## BEFORE THE CANNABIS COMPLIANCE BOARD STATE OF NEVADA

STATE OF NEVADA, CANNABIS COMPLIANCE BOARD,

Case No. 2022-75

Petitioner,

GB SCIENCES LAS VEGAS, LLC,

Respondent.

vs.

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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, and L. Kristopher Rath, Esq., Senior Deputy Attorney General, hereby enters into this Stipulation and Order for Settlement of Disciplinary Action ("Stipulation and Order") with Respondent GB Sciences Las Vegas, LLC (hereinafter "GBSLV" or "Respondent"), by and through its counsel of record, Adam Fulton, Esq. Pursuant to this Stipulation and Order, GBSLV and CCB (collectively, the "Parties") hereby stipulate and agree that CCB Case No. 2022-75 (the "Administrative Action") shall be fully and finally settled and resolved upon terms and conditions set out herein.

## PERTINENT\_FACTS

- 1. Respondent is domestic limited liability company registered in the State of Nevada and licensed to operate a medical cannabis production facility with license No. P075 and an adult-use cannabis production facility with license No. RP075. The Nevada Secretary of State currently lists GB Sciences, Inc., as the Managing Member of this limited liability company. However, as discussed below, with CCB's approval of a transfer of interest request, GBSLV is now owned by AJE Management, LLC.
  - 2. On December 14, 2021, CCB held a public meeting at which it considered a

- 3. On presentation of TOI No. 21062 to the CCB at its December 14, 2021, meeting, CCB staff identified several areas of concern, including the fact that there were failures to timely file multiple sales and use tax returns over several years. Although there were no amounts due, the returns were still required to be filed each month.
- 4. At the CCB's meeting on December 14, 2021, the CCB unanimously approved TOI No. 21062 and also referred the issue of the late tax returns back to the CCB staff and the Attorney General's office to further investigate possible disciplinary action, as well as the potential for a settlement agreement to resolve regulatory violations.
- 5. Subsequently, CCB staff, working with the Attorney General's Office, entered into good faith settlement negotiations with GBSLV, though its counsel, Adam Fulton, Esq., to attempt to resolve the violations at issue. The Parties were able to come to a mutually acceptable resolution of this matter which is acceptable to CCB staff and the Attorney General, without the necessity of filing a Complaint for Disciplinary Action. GBSLV has agreed to waive the filing and service of a CCB Complaint and the Parties understand and agree that this Stipulation and Order must be approved by majority vote of the members of the CCB to become effective.
- 6. As set forth herein, Respondent stipulates to pay a \$7,500 civil penalty for three violations of NCCR 4.060(1)(a)(1) for failing to submit monthly tax reports and to accept a warning from CCB pursuant to NCCR 4.060(2)(a)(1), in lieu of the CCB filing and serving a Complaint for Disciplinary Action ("Complaint") and proceeding to a disciplinary hearing.

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

- with full authority to resolve the claims against it and is aware of GBSLV's rights to contest the violations pending against it. These rights include the filing and service of a disciplinary complaint specifying the charges against Respondent, representation by an attorney at GBSLV'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 GBSLV, the right to present evidence on GBSLV's own behalf, the right to have witnesses testify on GBSLV'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 GBSLV pursuant to provisions of NRS Chapters 678A through 678D, the Nevada Cannabis Compliance Regulations (NCCR), and any other applicable provisions of Nevada law. GBSLV is waiving all these rights by entering into this Stipulation and Order. If the CCB rejects this Stipulation and Order, or any portion thereof, GBSLV reserves the right to withdraw any or all such waivers.
- 8. Should this Stipulation and Order be rejected by the CCB or not timely performed by GBSLV, 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.
- 9. GBSLV acknowledges that this Stipulation and Order shall only become effective after the CCB has approved it.
- 10. GBSLV enters this Stipulation and Order after being fully advised of GBSLV'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 GBSLV. 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.

- 11. In an effort to avoid the cost and uncertainty of a disciplinary hearing, GBSLV has agreed to settle this matter. For purposes of settling this matter, GBSLV 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, GBSLV further acknowledges that, if the CCB filed and served a Complaint and the matter proceeded to an administrative hearing, the "Pertinent Facts" could be found to constitute multiple violations of Title 56 of NRS (NRS Chapters 678A through 678D), and the NCCR, with civil penalties up to and including over \$250,000 in total for P075 and RP075 for each tax return or report filed late, if this matter went to an administrative hearing.
- 12. In settling this matter, the Executive Director for CCB and counsel for 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.
- 13. To resolve the Administrative Action, and only for those purposes and no other, GBSLV specifically admits to the following violations with respect to CCB Case No. 2022-75 for licenses P075 and RP075:
  - a. Three violations of NCCR 4.060(1)(a)(1) for failing to submit multiple monthly tax reports, which constitutes three Category V violations.
- 14. With respect to P075 and RP075, GBSLV further agrees to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$7,5001 in consideration for its admitted violations in Paragraph 13(a) and accept a formal CCB warning in consideration for its admitted first Category V violation in Paragraph 13(a), and in consideration for the CCB's agreement to resolve the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> To be apportioned \$3,750 to P075 and \$3,750 to RP075.

