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**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

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**GFM INC.  
D/B/A LA GRANDE CAFÉ**

**CASE NO.: 3601203061**

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

**TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER:**

**NOW COME** the State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division (hereinafter, the "Division") and GFM Inc. d/b/a/ La Grande Café (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,

**JEFF LANDRY,  
ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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**Rohin Sharma  
GFM Inc.  
d/b/a/ La Grande Café**

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA  
LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICE**

**RE: GFM INC.  
D/B/A LA GRANDE CAFÉ**

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**COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

The State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division (hereinafter, the "Division") and GFM Inc. d/b/a/ La Grande Café (hereinafter, "Licensee"), do hereby represent and agree as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Gaming Control Board has sent a Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action 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.

**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 2 licensed establishment located at 1001 Loyola Ave. New Orleans, Louisiana, 70113.

2. On April 1, 2020, Robert Crain, Jr. (49% owner/member) and Basile Funti (51% owner/member) transferred their ownership interest in the Licensee to Rohin Sharma.

3. On April 21, 2021, the Division received an Annual Licensee Form and Record Update Form naming Rohin Sharma as 100% owner of the Licensee. The Division also received the Personal History questionnaire of Mr. Sharma and his wife.

4. The Licensee failed to timely notify the Division of the stock transfer and documentation to complete the suitability investigation, in violation of La. R.S. 27:427(D), LAC 42:XI.2405(A)(13), LAC 42:XI.2411(A)(9), and LAC 42:XI.2417(B)(4).

#### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. In lieu of administrative action, Licensee will pay a penalty of **TWO THOUSAND and 00/100 (\$2,000.00) DOLLARS** for its violation of La. R.S. 27:427(D), LAC 42:XI.2405(A)(13), LAC 42:XI.2411(A)(9), and LAC 42:XI.2417(B)(4).

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

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.

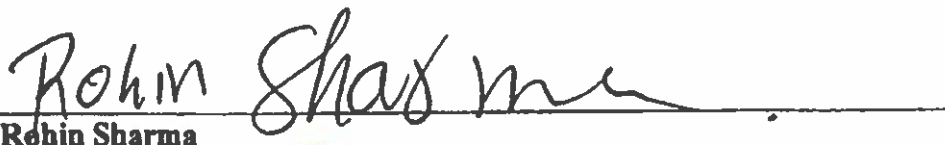
5. This Compromise and Settlement Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Division and Licensee, pertaining to the subject matter contained herein and

supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations and understandings of the parties.

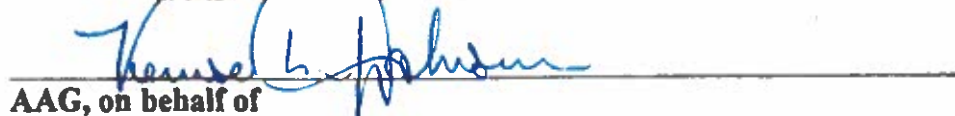
6. This Compromise and Settlement Agreement is subject to approval by the Hearing Officer and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. It is expressly understood that if this proposed settlement is approved by the Hearing Officer, this agreement is not thereby executory, but will be submitted to the Louisiana 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.



Rohin Sharma  
GFM Inc. d/b/a/ La Grande Café



AAG, on behalf of  
State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety &  
Corrections, Office of State Police

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**ORDER**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023, 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 GFM Inc. d/b/a/ La Grande Café must pay **TWO THOUSAND and 00/100 (\$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.

**SIGNED AND ENTERED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023, 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 4 DAY  
OF October, 2023

Elony Battiste

DOCKET CLERK, ADMIN HEARING OFFICE

cc: GFM Inc. d/b/a La Grande Cafe'  
Venise Johnson  
Sgt. Ruben Brown

Suzan Ponder

SUZAN S. PONDER  
HEARING OFFICER

**A TRUE COPY ATTEST**

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD  
HEARING OFFICE

BATON ROUGE, LA 10/4/23

Elony Battiste

DOCKET CLERK, ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICE