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VS.

BEFORE THE CANNABIS COMPLIANCE BOARD STATE OF NEVADA

STATE OF NEVADA, CANNABIS COMPLIANCE BOARD,

Petitioner,

NV CANN LABS, LLC,

Respondent.

Case No. 2023-02

STIPULATION AND ORDER FOR SETTLEMENT OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The Cannabis Compliance Board (the "CCB" or the "Board"), 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 NV Cann Labs, LLC (hereinafter "NCL" or "Respondent"), by and through its counsel of record, John Hunt, Esq., of the law firm Clark Hill. Pursuant to this Stipulation and Order, NCL and the CCB (collectively, the "Parties") hereby stipulate and agree that CCB Case No. 2023-02 (the "Administrative Action") shall be fully and finally settled and resolved upon the terms and conditions set out herein.

PERTINENT FACTS

1. On or about April 24, 2023, 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 NCL medical and adult-use cannabis independent testing laboratory facility (L001 and RL001): (1) made an intentionally false statement to Board agents; (2) intentionally failed to comply with approved procedures in a laboratory, including its own standard operating procedures; (3) failed to comply with NCCR 11.070 in multiple different ways, including failing to report all test results to the

CCB and conducting unauthorized re-testing of cannabis samples; (4) failed to notify the Board of modification or expansion of its facility; (5) failed to follow an approved security plan; (5) failed to maintain a quality assurance/quality control program in its laboratory in multiple different ways; and (6) failed to have an owner in possession of a valid cannabis establishment agent card.

- 2. NCL has not filed an Answer and/or a Request for a Hearing as of the date of this Stipulation and Order. Rather, NCL requested and was granted two extensions to file its Answer in order to attempt to negotiate resolution of the Administrative Action. The Parties entered into good faith negotiations to resolve the Administrative Action and reached an agreement in principle for resolving this case. As a result, the CCB's Chair approved a stipulation and order to stay the Administrative Action on June 9, 2023, to allow the Parties to finalize this Stipulation and Order and for the CCB to consider approval of this Stipulation and Order at its July 25, 2023, meeting.
- 3. The Parties have engaged in good faith settlement negotiations to reach an agreement that is mutually acceptable to Respondent, CCB staff, and counsel for the CCB, for resolution of the Administrative Action, with the understanding that this Stipulation and Order must be approved by a majority vote of the members of the CCB to become effective.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND APPLICABLE LAW

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

4. NCL 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 NCL's rights to contest the violations pending against it. These rights include representation by an attorney at NCL's own expense, the right to file an answer to the Complaint, the right to a hearing on any violations or allegations formally filed, the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses called to testify against NCL, the right to present evidence on NCL's own behalf, the right to have witnesses testify on NCL's behalf, the right to obtain any other type of formal

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judicial review of this matter, and any other rights which may be accorded to NCL pursuant to provisions of NRS Chapters 678A through 678D, the Nevada Cannabis Compliance Regulations (NCCR), and any other provisions of Nevada law. NCL is waiving all these rights by entering into this Stipulation and Order. If the CCB rejects this Stipulation and Order, or any portion thereof, all such waivers shall be deemed withdrawn by NCL.

- Should this Stipulation and Order be rejected by the CCB or not timely performed by NCL, 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.
- 6. NCL acknowledges that this Stipulation and Order shall only become effective after the CCB has approved it.
- 7. NCL enters this Stipulation and Order after being fully advised of NCL'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 NCL. 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. The Parties stipulate and agree that this Stipulation and Order, if approved by the Board, resolves only the allegations set forth in the Administrative Action via the Complaint in Case No. 2023-02.
- 8. In an effort to avoid the cost and uncertainty of a disciplinary hearing, NCL has agreed to settle these matters. For purposes of settling these matters, NCL 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, NCL further acknowledges that certain facts contained in the CCB Complaint in Case No. 2023-02 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 revocation, suspension, and civil penalties of up to \$415,000

- 9. 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. Mitigating factors in Case No. 2023-02 include the fact that Respondent cooperated with the CCB's staff in formulating and instituting a plan of correction (as set forth below) to prevent regulatory violations from occurring in the future. Respondent also cooperated with the CCB's counsel in resolving this matter shortly after the Complaint was filed. The Executive Director for CCB and counsel for CCB also took into account the size of the Respondent's business and the impact of the civil penalties on its ability to continue with its business. A reasonable civil penalty has been proposed in this agreement, and Respondent has been provided with a payment plan, at its request, that will allow full payment over 10 months to mitigate the financial impact on Respondent.
- 10. To resolve the Administrative Action, and only for those purposes and no other, NCL specifically admits to the following nine violations with respect to the Complaint in CCB Case No. 2023-02:
 - a. One violation of NCCR 4.040(1)(a)(19) for failing to comply with NCCR
 11.070, which constitutes one Category II violation.
 - b. One violation of NCCR 4.040(1)(a)(15) for intentional variance from approved procedures in a laboratory, which constitutes a second

