BEFORE THE CANNABIS COMPLIANCE BOARD STATE OF NEVADA

STATE OF NEVADA, CANNABIS COMPLIANCE BOARD,

Case No. 2021-43

Petitioner,

VS.

INTEGRAL PRODUCTION, LLC,

Respondent.

STIPULATION AND ORDER FOR SETTLEMENT OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The Cannabis Compliance Board (the "CCB"), by and through its counsel, Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General for the State of Nevada, L. Kristopher Rath, Esq., Senior Deputy Attorney General and Ashley A. Balducci, Esq., Senior Deputy Attorney General, hereby enters into this Stipulation and Order for Settlement of Disciplinary Action ("Stipulation and Order") with Respondent Integral Production, LLC (hereinafter "IPL" or "Respondent"), by and through its counsel of record, Derek Connor, Esq., of the Law Offices of Connor & Connor, PLLC. Pursuant to this Stipulation and Order, IPL and CCB (collectively, the "Parties") hereby stipulate and agree that CCB Case No. 2021-43 (the "Administrative Action") shall be fully and finally settled and resolved upon terms and conditions set out herein.

PERTINENT FACTS

1. On August 31, 2021, the CCB initiated this disciplinary action via the service and filing of a Complaint for Disciplinary Action (the "Complaint"). The Complaint alleges, inter alia, that, contrary to Nevada law, the IPL medical and adult-use cannabis production facility (P020 and RP020) failed to maintain a required surveillance system, failed to maintain handwashing facilities that were fully stocked and conveniently located, failed to maintain the required minimum hot water temperature for a sink, and failed to maintain

interior surfaces that were smooth and easily cleanable.

- 2. IPL has not filed an Answer in the Administrative Action. Rather, IPL chose to engage in negotiations to resolve this matter prior to answering the Complaint.
- 3. The Parties have engaged in good faith negotiations to reach an agreement that is mutually acceptable to Respondent and counsel for the CCB for resolution of this matter, with the understanding that this Stipulation and Order must be approved by majority vote of the members of the CCB to become effective.
- 4. On or about October 14, 2021, the Parties agreed to a Stay of Proceedings pending negotiations, which was approved by the CCB Chair on or about October 18, 2021.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND APPLICABLE LAW

This Stipulation and Order is made and based upon the following acknowledgements by the Parties:

- 5. IPL has entered into this Stipulation and Order on its own behalf and with full authority to resolve the claims against it and is aware of IPL's rights to contest the violations pending against it. These rights include representation by an attorney at IPL's own expense, the right to a hearing on any violations or allegations formally filed, the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses called to testify against IPL, the right to present evidence on IPL's own behalf, the right to have witnesses testify on IPL's behalf, the right to obtain any other type of formal judicial review of this matter, and any other rights which may be accorded to IPL pursuant to provisions of NRS Chapters 678A through 678D, the Nevada Cannabis Compliance Regulations (NCCR), and any other provisions of Nevada law. IPL is waiving all these rights by entering into this Stipulation and Order. If the CCB rejects this Stipulation and Order, or any portion thereof, IPL reserves the right to withdraw any or all such waivers.
- 6. Should this Stipulation and Order be rejected by the CCB or not timely performed by IPL, it is agreed that presentation to and consideration by the CCB of such proposed stipulation or other documents or matters pertaining to the consideration of this Stipulation and Order shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the CCB or any of its

members from further participation, consideration, adjudication, and/or resolution of these proceedings and that no CCB member shall be disqualified or challenged for bias.

