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BEFORE THE CANNABIS COMPLIANCE BOARD STATE OF NEVADA

STATE OF NEVADA, CANNABIS COMPLIANCE BOARD,

Case No. 2024-009

Petitioner,

3AP Inc. (C074 & RC074),

Respondent.

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 Anthony T. Garasi, Esq., Senior Deputy Attorney General, hereby enters into this Stipulation and Order for Settlement of Disciplinary Action ("Stipulation and Order") with Respondent 3AP Inc. (hereinafter "3AP" or "Respondent"), by and through its counsel of record, Jared Kahn, Esq., of JK Legal & Consulting, LLC. Pursuant to this Stipulation and Order, 3AP and the CCB (collectively, the "Parties") hereby stipulate and agree that CCB Case No. 2024-009 (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 May 14, 2024, 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 3AP medical and adult-use cannabis cultivation facility (C074 & RC074): (1) identified three disposal entries in its Packaging Waste Log which did not have the corresponding entries recorded in Metrc; (2) failed to report to the Board twenty-six (26) separate security equipment malfunctions/failures; and (3) failed to post its State of Nevada Sales Tax Permit in conspicuous place during CCB visit on August 7, 2023.

- 2. 3AP has not filed an Answer and/or a Request for a Hearing as of the date of this Stipulation and Order. Rather, 3AP requested and was granted an extension 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.
- 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. 3AP enters into this Stipulation and Order on its own behalf and with full authority to resolve the claims against it and is aware of 3AP's rights to contest the violations pending against it. These rights include representation by an attorney at 3AP'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 3AP, the right to present evidence on 3AP's own behalf, the right to have witnesses testify on 3AP'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 3AP pursuant to provisions of NRS Chapters 678A through 678D, NRS Chapter 233B, the Nevada Cannabis Compliance Regulations (NCCR), and any other provisions of Nevada law. 3AP 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 3AP.
- 5. Should this Stipulation and Order be rejected by the CCB or not timely performed by 3AP, 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. 3AP acknowledges that this Stipulation and Order shall only become effective after the CCB has approved it.
- 7. 3AP enters this Stipulation and Order after being fully advised of 3AP'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 3AP. 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 <u>only</u> the allegations set forth in the Administrative Action via the Complaint in Case No. 2024-009.
- 8. In an effort to avoid the cost and uncertainty of a disciplinary hearing, 3AP has agreed to settle these matters. For purposes of settling these matters, 3AP acknowledges that the facts contained in the paragraphs in the above "Pertinent Facts" section of this Stipulation and Order are true and correct. Without waiving any constitutional rights against self-incrimination, 3AP further acknowledges that certain facts contained in the CCB Complaint in Case No. 2024-009 could be found to constitute violations of Title 56 of NRS (NRS Chapters 678A through 678D), and the NCCR, with civil penalties of up to \$30,000.00 for licenses C074 and RC074, if these matters proceeded to an administrative hearing.
- 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. The Executive Director for

CCB and counsel for CCB have also considered the appropriate mitigating factors in reaching the proposed settlement of this Administrative Action. The mitigating factors in Case No. 2024-009 include: (1) 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; and (2) Respondent also cooperated with the CCB's counsel in resolving this matter shortly after the Complaint was filed. The CCB staff and counsel appropriately weighted each of the mitigating factors and the Parties stipulate and agree to the weight given to each factor. The two factors were weighed equally in further reducing the number of violations admitted to and reducing the total civil penalties. 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 Stipulation and Order, and Respondent has been provided with a payment schedule that will allow full payment within 30 days of the CCB approval of this Stipulation and Order to mitigate the financial impact on Respondent.

- 10. To resolve the Administrative Action, and only for those purposes and no other, 3AP specifically admits to the following single violation with respect to the Complaint in CCB Case No. 2024-009:
 - a. One violation of NCCR 4.055(1)(a)(14) for failing to properly respond to a Board or Board Agent's request for documentation, information, video, or other records, which constitutes a Category IV violation.

As to the remaining allegations in the Complaint, 3AP neither admits nor denies those allegations and no civil penalties shall be assessed as to those remaining violations.

11. With respect to licenses C074 & RC074, 3AP further agrees to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000.00¹ in consideration for its admitted violation in Paragraphs 10, above, and in consideration for the CCB's agreement to resolve the Administrative Action on the terms set forth herein.

¹ To be allocated to RC074.

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- 12. If the CCB approves this Stipulation and Order, it shall be deemed and considered disciplinary action by the CCB against 3AP.
- Both parties acknowledge that the CCB has jurisdiction to consider and order 13. this Stipulation and Order because 3AP holds privileged licenses regulated by the CCB. 3AP expressly, knowingly, and intentionally waives the 21-day and/or 5-day notice requirements contained in the Nevada Open Meeting Law² 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 18, 2024.
- 14. Further, S.B. 195 Sec. 2, 2023 Leg., 82nd Sess. (Nv. 2023) authorized the Board, at its discretion, to resolve a matter involving a licensee who has allegedly violated a provision of NRS or any NCCR at any time by entering into such an agreement with the licensee so long as the terms of the agreement are discussed and approved at a meeting of the Board. Moving forward, should another violation of statute or regulation be committed by 3AP, the Board, in its discretion, may settle such a matter in a similar way and may, in its discretion, enter into any such agreement at any time after the violation is committed including prior to any complaint being filed. Should another violation occur, the CCB's investigators would attempt to contact, and resolve with, 3AP prior to the filing of any Complaint absent any exigent circumstances (including by not limited to public health or safety risk). Any future violations which are repeat violations of prior violations are subject to step-up discipline as outlined in NCCR 4.

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:

- 15. <u>Violations</u>: As to licenses C074 and RC074, 3AP is found to have committed one Category IV violation, as set forth in Paragraphs 10, above.
 - 16. Imposition of Civil Penalties. 3AP shall pay a total civil penalty in the amount

² And/or the 7 and 14-calendar day requirements under A.B. 52, Section 6.

of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) within the time set forth in Paragraph 16 below, to be apportioned as set forth in Paragraph 11, above.

- 17. Payment of Civil Penalties. 3AP must pay the total civil penalty set forth in this agreement within the time frames set forth in this Paragraph and Paragraph 17. 3AP shall pay the lump sum of \$2,000.00 in civil penalties within 30 days of the date the CCB approves this Stipulation and Order.³
- 18. Penalties for Failure to Comply with Payment Deadlines. 3AP acknowledges that it is critical to comply with the strict requirements of the deadline for payment set forth in this agreement. 3AP agrees that, should it fail to timely make a payment by the deadline set forth in Paragraph 16 above, the following penalties and procedures will be in effect:
 - a. CCB will allow a five-business day grace period for late payment⁴.
 - b. If payment is not physically received by CCB at its Carson City or Las Vegas office by 5:00 p.m., Pacific Time, on the last day of the grace period, 3AP 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. 2024-009 and shall pay all penalties and receive all discipline set forth under the "Relief Requested" section of the Complaint, inclusive of the civil penalty of \$22,500.00, and shall have its licenses C074 and RC074 immediately suspended, with such suspension remaining in place until all amounts due under this Stipulation and Order are paid in full and within 90 days of the order of default. 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

³ Which would be Monday, August 19, 2024, if the CCB approves this Stipulation and Order at its July 18, 2024, meeting.

