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BOARD OF PRIVATE DETECTIVES AND GUARDS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Guard License of)	PDG 2015-55-L
RONALD N. DELA CRUZ, individually and doing business as SECURITY SOLUTIONS OF HAWAII,)	SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PRIOR TO FILING OF PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND BOARD'S FINAL ORDER
Respondent.)	

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PRIOR TO FILING OF PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND BOARD'S FINAL ORDER

Petitioner, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS'

REGULATED INDUSTRIES COMPLAINTS OFFICE (hereinafter "RICO" or "Petitioner"),
through its undersigned attorney(s), and Respondent RONALD N. DELA CRUZ, individually
and doing business as SECURITY SOLUTIONS OF HAWAII (hereinafter "Respondent"), enter
into this Settlement Agreement on the terms and conditions set forth below.

A. <u>UNCONTESTED FACTS:</u>

At all relevant times herein, Respondent was licensed by the Board of Private
 Detectives and Guards (hereinafter the "Board") as a guard under license number GD 179. The

license was issued on or about July 19, 1977. The license will expire or forfeit on or about June 30, 2016.

- Respondent's mailing address for purposes of this action is P.O. Box 1357,
 Kamuela, Hawaii 96743.
- 3. RICO received a request for investigation from the Board of Private Detectives and Guards after Respondent failed to submit a complete semiannual list of employees for the following reporting period(s): July 2014 to December 2014.
- 4. RICO alleges that Respondent failed to indicate education, criminal, psychiatric and psychological information for at least one employee on a semiannual list of employees submitted for the July 2014 to December 2014 reporting period.
- 5. The foregoing allegations, if proven at an administrative hearing before the Board, would constitute violations of the following statute(s) and/or rule(s): Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") § HRS 436B-19(17) (violating chapter or rules) and Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") § 16-97-15.
- 6. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter herein and over the parties hereto.

B. REPRESENTATIONS BY RESPONDENT:

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- Respondent is fully aware that Respondent has the right to be represented by an attorney and voluntarily waives that right.
- 2. Respondent enters into this Settlement Agreement freely, knowingly, voluntarily, and under no coercion or duress.
- 3. Respondent is aware of the right to have a hearing to adjudicate the issues in the case. Pursuant to HRS § 91-9(d), Respondent freely, knowingly, and voluntarily waives the right

to a hearing and agrees to dispose of this case in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement.

- 4. Respondent being at all times relevant herein licensed as a guard by the Board acknowledges that Respondent is subject to penalties including but not limited to, revocation, suspension or limitation of the license and administrative fines, if the foregoing allegations are proven at hearing.
- 5. Respondent does not admit to violating any law or rule, but acknowledges that RICO has sufficient cause to file a Petition for Disciplinary Action against Respondent's license.
- 6. Respondent enters into this Settlement Agreement as a compromise of the claims and to conserve on the expenses of proceeding with an administrative hearing on this matter.
- Respondent agrees that this Settlement Agreement is intended to resolve the issues raised in RICO's investigation in RICO Case No. PDG 2015-55-L.
- 8. Respondent understands this Settlement Agreement is public record pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes chapter 92F.

C. <u>TERMS OF SETTLEMENT:</u>

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- 1. Administrative Fine. Respondent agrees to pay a fine in the amount of TWO HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$200.00). Payment shall be made by cashier's check or money order made payable to "DCCA Compliance Resolution Fund" and mailed to the Regulated Industries Complaints Office, Attn: John T. Hassler, Esq., 235 S. Beretania Street, 9th Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. Tender of the fine amount is hereby acknowledged by RICO.
- Submit Completed Employee Registration Form Within Ninety Days.
 Respondent shall submit to the Board a list of all current employees. The list shall be submitted

on a form provided by the Board and shall include all information required by licensing laws and rules. The list must be submitted within ninety days of the approval of this settlement agreement.

