# BEFORE THE DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

REDLINE TEST ONLY SMOG CENTER, INC., INC., dba COMPLETE AUTO REPAIR GURJIT SINGH GILL, PRES./SECTY/TREAS.

718 South 9th Street
Modesto, CA 95351

Mailing Address:
3201 Justinpaul Lane
Modesto, CA 95355
Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.
ARD 265647
Smog Check Station License No. RC 265647
Lamp Station License No. LS 265647
Brake Station License No. BS 265647,

#### ZACKARY SCOTT WEST

422 Pine Street
Modesto CA 95351
Smog Check Inspector License No. EO
631513
Smog Check Repair Technician License No.
EI 631513 (formerly Advanced Emission
Specialist Technician License No. EA
631513) Brake Adjuster License No. BA
631513,

and

#### **MAURICIO AGUILAR**

536 High Street Modesto, CA 95354 Brake Adjuster License No. BA 636396

Respondents.

Case No. 77/15-52

OAH No. 2015080895

#### **DECISION**

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby accepted and adopted as the Decision of the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs in the above-entitled matter, only as to respondent Redline Test Only Smog Center, Inc., doing business as Complete Auto Repair, Gurjit Singh Gill, President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The suspensions of Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 265647 and Smog Check Station License No. RC 265647 shall commence on the effective date of this decision.

This Decision shall become effective \_\_

DATED: 5/18/2017

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STIPULATED SETTLEMENT FOR RESPONDENT REDLINE TEST ONLY SMOG CENTER, INC. (77/15-52)

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the aboveentitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

#### **PARTIES**

- 1. Patrick Dorais ("Complainant") is the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair. He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this matter by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by David E. Brice, Deputy Attorney General.
- 2. Respondent Redline Test Only Smog Center, Inc. dba Complete Auto Repair, Gurjit Singh Gill, Pres./Secty/Treas. is represented in this proceeding by attorney William Ferreira, whose address is: 582 Market Street, Suite 1608, San Francisco, CA 94104.
- 3. On or about June 24, 2011, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 265647 to Respondent. The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 77/15-52 and will expire on June 30, 2017, unless renewed.
- 4. On or about November 7, 2013, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Smog Check Station License No. RC 265647 to Respondent. The Smog Check Station License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 77/15-52 and will expire on June 30, 2017, unless renewed.
- 5. On or about May 15, 2014, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Lamp Station License No. LS 265647 to Respondent. The Lamp Station License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 77/15-52 and will expire on June 30, 2017, unless renewed.
- 6. On or about May 15, 2014, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Brake Station License No. BS 265647 to Respondent. The Brake Station License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 77/15-52 and will expire on June 30, 2017, unless renewed.

#### JURISDICTION

7. First Amended Accusation No. 77/15-52 was filed before the Director of Consumer Affairs (Director), for the Bureau of Automotive Repair (Bureau), and is currently pending

against Respondent. The First Amended Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on May 3, 2016. Respondent timely filed its Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.

8. A copy of First Amended Accusation No. 77/15-52 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

#### ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 9. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in First Amended Accusation No. 77/15-52. Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 10. Respondent is fully aware of its legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at its own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against it; the right to present evidence and to testify on its own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 11. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

#### **CULPABILITY**

- 12. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in First Amended Accusation No. 77/15-52.
- 13. Respondent agrees that its Automotive Repair Dealer Registration, Smog Check Station License, Lamp Station License, and Brake Station License are subject to discipline and agrees to be bound by the Director's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

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#### **RESERVATION**

14. The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Director of Consumer Affairs, Bureau of Automotive Repair, or other professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

#### CONTINGENCY

- 15. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Director of Consumer Affairs or the Director's designee. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Bureau of Automotive Repair may communicate directly with the Director and staff of the Department of Consumer Affairs regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or its counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that they may not withdraw its agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Director considers and acts upon it. If the Director fails to adopt this stipulation as the Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Director shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 16. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 17. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.
- 18. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Director may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

#### **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

1T IS HEREBY ORDERED that Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 265647, Smog Check Station License No. RC 265647, Lamp Station License No. LS 265647, and Brake Station License No. BS 265647 issued to Respondent Redline Test Only Smog Center, Inc. dba Complete Auto Repair are revoked. However, the revocations of Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 265647 and Smog Check Station License No. RC 265647 are stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for three (3) years on the following terms and conditions.

- 1. Actual Suspension. Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 265647 and Smog Check Station License No. RC 265647 issued to Respondent Redline Test Only Smog Center, Inc. dba Complete Auto Repair are suspended for five (5) days.
- 2. **Obey All Laws.** Comply with all statutes, regulations and rules governing automotive inspections, estimates and repairs.
- 3. **Post Sign.** Post a prominent sign, provided by the Bureau, indicating the beginning and ending dates of the suspension and indicating the reason for the suspension. The sign shall be conspicuously displayed in a location open to and frequented by customers and shall remain posted during the entire period of actual suspension.
- 4. **Reporting.** Respondent or Respondent's authorized representative must report in person or in writing as prescribed by the Bureau of Automotive Repair, on a schedule set by the Bureau, but no more frequently than each quarter, on the methods used and success achieved in maintaining compliance with the terms and conditions of probation.
- 5. **Report Financial Interest.** Within 30 days of the effective date of this action, report any financial interest which any partners, officers, or owners of the Respondent facility may have in any other business required to be registered pursuant to Section 9884.6 of the Business and Professions Code.
- 6. Random Inspections. Provide Bureau representatives unrestricted access to inspect all vehicles (including parts) undergoing repairs, up to and including the point of completion.
- 7. **Jurisdiction.** If an accusation is filed against Respondent during the term of probation, the Director of Consumer Affairs shall have continuing jurisdiction over this matter

until the final decision on the accusation, and the period of probation shall be extended until such decision.

