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CHAIRMAN

**IN RE: THOMAS G. WOOD, INC.
D/B/A CAFÉ LAFITTE IN EXILE
NO. 3601109727**

ORDER

This matter was considered by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board at its meeting of July 21, 2009. The Hearing Officer’s order dated July 13, 2009, based on the “Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement” in the matter of the “Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action” No. 3601109727, by and between Thomas G. Wood, Inc. d/b/a Café Lafitte in Exile, and the State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is **APPROVED**.


THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 21st day of July, 2009.

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

BY:


DANE K. MORGAN, CHAIRMAN

DKM/gac

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A CERTIFIED
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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
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**IN RE: THOMAS G. WOOD, INC. d/b/a
CAFÉ LAFITTE IN EXILE**

LICENSE NO. 3601109727

**JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF
COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER:

COME NOW State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police (the "Division") and Thomas G. Wood, Inc. d/b/a Cafe Lafitte In Exile, who file this Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement and in support thereof, would respectively show unto the Hearing Officer as follows:

1.

The Division and Thomas G. Wood, Inc. d/b/a Cafe Lafitte In Exile are desirous of compromising and settling all disputes between them relative to the referenced administrative proceeding. In connection therewith, the parties have entered into a compromise and settlement agreement which by its terms will become effective upon approval by the Administrative Hearing Office and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board.

2.

A true and correct copy of the proposed Compromise and Settlement Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference for all purposes.



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, The Division and Thomas G. Wood, Inc.
d/b/a Cafe Lafitte In Exile respectfully request that this Honorable Administrative Hearing
Officer approve the parties' Compromise and Settlement Agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,

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COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police (hereinafter, the "Division") and Thomas G. Wood, Inc. d/b/a Cafe Lafitte In Exile do hereby represent and agree as follows:

WHEREAS, the Division has issued a Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action to Thomas G. Wood, Inc. d/b/a Cafe Lafitte In Exile alleging certain violations of Louisiana Gaming Control Law; and

WHEREAS, Thomas G. Wood is the sole shareholder of Thomas G. Wood, Inc. d/b/a Café Lafitte's In Exile; and

WHEREAS, the issues raised by the said Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action were set for hearing on July 13, 2009, before the Louisiana Gaming Control Board Administrative Hearing Office; and

WHEREAS, the Division and Thomas G. Wood, Inc. d/b/a Cafe Lafitte In Exile are desirous of fully and finally compromising and settling all issues and disputes arising out of and in connection with the said Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the parties hereto do hereby agree and stipulate as follows:

STIPULATIONS

1. On July 25, 2007, the Louisiana State Police, Gaming Division received a letter of notification and a Personal History Questionnaire for Kenneth GrandPre from Thomas G. Wood, Inc. d/b/a Cafe Lafitte In Exile stating that Mr. GrandPre was a new officer.
2. Because the notification did not state when Mr. GrandPre became an officer, further investigation was made into the history of Café Lafitte's roster of corporate officers.
3. The investigation revealed that Thomas G. Wood, Inc. d/b/a Cafe Lafitte In Exile had failed to report seven changes in corporate officers since 2004.
4. On April 25, 2002, the Division received Café Lafitte's Annual Affidavit which reflected that as of April 19, 2002, Kenneth French served as both Secretary and Treasurer for the company. Mr. French then resigned his positions at some point prior to December 27, 2004. The Division was not made aware Mr. French's resignation within ten days as is required by law
5. On or about April 2, 2004, the Division received the company's Annual Affidavit which reflects that Kenneth French was serving as both the Secretary and Treasurer. The following year, on May 20, 2005, the Division received the company's annual affidavit which states that Lonnie Gene Ransom was serving as Treasurer. A review of the corporate minutes for the Annual Shareholder's meeting held on December 27, 2004, revealed that on that day, Kenneth GrandPre was elected as the company's Secretary and Lonnie Gene Ransom was elected as the Treasurer. Mr. Ransom then resigned from the company on June 1, 2005. The Division was not made aware of these three changes to Café Lafitte's officers within ten days as is required by law.
6. On December 28, 2005, the Board of Directors for Café Lafitte met and elected Gary Agee as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer thereby placing Mr. Ransom. The Division was not made aware of this change of officer within ten days as is required by law.
7. On December 15, 2006, the Board of Directors for Café Lafitte met and elected corporate officers. No changes were made from the previous year.
8. On December 15, 2007, the Board of Directors for Café Lafitte met and elected corporate officers. No changes were made from the previous year. However, that same day, Mr. Agee resigned his position with the company. The Division was not made aware of this change to the company's officers within ten days as is required by law.
9. On May 19, 2008, the Division received Café Lafitte's Renewal Application. This document stated that Kenneth GrandPre was serving as both Secretary and Treasurer thereby replacing Mr. Agee. The Division was not made aware of this change to the company's officers within ten days as is required by law.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

