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Gaming Control Board

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DANE K. MORGAN
CHAIRMAN

**IN RE: CATFISH QUEEN PARTNERSHIP IN COMMENDAM
D/B/A BELLE OF BATON ROUGE CASINO
LICENSE NO. R011700009
SAR 11-50-198-3100**

ORDER

This matter was considered by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board at its meeting of February 16, 2012. The Hearing Officer's order dated February 8, 2012, based on the "Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement" in the matter of the "Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action" by and between Catfish Queen Partnership In Commendam d/b/a Belle of Baton Rouge Casino, License No. R011700009, SAR 11-50-198-3100, 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 16th day of February, 2012.

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

BY:



DANE K. MORGAN, CHAIRMAN

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RE: **CATFISH QUEEN PARTNERSHIP IN
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SAR # 11-50-198-3100**

**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 (hereinafter, the "Division") and Catfish Queen Partnership in Commendam d/b/a Belle of Baton Rouge Casino (hereinafter, "Belle of Baton Rouge"), 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 Belle of Baton Rouge 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.

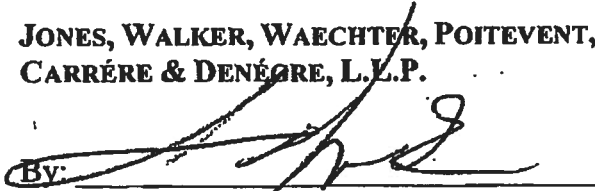
A true and correct copy of the proposed Compromise and Settlement Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference for all purposes.

TRUE COPY

Representative
Louisiana Gaming Control Board

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

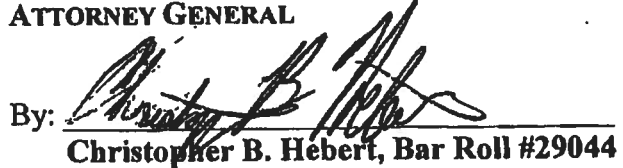
Respectfully Submitted,

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
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**RE: CATFISH QUEEN PARTNERSHIP IN
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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 Catfish Queen Partnership in Commendam d/b/a Belle of Baton Rouge Casino (hereinafter, "Belle of Baton Rouge") do hereby represent and agree as follows:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Gaming Control Board has issued a Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action to Belle of Baton Rouge alleging certain violations of Louisiana Gaming Control Law; and

WHEREAS, the issues raised by the said Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action are set for hearing before the Louisiana Gaming Control Board Administrative Hearing Office on February 8, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Division and Belle of Baton Rouge 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. In May 2011, the Division received a non-gaming supplier permit ("NGSP") application from Corporate Ideas, LLC ("Corporate"). The Division's investigation disclosed

that Belle of Baton Rouge paid Corporate more than Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000.00) Dollars in 2010. The investigation disclosed that Corporate is not a newspaper, television station or radio station and did not have a Division NGSP waiver.

2. In 2006, Corporate began supplying goods to Belle of Baton Rouge. A "Supplier Registration Form" maintained by Belle of Baton Rouge's parent company describes Corporate's business as a "full service promotional merchandise company." The 2011 NGSP application describes Corporate's business as "promotional products, incentive gifts, (and) corporate apparel." Belle of Baton Rouge has asserted that Corporate provides "advertising services" and La. R. S. 27:29.3(D)(9) exempts Corporate from the NGSP requirement.

3. Belle of Baton Rouge's business records show its payments to Corporate surpassed Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000.00) Dollars by the end of July 2010, as follows:

US Dollars Paid in Calendar Year 2010

January	21,827.63	July	93,910.47
February	34,870.43	August	7,279.56
March	25,968.49	September	4,391.65
April	253.62	October	27,304.26
May	7,729.74	November	37,005.30
June	47,975.52	December	985.20

4. Belle of Baton Rouge did not notify the Division that it had surpassed Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000.00) Dollars in annual payments to Corporate.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. In lieu of Administrative Action of its Gaming License, Belle of Baton Rouge will pay a civil penalty of FOUR THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$4,000.00) DOLLARS for its violations of La. R.S. 27:28(G), LAC 42:VIII.2108(B)(1), (2), and (C).

2. The Division hereby agrees that payment of a civil penalty of FOUR THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$4,000.00) DOLLARS shall be in full and final settlement of all matters set forth in the Notice of Administrative Action, SAR 11-50-198-3100.

3. Division hereby agrees to accept Belle of Baton Rouge's payment of the above stated penalty in full and final settlement of the Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action.

4. 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 Belle of Baton Rouge's suitability.

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

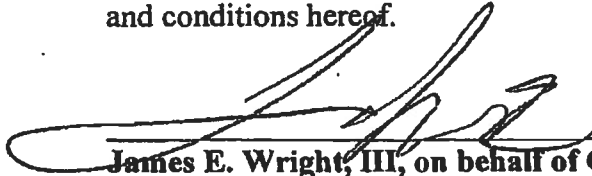
6. This Compromise and Settlement Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Division and Belle of Baton Rouge, pertaining to the subject matter contained herein and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations and understandings of the parties.

7. 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.

8. If approved, Belle of Baton Rouge agrees to make full payment of the civil penalty to the Division within fifteen (15) days of approval of this settlement by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. Belle of Baton Rouge agrees that failure to meet this requirement shall

result in the immediate suspension of Belle of Baton Rouge's license without the necessity of further administrative action, until such time as the penalty is paid in full.

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



**James E. Wright, III, on behalf of Catfish Queen Partnership
in Commendam d/b/a Belle of Baton Rouge Casino**



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

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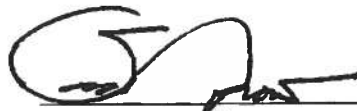
ORDER


BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 8th day of Feb, 2012, came on 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, 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 Catfish Queen Partnership in Commendam d/b/a Belle of Baton Rouge Casino must pay Four Thousand and No/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 8th day of Feb, 2012, in Baton

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A CERTIFIED
COPY HAS BEEN MAILED OR SERVED ON
February 12, 2012
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICE
cc: J. Kelly Duncan
James E. Wright, III
Christopher Herbert
Sgt. Lonell Sledge


WILLIAM H. BROWN
HEARING OFFICER

A TRUE COPY ATTEST
LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
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BY: CLERK