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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: :  
Solosso, Inc., t/a El Rincon :  
1826 Columbia Road NW : Show Cause Hearing  
License # 60003 : Case # 15-AUD-00087  
Retailer Class CR :  
ANC-1C :

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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 FERNANDO RIVERO, Assistant Attorney General

12 On behalf of the District of Columbia

13 MANUEL SOLLOSO,

14 On behalf of El Rincon

15 LESLIE BILCHICK, Interpreter

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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 show cause hearing status is case number 15-AUD-00087,  
4 El Rincon, license number 60003. Would the parties  
5 approach, please?

6 MR. RIVERO: Good morning board members.  
7 Fernando Rivero for the District of Columbia.

8 MALE SPEAKER: We have an interpreter here today  
9 as well.

10 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. Why don't you  
11 just introduce yourself, and then I'll go ahead.

12 THE INTERPRETER: The interpreter?

13 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Yeah, just -- you can  
14 introduce first, then I'm going to swear you in. Yes.

15 THE INTERPRETER: Okay. I'm sorry. I didn't  
16 hear you. Did you want the interpreter to introduce  
17 herself, or do you want the respondent to introduce himself?

18 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Have the respondent introduce  
19 himself, please.

20 THE RESPONDENT: My name is Manuel Solloso.

21 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. Hold on one  
22 moment.

1 All right. Can you raise your right hand,  
2 please? The interpreter. Do you solemnly affirm that you  
3 will faithfully and accurately interpret the proceeding in  
4 this matter from -- from what -- is it Spanish -- from  
5 Spanish into English, and also from English into Spanish to  
6 the best of your ability?

7 THE INTERPRETER: Yes. Leslie Bilchik, Maryland  
8 State-Certified Court Interpreter.

9 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

10 All right. Are there any preliminary matters?

11 MR. RIVERO: Yes, there are. The parties have an  
12 offer in compromise to present to the board today. That  
13 offer consists of a fine of \$2,000 payable immediately.

14 MS. MILLER: I'm sorry. Payable?

15 MR. RIVERO: Immediately.

16 MS. MILLER: Immediately. Thank you.

17 MR. RIVERO: The government also ensured that the  
18 licensee discussed with his accountant the importance of  
19 including dates. This is a books and records case, and the  
20 issue concerned the importance of dates. We wanted to make  
21 sure that the fundamental issue was addressed. So I knew  
22 that a conversation took place between the licensee and his

1 accountant, so that the problem should be rectified going  
2 forward.

3 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Now, if the fine is not paid  
4 immediately, what happens?

5 MR. RIVERO: If the fine is not paid immediately,  
6 then it is the violation of a board order, because an offer  
7 in compromise that is approved by the board becomes a board  
8 order. And a violation of the board order will then be  
9 prosecuted by our office as such. Mr. Solloso does have his  
10 check today, so I'm not concerned.

11 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. It's my  
12 understanding that the parties -- there's an offer in  
13 compromise, and that you have agreed to pay a \$2,000 fine.  
14 Is this your understanding of the agreement, sir?

15 THE RESPONDENT: Yes.

16 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: And do you understand that by  
17 agreeing to this offer in compromise that you have given up  
18 your right to have a hearing?

19 THE RESPONDENT: Yeah.

20 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: And do you also understand  
21 that you have given up your right to appeal this matter?

22 THE RESPONDENT: No, I am not going to appeal.

1           CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Okay. Well, I just want you  
2 to know that you have given up your right to appeal it  
3 through this offer. Okay. Fine. All right.

4           Now, do we have any comments by any board members  
5 regarding this offer in compromise?

6           MS. MILLER: I just have a question. I just  
7 wanted to clarify or ask Mr. Rivero to clarify. Was the  
8 issue about the dates addressed? Is the licensee clear  
9 about what he needs to do with respect to those dates for  
10 the quarterly statements?

11          MR. RIVERO: This is a case concerning the law's  
12 requirements that the licensee maintain books and records in  
13 a certain way. The licensee uses guest checks. Guest  
14 checks are not required to be dated; however, the law says  
15 somehow somewhere you have to have dates for your sale of  
16 food and alcoholic beverages. Many licensees have cash  
17 registers, for instance, that produce documents that comply  
18 with that requirement. The licensee only uses guest checks.  
19 Therefore, the guest checks have to contain the dates of the  
20 sales, if there's no other form of recordkeeping to comply  
21 with that requirement. He was unclear about that, and that  
22 clarification has been made.

1 MS. MILLER: Okay.

2 MR. RIVERO: I hope that answers the question.

3 MS. MILLER: Okay. It does. Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Any other questions by the  
5 board members?

6 (No response heard.)

7 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: I then make a motion that  
8 this offer of compromise be accepted. Is there a second?

9 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Those in favor say aye.

11 GROUP: Aye.

12 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: The board has then -- the  
13 board has then accepted this offer in compromise, and  
14 Ms. Walker will give you some documents to sign. Okay?

15 MR. RIVERO: Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Thank you.

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

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