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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
Lemma Holdings, LLC, t/a Bliss : Show Cause Hearing
2122 24th Place NE : Case # 15-251-00160
License # 95711 :
Retailer Class CT :
ANC-5C :

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Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Whereupon, the above-referenced matter came on for
hearing at the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, Reeves
Center, 2000 14th Street, NW, Suite 400S, Washington, D.C.
20009.

1 CHAIRPERSON:

2 DONOVAN ANDERSON, Presiding

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4 BOARD MEMBERS:

5 RUTHANNE MILLER

6 NICK ALBERTI

7 MICHAEL SILVERSTEIN

8 JAMES SHORT

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10 ALSO PRESENT:

11 LOUISE PHILLIPS, Assistant Attorney General

12 On behalf of the District of Columbia

13 MAKAN SHIRAFKAN, ESQ.

14 On behalf of Bliss

15 HENOCK ANDARGIE,

16 On behalf of Bliss

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. The next case on
3 our agenda is a show cause hearing status is case number
4 15-251-00160, Bliss, license number 95711. Will the parties
5 please approach and identify yourself for the records,
6 please?

7 MS. PHILLIPS: Louise Phillips, Assistant
8 Attorney General for the District of Columbia.

9 MR. SHIRAFKAN: Good morning. Makan Shirafkan on
10 behalf of licensee. The president is one of the officers,
11 Mr. Henock.

12 MR. ANDARGIE: Henock Andargie, Owner.

13 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Have you had an opportunity
14 to sign the form in front of you?

15 All right. Are there any preliminary matters?

16 MS. PHILLIPS: Yes, Mr. Chair, there are indeed.
17 Board members, the establishment and the government have
18 come up with an offer in compromise of \$2,000 to be paid
19 within 30 days, or the license will be suspended.

20 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Thank you. All right. It's
21 my understanding that there's an offer in compromise and
22 that the offer is a \$2,000 fine that will be paid within 30

1 days. If it's not paid within 30 days, the license will be
2 suspended. Is that your understanding of the offer in
3 compromise?

4 MR. SHIRAFKAN: Yes, it is.

5 MR. ANDARGIE: Yes.

6 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: And do you agree -- you know
7 that if you accept this offer in compromise that you will
8 waive your right to -- you have waived your right to a
9 hearing?

10 MR. ANDARGIE: Yes.

11 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: And you're also aware that by
12 accepting this offer, you have also waived your right to
13 appeal this matter; is that correct?

14 MR. ANDARGIE: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. All right. Are
16 there board members who have any comment or questions on
17 this offer in compromise?

18 (No response heard.)

19 MR. SHIRAFKAN: If I may, actually, I will add
20 one more thing, because the last one we were here on the
21 board wanted the investigator to go to Bliss, look at the
22 security cameras. That has been done, actually. The

1 investigator has gone to Bliss, has looked at the cameras,
2 has made no suggestions as to changing anything. I just
3 wanted to report that back to the board from last time.

4 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Thank you for that.

5 All right. Hearing none, I make a motion that
6 the offer in compromise be accepted. Is there a second?

7 MR. SHORT: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Mr. Short has seconded the
9 motion. Those in favor say aye.

10 GROUP: Aye.

11 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Those opposed?

12 (No response heard.)

13 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: The matter is -- the offer --
14 it's a five to nothing vote, and the matter has been
15 accepted. Ms. Walker will provide you a document to sign.
16 Thank you very much.

17 MR. SHIRAFKAN: Thank you very much, and happy
18 New Year.

19 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Thank you.

20 MR. SHORT: Thank you.

21 MS. MILLER: Thank you. You too.

22 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter concluded.)

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