondents are jointly and severally liable for the cost of the audit. If Respondents fail to satisfy this condition in a timely manner as provided for herein, Respondents real estate licenses shall automatically be suspended until payment is made in full, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.

7. Prior to the effective date of this Decision, and pursuant to Section 10106 of the Business and Professions Code, Respondents shall pay the Commissioner's reasonable cost for the investigation which led to this disciplinary action in the amount of \$2,542.15.

Respondents are jointly and severally liable for the cost of the investigation. 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, P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013, prior to the effective date of this Decision and Order.

If Respondents fail to satisfy this condition in a timely manner as provided for herein, Respondents' real estate licenses shall automatically be suspended until payment is made in full, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.

DATED: 2-16-17

Amelia V. Vetrone, Counsel for Bureau of Real Estate

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EXECUTION OF THE STIPULATION

I have read the Stipulation. 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), 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.

MAILING

Respondents shall mail the original signed signature page of the stipulation herein to Amelia V. Vetrone: Attention: Legal Section, Bureau of Real Estate, 320 W. Fourth St., Suite 350, Los Angeles, California 90013-1105.

Respondents' signatures below constitute acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation. Respondents agree, acknowledge and understand that by signing this Stipulation Respondents are bound by its terms as of the date of such signatures and that this agreement is not subject to rescission or amendment at a later date except by a separate Decision and Order of the Real Estate Commissioner.

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SWAMI INTERNATIONAL

Respondent

Mary E Work Counsel for Respondent Approved as to Form The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision as to Respondents SWAMI INTERNATIONAL and MARK RAM MITTAL, individually and as Designated Officer of Swami International, and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on MAY 1 1 2017 IT IS SO ORDERED WAYNE S. BELL Real Estate Commissioner