- Violation of Probation. Should the Director of Consumer Affairs determine that 8. Respondent has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of probation, the Department may, after giving notice and opportunity to be heard, temporarily or permanently invalidate the registration and suspend or revoke the license.
- Cost Recovery. Respondent shall be jointly and severally responsible with 9. Respondents Zackary Scott West and Mauricio Aguilar to pay to the Bureau costs associated with its investigation and enforcement pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3 in the amount of \$11,509.47. Payment to the Bureau of the full amount of cost recovery shall be made in twenty-four (24) consecutive, equal monthly installments, with the final payment received no later than twelve (12) months before probation terminates. Failure to complete payment of cost recovery within this time frame shall constitute a violation of probation which may subject Respondent's registration to outright revocation; however, the Director or the Director's Bureau of Automotive Repair designee may elect to continue probation until such time as reimbursement of the entire cost recovery amount has been made to the Bureau.
- Equipment. During the period of probation, Respondent shall not perform any form of smog inspection, or emission system diagnosis or repair, until Respondent has purchased, installed, and maintained the diagnostic and repair equipment prescribed by BAR necessary to properly perform such work, and BAR has been given 10 days notice of the availability of the equipment for inspection by a BAR representative.

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#### ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney. William Ferreira. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Automotive Repair Dealer Registration, Smog Cheek Station License, Lamp Station License and Brake Station License, I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the

Director of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: 15/-1/16

GURLIT SINGH GILL, PRES./SECTY/TREAS. REDLIÑE PEST ONLY SMOG CENTER, INC. DBA COMPLETE AUTO REPAIR

Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Gurjit Singh Gill, Pres./Secty/Treas... Redling Test Only Surgic Center, Inc. dba Complete Auto Repair, the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve its

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# ENDORSEMENT The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully

submitted for consideration by the Director of Consumer Affairs

Dated: 11 4 2016

Respectfully submitted,

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#### Exhibit A

First Amended Accusation No. 77/15-52

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PARTIES

1. Patrick Dorais ("Complainant") brings this First Amended Accusation solely in his official capacity as the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair ("Bureau"), Department of Consumer Affairs. This First Amended Accusation replaces in its entirety Accusation No. 77/15-52 filed on May 7, 2015.

#### Redline Test Only Smog Center, Inc. dba Complete Auto Repair

- 2. On or about June 24, 2011, the Director of Consumer Affairs ("Director") issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 265647 ("registration") to Redline Test Only Smog Center, Inc. ("Respondent Redline"), doing business as Complete Auto Repair, with Gurjit Singh Gill as president, secretary and treasurer. The registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June 30, 2016, unless renewed.
- 3. On or about November 7, 2013, the Director issued Smog Check Station License Number RC 265647 to Respondent Redline. The smog check station license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June 30, 2016, unless renewed.
- 4. On or about November 15, 2013, Respondent Redline's smog check station was certified as a STAR<sup>1</sup> station. The certification is currently active.
- 5. On or about May 15, 2014, the Director issued Lamp Station License Number LS 265647 to Respondent Redline. The lamp station license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June 30, 2016, unless renewed.
- 6. On or about May 15, 2014, the Director issued Brake Station License Number BS 265647 to Respondent Redline. The brake station license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June 30, 2016, unless renewed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.1, "STAR" means a voluntary certification program that applies to a registered Automotive Repair Dealer that is also a licensed smog check test-and-repair station or a test-only station that meets all requirements specified in Article 10 of these regulations.

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#### Zackary Scott West

- 7. On or about November 16, 2009, the Director issued Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 631513 to Zackary Scott West ("Respondent Zackary West"). The advanced emission specialist technician license expired on November 30, 2013. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 16, section ("Regulation") 3340.28, subdivision (e), the license was renewed, pursuant to Respondent's election, as Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 631513 and Smog Check Repair Technician License Number EI 631513 ("smog technician licenses"), effective December 2, 2013. The smog technician licenses expired on November 30, 2015.
- 8. On or about October 16, 2014, the Director issued Brake Adjuster License Number BA 631513 to Respondent Zackary West. The brake adjuster license will expire on November 30, 2017, unless renewed.

#### Mauricio Aguilar

9. On or about December 26, 2013, the Director issued Brake Adjuster License Number BA 636396 to Mauricio Aguilar ("Respondent Mauricio Aguilar"). The brake adjuster license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on September 30, 2017, unless renewed.

#### **JURISDICTION**

- 10. Business and Professions Code ("Bus. & Prof. Code") section 9884.7 provides that the Director may revoke an automotive repair dealer registration.
- 11. Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.13 provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a valid registration shall not deprive the Director of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against an automotive repair dealer or to render a decision temporarily or permanently invalidating (suspending or revoking) a registration.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Effective August 1, 2012, California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 3340.28, 3340.29, and 3340.30 were amended to implement a license restructure from the Advanced Emission Specialist Technician (EA) license and Basic Area (EB) Technician license to Smog Check Inspector (EO) license and/or Smog Check Repair Technician (EI) license.

- 12. Bus. & Prof. Code section 9889.1 provides, in pertinent part, that the Director may suspend or revoke any license issued under Articles 5 and 6 (commencing with section 9887.1) of the Automotive Repair Act.
- 13. Bus. & Prof. Code section 9889.7 provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration or suspension of a license by operation of law or by order or decision of the Director or a court of law, or the voluntary surrender of a license shall not deprive the Director of jurisdiction to proceed with any disciplinary proceedings.
- 14. Health and Safety Code ("Health & Saf. Code") section 44002 provides, in pertinent part, that the Director has all the powers and authority granted under the Automotive Repair Act for enforcing the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.
- 15. Health & Saf. Code section 44072.6 provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration or suspension of a license by operation of law, or by order or decision of the Director of Consumer Affairs, or a court of law, or the voluntary surrender of the license shall not deprive the Director of jurisdiction to proceed with disciplinary action.
- 16. Health & Saf. Code section 44072.8 states that when a license has been revoked or suspended following a hearing under this article, any additional license issued under this chapter in the name of the licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.
- 17. Regulation section 3340.28, subdivision (e), states that "[u]pon renewal of an unexpired Basic Area Technician license or an Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license issued prior to the effective date of this regulation, the licensee may apply to renew as a Smog Check Inspector, Smog Check Repair Technician, or both."

#### STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS

- 18. Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7 states, in pertinent part:
- (a) The director, where the automotive repair dealer cannot show there was a bona fide error, may deny, suspend, revoke or place on probation the registration of an automotive repair dealer for any of the following acts or omissions related to the conduct of the business of the automotive repair dealer, which are done by the automotive repair dealer or any automotive technician, employee, partner, officer, or member of the automotive repair dealer.

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1	(1) Making or authorizing in any manner or by any means whatever any statement written or oral which is untrue or misleading, and which is known, or which by the exercise of reasonable care should be known, to be untrue or misleading.
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4	(4) Any other conduct that constitutes fraud.
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6	(6) Failure in any material respect to comply with the provisions of this chapter or regulations adopted pursuant to it.
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9	(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), the director may suspend, revoke or place on probation the registration for all places of business operated in this state by an automotive repair dealer upon a finding that the automotive repair dealer has, or is,
10	engaged in a course of repeated and willful violations of this chapter, or regulations adopted pursuant to it.
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12	19. Bus. & Prof. Code section 9889.3 states, in pertinent part:
13	The director may suspend, revoke, or take other disciplinary action against a license as provided in this article [Article 7 (commencing with section
14	9889.1) of the Automotive Repair Act] if the licensee or any partner, officer, or director thereof:
15   16	(a) Violates any section of the Business and Professions Code which relates to his or her licensed activities.
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18 19	(c) Violates any of the regulations promulgated by the director pursuant to this chapter.
20	(d) Commits any act involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit whereby another is injured.
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22	(f) Aids or abets an unlicensed person to evade the provisions of this
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25	(h) Violates or attempts to violate the provisions of this chapter relating to the particular activity for which he or she is licensed
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- 28. Regulation 3340.45 states, in pertinent part:
- (a) All Smog Check inspections shall be performed in accordance with requirements and procedures prescribed in the following:

(2) Smog Check Manual, dated 2013, which is hereby incorporated by reference. This manual shall become effective on or after January 1, 2013.

#### COST RECOVERY

29. Bus. & Prof. Code section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that a Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

#### "SECRET SHOPPER" OPERATION

- On or about October 10, 2014, an undercover operator of the Bureau ("operator") took the Bureau's 2007 Ford to Respondent Redline's facility and met with Respondent Mauricio Aguilar ("Aguilar"). The operator requested smog, lamp, and brake inspections on the vehicle. Aguilar prepared a written estimate in the amount of \$115, had the operator sign it, then gave him a copy. The operator observed Respondent Zackary West ("West") perform the smog inspection. After the smog inspection was completed, the operator observed Aguilar perform the lamp and brake inspections on the vehicle. Aguilar turned on the headlamp switch, walked around the vehicle, and appeared to verify the operation of the lamps. Aguilar did not remove the wheels from the vehicle, and the vehicle was not road-tested by any of the technicians. After the brake and lamp inspections were completed, Aguilar went into the office. The operator observed Aguilar open two certificate books and write information on both certificates (the brake and lamp certificates identified below). Aguilar signed the certificates and gave them to West. Later, West told the operator that the vehicle was ready. The operator paid West \$115 and received copies of an invoice, a vehicle inspection report ("VIR"), Certificate of Brake Adjustment and Certificate of Lamp Adjustment . The operator left the facility.
- 31. Later, the Bureau reviewed the lamp certificate and noted that the number RY 030749 had been written in as the adjuster's license number (the "official adjuster" who performed the

lamp inspection). Lamp Adjuster License No. LA 030749 is issued to Amarjit Singh, the owner of Sam's Complete Auto Repair and Gurjit Singh Gill's father. Amarjit Singh was not present at the facility at the time the inspections were performed.

#### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Untrue or Misleading Statements)

- 32. Respondent Redline's registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that Respondent made or authorized statements which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, as follows:
- a. Respondent Redline's employee, Respondent Aguilar, certified under penalty of perjury on Lamp Certificate that Amarjit Singh performed the applicable inspection of the lighting systems on the Bureau's 2007 Ford as specified by the Bureau and in accordance with title 16 of the California Code of Regulations and the Business and Professions Code. In fact, Aguilar performed the lamp inspection on the vehicle and issued the certificate without a valid lamp adjuster license issued by the Bureau, in violation of Bus. & Prof. Code section 9888.3 and Regulation 3305, subdivision (a).
- b. Respondent Redline's employee, Respondent Aguilar, certified under penalty of perjury on Brake Certificate that he performed the applicable inspection of the brake system on the Bureau's 2007 Ford as specified by the Bureau and in accordance with Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations and the Business and Professions Code. In fact, Aguilar failed to perform a complete brake inspection on the vehicle.
- c. Respondent Redline's employee, Respondent Aguilar, certified under penalty of perjury on Brake Certificate that the Bureau's 2007 Ford had a stopping distance of 25 feet from a speed of 20 miles per hour as a result of a road-test. In fact, neither Aguilar nor any other technician had road-tested the vehicle.

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#### SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Fraud)

33. Respondent Redline's registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), Respondent committed an act constituting fraud, as follows: Respondent Redline obtained payment from the operator for performing the applicable inspections, adjustments, or repairs of the brake and lighting systems on the Bureau's 2007 Ford as specified by the Bureau and in accordance with the Vehicle Code. In fact, Respondent Redline's employee, Respondent Aguilar, failed to perform the necessary inspections, adjustments, and repairs in compliance with Bureau Regulations or the Vehicle Code.

#### THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Comply with the Bus. & Prof. Code)

34. Respondent Redline's registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that Respondent failed to comply with section 9888.3 of that Code in a material respect, as follows: Respondent Redline issued Lamp Certificate No. LC1902571 as to the Bureau's 2007 Ford when, in fact, its employee, Respondent Aguilar, was not a licensed lamp adjuster and was legally prohibited from performing lamp inspections on vehicles.

#### FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of Regulations)

- 35. Respondent Redline's registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that Respondent failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, in the following material respects:
- a. Regulation 3305, subdivision (a): Respondent Redline issued Lamp Certificate No. LC1902571 as to the Bureau's 2007 Ford when, in fact, its employee, Respondent Aguilar, was not a licensed lamp adjuster and was legally prohibited from performing lamp inspections on vehicles. Further, Aguilar failed to perform the inspection of the brake system on the Bureau's 2007 Ford Honda in accordance with the specifications, instructions, and directives issued by the Bureau and the vehicle manufacturer, as set forth in subparagraph 32 (b) above.

b. <u>Section 3321, subdivision (c)(2)</u>: Respondent Redline issued Brake Certificate No. BC1934471 as to the Bureau's 2007 Ford when the brake system on the vehicle had not been completely tested or inspected.

#### FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Comply with the Bus. & Prof. Code)

36. Respondent Redline's brake and lamp station licenses are subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9889.3, subdivisions (a) and (h), in that Respondent violated Bus. & Prof. Code section 9888.3 relating to its licensed activities, as set forth in paragraph 34 above.

#### SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Comply with Regulations)

37. Respondent Redline's brake and lamp station licenses are subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9889.3, subdivision (c), in that Respondent failed to comply with Regulations 3305, subdivision (a), and 3321, subdivision (c)(2), as set forth in paragraph 35 above.

#### SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit)

38. Respondent Redline's brake and lamp station licenses are subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9889.3, subdivision (d), in that Respondent committed an act involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit whereby another was injured, as set forth in paragraph 33 above.

#### EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Aiding and Abetting Unlicensed Activity)

39. Respondent Redline's brake and lamp station licenses are subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9889.3, subdivision (f), in that Respondent aided or abetted an unlicensed person to evade the provisions of this chapter, as follows: Respondent Redline authorized or permitted Respondent Aguilar to perform a lamp inspection on the

Bureau's 2007 Ford when, in fact, Aguilar, was not a licensed lamp adjuster and was legally prohibited from performing lamp inspections on vehicles.

#### NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Comply with Regulations)

40. Respondent Aguilar's brake adjuster license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9889.3, subdivision (c), in that Respondent failed to comply with Regulations 3305, subdivision (a), and 3321, subdivision (c)(2), as set forth in paragraph 35 above.

#### TENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit)

41. Respondent Aguilar's brake adjuster license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9889.3, subdivision (d), in that Respondent committed an act involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit whereby another was injured, as set forth in paragraph 33 above.

#### UNDERCOVER OPERATION #1: 2007 NISSAN

above ("operator"), took the Bureau's 2007 Nissan to Respondent Redline's facility and requested smog, lamp, and brake inspections on the vehicle. The left front and right rear brake rotors on the Bureau-documented vehicle were machined below the manufacturer's minimum thickness specifications and both headlamps were out of adjustment. Respondent's employee, William Marshall ("Marshall"), prepared a written estimate in the amount of \$115, had the operator sign it, then gave him a copy. The operator observed Respondent Zackary West ("West") perform the smog, lamp, and brake inspections on the vehicle. West turned on the headlamp switch, walked around the vehicle, and appeared to verify the operation of the lamps. West did not remove the wheels, but did road-test the vehicle. After the inspections were completed, Marshall came into the office area. The operator observed Marshall open a certificate book and write information on a certificate. Marshall took the certificate book out to West, who was in the shop. West appeared to sign the certificate. Later, Marshall told the operator that the vehicle was ready, but it had

failed the brake inspection because one brake rotor needed replacement. Marshall told the operator to replace the brake rotor, then to return the following day and see him, and he would give the operator a brake certificate. The operator paid Marshall \$115 and received copies of an invoice, a VIR, and Certificate of Lamp Adjustment. The operator left the facility. Later, the Bureau reviewed the lamp certificate and noted that West had written in the number RY180098 as the adjuster's license number. RY180098 is not a valid license number.

- 43. On or about October 15, 2014, during the third undercover operation conducted by the Bureau (referring to paragraphs 66 to 79 below), the operator asked Marshall for the brake certificate for the 2007 Nissan. The operator told Marshall that he had sold the vehicle and needed the brake certificate so that he could get the registration. Marshall opened the certificate book and filled out the certificate for the vehicle, Certificate of Brake Adjustment No.
- . Marshall signed the certificate and gave it to the operator. Later, the Bureau reviewed the certificate and noted that the number RY 030749 had been written in as the adjuster's license number. Brake Adjuster License No. BA 030749 is issued to Amarjit Singh. Amarjit Singh was not present at the facility at the time the inspections were performed.
- 44. On or about October 27, 2014, the Bureau inspected the 2007 Nissan and found that both headlamps were still out of adjustment. The Bureau also found that none of the wheels had been removed, indicating that the brake inspection had not been completely performed on the vehicle. Further, the left front and right rear brake rotors were not within manufacturer's specifications.

#### **ELEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

#### (Untrue or Misleading Statements)

- 45. Respondent Redline's registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that Respondent made or authorized statements which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, as follows:
- a. Respondent Redline's employee, Marshall, certified under penalty of perjury on Brake Certificate states and in State on October 15, 2014, that the drums and rotors on the

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#### TWELFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Fraud)

46. Respondent Redline's registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), Respondent committed an act constituting fraud, as follows: Respondent Redline obtained payment from the operator for performing the applicable inspections, adjustments, or repairs of the brake and lighting systems on the Bureau's 2007 Nissan as specified by the Bureau and in accordance with the Vehicle Code. In fact, Respondent Redline's employee, Respondent West, failed to perform the necessary inspections, adjustments, or repairs in compliance with Bureau Regulations or the Vehicle Code.

#### THIRTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Comply with the Bus. & Prof. Code)

47. Respondent Redline's registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that Respondent failed to comply with section 9888.3 of that Code in a material respect, as follows: Respondent Redline issued Lamp Certificate No. LC1902573 as to the Bureau's 2007 Nissan when, in fact, its employee, Respondent West, was not a licensed lamp adjuster and was legally prohibited from performing lamp inspections on vehicles.

#### FOURTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of Regulations)

- 48. Respondent Redline's registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that Respondent failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, in the following material respects:
- a. Regulation 3305, subdivision (a): Respondent Redline's employee, Respondent West, failed to perform the inspection of the brake system and inspection or adjustment of the lighting system on the Bureau's 2007 Nissan in accordance with the specifications, instructions, and directives issued by the Bureau and the vehicle manufacturer.

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- b. <u>Section 3316, subdivision (d)(2)</u>: Respondent issued Lamp Certificate No. LC1902573 as to the Bureau's 2007 Nissan when all of the lamps, lighting equipment, and/or related electrical systems on the vehicle were not in compliance with Bureau regulations.
- c. <u>Section 3321, subdivision (c)(2)</u>: Respondent issued Brake Certificate No. BC1934478 as to the Bureau's 2007 Nissan when the brake system on the vehicle had not been completely tested or inspected.

#### FIFTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Comply with the Bus. & Prof. Code)

49. Respondent Redline's brake and lamp station licenses are subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9889.3, subdivisions (a) and (h), in that Respondent violated Bus. & Prof. Code section 9888.3 relating to its licensed activities, as set forth in paragraph 47 above.

#### SIXTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Comply with Regulations)

50. Respondent Redline's brake and lamp station licenses are subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9889.3, subdivision (c), in that Respondent failed to comply with Regulations 3305, subdivision (a), 3316, subdivision (d)(2), and 3321, subdivision (c)(2), as set forth in paragraph 48 above.

#### SEVENTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit)

51. Respondent Redline's brake and lamp station licenses are subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9889.3, subdivision (d), in that Respondent committed an act involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit whereby another was injured, as set forth in paragraph 46 above.

#### EIGHTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Aiding and Abetting Unlicensed Activity)

52. Respondent Redline's brake and lamp station licenses are subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9889.3, subdivision (f), in that Respondent aided or

abetted an unlicensed person to evade the provisions of this chapter, as follows: Respondent Redline authorized or permitted Respondent West to perform brake and lamp inspections on the Bureau's 2007 Nissan when, in fact, West was not a licensed brake adjuster or lamp adjuster and was legally prohibited from performing brake and lamp inspections on vehicles.

#### **NINETEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

#### (Violations of Regulations)

53. Respondent West's brake adjuster license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9889.3, subdivision (c), in that he failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 3305, subdivision (a), and 3321, subdivision (c)(2), as set forth in paragraph 48 above.

#### TWENTIETH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit)

54. Respondent West's brake adjuster license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9889.3, subdivision (d), in that Respondent committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit whereby another was injured, as set forth in paragraph 46 above.

#### **UNDERCOVER OPERATION #2: 2002 FORD**

above ("operator"), took the Bureau's 2002 Ford to Respondent Redline's facility and requested smog, lamp, and brake inspections on the vehicle. The right front and left rear brake rotors on the Bureau-documented vehicle were machined below the manufacturer's minimum thickness specifications and both headlamps were out of adjustment. Respondent's employee, William Marshall ("Marshall"), prepared a written estimate in the amount of \$100, had the operator sign it, then gave him a copy. The operator observed smog check technician Moses Valdez ("Valdez") perform the smog and lamp inspections on the vehicle. Valdez turned on the headlamp switch, walked around the vehicle, and appeared to verify the operation of the lamps. Respondent Mauricio Aguilar ("Aguilar") appeared to perform the brake inspection. Aguilar did not remove the wheels from the vehicle, and neither Aguilar nor Valdez road-tested the vehicle. After the inspections were completed, Marshall came into the office area. The operator observed Marshall

#### TWENTY-THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Comply with the Bus. & Prof. Code)

59. Respondent Redline's registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that Respondent failed to comply with section 9888.3 of that Code in a material respect, as follows: Respondent Redline issued Lamp Certificate No. LC1902576 as to the Bureau's 2002 Ford when, in fact, its employee, smog check technician Valdez, was not a licensed lamp adjuster and was legally prohibited from performing lamp inspections on vehicles.

#### TWENTY-FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of Regulations)

- 60. Respondent Redline's registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that Respondent failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, in the following material respects:
- a. Regulation 3305, subdivision (a): Respondent Redline's employees, smog check technician Valdez and Respondent Aguilar, failed to perform the inspection of the brake system (Aguilar) and inspection or adjustment of the lighting system (Valdez) on the Bureau's 2002 Ford in accordance with the specifications, instructions, and directives issued by the Bureau and the vehicle manufacturer, as set forth in paragraph 57 above.
- b. <u>Section 3316, subdivision (d)(2)</u>: Respondent Redline issued Lamp Certificate No. LC1902576 as to the Bureau's 2002 Ford when all of the lamps, lighting equipment, and/or related electrical systems on the vehicle were not in compliance with Bureau regulations.
- c. <u>Section 3321, subdivision (c)(2)</u>: Respondent Redline issued Brake Certificate No. BC1934475 as to the Bureau's 2002 Ford when the brake system on the vehicle had not been completely tested or inspected.

#### TWENTY-FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Comply with the Bus. & Prof. Code)

61. Respondent Redline's brake and lamp station licenses are subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9889.3, subdivisions (a) and (h), in that Respondent

violated Bus. & Prof. Code section 9888.3 relating to its licensed activities, as set forth in paragraph 59 above.

#### TWENTY-SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Comply with Regulations)

62. Respondent Redline's brake and lamp station licenses are subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9889.3, subdivision (c), in that Respondent failed to comply with Regulations 3305, subdivision (a), 3316, subdivision (d)(2), and 3321, subdivision (c)(2), as set forth in paragraph 60 above.

#### TWENTY-SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit)

63. Respondent Redline's brake and lamp station licenses are subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9889.3, subdivision (d), in that Respondent committed an act involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit whereby another was injured, as set forth in paragraph 58 above.

