STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS CANNABIS REGULATORY AGENCY

In the Matter of

MLL Schoenherr, Inc. License No. AU-G-C-000763 ENF No. 23-00736

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CONSENT ORDER AND STIPULATION

CONSENT ORDER

On October 17, 2023, the Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) issued a formal complaint against the adult-use marijuana class C grower license (no. AU-G-C-000763) of MLL Schoenherr, Inc. (Respondent) under the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MRTMA), MCL 333.27951 *et seq.*, and administrative rules promulgated thereunder. The complaint alleged Respondent violated Mich Admin Code, R 420.802(2), R 420.802(3)(a), and R 420.803(1).

The executive director or designee reviewed the stipulation contained in this document and agrees the public interest is best served by resolution of the complaint. Therefore, the executive director or designee finds that the allegations contained in the complaint are true and that Respondent violated Mich Admin Code, R 420.802(2), R 420.802(3)(a), and R 420.803(1).

Accordingly, for these violations, IT IS ORDERED:

1. Respondent must pay a fine in the amount of three thousand seven hundred fifty and 00/100 dollars (\$3,750.00). This fine shall be paid within 30 days of the effective date of this order by check, money order, or online through Accela

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Citizen Access (ACA). CRA guidance on how to make compliance payments online is available under "Tips for Licensees" at <u>www.michigan.gov/cra/bulletins</u>. Checks or money orders shall be made payable to the State of Michigan with "ENF No. 23-00736" and "License No. AU-G-C-000763" clearly displayed on the check or money order and mailed to: Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Cannabis Regulatory Agency, P.O. Box 30205, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

2. If Respondent fails to timely comply with the terms of this order, Respondent's license shall be suspended until compliance is demonstrated.

3. Unless otherwise specified in this order, Respondent shall direct any communications to the CRA that are required by the terms of this order to <u>CRA-CSS@michigan.gov</u>.

4. Respondent shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in complying with the terms and conditions of this consent order.

If Respondent violates any term or condition set forth in this order,
Respondent may be subject to additional fines and/or other sanctions.

This order shall be effective 30 days after the date signed by the CRA's executive director or designee, as set forth below.

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Signed on: <u>5/24/24</u>_____

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Executive Director Brian Hanna or Designee Cannabis Regulatory Agency

STIPULATION

The parties stipulate to the following:

1. The facts alleged in the formal complaint are true and constitute a

violation of the administrative rules promulgated under the MRTMA.

2. Respondent understands and intends that by signing this stipulation,

Respondent is waiving the right under the MRTMA, administrative rules

promulgated thereunder, and the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, MCL

24.201 et seq., to require the CRA to prove the charges set forth in the complaint by

presentation of evidence and legal authority and to present a defense to the charges.

- 3. The parties considered the following in reaching this agreement:
 - a. This consent order and stipulation is part of a comprehensive resolution of the CRA's formal complaints against MLL Schoenherr, Inc.'s adult-use class C grower licenses under ENF Nos. 23-00736 and 23-00737.
 - b. Respondent represents that the incident stemmed from its own misunderstandings, rather than an intentional disregard of applicable rules. Respondent also provided a letter explaining that the employee at issue in the complaint is no longer employed by Respondent.
 - c. Respondent acknowledges that it is responsible for familiarizing itself with, understanding, and complying with all statutory requirements and rules applicable to its business.
 - d. Respondent fully cooperated with the CRA's investigation and wishes to resolve the allegations without the need for and expense of an administrative hearing.
- 4. The CRA's operations director or designee must approve this proposed

agreement before it is forwarded to the CRA's executive director or designee for

review and issuance of the above consent order. The parties reserve the right to

proceed to an administrative hearing without prejudice to either party, should the CRA's operations director, executive director, or designees reject the proposed consent order.

By signing this stipulation, the parties confirm that they have read, understand, and agree with the terms of the consent order.

AGREED TO BY:

Desmond Mitchell Digitally signed by: Desmond Mitchell DN: CN = Desmond Mitchell email = Michelld@@michigan.gov C = US O = Cannabis Regulatory Agency OU = Directors Office

Desmond Mitchell Operations Director Cannabis Regulatory Agency

Dated: <u>5/21/24</u>

/s/ Adam M. Leyton

Adam M. Leyton (P80646) Assistant Attorney General Attorney for Cannabis Regulatory Agency Dated: <u>04/08/2024</u> AGREED TO BY:

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Damian McKinney Authorized Representative On behalf of Respondent MLL Schoenherr, Inc. Dated: <u>4/4/2024</u>

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FORMAL COMPLAINT

The Cannabis Regulatory Agency ("Complainant") files this formal complaint against MLL Schoenherr, Inc. ("Respondent") alleging upon information and belief as follows:

1. The Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) is authorized under the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MRTMA), MCL 333.27951, *et seq.*, and Executive Reorganization Order No.2019-2, MCL 333.27001, to investigate alleged violations of the MRTMA and the administrative rules promulgated thereunder, take disciplinary action to prevent such violations, and impose fines and other sanctions against applicants and licensees that violate the MRTMA or administrative rules.

2. Section 8(1)(d) of the MRTMA provides that the administrative rules must ensure the health, safety, and security of the public and integrity of the marijuana establishment operations.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS AND INTENDED ACTION OF THE CRA

3. Respondent holds an active state license under the MRTMA to operate an adult use class C grower establishment in the state of Michigan.

4. Respondent operated at 23133 Schoenherr Road, Warren, Michigan 48089, at all times relevant to this complaint.

5. Following an investigation, the CRA determined that Respondent violated the MRTMA and/or administrative rules promulgated thereunder as set forth below:

- a. On August 02, 2023, a CRA Regulation Agent ("RA") contacted Respondent to seek information regarding Respondent's ownership reporting.
- b. On August 14, 2023, an attorney for Respondent answered the following question emailed by the RA: "Please provide a list of all person(s) who meet any of the below criteria: Managerial employee: Those employees who have the ability to control and direct the affairs of the marihuana business. Those employees who have the ability to make policy concerning the marihuana business." Respondent's attorney replied that VP of Operations and Finance, S.S., meets the above criterion.
- c. S.S. is not listed on the organization structure chart on file with the CRA.S.S. has not been prequalified as a supplemental applicant.

<u>Count I</u>

Respondent's actions as described above in paragraphs b and c demonstrate a violation of Mich Admin Code, R 420.802(2), which states licensees shall report to the agency any changes to the marihuana business operations that are required in the acts and these rules, as applicable.

Count II

Respondent's actions as described above in paragraphs b and c demonstrate a violation of Mich Admin Code, R 420.802(3)(a), which states licensees shall report to the agency any proposed material changes to the marihuana business before making a material change. A proposed material change is any action that would result in alterations or changes being made to the marihuana business to effectuate the desired outcome of a material change. Material changes, include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) Change in owners, officers, members, or managers.

<u>Count III</u>

Respondent's actions as described above in paragraphs b and c demonstrate a violation of Mich Admin Code, R 420.803(1), which states any change or modification to the marihuana business after licensure is governed by the standards

and procedures set forth in these rules and any regulations adopted pursuant to the acts. Any material change or modification to the marihuana business must be approved by the agency before the change or modification is made.

THEREFORE, based on the above, the CRA gives notice of its intent to impose fines and/or other sanctions against Respondent's license, which may include the suspension, revocation, restriction, and/or refusal to renew Respondent's license.

Pursuant to Mich Admin Code, R 420.704(2), any party aggrieved by an action of the CRA suspending, revoking, restricting, or refusing to renew a license, or imposing a fine, shall be given a hearing upon request. A request for a hearing must be submitted to the CRA in writing within 21 days after service of this complaint. Notice served by certified mail is considered complete on the business day following the date of the mailing.

Respondent also has the right to request a compliance conference under Mich Admin Code, R 420.704(1). A compliance conference is an informal meeting at which Respondent has the opportunity to discuss the allegations in this complaint and demonstrate compliance under the MRTMA and/or the administrative rules. A compliance conference request must be submitted to the CRA in writing.

Hearing and compliance conference requests must be submitted in writing by one of the following methods:

By Mail:	Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs
	Cannabis Regulatory Agency
	P.O. Box 30205
	Lansing, Michigan 48909

In Person: Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs Cannabis Regulatory Agency

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By Email: <u>CRA-LegalHearings@michigan.gov</u>

If Respondent fails to timely respond to this formal complaint, a contested case hearing will be scheduled to resolve this matter.

Questions about this complaint should be directed to the Cannabis Regulatory Agency's legal section at (517) 284-8599 or <u>CRA-LegalHearings@michigan.gov.</u>

Dated: _____

Alyssa A. Grissom Digitally signed by Alyssa A. Grissom Date: 2023.10.17 16:30:41 -04'00'

Alyssa A. Grissom Legal Section Manager Cannabis Regulatory Agency

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