STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DIVISION OF INSURANCE

In the Matter of:

Rural Alaska Insurance,
Agency, Inc.,

Respondent.

Case No. D944

STIPULATED AGREEMENT AND ORDER

The Division of Insurance, Department of Commerce and Economic Development (hereinafter "the Division"), Rural Alaska Insurance Agency, Inc. (hereinafter "RAI"), and Mario O. Gho stipulate and agree to the following in settlement of this matter:

Factual Background

- 1. RAI is a licensed insurance producer firm operating in Fairbanks, Alaska under firm license no. 8293. Mr. Gho was the principal for RAI, and he had am individual producer license no. 3521. He has also been the compliance officer for RAI since July 1, 1992.
- 2. In 1992, Wong & Associates, Inc., on behalf of the division, performed an examination of the fiduciary accounts and records of RAI to assist the division in determining compliance with AS 21.27.350, 21.27.360, and 3 AAC 23.500 -- 3 AAC 23.730. These laws generally regulate insurance producer fiduciary trust accounts.

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- The examination report reflects violations of the code and regulations adopted thereunder by RAI, insurance primarily relating to the existence of insufficient funds in the premium trust account. A \$19,626.00 deficiency to the trust account was noted. Based on those violations, this enforcement action was commenced by the division seeking assessment of an appropriate civil penalty and the deposit of sufficient funds into the trust account so that RAI and Mr. Gho are no longer in violation of AS 21.27.360.
- In his Request for a Hearing and Notice of Defense in this matter, Mr. Gho admitted to the allegations in the Statement of Accusation.

Stipulation

The division, RAI and Mr. Gho agree to the following terms in settlement of this matter:

- 6. RAI admits to the above trust account deficiency and to violations of AS 21.27.350, 21.27.360, 3 AAC 23.520, 3 AAC 23.530, and 3 AAC 23.630 as alleged in the Statement Accusation.
 - Mr. Gho admits to the above trust account deficiency

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and to violations of AS 21.27.350, 21.27.360, 3 AAC 23.520, 3 AAC 23.530, and 3 AAC 23.630 as alleged in the Statement Accusation.

RAI and Mr. Gho agree to a joint and several fine for these violations in the total amount of \$5,000, with \$2,000 suspended on condition that neither RAI nor Mr. Gho violate Alaska insurance laws for three years from the date this Stipulated Agreement and Order is signed by the director. The remaining \$3,000 shall be paid to the division upon RAI and Mr. Gho signing this document and returning it to the division.

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BRUCE M. BOTELHO

A**ssistant Attorn<u>e</u>y G**eneral

Gho, Individually

Alaska Insurance Agency, Inc., Mario O. Ghe

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

This Stipulated Agreement and Order is recommended for approval by the Director of Insurance this 27/1994.

Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ANCHORAGE BRANCH 1031 W. FOURTH AVENUE, SUITE 200 DEPARTMENT OF LAW

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that this Stipulated Agreement and Order is adopted in full resolution of the issues in this case, and shall constitute the final order in this matter.

DATED this 27th day of _

David J. Walsh

Director of Insurance

State of Alaska

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STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF INSURANCE

In the Matter of:)
RURAL ALASKA INSURANCE AGENCY,	INC.
Respondent.)

Case No. D94-03

STATEMENT OF ACCUSATION

David J. Walsh, Director, Division of Insurance (Division), Department of Commerce and Economic Development, State of Alaska, states and alleges as follows:

- 1. Rural Alaska Insurance Agency, Inc. (RAI) is a licensed insurance producer firm operating in the State of Alaska under firm license no. 8293. The principal of RAI is Mario O. Gho (Mr. Gho), operating in the State of Alaska under insurance license no. 3521.
- 2. In or about September and October of 1992, Wong & Associates, Inc., on behalf of the Division, performed an examination of the fiduciary accounts and records of RAI to assist the Division in determining compliance with AS 21.27.350, 21.27.360, and 3 AAC 23.500 -- 3 AAC 23.730.
- 3. Wong & Associates, Inc. submitted its report, dated July 6, 1993, on the RAI fiduciary accounts for the period of October 1, 1991 through September 30,

1992.	Based on t	that report,	examination	report no.	FE93-14,	proposed	for	officia
filing, v	was issued	by the Divi	sion to the D	irector on	Septembe	r 15, 1993	3.	

- 4. On November 3, 1993, under Order no. FE93-14, the Deputy Director for the Director officially approved for filing the report on the RAI trust account examination, in accordance with AS 21.06.150.
- 5. On July 1, 1992, substantial revisions to the Alaska insurance code (AS 21) went into effect. The above-referenced examination covers periods before and after July 1, 1992; however, since most of the covered period was prior to July 1, 1992, the more permissive statute that was in effect prior to July 1, 1992 will be applied.

COUNT I

- 6. The Director realleges paragraphs 1 through 5.
- 7. RAI and Mr. Gho individually have violated 3 AAC 23.520, 3 AAC 23.530, AS 21.27.350, and 21.27.360 by failing to account adequately for trust money held in the firm's possession and failing to maintain detailed premium trust account records.
- 8. For violating 3 AAC 23.520, 3 AAC 23.530, AS 21.27.350, and 21.27.360, RAI and Mr. Gho should be assessed a civil penalty of \$2,500 for each violation, as provided in AS 21.27.440.

COUNT II

9. The Director realleges paragraphs 1 through 8.

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	10.	RAI and Mr. Gho have violated 3 AAC 23.630 and AS 21.27.360 in
that,	using th	e general ledger balance of RAI as of August 31, 1992, the firm
prem	nium trus	et account showed a deficiency of \$19,626.

11. For violating 3 AAC 23.630 and AS 21.27.360, RAI and Mr. Gho should be assessed a civil penalty of \$2,500 for each violation, as provided in AS 21.27.440 and, further, should be required to deposit sufficient funds into the premium trust account so that RAI and Mr. Gho are no longer in violation of AS 21.27.360 by having a deficiency in the trust account.

DATED this 21st day of January, 1994 at Anchorage, Alaska.

DAVID J. WALSH Director Division of Insurance

By Kulma Suow Walker
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Deputy Director

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