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

In the Matter of

Emerald Mountain Labs, LLC License No.: AU-G-C-000625		ENF No.: 23-00079
	/	CONSENT ORDER AND STIPULATION

CONSENT ORDER

On August 2, 2023, the Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) issued a formal complaint against the adult-use marijuana Class C grower establishment license (AU-G-C-000625) of Emerald Mountain Labs, LLC ("Respondent") under the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MRTMA), MCL 333.27951 et seq., and the administrative rules promulgated thereunder. The formal complaint alleged Respondent violated Mich Admin Code, R 420,303(1),

The executive director reviewed the stipulation contained in this document and agrees the public interest is best served by resolution of the formal complaint. Therefore, the executive director finds that all of the allegations contained in the formal complaint are true and that Respondent violated Mich Admin Code, R 420.303(1).

Accordingly, for these violations, IT IS ORDERED:

1. Respondent must pay a fine in the amount of two thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$2,000.00). This fine shall be paid within 30 days of the effective date of this order by check, money order, or online through Accela Citizen Access (ACA). Instructions on how to make online payments can be found under the Tips for Licensees bulletin section at www.michigan.gov/cra, Check or money orders shall be made payable to the State of Michigan with enforcement number "23-00079" and license number "AU-G-C-000625" clearly displayed on the check or money order. Respondent shall mail the fine to Department of Licensing and

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Regulatory Affairs, Cannabis Regulatory Agency, PO BOX 30205, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

- If Respondent fails to timely comply with the terms of this order, Respondent's license shall be suspended until compliance is demonstrated.
- 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.
- 5. If Respondent violates any term or condition set forth in this order, Respondent shall be subject to fines and/or other sanctions under section7(1)(c) of the MRTMA, MCL 333.27957, and Mich Admin Code, R 420.808.
- Upon timely compliance of the terms of this order by Respondent, the matters set forth in the formal complaint shall be deemed resolved and closed subject to this Consent Order.

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

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Signed on:	5/2/2024	By:	Brian Hanna DN, CN = Brian Hanna email = hannalo@michigan.gov C = US O = CRA OD = CRA
			Brian Hanna, Executive Director or his designee Cannabis Regulatory Agency

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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 violations set forth in the formal complaint by presentation of evidence and legal authority, and to present a defense to the violations.
- 3. The parties considered the following in reaching this agreement:
 - a. Respondent provided a standard operating procedure (SOP) and a clone cutting log which promotes compliance with the administrative rules regarding requirements for immature plant batch amounts.
 - b. Respondent stated that training on the updated SOP occurred with its employees.
 - c. Respondent was cooperative and wishes to resolve the allegations without the need for and expense of an administrative hearing.
- 4. The CRA's centralized services director or her designee must approve this proposed agreement before it is forwarded to the CRA's executive director or his 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 centralized services director, executive director, or their designees reject the proposed consent order.

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

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Sara Hernandez, CSD Director or her designee Cannabis Regulatory Agency

Dated: _04/19/2024

AGREED TO BY:

David Yousif

David Yousif, Authorized Officer on behalf of Respondent Emerald Mountain Labs, LLC

Dated: 04/19/2024

Salam F. Elia, P76593 Attorney for Respondent

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FORMAL COMPLAINT

The Cannabis Regulatory Agency ("Complainant") files this formal complaint against Emerald Mountain Labs, LLC ("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 rule 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 21445 Hoover Road, Suite 316, 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:

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- a. On July 13, 2022, Respondent cut 850 immature plants from statewide monitoring system (Metrc) package tag number 1A40502000240F5000004782.
- b. On July 13, 2022, the clones were split into 2 separate packages, Metrc tags 1A40503000240F5000003404 and 1A40503000240F5000003405.
- c. On August 22, 2022, a CRA Regulation Agent (RA) spoke to Respondent's Compliance Manager, J.A., via telephone regarding the above incident. J.A. stated that he was not aware of the limit of 100-immature plants per batch.
- d. On September 26, 2022, the CRA RA visited Respondent's adult use class C grower establishment and met with Respondent's Managing Member, D.Y. D.Y. stated that he was not aware of the limit of 100-immature plants per batch.
- e. The CRA RA conducted onsite visits on September 7, 2022, September 26, 2022, and October 13, 2022. The CRA RA did not observe any untagged product.

Count I

Respondent's actions as described above in paragraph a and b demonstrate a violation of Mich Admin Code, R 420.303(1), which states a cultivator shall uniquely identify each immature plant batch with a single batch name and record the information in the statewide monitoring system. Each immature plant batch must consist of no more than 100 immature plants.

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

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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

2407 North Grand River

Lansing, Michigan 48906

By Email:

CRA-LegalHearings@michigan.gov

If Respondent fails to timely respond to this formal complaint, a contested case

hearing will be scheduled to resolve this matter.

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

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Alyssa A. Grissom Legal Section Manager Cannabis Regulatory Agency