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In the Matter of the	) REC 2005-260-L		
Real Estate Salesperson's and Broker's	)		
Licenses of	) FIRST AMENDED		
	) AGREEMENT PRICE	OR TO FILING OF	
BRAD K. HIRONAKA,	) PETITION FOR DIS	SCIPLINARY ACT	ION
	) AND COMMISSIO	N'S FINAL ORDEF	₹;
Respondent.	) EXHIBIT "1"		
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## FIRST AMENDED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PRIOR TO FILING OF PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND COMMISSION'S FINAL ORDER

Respondent BRAD K. HIRONAKA (hereinafter "Respondent"), and the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, through its Regulated Industries Complaints Office (hereinafter "RICO"), through its undersigned attorney, enter into this Settlement Agreement on the terms and conditions set forth below.

## A. <u>UNCONTESTED FACTS:</u>

1. Respondent is licensed by the Real Estate Commission (hereinafter the "Commission") as a real estate broker under License Number RB 18914. Said license was issued on September 23, 2005, and currently has an expiration date of December 31, 2006.

- 2. Respondent is licensed by the Commission as a real estate salesperson under License Number RS 52474. Said license was issued on November 10, 1992, and currently has an expiration date of December 31, 2096.
- 3. The last known mailing address for Respondent is [address redacted] ,
  Honolulu, Hawaii
- 4. RICO received a request for investigation from the Commission alleging that Respondent had failed to disclose a 1986 petty misdemeanor conviction on a 1992 application for real estate salesperson licensure filed with the Commission. Specifically, in 1986, Respondent plead guilty to criminal trespass, a petty misdemeanor, and was fined \$25.00. Respondent did not disclose the 1986 petty misdemeanor conviction when he applied for licensure as a real estate salesperson in 1992. Respondent did, however, disclose the 1986 petty misdemeanor conviction when he applied for licensure as a real estate broker in 2005. A copy of the 1986 sentencing order is attached and incorporated by reference as Exhibit "1."
- 5. RICO alleges that Respondent violated Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") § 467-20 (filing a notice, statement or other document that is false or untrue or contains any material misstatement of fact).
- 6. The foregoing allegations, if proven, would constitute violations of the following statutes governing the conduct of real estate salespersons licensed in the State of Hawaii: HRS § 467-20 (filing a notice, statement or other document that is false or untrue or contains any material misstatement of fact).
- 7. The Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter herein and over the parties hereto.

## B. REPRESENTATIONS BY RESPONDENT:

- 1. Respondent is fully aware that he has the right to be represented by an attorney of his choosing in this matter and voluntary waives that right.
- 2. Respondent enters into this Settlement Agreement freely and voluntarily and under no coercion or duress.
- 3. Respondent has been informed of his right to have a hearing to determine the issues in RICO's investigation. Pursuant to HRS § 91-9(d), Respondent voluntarily waives his right to a hearing and agrees to a disposition of this case in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement.
- 4. Respondent being at all times relevant herein licensed as a real estate licensee by the Commission acknowledges that he is subject to penalties including but not limited to, revocation, suspension or limitation of his license and civil fines, if the foregoing violations are proven at hearing.
- 5. Respondent admits to the veracity of the allegation(s) and that his acts constitute violation(s) of the following statutes and/or regulations governing the conduct of real estate brokers and salespersons licensed in the State of Hawaii: HRS § 467-20 (filing a notice, statement or other document that is false or untrue or contains any material misstatement of fact), but states the failure to disclose the 1986 petty misdemeanor conviction on the 1992 application for licensure was inadvertent and unintentional.
- 6. Respondent enters into this Settlement Agreement as a compromise of the claims and to conserve on the expenses of proceeding with an administrative hearing on this matter.

7. Respondent agrees that this Settlement Agreement is intended to resolve the issues raised in RICO's investigation in RICO Case No. REC 2005-260-L.

