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STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF INSURANCE

In the Matter of:)
LANCE L. ALLEN and)
AGRI-RISK SERVICES, INC.,)
Licensees.)

Case No. D98-14

STIPULATED AGREEMENT AND ORDER

The Division of Insurance, Department of Commerce and Economic Development (division) and Lance L. Allen (Allen) and Agri-Risk Services, Inc. (Agri-Risk), the non-resident licensees in this case, stipulate and agree that the unlicensed activity that occurred during the time Agri-Risk's firm license #12462 and Allen's individual in a firm license #12463 were in lapse status is resolved as follows:

1. Allen admits that, while these insurance licenses were in lapse status, from February 25, 1997 through September 15, 1998, he and Agri-Risk transacted the business of insurance and received commissions in the amount of \$3,189.04, in violation of AS 21.27.380(b). Allen states, however, that, during the time business was transacted, he was not aware that the firm and his individual license had lapsed because of the failure to complete the renewal process for the

firm license. In a letter to the division, he explained that another person at Agri-Risk was given the responsibility for keeping the licenses current. Because of staff turnover in that position, the license renewals were not processed in a timely manner. Allen further stated that he had not seen any documentation alerting him that the referenced licenses had lapsed and that he believed the licenses were still in force based on the license certificate he held from the State of Alaska, which reflected a expiration date of December 26, 1998.

- 2. Prior to this instance, Allen and Agri-Risk have never allowed their Alaska insurance licenses to lapse and, to the division's knowledge, they have not engaged in unlicensed activity.
- 3. Agri-Risk transactions in this state are limited to providing specialty insurance for livestock mortality coverage to Alaskan horse owners.
- 4. Under AS 21.27.420(c), the division agrees to reinstate Allen's and Agri-Risk's insurance licenses subject to the condition that Allen and Agri-Risk pay a civil penalty of \$3,189.04, as allowed under AS 21.27.440(a), which is payable no later than twelve months from the date this agreement and order is signed by the director.
- 5. Allen understands that he alone is responsible for the timely renewal of his license and, as Principal and Compliance Officer of Agri-Risk, he is also responsible for the timely renewal of the firm license. Allen agrees to

implement a procedure to ensure renewal of both licenses before their respective expiration dates.

6. By signing this agreement, Allen and Agri-Risk understand and agree that any failure to comply with the conditions of this agreement may be grounds to revoke, suspend, or non-renew Alaska insurance licenses #12462 and #12463.

DATED: 2/9/99

DIVISION OF INSURANCE

Linda Brunette
Licensing Supervisor

DATED: 1/28/99

Lance L. Allen

DATED: 1/28/99

AGRI-RISK SERVICES, INC.

By

Lance L. Allen, Principal and Compliance Officer

Approved as to form and content:

DATED: 3/17/99

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BRUCE M. BOTELHO ATTORNEY GENERAL

By:

Signe P. Andersén

Assistant Attorney General

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 19th day of Library, 1999.

Marianne K. Burke Director of Insurance

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