- 15. If the CCB approves this Stipulation and Order, it shall be deemed and considered disciplinary action by the CCB against GBSLV.
- 16. Both parties acknowledge that the CCB has jurisdiction to consider and order this Stipulation and Order because GBSLV holds privileged licenses regulated by the CCB as of July 1, 2020. GBSLV 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 March 22, 2022.

## 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:

- 17. <u>Violations</u>: As to licenses P075 and RP075, GBSLV is found to have committed three (3) Category V violations, as set forth in Paragraph 13(a), above.
- 18. <u>Imposition of Civil Penalties</u>. GBSLV shall pay a total civil penalty in the amount of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) within the time set forth in Paragraph 20 below, to be apportioned as set forth in Paragraph 14, above.
- 19. Formal Warning. In accordance with NCCR 4.060(2)(a)(1), the CCB hereby issues a formal warning to GBSLV, as to its first Category V violation in the immediately preceding 3 years: GBSLV shall timely submit monthly tax and sales reports, as well as payments. Failure to do so in the future will invoke additional progressive discipline and shall be considered an aggravating factor in considering the amount of civil penalties in any future disciplinary actions.
- 20. Payment of Civil Penalties. If the CCB approves this Stipulation and Order at its March 22, 2022, meeting, GBSLV must pay the civil penalty set forth in this agreement no later than 5:00 p.m., Pacific Time, on Thursday, April 21, 2022. If the CCB approves this Stipulation and Order, or an Amended Stipulation and Order, at a CCB

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meeting which occurs after March 22, 2021, then GBSLV must pay the civil penalty set forth in this agreement within 30 days of the date the CCB approves this Stipulation and Order<sup>2</sup>. GBSLV acknowledges that it is critical to comply with the strict requirements of the deadline for payment. GBSLV 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 CCB at its Carson City office by 5:00 p.m., Pacific Time, on the last day of the grace period, GBSLV shall be deemed to be in breach of this Stipulation and Order, deemed to be in default, and shall pay all amounts due under this Stipulation and Order, as well as an additional late payment penalty of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), and shall have its licenses P075 and RP075 immediately suspended, with such suspension remaining in place until all amounts due under this Stipulation and Order are paid in full (inclusive of the \$25,000 late payment penalty). 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 CCB. If all amounts due under this section are not paid within 90 days after the date of the order of default, licenses P075 and RP075 shall be deemed voluntarily surrendered. GBSLV 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 default and that 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. GBSLV may petition the CCB for an extension of the date to pay the civil

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Should the due date fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday recognized by the State of Nevada, payment shall be due on the first following business day, to be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Pacific Time, on that date.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 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.

penalty. However, for the CCB to consider any such petition, the CCB must receive said petition no later than 5 <u>business</u> 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, GBSLV 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 20(c), there shall be no grace period on the new payment date. If GBSLV does not pay by the new payment date, the provisions and penalties of Paragraph 20(b) apply.
- 21. Plan of Correction. Respondent represents and warrants that it has submitted a plan of correction, which CCB staff has approved, that will remedy and prevent the recurrence of the violations set forth in this Stipulation and Order. In summary, the plan of correction includes the following: GBSLV has instituted a standard operating procedure ("SOP") to ensure tax returns are timely submitted and payments are timely made. This SOP requires both the company accountant and general manager to set digital calendars with reminders alerting both individuals two weeks prior to the 15th day of each month to notify the company of tax reports and payments deadlines. A second reminder is set for the 13th day of each month. This SOP further requires the general manager confirm with the accountant to ensure the submission has occurred. This SOP emphasizes zero returns must still be filed, even if there were no transactions during the month. All returns and reports must be signed by the facility's point of contact. This SOP also sets forth the procedures for submitting tax reports, returns, and payments.
- 22. Contingency if Approval Denied. If approval of this Stipulation and Order is denied by CCB, GBSLV 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 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

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27 28 Parties agree to proceed with the Administrative Action, which shall include the filing and service of a disciplinary complaint and a disciplinary hearing before the CCB or its assigned hearing officer. 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 (to be filed) and GBSLV preserves all its defenses and arguments it may assert. An unapproved Stipulation and Order shall not be admissible as evidence or referenced in argument at any disciplinary hearing in CCB Case No. 2022-75 or any other matter involving the CCB.