- IPL acknowledges that this Stipulation and Order shall only become effective after the CCB has approved it.
- 8. IPL enters this Stipulation and Order after being fully advised of IPL's rights and as to the consequences of this Stipulation and Order. This Stipulation and Order embodies the entire agreement reached between the CCB and IPL. It may not be altered, amended, or modified without the express written consent of the Parties and all alterations, amendments and/or modifications must be in writing.
- 9. In an effort to avoid the cost and uncertainty of a disciplinary hearing, IPL has agreed to settle this matter. For purposes of settling this matter, IPL acknowledges that the facts contained in the paragraphs in the above "Pertinent Facts" portion of this Stipulation and Order are true and correct. Without waiving any constitutional rights against self-incrimination, IPL further acknowledges that certain facts contained in the CCB's Complaint in Case No. 2021-43 could be found to constitute violations of Title 56 of NRS (NRS Chapters 678A through 678D), and the NCCR, with penalties up to and including suspension, and/or civil penalties of up to \$42,500 for P020 and RP020, if this matter proceeded to an administrative hearing.
- 10. In settling this matter the Executive Director for the CCB and counsel for the CCB have considered the factors set forth in NCCR 4.030(2), including: the gravity of the violations; the economic benefit or savings, if any, resulting from the violations; the size of the business of the violator; the history of compliance with the NCCR and Title 56 of NRS by the violator; actions taken to remedy and/or correct the violations; and the effect of the penalty on the ability of the violator to continue in business.
- 11. To resolve the Administrative Action, and only for those purposes and no other, IPL specifically admits to the following violations with respect to the Complaint in CCB Case No. 2021-43 for licenses P020 and RP020:
 - a. One violation of NCCR 4.040(1)(a)(14), for failing to maintain a

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required surveillance system, which constitutes one Category II violation.

- b. One violation of NCCR 4.055(1)(a)(10), for failing to maintain hand washing facilities that are fully stocked, which constitutes one Category IV violation.
- 12. As to the remaining allegations in the Complaint, IPL neither admits nor denies those allegations and no civil penalties shall be assessed as to the remaining violations.
- 13. With respect to P020 and RP020, IPL further agrees to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$42,500¹ in consideration for its admitted violations in Paragraph 11, above, and in consideration of the CCB's agreement to resolve the Administrative Action on the terms set forth herein.
- 14. If the CCB approves this Stipulation and Order, it shall be deemed and considered disciplinary action by the CCB against IPL.
- 15. Both parties acknowledge that the CCB has jurisdiction to consider and order this Stipulation and Order because IPL holds privileged licenses/certificates regulated by the CCB as of July 1, 2020. IPL expressly, knowingly, and intentionally waives the 21-day and/or 5 day notice requirements contained in the Nevada Open Meeting Law and acknowledges that this Stipulation and Order may be presented to the CCB for its consideration and potential ratification at the CCB's meeting on November 16, 2021.

STIPULATED ADJUDICATION

Based upon the above acknowledgments of the Parties and their mutual agreement, the Parties stipulate and agree that the following terms of discipline shall be imposed by the CCB in this matter:

16. <u>Violations</u>: As to licenses P020 and RP020, IPL is found to have committed one Category II violation and one Category IV violation, as set forth in Paragraphs 11(a) and 11(b), above.

¹ To be apportioned \$21,250 to P020 and \$21,250 to RP020.

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- 17. <u>Imposition of Civil Penalties</u>. IPL shall pay a total civil penalty in the amount of forty-two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$42,500) within the time set forth in Paragraph 18 below, to be apportioned as set forth in Paragraph 13, above.
- 18. Payment of Civil Penalties. IPL must pay the civil penalty set forth in this agreement within 30 days of the date the CCB approves this Stipulation and Order². IPL acknowledges that it is critical to comply with the strict requirements of the deadline for payment. IPL agrees that, should it fail to timely make timely payment of the civil penalty, the following penalties and procedures will be in effect:
 - a. CCB will allow a five-business day grace period for late payment3.
 - b. If payment is not physically received by the CCB at its Carson City office by 5:00 p.m., Pacific Time, on the last day of the grace period, IPL shall be deemed in default and deemed to have admitted all allegations in the CCB's Complaint in Case No. 2021-43 and shall pay all penalties and receive all discipline set forth under the "Relief Requested" section of the Complaint, inclusive of a 20 day suspension of licenses P020 and RP020 (effective on the date of the order of default) and civil penalties of \$42,500, plus a \$20,000 late payment penalty, for a total of \$62,500. The CCB will enter an order of default to this effect after default and all amounts due under this subsection shall be immediately due and payable to the CCB. If all amounts set forth in this section are not paid within 20 days of the date of the order of default, Respondent's licenses shall remain suspended until payment is made in full. If all amounts due under this section are not paid within 90 days after the date of the order of default, licenses P020 and RP020 shall be deemed voluntarily surrendered. IPL agrees it cannot and will not file any petition for judicial review and/or any action in any forum for relief from this order of

² Should the CCB approve this Stipulation and Order at its November 16, 2021, meeting, payment would be due on Thursday, December 16, 2021.