⁴ 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 days grace period will be granted for payment.

section are not paid within 90 days after the date of the order of default, licenses C074 and RC074 shall be deemed voluntarily surrendered. 3AP 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/or this Stipulation and Order, 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. 3AP may petition the CCB for an extension of 30 days to pay the amount set forth in Paragraph 16. 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, 3AP 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 the decision as to whether to grant such a petition to the CCB Chair.
- d. If an extension is granted under Paragraph 17(c), there shall be no grace period on the new payment date or dates. If 3AP does not pay by the new payment date or dates, the provisions and penalties of Paragraph 17(b) apply.
- 19. Plan of Correction. Respondent represents and warrants that it has submitted 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. In summary, the plan of correction regarding the Administrative Action includes the following: (1) 3AP updated its Logs to comply with the NCCRs; (2) 3AP implemented a security policy to ensure security equipment malfunctions are timely reported to the CCB;

(3) 3AP has added an additional responsibility to one position as an extra point of contact to observe and report security equipment malfunctions; and (4) 3AP has posted in public view its State of Nevada Sales Tax Permit. 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. Contingency if Approval Denied. If approval of this Stipulation and Order is denied by the CCB, 3AP 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 CCB meeting. If such an agreement cannot be reached, the Parties agree to proceed with the Administrative Action, with 3AP 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 3AP 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. 2024-009 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 3AP 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 3AP to timely file its Answer and Request for Hearing, and the

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- 22. <u>Closure of Disciplinary Action</u>. Once this Stipulation and Order is fully performed by 3AP, the Administrative Action will be closed.
- Communications with CCB Members. 3AP understands that this Stipulation 23. and Order will be presented to the CCB in open session at a duly noticed and scheduled CCB meeting. 3AP 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. 3AP acknowledges that such communications may be made or conducted ex parte, without notice or opportunity for 3AP 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. 3AP agrees that it has no objections to such ex parte communications. The CCB agrees that 3AP 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 3AP and/or the Nevada Attorney General's staff attorneys. 3AP agrees that, should the CCB decline to approve this Stipulation and Order, 3AP 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.

24. 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 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. 2024-009.

25. No Precedent. 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 licensee 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.

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 4.055(2). As every case concerns different facts and details, this Stipulation does not act as precedent, 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.

- 26. <u>Attorneys' Fees and Costs</u>. 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. The Respondent represents that its owners, officers, and/or its directors, who are responsible for and able to legally bind 3AP 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. <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.
- 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 Order.
- 32. <u>Governing Law</u>. 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. 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.
- 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. 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

1	extent permitted by law.
2	37. Counterparts and Copies. This Stipulation and Order may be executed in
3	counterparts, each of which when so executed and upon delivery to counsel of record for the
4	Parties shall be deemed an original ("Counterparts"). This Stipulation and Order shall be
5	deemed executed when Counterparts of this Stipulation and Order have been executed by
6	all the Parties and/or their counsel; such Counterparts taken together shall be deemed to
7	be the Agreement. This Stipulation and Order may be executed by signatures provided by
8	electronic facsimile or email, which signatures shall be binding and effective as original
9	wet ink signatures hereupon. All fully executed copies of this Stipulation and Order are
10	duplicate originals, equally admissible in evidence.
11	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Stipulation and Order has been executed by the
12	Parties and attested by their duly authorized representatives as of the date(s) so indicated.
13	The Effective Date of this Stipulation and Order shall be the date it is ordered by the CCB.
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15	Date: 6/20/2024
16	Jared Kahn, Esq. (Nev. Bar No. 12603)
17	Counsel for Respondent 3AP
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19	Date: 6/19/2024
20	Arash Yazdanpanah On behalf of Respondent 3AP
21	on behalf of itespondent SAP
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23	Anthony T. Garasi (Nev. Bar No. 11134) Date: 6-21-24
24	Senior Deputy Attorney General
25	Counsel for Cannabis Compliance Board
26	ORDER
27	WHEREAS, on the 18th day of July 2024, the Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board
28	approved and adopted all the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation and Order
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1	for Settlement of Disciplinary Action with 3AP.
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3	IT IS SO ORDERED.
4	SIGNED AND EFFECTIVE this 18th day of July, 2024.
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6	CANNABIS COMPLIANCE BOARD
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9	Adriana Guzmán Fralick, Chair
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