



State of Louisiana
Gaming Control Board

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GOVERNOR

RONNIE JONES
CHAIRMAN

**IN RE: A & S VENTURES, INC. D/B/A RENDEZVOUS
NO. 3601113866**

ORDER

This matter was considered by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board at its meeting of October 24, 2019. The Hearing Officer's order dated October 2, 2019, based on the "Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement" in the matter of the "Notice of Recommendation of Revocation and Finding of Unsuitability", by and between A & S Ventures, Inc. d/b/a Rendezvous, No. 3601113866, 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 *24th* day of *October, 2019.*

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

BY:



RONNIE JONES, CHAIRMAN

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A CERTIFIED
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ALL PARTIES THIS *24th* DAY
OF *October*, 20*19*.



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A & S VENTURES, INC.
D/B/A RENDEZVOUS

CASE NO.: 3601113866

JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF COMPROMISE AND
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER:

NOW COME the Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division (hereinafter, the "Division") and A & S Ventures, Inc. d/b/a Rendezvous (hereinafter, the "Licensee"), 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 the Licensee 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.

TRUE COPY
Geralyn A. Coleman
Representative
Louisiana Gaming Control Board

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Division and the Licensee respectfully request that this Honorable Administrative Hearing Officer approve the parties' Compromise and Settlement Agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,

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EXHIBIT "A"

STATE OF LOUISIANA
LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICE

RE: A & S VENTURES, INC.
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COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division (hereinafter, the "Division") and A & S Ventures, Inc. d/b/a Rendezvous (hereinafter, the "Licensee"), do hereby represent and agree as follows:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Gaming Control Board has sent a Notice of Recommendation of Revocation and Finding of Unsuitability to the Licensee, which Notice contains allegations of certain violations of Louisiana Gaming Control Law; and

WHEREAS, the paramount issues raised by said Notice were rectified and the matter was then set for an Administrative Action hearing before the Louisiana Gaming Control Board Administrative Hearing Office.

WHEREAS, the Division and the Licensee are desirous of fully and finally compromising and settling all issues and disputes arising out of and in connection with said Notice;

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

STIPULATIONS

1. The Licensee is a Type 1 licensed establishment located at 3101 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70115.

2. On June 25, 2013, an officer of the Licensee was arrested for a crime that is punishable by more than one-year imprisonment. The Licensee failed to notify the Division of this arrest, in violation of La. R.S. 27:427(C) and LAC 42:XI.2417(B)(4).

3. On September 23, 2013, the same officer of the Licensee pled nolo contendere to a crime of theft. The Licensee failed to notify the Division of this nolo contendere plea, in violation of La. R.S. 27:427(C) and LAC 42:XI.2417(B)(4).

4. On October 3, 2018, there were two transfers of ownership. The Licensee did not notify the Division until January 22, 2019, in violation of LAC 42:XI.2405(A)(13) and LAC 42:XI.2417(B)(4).

5. On October 3, 2018, there was an appointment of new officers. The Licensee did not notify the Division until January 22, 2019, in violation of LAC 42:XI.2405(A)(13) and LAC 42:XI.2417(B)(4).

6. From October 3, 2018 until August 22, 2019, the Licensee allowed an unsuitable officer to receive proceeds, in violation of La. R.S. 27:427(A)(2), La. R.S. 27:427(B)(1)(a), (b), and (d), La. R.S. 27:427(D), LAC 42:XI.2405(A)(14)(b), LAC 42:XI.2405(B)(1)(a), and LAC 42:XI.2417(B)(1).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

In lieu of administrative action, the Licensee will pay a penalty of **FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 (\$5,000.00) DOLLARS** for its violation of La. R.S. 27:427(A)(2), La. R.S.

27:427(B)(1)(a), (b), and (d), La. R.S. 27:427(C), La. R.S. 27:427(D), LAC 42:XI.2405(A)(13), LAC 42:XI.2405(A)(14)(b), LAC 42:XI.2405(B)(1)(a), LAC 42:XI.2417(B)(1), and LAC 42:XI.2417(B)(4).

1. The Division hereby agrees that payment of a total penalty of **FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 (\$5,000.00) DOLLARS** shall be in full and final settlement of all matters set forth in the Notice of Recommendation of Revocation and Finding of Unsuitability.

2. The Division reserves the right to take into consideration this admitted violation in connection with any future investigation, violation or assessment of penalty and in connection with any future assessments of the Licensee's suitability.

3. The terms of this Compromise and Settlement Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of Louisiana.

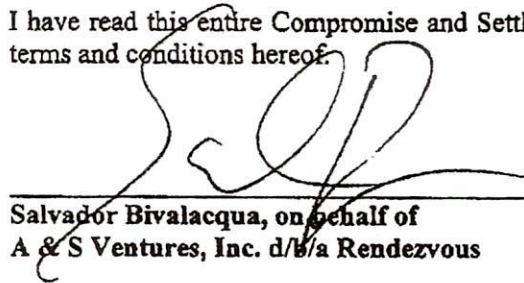
4. This Compromise and Settlement Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Division and the Licensee, pertaining to the subject matter contained herein and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations and understandings of the parties.

5. 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.

6. If approved, the Licensee agrees to make full payment of the civil penalty within fifteen (15) days of approval of this settlement by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. The Licensee agrees that failure to meet this requirement shall result in immediate suspension of

the gaming license without the necessity of any further administrative action until such time as the penalty is paid in full.

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



Salvador Bivalacqua, on behalf of
A & S Ventures, Inc. d/b/a Rendezvous



Alonna C. Murray, on behalf of
State of Louisiana, Gaming Enforcement Division, Office of State Police

STATE OF LOUISIANA
LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
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ORDER

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 2nd day of October, 2019, came for consideration the Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement, and the parties having appeared by and through their respective attorneys of record or representing themselves, and the Hearing Officer having considered the pleadings on file, the proposed Compromise and 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 A & S Ventures, Inc. d/b/a Rendezvous must pay **FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 (\$5,000.00) 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.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this 2nd day of October, 2019, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Suzan S. Ponder
SUZAN S. PONDER
HEARING OFFICER

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
HEARING OFFICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A CERTIFIED COPY HAS BEEN MAILED OR SERVED ON

ALL PARTIES THIS 2 DAY
OF October, 2019.

Ebony Batiste

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CC: A+S Ventures, Inc. D/B/A Rendezvous
Alonna Murray
Sgt. Eddie Daigle

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LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
HEARING OFFICE
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Ebony Batiste

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