³ If a check or other form of payment is returned for insufficient funds, or otherwise rejected, the failed payment will <u>not</u> be considered a payment and no additional time beyond the five business day grace period will be granted for payment.

- default and that the CCB may file any judicial action necessary to recover the amounts owed under this subsection, along with its attorneys' fees and costs for recovery of amounts owed.
- c. IPL may petition the CCB for an extension of 30-days to pay the civil penalty. However, for the CCB to consider any such petition, the CCB must receive said petition no later than 5 business days prior to the payment deadline (which does not include any grace period). The CCB is not required to grant such a petition. In such a petition, IPL must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the CCB that there are extraordinary and unusual circumstances necessitating the extension requested. The CCB may delegate the decision as to whether to grant such a petition to the CCB Chair.
- d. If an extension is granted under Paragraph 18(c), there shall be no grace period on the new payment date. If IPL does not pay by the new payment date, the provisions and penalties of Paragraph 18(b) apply.
- 19. Plan of Correction. Respondent represents and warrants that it has submitted a plan of correction, which the CCB's staff has approved, that will remedy and prevent the recurrence of the violations set forth in this Stipulation and Order and alleged in the Complaint. In summary, the plan of correction includes the following: (1) IPL stocked the subject hand sink with soap and added the restocking of its hand sink to its monthly inspection checklist; (2) IPL installed a camera in the room that did not have one on or about February 22, 2021; (3) IPL adjusted its hot water heater to ensure it could reach at least 120°F; and (4) IPL removed the trash bag and caution tape used to cover half of a window and replaced these with plexiglass to permanently close the window's gap. Respondent further represents and warrants that it is now, as of the date it has executed this Stipulation and Order, operating in full compliance with NRS Title 56 and NCCR.
- 20. <u>Contingency if Approval Denied</u>. If approval of this Stipulation and Order is denied by the CCB, IPL and counsel for the CCB agree to resume settlement negotiations in good faith and attempt to reach an agreement to amend this Stipulation and Order and

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resubmit an amended Stipulation and Order to the CCB to review for approval at a subsequent regularly scheduled meeting. If such an agreement cannot be reached, the Parties agree to proceed with the Administrative Action, which shall include a disciplinary hearing before the CCB or its assigned hearing officer. IPL shall file its answer to the Complaint no later than December 10, 2021. Should the Administrative Action proceed for the reasons set forth in this Paragraph, the CCB preserves all its claims and arguments in the Administrative Action as set forth in its Complaint and IPL preserves all its defenses and arguments set forth in its Answer (to be filed) and withdraws all waivers set forth herein. An unapproved Stipulation and Order shall not be admissible as evidence or referenced in argument at any disciplinary hearing in CCB Case No. 2021-43 or any other matter involving the CCB.

- 21. Contingency if Approval Conditioned. If the CCB approves this Stipulation and Order, but said approval is contingent on certain conditions, the parties will undertake further good faith negotiations to include said conditions in an amended stipulation and order for execution by the CCB Chair. If IPL does not agree to the certain conditions imposed by the CCB, the parties will undertake additional negotiations and attempt to reach an agreement to amend this Stipulation and Order and resubmit an amended Stipulation and Order to the CCB to review for approval at a subsequent regularly scheduled meeting. If such an agreement cannot be reached, the Parties agree to proceed with the Administrative Action, which shall include a disciplinary hearing before the CCB or its assigned hearing officer. IPL shall file its answer to the Complaint no later than December 10, 2021. Should the Administrative Action proceed for the reasons set forth in this Paragraph, CCB preserves all its claims and arguments in the Administrative Action as set forth in its Complaint and IPL preserves all its defenses and arguments asserted in its Answer (to be filed) and withdraws all waivers set forth herein. An unapproved Stipulation and Order shall not be admissible as evidence or referenced in argument at any disciplinary hearing in CCB Case No. 2021-43 or any other matter.
 - 22. Closure of Disciplinary Action. Once this Stipulation and Order is fully

