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COLLECTION AGENCY PROGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS Attorney for Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs STATE OF HAWAII In the Matter of the Collection Agency COL 2009-23-L Registration of SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PRIOR TO) COLLECTCORP CORPORATION. FILING OF PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND DIRECTOR'S FINAL ORDER; Respondent. EXHIBIT "1" 244092407

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

Petitioner, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS'

REGULATED INDUSTRIES COMPLAINTS OFFICE (hereinafter "RICO" or "Petitioner"),
through its undersigned attorneys, and Respondent COLLECTCORP CORPORATION
(hereinafter "Respondent"), by and through its attorney, 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 by the Collection Agency Program (hereinafter the "Program") as a Collection Agency under Registration Number COLA

- 218. The registration was issued on or about July 20, 1999. The registration will expire on or about June 30, 2010.
- 2. Respondent's mailing address for purposes of this action is c/o Steven Guttman, PC. 220 S. King Street, 19th Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.
- 3. RICO received information Respondent entered into a Consent Order with the State of Minnesota Department of Commerce, based on allegations Respondent failed to adequately screen individual collector applications. A true and correct copy of the January 13, 2009 Consent Order is attached as Exhibit "1."
- 4. RICO alleges Respondent failed to report the disciplinary action as required by law.
- 5. The foregoing allegations, if proven at an administrative hearing before the Program, would constitute violations of the following statute(s) and/or rule(s): Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") 436B-19(15) (failure to report disciplinary action).
- 6. The Program has jurisdiction over the subject matter herein and over the parties hereto.

B. REPRESENTATIONS BY RESPONDENT:

- 1. Respondent is fully aware that Respondent has the right to be represented by an attorney and is represented in this matter by Steven Guttman, Esq.
- 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 Collection Agency by the Program 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 has sufficient cause to file a Petition for Disciplinary Action against Respondent's 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. COL 2009-23-L.

C. TERMS OF SETTLEMENT:

1. Administrative fine. Respondent agrees to pay a fine in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00). 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: Bobbi Lum-Mew, Esq., 235 S. Beretania Street, 9th Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. Payment of the fine shall be due at the time this fully executed Settlement Agreement is returned to RICO.

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- 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 registration shall be automatically revoked upon RICO's filing of an affidavit with the Program attesting to such failure. In case of such revocation, Respondent shall turn in all indicia of the registration to the Executive Officer of the Program within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of the revocation. In case of such revocation, Respondent understands Respondent cannot apply for a new 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 Program for a new 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 Program, at its discretion, may pursue additional disciplinary action as provided by law to include further fines and other sanctions as the Program may deem appropriate if Respondent violates any provision of the statutes or rules governing the conduct of collection agencies in the State of Hawaii, or if Respondent fails to abide by the terms of this Settlement Agreement.
- 4. <u>Approval of the Program</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 Program.

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- 5. No Objection if the Program Fails to Approve. If the Program 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 Program'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 Program's proceeding against Respondent on the basis that the Program 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: 8th, May

COLLECTCORP CORPORATION

MAY 1 5 2009

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii,

BOBBI W.Y. LUM-MEW

Attorneys for Department of Commerce and

Consumer Affairs

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Attorney for Respondent

IN THE MATTER OF THE COLLECTION AGENCY REGISTRATION OF COLLECTCORP CORPORATION; SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PRIOR TO FILING OF PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND DIRECTOR'S FINAL ORDER; CASE NO. COL 2009-23-L; EXHIBIT "1"

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED: COLLECTION AGENCY PROGRAM STATE OF HAWAII

Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

22 MAY 09

DATE

FROVINCE STATE OF ONTARIO CITY SSS. SYLVERONTO SSS.
On this 8 day of MAY, 200 , before me personally appeared
BORIS DYBENKO , to me known to be the person described, and who executed the Joyce Morrison
foregoing instrument on behalf of COUECTCORP CORPORATION as
EVP : CFO , and acknowledged that he/she executed the same as MANAGER, REGULATORY SERVICES .
his/her free act and deed.
Name: Stephen Lenera XXX 10 Notary Public, State of Ontario
My Commission expires: Nevex

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STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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In the Matter of the Collection Agency License of Collectcorp Corporation License No. CA20098447 **CONSENT ORDER**

TO: Collectcorp Corporation 455 N. 3rd Street Phoenix, AZ 85004

Commissioner of Commerce Glenn Wilson (hereinafter "Commissioner") has determined as follows:

- 1. The Commissioner has advised Collectcorp Corporation (hereinafter "Respondent") that he is prepared to commence formal action pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 45.027 (2006) and other applicable law, against Respondent's collection agency license based on the allegations that Respondent:
 - A. Failed to screen multiple individual collector applications prior to submitting the application to the commissioner for registration. This is in violation of Minnesota Statute § 332.33 Subd. 5(a) (2006).
 - B. Respondent submitted multiple debt collector registrations to the Department that included documentation that provided the applicant did not qualify for licensure due to a recent felony conviction. This is in violation of Minnesota Statute § 332.33 Subd. 8 (2006).
- 2. Respondent acknowledges that it has been advised of its rights to a hearing in this matter, to present argument to the Commissioner and to appeal from any adverse determination



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after a hearing, and Respondent hereby expressly waives those rights. Respondent further acknowledges that it has been represented by legal counsel throughout these proceedings.

- 3. Respondent has agreed to informal disposition of this matter without a hearing as provided in Minn. Stat. § 14.59 (2006) and Minn. R. 1400.5900 (2007).
 - 4. The following Order is in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 45.027, subd. 5 (2006) that Respondent shall cease and desist from any further violations of Minn. Stat., ch. 332 and comply with all other laws of the State of Minnesota.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 45.027, subd. 5 and 332.33, subd. 8 (2006) that Respondent shall establish a screening process for individual debt collector applicants (the 'Process'). Respondent shall submit the Process to the Commissioner for review. Respondent shall make such changes to the Process as requested by the Commissioner.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 45.027, subd. 6 (2006) that the Respondent shall pay to the State of Minnesota a civil penalty of \$5,000.

This Order shall be effective upon signature by or on behalf of the Commissioner.

Dated: 1/20/69.

By:

Emmanuel Munson-Regala Deputy Commissioner

85 Seventh Place East, Suite 500 Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101 Telephone: (651) 296-2488

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CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

The undersigned, acting on behalf of Collectcorp Corporation states that he has read the foregoing Consent Order; that he knows and fully understands its contents and effect; that he is authorized to execute this Consent to Entry of Order on behalf of Respondent; that he has been advised of Respondent's right to a hearing; that Respondent has been represented by legal counsel in this matter; and that he consents to entry of this Order by the Commissioner of Commerce. It is further expressly understood that this Order constitutes the entire settlement agreement between the parties hereto, there being no other promises or agreements, either express or implied.

By:	Collectcorp Corporation Tems Plento
To.	Executive Vice-President/CFO
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