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

In the Matter of

DLG & Associates, LLC		ENF No.: 22-00544
License No.: AU-G-C-000150		
	/	CONSENT ORDER AND STIPULATION

## CONSENT ORDER

On November 1, 2022, the Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) issued a formal complaint against the adult-use marijuana grower class C establishment license (AU-G-C-000150) of DLG & Associates, 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 420.209(6)(i), R 420.210(1), R 420.210(2), R 420.212(1), and R 420.303(2).

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 420.209(6)(i), R 420.210(1), R 420.210(2), R 420.212(1), and R 420.303(2).

Accordingly, for these violations, IT IS ORDERED:

1. Respondent must pay a fine in the amount of twelve thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$12,000.00). 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 <a href="www.michigan.gov/cra">www.michigan.gov/cra</a>. Check or money orders shall be made payable to the State of Michigan with enforcement number "22-

00544" and license number "AU-G-C-000150" 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. Respondent will provide its video surveillance log, as required in R 420.209, to the CRA on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> dates of each month for the 4 months following the effective date of this order. Respondent may provide a screenshot, photograph, or scan of the video surveillance log. Respondent will respond to any deficiency notice of the CRA regarding the video surveillance log within 30 days of receipt of the notice.
- 3. Within 30 days of the effective date of the consent order, Respondent shall provide a written standard operating procedure (SOP) to prevent the removal and shredding of statewide monitoring system (Metrc) tags during trimming. Respondent will respond to any deficiency notice of the CRA regarding the SOP within 30 days of receipt of the notice.
- 4. Within 30 days of the effective date of the consent order, Respondent shall provide a written SOP for the auditing of its video surveillance system. Respondent will respond to any deficiency notice of the CRA regarding the SOP within 30 days of receipt of the notice.
- 5. 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-LegalHearings@michigan.gov</u>.
- 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 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.

Signed on:

11/14/2023

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## STIPULATION

The parties stipulate to the following:

- 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 has since passed a re-inspection on June 9, 2022.
- Respondent's video surveillance problems were not related to other noncompliance issues.
- c. Respondent was cooperative and wishes to resolve the allegations without the need for and expense of an administrative hearing.
- 4. The CRA's operations director or his 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 operations 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.

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Desmond Mitchell, Operations Director or his designee Cannabis Regulatory Agency	David Gaylor, Authorized Officer on behalf of Respondent DLG & Associates, LLC
Dated:	Dated: 10/17/2023
	Alfred Brandt, P38586 Attorney for Respondent
	Dated: 10/16/23

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FORMAL COMPLAINT

The Cannabis Regulatory Agency ("Complainant") files this formal complaint

against DLG & Associates, LLC dba True North Collective ("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), 2018 IL1, 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.

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- 4. Respondent operated at 2648 E. South St., Jackson, Michigan 49201, 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 May 23, 2022, the CRA conducted a Semi-Annual inspection at Respondent's adult use class C grower establishment.
  - b. The CRA discovered the veg room grow tent video surveillance system was not functioning. There were immature plants located inside. The last video surveillance footage recorded in the veg room was on April 12, 2022.
  - c. The CRA also observed (14) mature marijuana plants greater than 8 inches tall in Grow Room 2 without statewide monitoring system (Metrc) tags present.

## Count I

Respondent's actions as described above demonstrate a violation of Mich Admin Code, R 420.209(6)(i), which states a licensee shall ensure the video surveillance system does all the following:(a) Records, at a minimum, the following areas: (i) Any areas where marihuana products are weighed, packed, stored, loaded, and unloaded for transportation, prepared, or moved within the marihuana business.

#### Count II

Respondent's actions as described above demonstrate a violation of Mich Admin Code, R 420.210(1) which states except for designated consumption establishments or temporary marihuana events licensed under the MRTMA, a marihuana business must not have marihuana products that are not identified and recorded in the statewide monitoring

system pursuant to these rules.

Count III

Respondent's actions as described above demonstrate a violation of Mich

Admin Code, R 420.210(2), which states except for a designated

consumption establishment or temporary marihuana event licensed under

the MRTMA, a marihuana business must not have any marihuana product

without a batch number or identification tag or label pursuant to these

rules. A licensee shall immediately tag, identify, or record as part of a

batch in the statewide monitoring system any marihuana product as

provided in these rules.

**Count IV** 

Respondent's actions as described above demonstrate a violation of Mich

Admin Code, R 420.212(1), which states all marihuana products must be

stored at a marihuana business in a secured limited access area or

restricted access area and must be identified and tracked consistently in

the statewide monitoring system under these rules.

Count V

Respondent's actions as described above demonstrate a violation of Mich

Admin Code, R 420.303(2), which states a cultivator shall tag each

individual plant that is greater than 8 inches in height from the growing or

cultivating medium or more than 8 inches in width with an individual plant

tag and record the identification information in the statewide monitoring

system.

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

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suspension, revocation, restriction, and/or refusal to renew Respondent's license.

Under MCL 333.27957 (1)(c) and 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 Emergency 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

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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 <a href="mailto:CRA-LegalHearings@michigan.gov.">CRA-LegalHearings@michigan.gov.</a>

Dated: 11/1/2022

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