#### TWENTY-EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Aiding and Abetting Unlicensed Activity)

64. Respondent Redline's brake and lamp station licenses are subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9889.3, subdivision (f), in that Respondent aided or abetted an unlicensed person to evade the provisions of this chapter, as follows: Respondent Redline authorized or permitted smog check technician Valdez to perform the lamp inspection on the Bureau's 2002 Ford when, in fact, Valdez was not a licensed lamp adjuster and was legally prohibited from performing lamp inspections on vehicles.

#### TWENTY-NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of Regulations)

65. Respondent Aguilar's brake adjuster license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9889.3, subdivision (c), in that he failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 3305, subdivision (a), and 3321, subdivision (c)(2), as set forth in paragraph 60 above.

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On or about October 15, 2014, at approximately 1300 hours, the undercover operator, identified in paragraph 30 above ("operator"), took the Bureau's 2000 Pontiac to Respondent Redline's facility and requested smog, lamp, and brake inspections on the vehicle. The right front and left rear brake rotors on the Bureau-documented vehicle were machined below the manufacturer's minimum thickness specifications and the front headlamps were out of adjustment. Respondent's employee, William Marshall ("Marshall"), prepared a written estimate in the amount of \$100, had the operator sign it, then gave him a copy. The operator observed smog check technician Moses Valdez perform the smog inspection on the vehicle. Marshall performed the lamp inspection. Marshall turned on the headlamp switch, walked around the vehicle, and appeared to verify the operation of the lamps. Respondent Mauricio Aguilar ("Aguilar") appeared to perform the brake inspection. Aguilar did not remove the wheels from the vehicle, and neither Aguilar, Valdez nor Marshall road-tested the vehicle. After the inspections were completed, Aguilar came into the office area. The operator observed Aguilar open a certificate book and complete and sign a certificate. Later, Marshall came into the office area, opened a certificate book, and completed and signed another certificate. The operator paid Marshall \$100 and received copies of an invoice, a VIR, Certificate of Lamp Adjustment No. and Certificate of Brake Adjustment. The operator left the facility. Later, the Bureau reviewed the brake and lamp certificates. The brake certificate had been signed by Aguilar using his official brake adjuster license number. The number RY030749 had been written in as the adjuster's license number on the lamp certificate. Lamp Adjuster License No. LA 030749 is issued to Amarjit Singh. Amarjit Singh was not present at the facility at the time the inspections were performed.

67. On or about November 19, 2014, the Bureau inspected the vehicle and found that the front headlamps were still out of adjustment. The Bureau also found that none of the wheels had been removed, indicating that the brake inspection had not been completely performed on the vehicle. Further, the right front and left rear brake rotors were not within manufacturer's specifications.

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#### THIRTIETH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Untrue or Misleading Statements)

- 68. Respondent Redline's registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that Respondent made or authorized statements which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, as follows:
- a. Respondent Redline's employee, Respondent Aguilar, certified under penalty of perjury on Brake Certificate that the drums and rotors on the Bureau's 2000 Pontiac were in a satisfactory condition. In fact, the right front and left rear brake rotors on the vehicle were machined below the manufacturer's minimum thickness specifications at the time the vehicle was taken to Respondent Redline's facility.
- b. Respondent Redline's employee, Respondent Aguilar, certified under penalty of perjury on Brake Certificate that the Bureau's 2000 Pontiac had a stopping distance of 25 feet from a speed of 20 miles per hour as a result of a road-test. In fact, the vehicle had not been road-tested.
- c. Respondent Redline's employee, Marshall, certified under penalty of perjury on Certificate of Lamp Adjustment that the applicable adjustment had been performed on the lighting system on the Bureau's 2000 Pontiac. In fact, the front headlamps were out of adjustment at the time the vehicle was taken to Respondent Redline's facility.
- d. Respondent Redline's employee, Marshall, certified under penalty of perjury on Lamp Certificate that Amarjit Singh performed the applicable inspection of the lighting systems on the Bureau's 2000 Pontiac as specified by the Bureau and in accordance with title 16 of the California Code of Regulations and the Business and Professions Code. In fact, Marshall performed the lamp inspection on the vehicle without a valid lamp adjuster license issued by the Bureau, in violation of Bus. & Prof. Code section 9888.3 and Regulation 3305, subdivision (a).

#### THIRTY-FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Fraud)

69. Respondent Redline's registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), Respondent committed an act constituting fraud, as follows: Respondent Redline obtained payment from the operator for performing the applicable inspections, adjustments, or repairs of the brake and lighting systems on the Bureau's 2000 Pontiac as specified by the Bureau and in accordance with the Vehicle Code. In fact, Respondent Redline's employees, Respondent Aguilar and Marshall (an unlicensed adjuster) failed to perform the necessary inspections, adjustments, or repairs in compliance with Bureau Regulations or the Vehicle Code.

#### THIRTY-SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Comply with the Bus. & Prof. Code)

70. Respondent Redline's registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that Respondent failed to comply with section 9888.3 of that Code in a material respect, as follows: Respondent Redline issued Lamp Certificate No. LC1902578 as to the Bureau's 2000 Pontiac when, in fact, its employee, Marshall, was not a licensed lamp adjuster and was legally prohibited from performing lamp inspections on vehicles.

#### THIRTY-THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of Regulations)

- 71. Respondent Redline's registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that Respondent failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, in the following material respects:
- a. Regulation 3305, subdivision (a): Respondent Redline's employees, Respondent Aguilar and Marshall (an unlicensed adjuster), failed to perform the inspection of the brake system (Aguilar) and inspection or adjustment of the lighting system (Marshall) on the Bureau's 2000 Pontiac in accordance with the specifications, instructions, and directives issued by the Bureau and the vehicle manufacturer, as set forth in paragraph 68 above.

- b. <u>Section 3316, subdivision (d)(2)</u>: Respondent Redline issued Lamp Certificate No. LC1902578 as to the Bureau's 2000 Pontiac when all of the lamps, lighting equipment, and/or related electrical systems on the vehicle were not in compliance with Bureau regulations.
- c. <u>Section 3321, subdivision (c)(2)</u>: Respondent Redline issued Brake Certificate No. BC1934477 as to the Bureau's 2000 Pontiac when the brake system on the vehicle had not been completely tested or inspected.