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- 2 23. Communications with CCB Members. IPL understands that this Stipulation 3 and Order will be presented to the CCB in open session at a duly noticed and scheduled 4 CCB meeting. IPL understands that the CCB has the right to decide in its own discretion 5 whether or not to approve this Stipulation and Order. The CCB's counsel, which is the 6 Nevada Attorney General and its staff attorneys, will recommend approval of this 7 Stipulation and Order. In the course of seeking CCB acceptance of this Stipulation and 8 Order, counsel for the CCB may communicate directly with individual CCB members. IPL 9 acknowledges that such communications may be made or conducted ex parte, without notice 10 or opportunity for IPL to be heard on its part until the public CCB meeting where this 11 Stipulation and Order is discussed, and that such contacts and communications may 12 include, but may not be limited to, matters concerning this Stipulation and Order, the 13 Administrative Action, and any and all information of every nature whatsoever related to 14 these matters. IPL agrees that it has no objections to such ex parte communications. The 15 CCB agrees that IPL and/or its counsel may appear at the CCB meeting where this 16 Stipulation and Order is discussed and, if requested, respond to any questions that may be 17 addressed to IPL and/or the Nevada Attorney General's staff attorneys. IPL agrees that, 18 should the CCB decline to approve this Stipulation and Order, IPL will not contest or 19 otherwise object to any CCB member and/or CCB appointed hearing officer, hearing and 20 adjudicating the Administrative Action based on the aforementioned ex parte 21 communications with anyone from the Nevada Attorney General's Office.
 - 24. Release. In execution of this agreement, Respondent agrees that the State of Nevada, the CCB, the Nevada Attorney General's Office, and each of their members, staff, attorneys, investigators, experts, hearing officers, consultants and agents are immune from any liability for any decision or action taken in good faith in response to information and data acquired by the CCB. Respondent agrees to release the State of Nevada, the CCB, the Nevada Attorney General's Office, and each of their members, staff, attorneys, investigators, experts, hearing officers, consultants and agents from any and all manner of

 actions, causes of action, suits, debts, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, known or unknown, in law or equity, that Respondent ever had, now has, may have or claim to have against any and/or all of the persons, government agencies or entities named in this Paragraph, arising out of, or by reason of, the CCB's investigation of the matters set forth in its Complaint, the matters set forth in this Stipulation and Order, or the administration of CCB Case No. 2021-43.

25. No Precedence. The Parties agree that this Stipulation and Order shall not constitute a precedent for any other issues or proceedings before the CCB and/or in any other forum, other than those set forth in this Stipulation and Order. Furthermore, this Stipulation and Order shall not be admissible in any other proceeding or action with respect to proof of fact or any other matter and/or any other licensee and/or cannabis establishment registered agent, except proceedings brought to enforce this Stipulation and Order under its terms and/or for the CCB's consideration of future disciplinary action against this Respondent.

The CCB may consider the discipline imposed herein in any future disciplinary action against Respondent, as required under NCCR 4.030(2), along with the other factors set forth in NCCR 4.030(2), and possible progressive discipline pursuant to NCCR 4.035 through 4.060. As every case concerns different facts and details, this Stipulation does not act as precedence, or persuasive authority, to bind CCB to impose any particular penalty, to charge or allege any particular violation, and/or to impose any particular disciplinary action in the future for this Respondent, or any other respondent, for violations of the same statutes and/or regulations addressed in this Stipulation and Order. Likewise, the CCB is not bound by any previous settlement agreements it has approved in entering into this Stipulation and Order.