With respect to NCL's recent compliance history: (1) a CCB investigation of NCL on October 21, 2021, found regulatory violations for improper training of a sample collection agent; (2) a CCB investigation of September 24, 2020, found regulatory violations, including: failing to ensure the accuracy of chain of custody and METRC manifests for cannabis samples, for which NCL did not perform corrective action in a timely manner; and (3) a CCB investigation and audit of NCL on December 26, 2019, found regulatory violations, including: an improper method for Salmonella testing; unsanitary handling of cannabis samples; failure to follow approved laboratory procedures; managing results of potency testing to internal trends, rather than reporting results per the facility's validated methods; reporting lab results to clients prior to issuing a certificate of analysis to the regulatory authority, and improper standard operating procedures.

Category II violation.

- c. One violation of NCCR 4.050(1)(a)(7) for allowing activity which violates the laws of this State, which constitutes a Category III violation.
- d. One violation of NCCR 4.050(1)(a)(26) for failure to maintain a quality assurance/quality control program in a laboratory, which constitutes a second Category III violation.
- e. One violation of NCCR 4.055(1)(a)(1) for failing to display or have in the immediate possession of each cannabis establishment agent a cannabis establishment agent registration card or proof of temporary registration, which constitutes a Category IV violation.
- f. Four violations of NCCR 4.060(1)(a)(6) for failing to comply with any other requirements not described in another category of violations, which constitutes four Category V violations.

As to the remaining allegations in the Complaint, NCL neither admits nor denies those allegations and no civil penalties shall be assessed as to those remaining violations.

- 11. With respect to licenses L001 and RL001, NCL further agrees to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$162,500² in consideration for its admitted violations in Paragraphs 10(a) through 10(f), above, and to accept a formal CCB warning in consideration for its admitted first Category V violation in Paragraph 10(f), and in consideration for the CCB's agreement to resolve the Administrative Action on the terms set forth herein.
- 12. If the CCB approves this Stipulation and Order, it shall be deemed and considered disciplinary action by the CCB against NCL.
- 13. Both parties acknowledge that the CCB has jurisdiction to consider and order this Stipulation and Order because NCL holds privileged licenses regulated by the CCB as of July 1, 2020. NCL expressly, knowingly, and intentionally waives the 21-day and/or 5-

² To be apportioned \$81,250 to L001 and \$81,250 to RL001.

day notice requirements contained in the Nevada Open Meeting Law³ 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 July 25, 2023.

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:

- 14. <u>Violations</u>: As to licenses L001 and RL001, NCL is found to have committed two Category II violations, two Category III violations, one Category IV violation, and four Category V violations, as set forth in Paragraphs 10(a) through 10(f), above.
- 15. <u>Imposition of Civil Penalties</u>. NCL shall pay a total civil penalty in the amount of One Hundred and Sixty-Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$162,500) within the time set forth in Paragraph 17 below, to be apportioned as set forth in Paragraph 11, above.
- 16. Formal Warning. In accordance with NCCR 4.060(2)(a)(1), the CCB hereby issues a formal warning to NCL, as to its first Category V violation in the immediately preceding three years: NCL shall comply with all requirements and regulations regarding laboratory operations, cannabis testing, and requirements for pre-approval of facility modifications. 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.
- 17. Payment of Civil Penalties. NCL must pay the total civil penalty set forth in this agreement within the time frames set forth in this Paragraph and Paragraph 18. NCL may pay the lump sum of \$162,500 in civil penalties within 30 days of the date the CCB approves this Stipulation and Order (the "Lump Sum Payment Option"). In the alternative, NCL may elect to pay the civil penalties via a payment plan as set forth in this

³ And/or the 7 and 14-calendar day requirements under A.B. 52, Section 6.

⁴ Which would be Thursday, August 24, 2023, if the CCB approves this Stipulation and Order at its July 25, 2023, meeting.