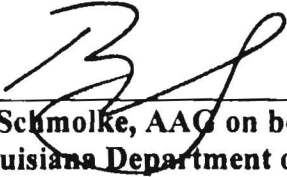
1. Thomas G. Wood, Inc. d/b/a Cafe Lafitte In Exile will pay a civil penalty of TWO THOUSAND and No/100 (\$2,000.00) DOLLARS.
2. The Division will dismiss the Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action.
3. Within fifteen (15) days of the approval of this Compromise and Settlement Agreement, Thomas G. Wood, Inc. d/b/a Cafe Lafitte In Exile shall remit payment of the above referenced penalty to the Division.
4. The Division hereby agrees to accept from Thomas G. Wood, Inc. d/b/a Cafe Lafitte In Exile, payment of the above stated TWO THOUSAND and No/100 (\$2,000.00) DOLLAR penalty in full and final settlement of this matter and finds those funds sufficient to also cover all approved licenses held by Thomas G. Wood as sole shareholder of the affiliated companies namely, TGW, Inc, d/b/a Good Friends Bar, under License No. 3601101506 and New Orleans Exploration Company, Inc., d/b/a Rawhide, under License No. 3601101505, as Thomas G. Wood, Inc. has admitted through its shareholder, Thomas G. Wood, that the same failures to notify occurred with the other referenced licenses as well.
5. The Division reserves the right to take into consideration these admitted violations in connection with any future investigation, violation or assessment of penalty and in connection with any future assessments of the Licensee's suitability.
6. The terms of this Compromise and Settlement Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of Louisiana.
7. This Compromise and Settlement Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Division and Thomas G. Wood, Inc. d/b/a Cafe Lafitte In Exile, pertaining to the subject matter contained herein and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations and understandings of the parties.
8. This Compromise and Settlement Agreement is subject to approval by the Hearing Officer and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. It is expressly understood that if this proposed settlement is approved by the Hearing Officer, this agreement is not thereby executory, but will be submitted to the Louisiana Gaming Control Board for its determination as to whether to approve same or to remand the matter to the Hearing Officer for a full hearing on the merits. Failure to pay the penalty within fifteen (15) days of approval of this settlement, and to comply with each term and condition listed herein, shall result in the immediate suspension of the Thomas G. Wood, Inc. d/b/a Cafe Lafitte In Exile license without the necessity of further administrative action, until such time as the penalty is paid in full and Thomas G. Wood, Inc. d/b/a Cafe Lafitte In Exile is in compliance with all terms and conditions.

I have read this entire Compromise and Settlement Agreement and agree to all stipulations and terms and conditions hereof.



**P. Kevin Colomb, counsel for and on behalf of
Thomas G. Wood, Inc. d/b/a Cafe Lafitte In Exile**

Date: 07/06/09



**D. Brandt Schmolke, AAG on behalf of
State of Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections,
Office of State Police**

Date: 07/07/09

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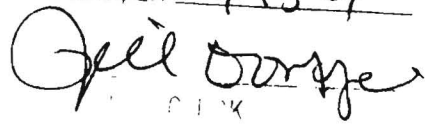
ORDER

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this the 13th day of July, 2009, came on for consideration the Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement, and the parties having appeared, and the Hearing Officer having considered the pleadings on file, the proposed Settlement Agreement, and the said Motion, and it appearing to the Hearing Officer that the said Compromise and Settlement Agreement should be approved; it is, therefore,

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Compromise and Settlement Agreement attached to the parties' Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement be, and the same is hereby, **APPROVED**; that the Licensee must pay Two Thousand and No/100 (\$2,000.00) Dollars to the Division within fifteen (15) days of approval by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. Failure to do so shall result in the immediate suspension of the gaming license without the necessity of any further administrative action until such time as the penalty is paid in full.

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE RECORDED
THIS ORDER IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA
AT BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
THIS 13th DAY OF July, 2009.
ALL PARTIES TO THIS ORDER HAVE BEEN SERVED BY
DOCKET CLERK, ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICE
cc: P. Kevin Columbus
Brandt Schmucke
Sgt. Lowell Sibley


HON. RICHARD L. REYNOLDS
HEARING OFFICER

A TRUE COPY ATTEST
LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
HEARING OFFICE
BATON ROUGE, LA 7-13-09

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