- Contingency if Approval Conditioned. If the CCB approves this Stipulation 23. 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 GBSLV 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 the filing and service of a disciplinary complaint and a disciplinary hearing before the CCB or its assigned hearing officer. 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 (to be filed) and GBSLV preserves all its defenses and arguments it may assert. An unapproved Stipulation and Order shall not be admissible as evidence or referenced in argument at any disciplinary hearing in CCB Case No. 2022-75 or any other matter.
- 24. <u>Closure of Disciplinary Action</u>. Once this Stipulation and Order is fully performed by GBSLV, the Administrative Action will be closed.
- 25. <u>Communications with CCB Members</u>. GBSLV understands that this Stipulation and Order will be presented to the CCB in open session at a duly noticed and scheduled CCB meeting. GBSLV understands that the CCB has the right to decide in its

own discretion whether or not to approve this Stipulation and Order. The CCB's counsel, which is the Nevada Attorney General and its staff attorneys, will recommend approval of this Stipulation and Order. In the course of seeking CCB acceptance of this Stipulation and Order, counsel for CCB may communicate directly with individual CCB members. GBSLV acknowledges that such communications may be made or conducted ex parte, without notice or opportunity for GBSLV to be heard on its part until the public CCB meeting where this Stipulation and Order is discussed, and that such contacts and communications may include, but may not be limited to, matters concerning this Stipulation and Order, the Administrative Action, and any and all information of every nature whatsoever related to these matters. GBSLV agrees that it has no objections to such ex parte communications. CCB agrees that GBSLV and/or its counsel may appear at the CCB meeting where this Stipulation and Order is discussed and, if requested, respond to any questions that may be addressed to GBSLV and/or the Attorney General's staff attorneys. GBSLV agrees that, should the CCB decline to approve this Stipulation and Order, GBSLV will not contest or otherwise object to any CCB member, and/or CCB appointed hearing officer, hearing and adjudicating the Administrative Action based on the aforementioned ex parte communications with anyone from the Nevada Attorney General's Office.

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Release. In execution of this agreement, Respondent agrees that the State of Nevada, the CCB, the Office of the Attorney General, 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 Office of the Attorney General, 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, 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. 2022-75.

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, CCB is not bound by any previous settlement agreements it has approved in entering into this Stipulation and Order.

- 28. Attorneys' Fees and Costs. The Parties each agree to bear their own attorneys' fees and costs.
- 29. <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.
- 30. <u>Voluntary and Informed Agreement</u>. The Respondent represents that its owners, officers, managers, and/or its directors, who are responsible for and able to legally bind GBSLV have read completely and understand fully the terms of this Stipulation and

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- Warranties of Authority. The Parties to this Stipulation and Order, and each 31. 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.
- Binding Effect. This Stipulation and Order shall be binding upon and inure 32. to the benefit of the Parties hereto and the Parties' respective successors, predecessors, parents, affiliates, shareholders, employees, heirs, executors, assigns, and administrators.
- Construction. The headings of all Sections and Paragraphs of this Stipulation 33. 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 Order.
- Governing Law. This Stipulation and Order shall be governed by and 34. construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Nevada, without reference to conflict

35. Jurisdiction and Forum Selection. 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.

- 36. <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.
- 37. <u>Time is of the Essence</u>. Time is of the essence in the performance of all terms of this Stipulation and Order.
- 38. Severability. 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.
- 39. Counterparts and Copies. 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, or the point of contact for the licensee, shall be deemed an original ("Counterparts"). 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 electronic facsimile or email, which signatures shall be binding and effective as original wet ink signatures hereupon. All fully executed copies of this Stipulation and Order are duplicate originals, equally admissible in

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2	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Stipulation and Order has been executed by th
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6	Date:
7	Adam Fulton, Esq. (Nev. Bar No. 11572) Counsel for Respondent GBSLV
8	Codiser for Mesboudeuf GRSTA
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11	(printed name DAVID WEINER)
12	On behalf of Respondent GBSLV
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15	Date: 3/15/2022
16	L. Kristopher Rath (Nev. Bar No. 5749)
17	Senior Deputy Attorney General Counsel for Cannabis Compliance Board
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19	ORDER
20	WHEREAS, on 22nd day of March, 2022, the Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board
21	approved and adopted all the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation and Order
22	for Settlement of disciplinary Action with GBSLV.
23	IT IS SO ORDERED.
24	SIGNED AND EFFECTIVE this lay of March, 2022.
25	STATE OF NEVADA.
26	CANNABIS COMPLIANCE BOARD
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	/ HON. MICHAEL L. DOUGLAS, CHAIR

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