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

In the Matter of

Country Boy Farms, LLC License Nos.: GR-C-000067 & PR-000022

ENF No.: 22-00125

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CONSENT ORDER AND STIPULATION

CONSENT ORDER

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On March 3, 2022, the Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) issued a formal complaint against the medical marijuana grow and processor facility licenses (GR-C-000067 & PR-000022) of Country Boy Farms, LLC (Respondent) under the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA), MCL 333.27101 *et seq.*, and the administrative rules promulgated thereunder. The formal complaint alleged Respondent violated Section 701 of the MMFLA, MCL 333.27701.

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 Section 701 of the MMFLA, MCL 333.27701.

Accordingly, for these violations, IT IS ORDERED:

 Respondent must pay a fine in the amount of eighteen thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$18,000.00). This fine shall be paid within 90 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

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orders shall be made payable to the State of Michigan with enforcement number "22-00125" and license numbers "GR-C-000067 & PR-000022" 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 licenses 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-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 407(1) of the MMFLA, MCL 333.27407(1), and Mich Admin Code, R 420.808.
- 6. 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.

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CANNABIS REGULATORY AGENCY 2407 NORTH GRAND RIVER • P.O. BOX 30205 • LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909 www.michigan.gov/CRA LARA is an equal opportunity employer/program This order shall be effective 30 days after the date signed by the CRA's executive director or his designee, as set forth below.

CANNABIS REGULATORY AGENCY

Digitally signed by: Brian Hanna

Signed on: 8/14/23

By:

Brian Hanna, Executive Director and/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 MMFLA.
- Respondent understands and intends that by signing this stipulation, Respondent is waiving the right under the MMFLA, 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 submitted the annual financial statement on December 13, 2021.
 - b. Respondent was cooperative and wishes to resolve the allegations without the need for and expense of an administrative hearing.
 - c. Respondent was licensed as a medical marijuana grower since 2019 and had no prior discipline against its license.

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- d. Respondent is licensed as a medical marijuana processor since 2020 and has no prior discipline against its license.
- e. Due to an administrative error, an additional license was not taken into account at the time of the settlement negotiation. When there are several licenses with this same violation, each license is viewed as out of compliance.
- 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.

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

AGREED TO BY:

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Desmond Mitchell Digitally signed by Desmond Mitchell Date: 2023.08.10 11:15:54 -04'00'

Desmond Mitchell, Operations Director and/or his designee Cannabis Regulatory Agency

Dated: 8/10/23

Nick Weisenberger, Authorized Officer on behalf of Respondent Country Boy Farms, LLC

Dated:

Jacqueline Langwith P79600 Attorney for Respondent

Dated: 1-21-23

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

In the Matter of

Country Boy Farms, LLC ERG No.: 000335 License No(s).: GR-C-000067 & PR-000022 CMP No.: 21-001690 ENF No.: 22-00125

FORMAL COMPLAINT

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The Marijuana Regulatory Agency ("Complainant") files this formal complaint against Country Boy Farms, LLC ("Respondent") alleging upon information and belief as follows:

1. The Marijuana Regulatory Agency (MRA) is authorized under the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA), MCL 333.27101 *et seq.*, and Executive Reorganization Order No. 2019-2, MCL 333.27001, to investigate alleged violations of the MMFLA 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 MMFLA or administrative rules.

2. Respondent, under section 701 of the MMFLA (MCL 333.27701) is required to transmit to the MRA a financial statement(s) of the licensee's total operations by 30 days after the end of each state fiscal year.

3. Respondent's annual financial statement(s) for fiscal year(s) 2021 were due on or before October 31, 2021.

4. Respondent filed its annual financial statement(s) for FY 2021 on December 13, 2021, 43 days after the above-referenced deadline.

5. Respondent's failure to timely file the required Annual Financial Statement(s) is in violation of Section 701 of the MMFLA, MCL 333.27701.

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 MCL 333.27407(4); 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. MCL 333.27407(4).

Respondent also may be given an opportunity to meet with the MRA to negotiate a settlement or demonstrate compliance with the MMFLA 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 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
- 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: 3/3/22

MARIJUANA REGULATORY AGENCY

> Julie Kluytman, Director Enforcement Division Marijuana Regulatory Agency