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**IN RE: ROYAL PALACE INVESTMENTS, LLC
D/B/A PALACE TRUCK STOP & CASINO
NO.3601518053**

ORDER

This matter was considered by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board at its meeting of May 19, 2025. The Hearing Officer's order dated April 30, 2025, based on the "Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement" in the matter of the "Notice of Recommendation of Revocation", by and between, Royal Palace Investments, LLC d/b/a Palace Truck Stop & Casino No. 3601518053, 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 *19th* day of *May*, 2025.

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

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RE: ROYAL PALACE INVESTMENTS, LLC
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**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 Royal Palace Investments, LLC d/b/a Palace Truck Stop & Casino (hereinafter, "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 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.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Division and Licensee 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 Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division (hereinafter, the "Division") and Royal Palace Investments, LLC d/b/a Palace Truck Stop & Casino (hereinafter, the "Licensee"), do hereby represent and agree as follows:

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

WHEREAS, the issues raised by said Notice are set for hearing before the Louisiana Gaming Control Board Administrative Hearing Office on April 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Division and 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 5 licensed establishment located at 12170 Old Gentilly Road, New Orleans, Louisiana 70129.

2. On or about March 13, 2024, the Division emailed a courtesy letter to the Licensee informing them of the requirement to submit the annual fee and forms no later than July 1, 2024.

3. The Licensee failed to submit its annual fee and forms by the July 1, 2024 deadline and for several months thereafter.

4. On December 22, 2024, the Board issued a Notice of Recommendation of Revocation, which detailed the Licensee's right to request an administrative hearing with the Hearing Officer and set forth the consequences for failure to do so.

5. The Licensee failed to timely request an administrative hearing with the Hearing Officer.

6. On January 16, 2025, the Board issued a Notice of Revocation, revoking the Type 5 video draw poker gaming license of the Licensee.

7. On February 4, 2025, the Licensee filed a motion requesting a rehearing or reconsideration of the Notice of Revocation.

8. On March 20, 2025, the Board considered the Licensee's motion for rehearing, granted its rehearing request, and forwarded the matter to the Louisiana Gaming Control Board Administrative Hearing Office.

9. On March 26, 2025, the Division received the Licensee's required annual forms and fee.

10. Following the Licensee's submission and Division's processing of all required documents, the Division filed a Motion to Convert the Recommendation of Revocation to an Administrative Action on April 22, 2025.

11. The Licensee failed to timely submit the required annual fee and supporting documents, in violation of La. R.S. 27:435(K)(4)(a) and (d) and LAC 42:X1.2405(B)(4)(a) and (b).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. In lieu of administrative action, Licensee will pay a penalty of **FOUR THOUSAND and 00/100 (\$4,000.00) DOLLARS** for its violation of La. R.S. 27:435(K)(4)(a) and (d) and LAC 42:X1.2405(B)(4)(a) and (b).

2. The Division hereby agrees that payment of a total penalty of **FOUR THOUSAND and 00/100 (\$4,000.00) DOLLARS** shall be in full and final settlement of all matters set forth in the Notice of Recommendation of Revocation.

3. 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 Licensee's suitability.

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

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

6. 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.

7. If approved, 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. 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.



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Palace Truck Stop & Casino



Benjamin Westra, on behalf of
Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division

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BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 30 day of April, 2025, 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 Royal Palace Investments, LLC d/b/a Palace Truck Stop & Casino must pay **FOUR THOUSAND and 00/100 (\$4,000.00) 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 30th day of April, 2025, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
HEARING OFFICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A CERTIFIED
COPY HAS BEEN MAILED OR SERVED ON
ALL PARTIES THIS 30 DAY

OF April, 2025
Monique Bousquet
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HEARING OFFICER

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HEARING OFFICE
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Monique Bousquet

DOCKET CLERK, ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICE

cc: Royal Palace Investments, LLC
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