- Attorneys' Fees and Costs. The Parties each agree to bear their own attorneys' fees and costs.
- 27. <u>Further Assurances</u>. The Parties shall cooperate in executing such additional documents and performing such further acts as may be reasonably necessary to give effect

to the purposes and provisions of this Stipulation and Order.

- 28. Voluntary and Informed Agreement. Respondent represents that its owners, officers, and/or its directors, who are responsible for and able to legally bind IPL have read completely and understand fully the terms of this Stipulation and Order, that such terms are fully understood and voluntarily accepted by Respondent in advance of and as memorialized by the signing of this Stipulation and Order, and that the Respondent's signature to this Stipulation and Order indicates same. Respondent further represents that it has voluntarily entered into this Stipulation and Order to make a full, final, and complete compromise upon the terms and conditions set forth herein. Respondent further represents that any releases, waivers, discharges, covenants, and agreements provided for in this Stipulation and Order have been knowingly and voluntarily granted and without any duress or undue influence of any nature from any person or entity. The Parties, and each of them, hereby expressly acknowledge that they are each represented by counsel of their own choice in this matter and have been advised by counsel accordingly.
- 29. Warranties of Authority. The Parties to this Stipulation and Order, and each of them, expressly warrant and represent to all other Parties that each has the full right, title, and authority to enter into and to carry out its obligations hereunder, with the sole exception of the required approval of this Stipulation and Order by the CCB. The Parties also expressly acknowledge the foregoing authority.
- 30. <u>Binding Effect</u>. This Stipulation and Order shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and the Parties' respective successors, predecessors, parents, affiliates, shareholders, employees, heirs, executors, assigns, and administrators.
- 31. <u>Construction</u>. The headings of all Sections and Paragraphs of this Stipulation and Order are inserted solely for the convenience of reference and are not a part of the Stipulation and Order and are not intended to govern, limit, or aid in the construction or interpretation of any term or provision of this Stipulation and Order. In the event of a conflict between such caption and the paragraph at the head of which it appears, the paragraph and not such caption shall govern in the construction of this Stipulation and

- 32. Governing Law. This Stipulation and Order shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Nevada, without reference to conflict of law principles.
- 33. <u>Jurisdiction and Forum Selection</u>. The Parties consent to the jurisdiction of the Eighth Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, in and for Clark County, to resolve any disputes related to the terms or enforcement of this Stipulation and Order. The successful or prevailing Party or Parties in such action shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney fees, costs, and expenses actually incurred in initiating or responding to such proceeding, in addition to any other relief to which it may be entitled.
- 34. <u>Interpretation</u>. This Stipulation and Order is the result of negotiations among the Parties who have each negotiated and reviewed its terms. In the event a Court ever construes this Agreement, the Parties expressly agree, consent, and assent that such Court shall not construe this Agreement or any provision hereof against any Party as its drafter for purposes of interpreting any ambiguity or uncertainty in this Stipulation and Order.
- 35. <u>Time is of the Essence</u>. Time is of the essence in the performance of all terms of this Stipulation and Order.
- 36. <u>Severability</u>. If any portion of this Stipulation and Order, or its application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall be deemed to any extent to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable as a matter of law, all remaining clauses of this Stipulation and Order and its application thereof shall be not affected and shall remain enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 37. <u>Counterparts and Copies</u>. This Stipulation and Order may be executed in counterparts, each of which when so executed and upon delivery to counsel of record for the Parties shall be deemed an original ("<u>Counterparts</u>"). This Stipulation and Order shall be deemed executed when Counterparts of this Stipulation and Order have been executed by all the Parties and/or their counsel; such Counterparts taken together shall be deemed to be the Agreement. This Stipulation and Order may be executed by signatures provided by

1	electronic facsimile or email, which signatures shall be binding and effective as original
2	wet ink signatures hereupon. All fully executed copies of this Stipulation and Order are
3	duplicate originals, equally admissible in evidence.
4	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Stipulation and Order has been executed by the
ō	Parties and attested by their duly authorized representatives as of the date(s) so indicated.
6	The Effective Date of this Stipulation and Order shall be the date it is ordered by the CCB.
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10	Counsel for Respondent IPL
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