

State of Louisiana Gaming Control Board

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H. CHARLES GAUDIN CHAIRMAN

IN RE: B.R.J., INC. D/B/A RHYTHMS NIGHTCLUB NO. 2605106745

ORDER

This matter was considered by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board at its meeting of February 17, 2009. The Hearing Officer's order dated January 21, 2009, based on the "Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement" in the matter of the "Notice of Denial of Renewal Application," No. 2605106745, by and between B.R.J., Inc. d/b/a Rhythms Nightclub, 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 17th day of February, 2009.

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

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H. CHARLES GAUDIN, CHAIRMAN

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LICENSE NO. 2605106745

JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER:

NOW COMES the State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections,

Office of State Police (hereinafter, the "Division") and B.R.J. Inc d/b/a Rhythms Nightclub

(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 this 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,

BRJ INC. D/B/A RHYTHMS NIGHTCLUB

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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 BRJ Inc. d/b/a Rhythms Nightclub 2605106745 (hereinafter, "Licensee"), do hereby represent and agree as follows:

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2008, the Division issued a Notice of Recommendation of Denial of Renewal Application to the Licensee, alleging certain violations of Louisiana Gaming Control Law; and

WHEREAS, the issues raised by the said Notice of Recommendation of Denial of Renewal Application, are set for hearing January 21, 2009, before the Louisiana Gaming Control Board Administrative Hearing Office; 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 the said Notice of Recommendation of Denial of Renewal Application;

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

STIPULATIONS

- 1. On May 29, 2007, the Division received a Type 1 Renewal Video Gaming Application from the Licensee.
- 2. On July 12, 2007, results from an inquiry made by the Division to the Internal Revenue Service revealed that the Licensee was delinquent in the filing and payment of its taxes.
- 3. On September 24, 2008, the Internal Revenue Service issued a Certificate of Release of Federal Tax Lien to the Licensee.
- 4. The Licensee failed to remain current in filing all applicable tax returns and in the payment of all taxes owed to the Internal Revenue Service in violation of LAC 42: XI.2405(B)(1)(b).
- 5. On June 5, 2003, James Louis Lemarie, who has 100% ownership interest in the Licensee, and Helene Patricia Richardson were married. Mr. Lemarie failed to timely notify the Division of the marriage in violation of LAC 42: XI.2417(B)(4).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. Within fifteen (15) days of the approval of this settlement by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board, the Licensee shall pay a penalty of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the violations of LAC 42: XI.2405(B)(1)(b) and LAC 42: XI.2417(B)(4).
- 2. The Division hereby agrees to accept the payment of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) in full and final settlement of the Notice of Recommendation of Denial of Renewal Application.

- 3. 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.
- 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 the 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 by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board, the Licensee must pay Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) within fifteen (15) calendar days of such approval. Any failure to meet this requirement will 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 Settlement Agreement and agree to all stipulations

and terms and conditions hereof.

Allison U. Rovira, on behalf of, BRJ Inc. d/b/a Rhythms Nightclub

Mesa T. Brown, AAG on behalf of

State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety & Corrections, Office of State Police

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BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 4 day of ______, 2009, came on for consideration the Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement, 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.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this _______ day of

__, 2009, in Baton Rouge,

Louisiana.

WILLIAM H. BROWN **HEARING OFFICER**