Paragraph (the "Payment Plan Option"), in which payment is to be made in installments over 10 months, on the fifteenth day of the month (or first business day thereafter), commencing the month after the CCB approves this Stipulation and Order. If this Stipulation and Order is approved at the July 25, 2023, CCB meeting, the Payment Plan Option payments shall be made on the following schedule and in the indicated amounts:

Installment	Payment Deadline	Amount of Payment ⁵
First Installment	Tuesday, August 15, 2023	\$16,250
Second Installment	Friday, September 15, 2023	\$16,250
Third Installment	Monday, October 16, 2023	\$16,250
Fourth Installment	Wednesday, November 15, 2023	\$16,250
Fifth Installment	Friday, December 15, 2023	\$16,250
Sixth Installment	Tuesday, January 16, 2024	\$16,250
Seventh Installment	Thursday February 15, 2024	\$16,250
Eighth Installment	Friday, March 15, 2024	\$16,250
Ninth Installment	Monday, April 15, 2024	\$16,250
Tenth Installment	Wednesday, May 15, 2024	\$16,250

NCL may pay any installment prior to its due date without pre-payment penalty. If NCL makes the first payment of \$16,250 on or before August 15, 2023, it shall be deemed to have elected the Payment Plan Option. If this Stipulation and Order is approved at a CCB meeting later than July 25, 2023, the Parties shall meet and confer and develop a new payment plan schedule which shall be submitted to the CCB's Chair for approval, and the provisions of Paragraph 18 shall apply to that new payment schedule.

18. Penalties for Failure to Comply with Payment Deadlines. NCL acknowledges that it is critical to comply with the strict requirements of the deadlines for payment set forth in this agreement under the Lump Sum Payment Option or the Payment Plan Option, whichever it should elect. NCL agrees that, should it fail to timely make any installment

⁵ Each payment of \$16,250 shall be apportioned \$8,125 to L001 and \$8,125 to LR001; however, Respondent may pay each installment with a single payment of \$16,250.

payment under the Payment Plan Option (or fail to comply with the Lump Sum Payment Option, if applicable), the following penalties and procedures will be in effect:

- a. CCB will allow a five business day grace period for late payment.
- 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, NCL shall be deemed to be in breach of this Stipulation and Order, deemed to be in default, and deemed to have admitted all allegations in the CCB Complaint in Case No. 2023-02 and shall pay all penalties and receive all discipline set forth under the "Relief Requested" section of the Complaint, inclusive of revocation of licenses L001 and RL001, and civil penalties totaling \$415,000. 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. NCL 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 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. NCL may petition the CCB for an extension of 30-days to pay any of the installments set forth in Paragraph 17 (or the lump sum, under the Lump Sum Payment Option). However, for the CCB to consider any such petition, the CCB must receive said petition no later than 5 business days prior to the installment deadline at issue (which does not include any grace period). The CCB is not required to grant such a petition. In such a petition, NCL must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the CCB that there are extraordinary and unusual circumstances necessitating the extension requested and specify which installment deadline or deadlines it is seeking an extension. The CCB may delegate

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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 or dates. If NCL does not pay by the new payment date or dates, the provisions and penalties of Paragraph 18(b) apply.
- Plan of Correction. Respondent represents and warrants that it has submitted 19. and put in place 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. summary, the plan of correction regarding the Administrative Action includes the following: (1) NCL updated its quality assurance/quality control program manual, standard operating procedures ("SOPs"), and job descriptions related to quality assurance and quality control duties, to bring the foregoing into regulatory compliance; (2) NCL updated its SOPs to ensure proper sanitary procedures for handling cannabis samples and instituted a policy for employee discipline for failure to follow these SOPs; (3) SOPs were updated to reflect practice and to ensure they complied with regulations and statutes; (4) NCL ceased the practice of discussing homogeneity targets for infused drinks with its customer and is now testing samples for an item's approved homogeneity targets; (5) NCL has ceased unapproved re-testing of residual solvents and concentrate samples and updated its SOPs to comply with regulations; (6) NCL has updated its security system to provide audio and visual notification of any failures; (7) NCL implemented new policies to ensure facility modifications are submitted and approved prior to any modifications taking place; and (8) NCL has checked all agent cards, instituted a log to track expiration dates on agent cards, and now requires all employees and owners to renew their agent cards one month prior to expiration. 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, NCL and counsel for the CCB agree to resume settlement negotiations

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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 CCB meeting. If such an agreement cannot be reached, the Parties agree to proceed with the Administrative Action, with NCL to timely file its Answer and Request for Hearing, and the matter to proceed to a disciplinary hearing before the CCB's assigned hearing officer in the ordinary course. 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 NCL preserves all its defenses and arguments it may set forth in its Answer, 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. 2023-02 or any other matter involving the CCB.

Contingency if Approval Conditioned. If the CCB approves this Stipulation 21. 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 NCL 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, with NCL to timely file its Answer and Request for Hearing, and the matter to proceed to a disciplinary hearing before the CCB's assigned hearing officer in the ordinary course. 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 NCL preserves all its defenses and arguments it may set forth in its Answer, 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. 2023-02 or any other matter involving the CCB.

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performed by NCL, the Administrative Action will be closed.

Closure of Disciplinary Action. Once this Stipulation and Order is fully

- 23. Nothing in this Stipulation and Order shall preclude the CCB from pursuing any separate disciplinary actions against the individual cannabis establishment agent registration cards of the employees and/or agents of Respondent, as well as the cannabis production facility and its employees and agents, who participated in, authorized, and/or perpetrated the acts and omissions set forth in the Complaint at Paragraphs 22 and 28, and the CCB specifically reserves its rights to do so. Should the CCB proceed with disciplinary action against any such cannabis establishment agent and/or cannabis establishment, Respondent agrees that it will cooperate with the CCB staff and the CCB's counsel in any investigation of the actions of such cannabis establishment and/or cannabis establishment agents and provide any related documents or information requested in such investigations that is within its custody and/or control⁶. Respondent also agrees to make available, upon reasonable notice, any of its employees, owners, officers, and/or directors, to the extent such individuals remain under Respondent's control, to testify at any disciplinary hearings involving the subject cannabis establishment agents and/or cannabis establishment. The Parties agree that, should the CCB approve this Stipulation and Order, this Stipulation and Order, and the Complaint in CCB Case No. 2023-02, may be used as evidence at any subsequent disciplinary proceedings and hearings regarding the cannabis establishment agents and/or cannabis establishment described in this Paragraph.
- 24. <u>Communications with CCB Members</u>. NCL understands that this Stipulation and Order will be presented to the CCB in open session at a duly noticed and scheduled CCB meeting. NCL 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

⁶ Respondent further agrees that it will preserve for at least five years any documents and/or other evidence relevant to such a disciplinary action against the subject cannabis establishment agents and/or cannabis establishment.

or opportunity for NCL 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. NCL agrees that it has no objections to such ex parte communications. The CCB agrees that NCL 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 NCL and/or the Nevada Attorney General's staff attorneys. NCL agrees that, should the CCB decline to approve this Stipulation and Order, NCL 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.

25. Release. 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

Order, counsel for CCB may communicate directly with individual CCB members. NCL

acknowledges that such communications may be made or conducted exparte, without notice

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 the Complaint, the matters set forth in this Stipulation and Order, and/or the administration of CCB Case No. 2023-02.

26. No Precedence. Except as otherwise set forth in Paragraph 23, above,

 the Parties agree: (1) 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; (2) That 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 licensec and/or cannabis establishment, 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, and except with respect to any disciplinary proceedings against the cannabis establishment agents and/or other cannabis establishments who participated in, authorized, and/or perpetrated the acts and omissions set forth in the Complaint at Paragraphs 22 and 28.

Furthermore, 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.

- 27. <u>Attorneys' Fees and Costs</u>. The Parties each agree to bear their own attorneys' fees and costs.
- 28. <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.
- 29. Voluntary and Informed Agreement. The Respondent represents that its owners, officers, and/or its directors, who are responsible for and able to legally bind NCL 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.

- 30. <u>Warranties of Authority</u>. 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.
- 31. <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.
- 32. <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 Order.
- 33. 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.

- 34. <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.
- 35. <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.
- 36. <u>Time is of the Essence</u>. Time is of the essence in the performance of all terms of this Stipulation and Order.
- 37. 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.
- 38. <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 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 evidence.

1	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Stipulation and Order has been executed by the		
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5	Date: 7/16/2623		
6	John Hunt (Nev. Bar No. 1888) Counsel for Respondent NCL		
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9	Wich Stem Date: 7/10/2023		
10	Nick Sever, Co-Manager		
11	On behalf of Respondent NCL		
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14	L. Kristopher Rath (Nev. Bar No. 5749) Senior Deputy Attorney General Counsel for Cannabis Compliance Board		
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16	Counsel for Calmania Compilance Board		
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18	ORDER		
19	WHEREAS, on the 25th day of July 2023, the Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board		
20	approved and adopted all the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation and Order		
21 22	for Settlement of Disciplinary Action with NCL.		
23	IT IS SO ORDERED.		
24	SIGNED AND EFFECTIVE this 21 day of 2023.		
25	STATE OF NEVADA,		
26	CANNABIS COMPLIANCE BOARD		
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	HON. MICHAEL L. DOUGLAS, CHAIR		
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