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

In the Matter of

AFA Secured Transporter LLC License No.: AU-ST-000114

ENF No.: 22-00011

CONSENT ORDER AND STIPULATION

CONSENT ORDER

On January 19, 2022, the Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) issued a formal complaint against the adult-use marijuana secure transporter establishment license AU-ST-000114 of AFA Secured Transporter LLC (Respondent) under the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MRMTA), MCL 333.27951 *et seq.*, and the administrative rules promulgated thereunder. The formal complaint alleged Respondent violated Mich Admin Code, R 420.20.

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 the allegations contained in the formal complaint are true and that Respondent violated Mich Admin Code, R 420.20.

Accordingly, for these violations, IT IS ORDERED:

 Respondent must pay a fine in the amount of ten thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$10,000.00). This fine shall be paid within 60 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 <u>www.michigan.gov/cra</u>. Check or money orders shall be made payable to the State of Michigan with enforcement number "22-00011" and license number "AU-ST-000114" clearly displayed on the check or money order. Respondent shall mail the fine to Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Cannabis Regulatory Agency, PO 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.
- 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-</u> <u>LegalHearings@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 will be subject to fines and/or other sanctions under section 7(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: _____

Brian Hanna Brian Hanna By: Digitally signed by: Brian Hanna Div: CN = Brian Hanna email = hannab@michigan.gov C = US O = CRA OU = CRA Date: 2023.08.14 17:37:21 -04'00'

Brian Hanna, Executive Director and/or his designee Cannabis Regulatory Agency

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STIPULATION

The parties stipulate to the following:

- Respondent does not contest the allegations of fact and law in the formal complaint. By pleading no contest, Respondent does not admit the truth of the allegations but agrees that the CRA's executive director or designee may enter an order treating the allegations as true for purposes of resolving the formal complaint.
- 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:
 - Respondent submitted the Annual Financial Statement on November 29, 2021.
 - Respondent has been licensed as a secure transporter since 2020 and has no prior discipline against its license.
 - c. Respondent was cooperative and wishes to resolve the allegations without the need for and expense of an administrative hearing.
- 4. The CRA's enforcement division 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 enforcement division 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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Desmond Mitchell, Operations Director George Daiza, Authorized Officer and/or his designee **Cannabis Regulatory Agency**

Dated: 8/10/23

on behalf of Respondent AFA Secured Transporter LLC

Dated: 7.12.23

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John Janiszewski P 74400 Attorney for Respondent

Dated: 8/3/23

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

In the Matter of

AFA Secured Transporter LLC AU-ER No.: 000378 License No.: AU-ST-000114 CMP No.: 21-001546 ENF No.: 22-00011

FORMAL COMPLAINT

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The Marijuana Regulatory Agency ("Complainant") files this formal complaint against AFA Secured Transporter LLC ("Respondent") alleging upon information and belief as follows:

1. The Marijuana Regulatory Agency (MRA) 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. Respondent, under Mich Admin Code, R 420.20, is required to transmit to the MRA a financial statement of the licensee's total operations by 30 days after the end of each state fiscal year.

3. Respondent's annual financial statement for fiscal year 2021 was due on or before September 30, 2021.

4. Respondent filed its annual financial statement for FY 2021 on November 29, 2021, 60 days after the above-referenced deadline.

5. Respondent's failure to timely file the required Annual Financial Statement is in violation of Mich Admin Code, R 420.20.

THEREFORE, based on the above, the MRA 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.

A licensee aggrieved by an action of the MRA suspending, revoking, restricting, or refusing to renew a license, or imposing a fine, shall be given a hearing upon request. See Mich Admin Code, R 420.704(3) and R 420.808(2)(b). A request for a hearing must be submitted to the MRA in writing within 21 days after service of this complaint. Mich Admin Code, R 420.704(2) and R 420.808(3). Notice served by certified mail is considered complete on the business day following the date of the mailing.

Respondent may also be given an opportunity to meet with the MRA to negotiate a settlement or demonstrate compliance with the MRTMA and administrative rules prior to a contested case hearing. Mich Admin Code, R 420.704(1) and R 420.808(2)(a). A request for a compliance conference request must be submitted to the MRA in writing within 21 days after service of this complaint. Mich Admin Code, R 420.808(3).

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

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

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In Person:	Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs Marijuana Regulatory Agency
	2407 North Grand River
	Lansing, Michigan 48906

By Email: MRA-LegalHearings@michigan.gov

If Respondent fails to timely respond to this formal complaint, a contested case hearing will be scheduled to resolve this matter. Mich Admin Code, R 420.808(3).

Questions about this complaint should be directed to the Marijuana Regulatory Agency at (517) 284-8599 or <u>MRA-LegalHearings@michigan.gov</u>.

Dated: 1/19/2022

MARIJUANA REGULATORY AGENCY

By: Patterson Digitally signed by Claire Patterson Date: 2022.01.19 13:43:20 -05'00'

> Claire Patterson Scientific and Legal Section Manager Enforcement Division