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**DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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In the Matter of the Application of

CHINECHEREM EZE,

Respondent.

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STIPULATION AND WAIVER

It is hereby stipulated by and between CHINECHEREM EZE ("Respondent"), acting by and through her attorney Rizza Gonzales, Esq. with Century Law Group LLP, and the Complainant, acting by and through Judith A. Buranday, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate ("Department"), as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing of the Statement of Issues filed on March 22, 2023 in this matter:

Respondent acknowledges that Respondent has received and read the Statement of Issues and the Statement to Respondent filed by the Department in connection with Respondent's application for a real estate salesperson license. Respondent understands that the Real Estate Commissioner ("Commissioner") may hold a hearing on this Statement of Issues for the purpose of requiring further proof of Respondent's honesty and truthfulness and to prove other allegations therein, or that he may in his discretion waive the hearing and grant Respondent a restricted real estate salesperson license based upon this Stipulation and Waiver. Respondent also understands that by

1 filing the Statement of Issues in this matter the Commissioner is shifting the burden to Respondent
2 to make a satisfactory showing that Respondent meets all the requirements for issuance of a real
3 estate salesperson license. Respondent further understands that by entering into this Stipulation and
4 Waiver, Respondent will be stipulating that the Commissioner has found that Respondent has failed
5 to make such a showing, thereby justifying the denial of the issuance to Respondent of an
6 unrestricted real estate salesperson license.

7 Respondent hereby admits that the allegations of the Statement of Issues filed against
8 Respondent are true and correct and requests that the Commissioner in his discretion issue a
9 restricted real estate salesperson license to Respondent under the authority of Section 10156.5 of
10 the Business and Professions Code ("Code").

11 Respondent is aware that by signing this Stipulation and Waiver, Respondent is waiving
12 Respondent's right to a hearing and the opportunity to present evidence at the hearing to establish
13 Respondent's rehabilitation in order to obtain an unrestricted real estate salesperson license if this
14 Stipulation and Waiver is accepted by the Commissioner. However, Respondent is not waiving
15 Respondent's right to a hearing and to further proceedings to obtain a restricted or unrestricted
16 license if this Stipulation and Waiver is not accepted by the Commissioner.

17 Respondent agrees that by signing this Stipulation and Waiver, the conditions, limitations, and
18 restrictions imposed on Respondent's restricted license, identified below, may be removed only by
19 filing a Petition for Removal of Restrictions ("Petition") with the Commissioner, and that
20 Respondent's Petition must follow the procedures set forth in Government Code Section 11522.

21 Respondent further understands that the restricted license issued to Respondent shall be
22 subject to all of the provisions of Section 10156.7 of the Code and to the following limitations,
23 conditions and restrictions imposed under authority of Section 10156.6 of the Code:

- 24 1. The restricted license shall not confer any property right in the privileges to be exercised
25 including the right of renewal, and the Commissioner may by appropriate order suspend
26 the right to exercise any privileges granted under the restricted license in the event of:
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- a. Respondent's conviction (including a plea of nolo contendere) of a crime which bears a substantial relationship to Respondent's fitness or capacity as a real estate licensee; or
 - b. The receipt of evidence that Respondent has violated provisions of the California Real Estate Law, the Subdivided Lands Law, Regulations of the Commissioner, or conditions attaching to the restricted license.
2. Respondent shall not be eligible to petition for the issuance of an unrestricted real estate license nor the removal of any of the conditions, limitations, or restrictions attaching to the restricted license until three (3) years have elapsed from the date of issuance of the restricted license to Respondent. Respondent shall not be eligible to apply for any unrestricted licenses until all restrictions attaching to the license have been removed.
3. With the application for license, or with the application for transfer to a new employing broker, Respondent shall submit a statement signed by the prospective employing broker on a form approved by the Department wherein the employing broker shall certify as follows:
 - a. That the broker has read the Statement of Issues which is the basis for the issuance of the restricted license; and
 - b. That the broker will carefully review all transaction documents prepared by the restricted licensee and otherwise exercise close supervision over the licensee's performance of acts for which a license is required.
4. Respondent shall notify the Commissioner in writing within 72 hours of any arrest by sending a certified letter to the Commissioner at the Department of Real Estate, Post Office Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013. The letter shall set forth the date of Respondent's arrest, the crime for which Respondent was arrested and the name and address of the arresting law enforcement agency. Respondent's failure to timely file written notice shall constitute an independent violation of the terms of the restricted license and shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of that license.

1 7/31/2023

2 Dated

Judith A. Buranday, Counsel
Department of Real Estate

3 Respondent has read this Stipulation and Waiver, has discussed it with Respondent's counsel,
4 and its terms are understood by Respondent and are agreeable and acceptable to Respondent.
5 Respondent understands that Respondent is waiving rights given to Respondent by the California
6 Administrative Procedure Act (including but not limited to Sections 11506, 11508, 11509, and
7 11513 of the Government Code), and Respondent willingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waives
8 those rights, including the right of a hearing on the Statement of Issues at which Respondent would
9 have the right to cross-examine witnesses against Respondent and to present evidence in defense
10 and mitigation of the charges.

11 Respondent shall send a hard copy of the original signed Stipulation and Waiver to:
12 Judith Buranday, Department of Real Estate, 320 West Fourth St, Ste 350, Los Angeles, CA,
13 90013.

14 In the event of time constraints before an administrative hearing, Respondent can signify
15 acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Waiver by emailing a
16 scanned copy of the signature page, as actually signed by Respondent, to the Department counsel
17 assigned to this case. Respondent agrees, acknowledges and understands that by electronically
18 sending the Department a scan of Respondent's actual signature as it appears on the Stipulation and
19 Waiver, that receipt of the scan by the Department shall be binding on Respondent as if the
20 Department had received the original signed Stipulation and Waiver.

21 7/20/23

22 Dated

CHINECHEREM EZE, Respondent

23 I have reviewed the Stipulation and Waiver as to form and content and have advised my client
24 accordingly.

25 7/31/23

26 Dated

RIZZA GONZALES, Attorney for Respondent

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2 I have read the Statement of Issues filed herein and the foregoing Stipulation and Waiver
3 signed by Respondent. I am satisfied that the hearing for the purpose of requiring further proof as to
4 the honesty and truthfulness of Respondent need not be called and that it will not be inimical to the
5 public interest to issue a restricted real estate salesperson license to Respondent.

6 Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a restricted real estate salesperson license be
7 issued to Respondent, if Respondent has otherwise fulfilled all the statutory requirements for
8 licensure. The restricted license shall be limited, conditioned, and restricted as specified in the
9 foregoing Stipulation and Waiver.

10 This Order is effective immediately.

11 IT IS SO ORDERED

8.22.23

12 DOUGLAS R. McCAULEY
13 REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER
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