#### THIRTY-FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Comply with the Bus. & Prof. Code)

72. Respondent Redline's brake and lamp station licenses are subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9889.3, subdivisions (a) and (h), in that Respondent violated Bus. & Prof. Code section 9888.3 relating to its licensed activities, as set forth in paragraph 70 above.

#### THIRTY-FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Comply with Regulations)

73. Respondent Redline's brake and lamp station licenses are subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9889.3, subdivision (c), in that Respondent failed to comply with Regulations 3305, subdivision (a), 3316, subdivision (d)(2), and 3321, subdivision (c)(2), as set forth in paragraph 71 above.

#### THIRTY-SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit)

74. Respondent Redline's brake and lamp station licenses are subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9889.3, subdivision (d), in that Respondent committed an act involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit whereby another was injured, as set forth in paragraph 69 above.

#### THIRTY-SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Aiding and Abetting Unlicensed Activity)

75. Respondent Redline's brake and lamp station licenses are subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9889.3, subdivision (f), in that Respondent aided or

abetted an unlicensed person to evade the provisions of this chapter, as follows: Respondent Redline authorized or permitted Marshall to perform the lamp inspection on the Bureau's 2000 Pontiac when, in fact, Marshall was not a licensed lamp adjuster and was legally prohibited from performing lamp inspections on vehicles.

#### THIRTY-EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of Regulations)

76. Respondent Aguilar's brake adjuster license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9889.3, subdivision (c), in that he failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 3305, subdivision (a), and 3321, subdivision (c)(2), as set forth in paragraph 71 above.

#### THIRTY-NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit)

77. Respondent Aguilar's brake adjuster license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9889.3, subdivision (d), in that Respondent committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit whereby another was injured, as set forth in paragraph 69 above.

#### FORTIETH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)

78. Respondent Redline's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in that Respondent committed dishonest, fraudulent, or deceitful acts whereby another is injured, as set forth in paragraphs 32, 33, 45, 46, 57, 58, 68, and 69 above.

#### FORTY-FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)

79. Respondent West's smog technician licenses are subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in that Respondent committed dishonest, fraudulent, or deceitful acts whereby another is injured, as set forth in paragraphs 45 and 46 above.

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#### STATEWIDE OBD INSPECTION SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

#### Background:

- 80. On or about January 7, 2015, the Bureau issued a "Notice of Statewide OBD Inspection System (OIS) System<sup>3</sup> Implementation" regarding upcoming changes to the Smog Check Program. The Bureau stated that beginning March 9, 2015, smog check stations must use an OBD Inspection System to test the following vehicles:
  - 2000 and newer model-year gasoline powered vehicles (unless over 14,000 lbs. GVWR or those without OBDII);
  - 1998 and newer diesel powered vehicles; and
  - All hybrid vehicles

The Bureau stated further that the BAR-97 EIS (Emissions Inspection System) must not be used to inspect the above vehicles, that all STAR certified stations are required to have an OIS, and that smog check stations will only be allowed to use the 2013 Smog Check Manual. The Notice was posted on the Bureau's website at www.smogcheck.ca.gov.

- 81. That same day (January 7, 2015), the Bureau issued "ET Blast # 38024" (equipment type: OIS) and "ET Blast # 38025 (equipment type: BAR-97) to all licensed stations, stating that effective March 9, 2015, an OBD Inspection System (OIS) is required when inspecting the above vehicles.
- 82. On or about February 6, 2015, and March 4, 2015, the Bureau issued "ET Blast # 38464" and "ET Blast # 38684", respectively, regarding the Statewide OIS implementation. The Bureau again stated that effective March 9, 2015, an OIS is required when inspecting the above vehicles. The Bureau also stated in ET Blast # 38684 that beginning March 9, 2015, stations and ///

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> California's Smog Check Program was updated to keep pace with ever-advancing technology. The program update requires the use of an On-Board Diagnostic Inspection System (BAR-OIS). BAR-OIS is the smog check equipment required in all areas of the State when inspecting most model-year 2000 and newer gasoline and hybrid vehicles and most 1998 and newer diesel vehicles. The system consists of a certified Data Acquisition Device, computer, bar code scanner, and printer.

 technicians shall only use the 2013 Smog Check Manual when performing a smog check inspection.

#### Bureau's Review of Smog Inspections performed by Respondent Redline:

- 83. Information from the Bureau's Vehicle Information Database ("VID") indicated that on or about August 27, 2014, Respondent Redline registered an OIS. The VID also indicated that Respondent had purchased certificates of compliance for the OIS unit.
- 84. On or about June 5, 2015, Bureau Representative A. L. reviewed VID data pertaining to smog inspections conducted at Respondent's facility from March 24, 2015 to June 1, 2015. The representative found that Respondent's technicians Jose Duran ("Duran"), Roshan Battan ("Battan"), and Sushil Kumar ("Kumar") performed smog inspections on the 14 vehicles identified below, on behalf of Respondent, using a BAR-97 EIS when, in fact, an OIS test was required on the vehicle, resulting in the issuance of fraudulent certificates of compliance for the vehicles.

