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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT Gregg Alan Dennington – SIU Investigation # 8999

This Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") is made by and between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Insurance ("Division"), with offices at 1000 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02118 and Gregg Alan Dennington ("Dennington") formally a non-resident licensed Individual Producer under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("Commonwealth"), with a business, mailing, and home address of 503 Pawnee Drive, Sterling, Colorado 80751.

WHEREAS, Dennington was licensed by the Division as a non-resident Individual Producer pursuant to M.G.L. c. 175 § 162H *et seq*, until August 7, 2014 when his licensed was terminated for failure to renew; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Insurance maintains jurisdiction over Dennington pursuant to M.G.L. c. 175 § 162R(e); and

WHEREAS, an insurance producer licensed in the Commonwealth must uphold the standards in M.G.L. c. 175 § 162H et seq. and must comply with the Commonwealth's insurance laws, including without limitation, those set forth in M.G.L. c. 175 and M.G.L. c. 176D; the Code of Massachusetts Regulations; and any other regulatory requirements; each of which give the Commissioner or Insurance review, approval, and enforcement authority over licenses; and

WHEREAS, the Division has conducted an investigation, Special Investigation Number 8999, and contends that the alleged acts and conduct of Dennington as set forth in part in the Division's correspondence dated February 25, 2015, a copy of which is attached and incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement, constitute grounds for revocation of Dennington's license; and

WHEREAS, if after a public hearing the Commissioner of Insurance ("Commissioner"), were to find sufficient evidence to determine that Dennington did commit the alleged violations, the Commissioner could order a \$1000 fine as well revocation of Dennington's license pursuant to M.G.L. c. 175 § 162R(a) and c. 176D; and

WHEREAS, Dennington is aware of his rights to notice and to a public administrative hearing with respect to the alleged violations of Massachusetts insurance laws in these matters, and hereby waives those rights.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the covenants, warranties, representations, and agreements contained herein, it is mutually agreed as follows:

- 1. Dennington's insurance producer license is hereby permanently revoked as of **March 18, 2015** and shall be returned to the Division on that date. A copy of this signed Agreement must be returned to the Division by **March 18, 2015**.
- 2. Dennington agrees to cease and desist from conducting the business of insurance, including selling, soliciting or negotiating insurance, holding himself out as a licensed insurance producer, or otherwise acting as an insurance producer as of **March 18, 2015**.
- 3. As of **March 18, 2015**, Dennington is prohibited from soliciting, aiding in the placement, continuation, or negotiation of insurance policies or taking any action which may lead any person or entity to believe that Dennington is authorized in the Commonwealth to engage in the business of insurance in any capacity, including without limitation, acting as a licensed insurance producer, special insurance broker, public adjuster, insurance advisor, viatical loan provider, viatical broker, viatical settlement broker, viatical settlement provider, reinsurance intermediary broker, reinsurance intermediary manager, or any other licensed insurance professional.
- 4. In accordance with M.G.L. c. 175, §166B and the terms of this Agreement, Dennington shall dispose of any and all interest (direct and indirect) he may have, including without limitation, as proprietor, partner, stockholder, officer, employee of any licensed insurance producer in the Commonwealth by **March 18, 2015**.
- 5. As of **March 18, 2015**, Dennington is prohibited from owning, managing, directing or being an employee, consultant or independent contractor, partner, director or officer, paid or unpaid, of any insurance related business in the Commonwealth. Dennington shall return to the Division any insurance producer license in his possession, custody or control.
- 6. Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, the failure of the Division at any time to require strict performance by Dennington of any terms, provisions, or conditions hereof shall in no way affect the right thereafter to enforce the same, nor shall the waiver by the Division of any breach of any of the terms, provisions, and conditions hereof be construed or deemed a waiver of any succeeding breach of any term, provision, or condition thereof.

- 7. In the event that the Division finds that there has been a breach of any provision of this Agreement, the Division may, in its discretion, pursue any and all legal remedies permitted by the Massachusetts insurance laws as well as any other appropriate law of the Commonwealth.
- 8. The provisions of this Agreement may be amended, modified, or expanded solely in writing by joint consent of the Division and Dennington.

SIGNED:

Gregg Alan Dennington

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Insurance By: Matthew M. Burke Counsel to the Commissioner

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