

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :  
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The Hannibal Corp. :  
t/a Meskerem Ethiopian : Show Cause  
2434 18th Street, NW : Hearing  
Retailer CR - ANC-1C : (Status)  
License No. 7916 :  
Case #12-CMP-00321 :  
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(No ABC Manager On Duty) :  
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February 13, 2013  
The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Suite 400S Washington, D.C. 20009, Chairperson Ruthanne Miller, presiding.

PRESENT:  
RUTHANNE MILLER, Chairperson  
DONALD BROOKS, Member  
HERMAN JONES, Member  
MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member

ALSO PRESENT:  
LOUISE PHILLIPS, OAG

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

(10:04 a.m.)

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All right.

The next case on the calendar is Case No. 12-  
CMP-00321, Meskerem Ethiopian, located at 2434  
18th Street, N.W., License No. 7916 in ANC-1C.

Okay. When you are ready, you can  
introduce yourselves for the record.

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

MS. SAID: Nafesa Said for  
Meskerem Ethiopian Restaurant. I'm the owner.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

MR. NAFA: I'm Malik Nafa and I  
was the manager that was on duty.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. I need  
to ask you those preliminary questions.

Did you receive notice of this  
hearing?

MS. SAID: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Did you read

1 it?

2 MS. SAID: Yes.

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Did you  
4 understand it?

5 MS. SAID: Yes.

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And do you  
7 waive the Board's reading the notice into the  
8 record?

9 MS. SAID: Yes.

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All right.  
11 Thank you. Ms. Phillips, do we have any  
12 preliminary matters?

13 MS. PHILLIPS: We do. It's my  
14 understanding that the owner has accepted an  
15 offer in compromise of \$350 fine to be paid  
16 in --

17 MS. SAID: Check.

18 MS. PHILLIPS: -- by check 30 --  
19 today?

20 MS. SAID: Yes.

21 MS. PHILLIPS: Today.

22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And I

1 just want to get you on the record again to  
2 make sure that that is what you accept. A  
3 \$350 penalty to be paid today?

4 MS. SAID: Yes.

5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And  
6 you understand you waive your right to a  
7 hearing by accepting the offer in compromise?

8 MS. SAID: (No audible answer.)

9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Did you get  
10 that on the record?

11 COURT REPORTER: No.

12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You need to--

13 MS. SAID: What did you say?

14 COURT REPORTER: Could you repeat  
15 what you said?

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I asked you  
17 if you know that you waive your right to a  
18 hearing by accepting an offer in compromise.

19 MS. SAID: Yes.

20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

21 MS. SAID: Yes.

22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you.

1 Any Board questions? Okay. Then I would  
2 move that we accept this offer in compromise  
3 of \$350 to be paid today.

4 MR. NAFA: I have a great  
5 question. It's to like the details of this,  
6 because it states like that I wasn't on the  
7 premises, but, in fact, it also states that I  
8 was on the premises. So if you are not inside  
9 the restaurant --

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Right. Okay.  
11 I just want to clarify.

12 MR. NAFA: -- define rules like.

13 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

14 MEMBER JONES: We can clarify  
15 after, either before or after we get the OIC  
16 matter taken care of.

17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Unless the  
18 owner is -- doesn't want us to go forward with  
19 our motion. Do you have any concerns about  
20 our going forward?

21 MS. SAID: He has some concerns.

22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Then

1 let me just -- let me --

2 MS. SAID: He just want the --

3 MEMBER JONES: Are you the owner?

4 MR. NAFA: No.

5 MS. SAID: I'm the owner. He is  
6 the ABC manager.

7 MS. PHILLIPS: Okay. Right.

8 Perhaps he can see an investigator or someone  
9 at the desk after the hearing and clarify the  
10 rules and if there's somebody he can contact  
11 at ABRA without taking the Board's time, even  
12 after the hearing, because we have a whole  
13 calendar to get through.

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. All  
15 right. We won't take any longer any way, but  
16 let me make sure that the owner even wants us  
17 to go forward with this motion.

18 MS. SAID: Yes.

19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. All  
20 right. So we have a motion to accept the  
21 offer in compromise of \$350 to be paid today.

22 Do I have a second?

1 MEMBER BROOKS: Second.

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Mr.

3 Brooks has seconded the motion.

4 All those in favor say aye.

5 ALL: aye.

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All those  
7 opposed? All those abstaining? Okay. The  
8 vote is 4-0-0 to accept the offer in  
9 compromise. Okay. All I can say is we voted  
10 on an offer in compromise, we didn't -- there  
11 is no order or anything --

12 MR. NAFA: Okay.

13 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: -- about the  
14 facts of the case. I'm not sure what you are  
15 looking at, but this is an order that is on  
16 the record just accepting the offer.

17 MR. NAFA: Okay. No, I just --  
18 jut for future purposes.

19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And feel free  
20 to talk to someone in the Agency, as Ms.  
21 Phillips says, to get a greater understanding,  
22 if you would like to.

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(Whereupon, the Show Cause  
(Status) Hearing in the above-entitled case  
was concluded at 10:09 a.m.)

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