Date & Time of	Vehicle Certified	Certificate	Technician
Inspection		No.	Performing Test
1. 03/24/2015	2000 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 2WD	PQ235496C	Duran
01:32 - 01:53			
2. 05/22/2015	2000 Chrysler Town & Country 2WD	PS302106C	Kumar
11:23 – 11:38			
3. 05/22/2015	2001 Honda Civic	PS302109C	Battan
14:12 - 14:26			<u> </u>
4. 05/22/2015	2005 Nissan Altima	PS302110C	Battan
14:37 - 14:57			
5. 05/22/2015	2002 Dodge Ram 1500 2WD	PS302112C	Battan
15:31 – 15:51			
6. 05/23/2015	2003 Pontiac Bonneville	PS302116C	Battan
08:48 - 09:03			
7. 05/23/2015	2007 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 2WD	PS302118C	Battan
11:31 – 11:40	·		
8. 05/23/2015	2004 Ford Focus	PS302120C	Battan
13:40 - 13:49			
9. 05/23/2015	2003 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 2WD	PS302121C	Battan
13:58 – 14:08			
10. 05/26/2015	2002 Chevrolet Trailblazer 2WD	PS302125C	Battan
09:42 - 10:31	·		
11. 05/28/2015	2000 Jeep Cherokee	PS302138C	Battan
11:07 - 11:26			

Date & Time of Inspection	Vehicle Certified	Certificate No.	Technician Performing Test
12. 05/28/2015 11:33 – 11:55	2005 Hyundai Elantra	PS302139C	Battan
13. 06/01/2015 11:17 – 11:25	2000 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD	PS452202C	Battan
14. 06/01/2015 11:30 – 11:46	2008 Chevrolet Silverado C2500HD	PS452203C	Battan

#### FORTY-SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Untrue or Misleading Statements)

- 85. Respondent Redline's registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that Respondent made or authorized statements which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, as follows:
- a. Respondent's technician, Duran, certified that vehicle 1, identified in paragraph 84 above, had passed inspection and was in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. In fact, Duran conducted the smog inspection on the vehicle using a BAR-97 EIS when, in fact, an OIS test was required on the vehicle.
- b. Respondent's technician, Kumar, certified that vehicle 2, identified in paragraph 84 above, had passed inspection and was in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. In fact, Kumar conducted the smog inspection on the vehicle using a BAR-97 EIS when, in fact, an OIS test was required on the vehicle.
- c. Respondent's technician, Battan, certified that vehicles 3 through 14, identified in paragraph 84 above, had passed inspection and were in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. In fact, Battan conducted the smog inspections on the vehicles using a BAR-97 EIS when, in fact, an OIS test was required on the vehicle.

#### FORTY-THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Fraud)

86. Respondent Redline's registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that Respondent committed acts which constitute fraud by issuing electronic smog certificates of compliance for vehicles 1 through 14, identified in

paragraphs 84 above, without ensuring that bona fide inspections were performed of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicles, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

#### FORTY-FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

87. Respondent Redline's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that Respondent failed to comply with section 44012 of that Code, as follows: Respondent failed to ensure that the emission control tests were performed on vehicles 1 through 14, identified in paragraph 84 above, in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.

#### FORTY-FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Comply with Regulations Pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 88. Respondent Redline's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that Respondent failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, as follows:
- a. <u>Section 3340.35, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent issued electronic smog certificates of compliance for vehicles 1 through 14, identified in paragraph 84 above, even though the vehicles had not been inspected in accordance with section 3340.42.
- b. <u>Section 3340.45</u>: Respondent failed to ensure that his technicians Duran, Battan and Kumar performed the smog inspections on vehicles 1 to 14, identified in paragraph 84 above, using the OBD Inspection System, in violation of the Test Requirements in the 2013 Smog Check Manual.

#### FORTY-SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)

89. Respondent Redline's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in that Respondent committed dishonest, fraudulent or deceitful acts whereby another is injured by issuing electronic smog

certificates of compliance for vehicles 1 through 14, identified in paragraph 84 above, without ensuring that bona fide inspections were performed of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicles, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

#### OTHER MATTERS

- 90. Pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (c), the Director may suspend, revoke or place on probation the registration for all places of business operated in this state by Respondent Redline Test Only Smog Center, Inc., doing business as Complete Auto Repair, upon a finding that Respondent has, or is, engaged in a course of repeated and willful violations of the laws and regulations pertaining to an automotive repair dealer.
- 91. Pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Station Lice nse Number RC 265647, issued to Respondent Redline Test Only Smog Center, Inc., doing business as Complete Auto Repair, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of the Health & Saf. Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the Director.
- 92. Pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9889.9, if Lamp Station License Number LS 265647, issued to Respondent Redline Test Only Smog Center, Inc., doing business as Complete Auto Repair, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Articles 5 and 6 of Chapter 20.3 of the Bus. & Prof. Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the Director.
- 93. Pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9889.9, if Brake Station License Number BS 265647, issued to Respondent Redline Test Only Smog Center, Inc., doing business as Complete Auto Repair, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Articles 5 and 6 of Chapter 20.3 of the Bus. & Prof. Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the Director.
- 94. Pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 631513 and Smog Check Repair Technician License Number EI 631513, issued to

Respondent Zackary Scott West, are revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under this chapter in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the Director.

- 95. Pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9889.9, if Brake Adjuster License Number BA 631513, issued to Respondent Zackary Scott West, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Articles 5 and 6 of Chapter 20.3 of the Bus. & Prof. Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the Director.
- 96. Pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9889.9, if Brake Adjuster License Number BA 636396, issued to Mauricio Aguilar, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Articles 5 and 6 of Chapter 20.3 of the Bus. & Prof. Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the Director.

#### **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Director of Consumer Affairs issue a decision:

- Revoking or suspending Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD
   265647, issued to Redline Test Only Smog Center, Inc., doing business as Complete Auto Repair;
- 2. Revoking or suspending any other automotive repair dealer registration issued to Redline Test Only Smog Center, Inc.;
- 3. Revoking or suspending Smog Check Station License Number RC 265647, issued to Redline Test Only Smog Center, Inc., doing business as Complete Auto Repair;
- 4. Revoking or suspending any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of Redline Test Only Smog Center, Inc.;
- 5. Revoking or suspending Lamp Station License Number LS 265647, issued to Redline Test Only Smog Center, Inc., doing business as Complete Auto Repair;
- Revoking or suspending Brake Station License Number BS 265647, issued to Redline
   Test Only Smog Center, Inc., doing business as Complete Auto Repair;
- 7. Revoking or suspending any additional license issued under Articles 5 and 6 of Chapter 20.3 of the Business and Professions Code in the name of Redline Test Only Smog Center, Inc.;