- 3. Failure to Comply with Settlement Agreement. If Respondent fails to fully and timely comply with the terms of this Settlement Agreement as set forth in paragraph(s) C.1 and C.2 above, Respondent's license shall be automatically revoked upon RICO's filing of an affidavit with the Board attesting to such failure. In case of such revocation, Respondent shall turn in all indicia of the license to the Executive Officer of the Board within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of the revocation. In case of such revocation, Respondent understands

 Respondent cannot apply for a new license until the expiration of at least five (5) years after the effective date of the revocation. Respondent understands that if Respondent desires to become licensed again, Respondent must apply to the Board for a new license pursuant to and subject to HRS §§ 92-17, 436B-21, and all other applicable laws and rules in effect at the time.
- 4. <u>Possible Further Sanction</u>. The Board, at its discretion, may pursue additional disciplinary action as provided by law to include further fines and other sanctions as the Board may deem appropriate if Respondent violates any provision of the statutes or rules governing the conduct of guards in the State of Hawaii, or if Respondent fails to abide by the terms of this Settlement Agreement.
- 5. <u>Approval of the Board</u>. Respondent agrees that, except for the representations, agreements and covenants contained in Paragraphs C.6, C.7, C.8 and C.9 below, this Settlement Agreement shall not be binding on any of the parties unless and until it is approved by the Board.
- 6. <u>No Objection if Board Fails to Approve</u>. If the Board does not approve this Settlement Agreement, does not issue an order pursuant thereto, or does not approve a lesser remedy, but instead an administrative hearing is conducted against Respondent in the Board's

usual and customary fashion pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, Respondent agrees that neither Respondent nor any attorney that Respondent may retain, will raise as an objection in any administrative proceeding or in any judicial action, to the Board's proceeding against Respondent on the basis that the Board has become disqualified to consider the case because of its review and consideration of this Settlement Agreement.

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- 7. Any Ambiguities Shall be Construed to Protect the Consuming Public. It is agreed that any ambiguity in this Settlement Agreement is to be read in the manner that most completely protects the interests of the consuming public.
- 8. No Reliance on Representations by RICO. Other than the matters specifically stated in this Settlement Agreement, neither RICO nor anyone acting on its behalf has made any representation of fact, opinion or promise to Respondent to induce entry into this Settlement Agreement, and Respondent is not relying upon any statement, representation or opinion or promise made by RICO or any of its agents, employees, representatives or attorneys concerning the nature, extent or duration of exposure to legal liability arising from the subject matter of this Settlement Agreement or concerning any other matter.
- 9. <u>Complete Agreement</u>. This Settlement Agreement is a complete settlement of the rights, responsibilities and liabilities of the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof; contains the entire agreement of the parties; and may only be modified, changed or amended by written instrument duly executed by all parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed this Settlement Agreement on the date(s) set forth below.

DATED: Komusla, Howaii, 1-19-2016
(City) (State) (Date)

RONALD N. DELA CRUZ

Respondent

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, January 21, 2016

DARIA A. LOY-GOTO JOHN T. HASSLER

Attorneys for Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

STATE OF HAWAII) SS.
COUNTY OF Hawaii)
On this day of, 2018, before me personally appeared
RONALD N. DELA CRUZ, to me known to be the person described, and who executed the
foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.
This S -page Settlement agreement Prior to filling of Petition for Disciplinary action and Mounted 51/19/2016 Final order , 2015 was acknowledged before me by
document dated 01/19/2016
FORONALD N. DELA CRUZ this 19th day of January, 2018, in the City
of Kamuela, in the County of Hawaii.
NOTARY PUBLIC No. 11-364 My Commission expires: 11 13 2019

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARD LICENSE OF RONALD N. DELA CRUZ, INDIVIDUALLY AND DOING BUSINESS AS SECURITY SOLUTIONS OF HAWAII; SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PRIOR TO FILING OF PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND BOARD'S FINAL ORDER: RICO CASE NO. PDG 2015-55-L_____

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED: BOARD OF PRIVATE DETECTIVES AND GUARDS STATE OF HAWAII

DOUGLAS H. INOUYE Chairperson

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CHIEF HARKY S. KUBOHRI

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