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

In the Matter of the Guard Employee Registration of)	PDG 2019-13-L
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WENDY E. NODLAND-PERON,)	FILING OF PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY
*)	ACTION AND BOARD'S FINAL ORDER
Respondent.)	
)	Administrative Hearings Officer:
)	Richard A. Young
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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AFTER 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 WENDY E. NODLAND-PERON (hereinafter "Respondent"), enter into this Settlement Agreement on the terms and conditions set forth below.

A. UNCONTESTED FACTS

- 1. At all relevant times herein, Respondent was registered with the Board of Private Detectives and Guards (hereinafter the "Board") as a guard employee under Registration Number GDE 11985. The registration was issued on or about December 3, 2014. The registration will expire or forfeit on or about June 30. 2021.
 - 2. Respondent's mailing address for purposes of this action is *Privacy Information*Privacy Information

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- 3. On or about November 25, 2019, RICO filed a Petition for Disciplinary Action alleging that Respondent violated, in part, the following statute(s) and/or rule(s): Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") §§ 436B-19(2); 436B-19(5); 436B-19(17) and Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") §§ 16-97-46(12) and 16-97-46(21) (hereafter the "Petition").
- 4. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter herein and over the parties hereto.

B. <u>REPRESENTATIONS BY RESPONDENT:</u>

- 1. 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 registered as a guard employee by the Board, acknowledges that Respondent is subject to penalties including but not limited to, revocation, suspension or limitation of the registration 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 had sufficient cause to file a Petition for Disciplinary Action against Respondent's guard employee registration.
- 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.
- 7. Respondent agrees that this Settlement Agreement is intended to resolve the issues raised in RICO's investigation in RICO Case No. PDG 2019-13-L.
- 8. Respondent understands this Settlement Agreement is public record pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 92F.

C. TERMS OF SETTLEMENT:

1. <u>Revocation of Guard Employee Registration</u>. Respondent agrees to the voluntary revocation of Respondent's guard employee registration.

The revocation shall become effective immediately upon the approval of this Settlement Agreement by the Board. Respondent shall turn in all indicia of the registration to the Executive

Officer of the Board within ten (10) days after receipt of notice that this Settlement Agreement has been approved.

Respondent understands Respondent cannot apply for a new guard employee registration until the expiration of at least five (5) years after the effective date of the revocation. Respondent understands that if Respondent desires to become registered again, Respondent must apply to the Board for a new guard employee registration pursuant to and subject to HRS §§ 92-17, 436B-21, and all other applicable laws and rules in effect at the time.

- 2. 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 above, Respondent's guard employee registration 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 registration 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 guard employee registration until the expiration of at least five (5) years after the effective date of the revocation. Respondent understands that if Respondent desires to become registered again, Respondent must apply to the Board for a new guard employee registration pursuant to and subject to HRS §§ 92-17, 436B-21, and all other applicable laws and rules in effect at the time.
- 3. <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 guard employees in the State of Hawaii, or if Respondent fails to abide by the terms of this Settlement Agreement.
- 4. <u>Approval of the Board</u>. Respondent agrees that, except for the representations, agreements and covenants contained in Paragraphs C.5, C.6, C.7 and C.8 below, this Settlement Agreement shall not be binding on any of the parties unless and until it is approved by the Board.
- 5. No Objection if Board Fails to Approve. 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.
- 6. <u>Any Ambiguities Shall be Construed to Protect the Consuming Public</u>. 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.
- 7. 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.

8. <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: Karling Kong, Hawaii, 12-22-2019
(City) (State) , 12-22-2019
(Date)

WENDY E. NODLAND-PERON
Respondent

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, JAN 0 4 2020

MARC T. NAKAMURA

Attorney for Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

STATE OF HAWAII)) SS.
COUNTY OF HAWAII)
On this 27 th day of De	ecember, 2019, before me personally appeared
WENDY E. NODLAND-PERON,	to me known to be the person described, and who executed
the foregoing instrument and acknow	wledged that he/she executed the same as his/her free act and
deed.	
This	EMENT AGREEMENT AFTER FILING OF PETITION
FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AN	ND BOARD'S FINAL ORDER document dated
December 27, [Date Document Signed by Re	, 20 19 was acknowledged before me by
WENDY E. NODLAND-PERON	this 27th day of December , 2019, in
the City of Kai lua-Kona, in	the County of Hawaii, in the 3rd
Circuit, State of Hawaii.	Notary Signature: Print Notary Name: Notary Public, State of Hawaii, Third Circuit My Commission expires: October 25, 2023