## C. TERMS OF SETTLEMENT:

- 1. Administrative fine. Respondent agrees to pay a fine in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00), the payment of which shall be due within thirty (30) days of the Commission's approval of this Settlement Agreement. Said payment shall be made by cashier's check or money order made payable to "State of Hawaii Compliance Resolution Fund" and mailed to the Regulated Industries Complaints Office, Attn: Patrick Kelly, Esq., 235 S. Beretania Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. The mailing should be postmarked by the 30<sup>th</sup> day to be in compliance with this Settlement Agreement.
- 2. Failure to Comply with Settlement Agreement. If Respondent fails to fully and timely pay the administrative fine as set forth in paragraph(s) C.1 above, Respondent's license shall be automatically revoked for a period of five (5) years upon RICO's filing of an affidavit with the Commission attesting to such failure. In case of such revocation, Respondent shall turn in all indicia of licensure to the Executive Officer of the Commission within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of the revocation. Upon completion of the revocation period, Respondent understands that he will need to apply to the Commission for a new license pursuant and subject to the requirements and conditions set forth in HRS § 436B-21.
- 3. <u>Possible further sanction</u>. The Commission, at its discretion, may pursue additional disciplinary action as provided by law to include further fines and other sanctions as the Commission may deem appropriate if Respondent violates any provision of the statutes or

rules governing the conduct of real estate licensees in the State of Hawaii, or if Respondent fails to abide by the terms of this Settlement Agreement.

- 4. <u>Approval of the Commission</u>. Respondent agrees that, except for the representations, agreements and covenants contained in Paragraphs C.5, C.6, C.7 and C.8 below, this Settlement Agreement shall not be binding on any of the parties unless and until it is approved by the Commission.
- 5. No Objection if Commission Fails to Approve. If the Commission does not approve this Settlement Agreement, does not issue an order pursuant thereto, or does not approve a lesser remedy, but instead an administrative hearing is conducted against Respondent in the Commission's usual and customary fashion pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, Respondent agrees that neither he nor any attorney that he may retain, will raise as an objection in any administrative proceeding or in any judicial action, to the Commission's proceeding against him on the basis that the Commission has become disqualified to consider the case because of its review and consideration of this Settlement Agreement.
- 6. Any Ambiguities Shall be Construed to Protect the Consuming Public. It is agreed that any ambiguity in this Settlement Agreement is to be read in the manner that most completely protects the interests of the consuming public.
- 7. No Reliance on Representations by RICO. Other than the matters specifically stated in this Settlement Agreement, neither RICO nor anyone acting on its behalf has made any representation of fact, opinion or promise to Respondent to induce entry into this Settlement Agreement, and Respondent is not relying upon any statement, representation or opinion or promise made by RICO or any of its agents, employees, representatives or attorneys concerning

the nature, extent or duration of exposure to legal liability arising from the subject matter of this Settlement Agreement or concerning any other matter.

8. <u>Complete Agreement</u>. This Settlement Agreement is a complete settlement of the rights, responsibilities and liabilities of the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof; contains the entire agreement of the parties; and may only be modified, changed or amended by written instrument duly executed by all parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed this Settlement Agreement on the date(s) set forth below.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, _	February 3, 2006	·
	/s/ BRAD K. HIRONAKA	
	BRAD K. HIRONAKA	
	Respondent	
DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, _	February 7, 2006	·

/s/ PATRICK K. KELLY

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Attorney for Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

IN THE MATTER OF THE REAL ESTATE SALESPERSON'S AND BROKER'S LICENSES OF BRAD K. HIRONAKA; FIRST AMENDED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PRIOR TO FILING OF PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND COMMISSION'S FINAL ORDER; EXHIBIT "1"; CASE NO. REC 2005-260-L

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED: REAL ESTATE COMMISSION STATE OF HAWAII February 24, 2006 /s/ TRUDY I. NISHIHARA TRUDY I. NISHIHARA **DATE** Chairperson /s/ LOUIS E. ABRAMS /s/ IRIS R. OKAWA IRIS R. OKAWA LOUIS E. ABRAMS Vice Chairperson /s/ CAROL MAE A. BALL /s/ KATHLEEN H. KAGAWA CAROL MAE A. BALL KATHLEEN H. KAGAWA, PH.D. /s/ MICHELE SUNAHARA LOUDERMILK /s/ STANLEY M. KURIYAMA STANLEY M. KURIYAMA MICHELE SUNAHARA LOUDERMILK /s/ VERN M. YAMANAKA VERN M. YAMANAKA

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STATE OF WANTED	)
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU	) SS. )
On this GRO day of GROMAN	, 2006, before me personally appeared
Brad K. Hironaka, to me known to be the per	son described and who executed the foregoing
instrument and acknowledged the same as his	s/her free act and deed.
	[Signature redacted]
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1	Notary Public – State of HAW 41)
v.d.	My commission expires: 121711

Name: HIBONAKA, Brad K. [SSN redacted] Viol. Sec: 708-845 5/3

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DISP:

Defendant present, arraigned and charged; pleaded guilty and waived jury trial. Defendant sentenced to pay a fine of \$25.00. FINE PAID.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original.

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[Signature redacted]
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