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In the Matter of:

LONE ROCK CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC

dba ASCENSION RISK SERVICES

DESIDERIO RAMOS, JR.

(National Producer Number 17911098) (Arizona License Number 1800015537)

(National Producer Number 16493209)

Respondents.

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DEPT OF INSURANCE

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCEBY

CONSENT ORDER

Docket No. 18A- 130-INS

The State of Arizona Department of Insurance ("Department") has received evidence that Lone Rock Capital Partners, LLC, dba Ascension Risk Services, and Desiderio Ramos, Jr. ("Respondents") violated provisions of Title 20, Arizona Revised Statutes. Respondents wish to resolve this matter without the commencement of formal proceedings, and admit the following Findings of Fact are true and consent to entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Lone Rock Capital Partners, LLC ("Lone Rock"), dba Ascension Risk Services is 1. and was, at all times material, licensed as non-resident insurance producer, National Producer Number 17911098, with lines of authority in life, property and casualty, personal lines, accident and health or sickness, variable life/variable annuity, and as a surplus lines The Department first licensed Lone Rock on August 31, 2016. At the time of broker.

licensing, Lone Rock held a resident license in Wisconsin. Lone Rock's license expires on August 31, 2020.

- 2. Lone Rock's address of record with the Department is: 10 East Doty Street, Suite 800, Madison, WI 53703 (business and mailing).
- 3. Desiderio Ramos, Jr. ("Ramos"), is and was, at all times material, licensed as a non-resident insurance producer, National Producer Number 16493209, with lines of authority in property and casualty. The Department first licensed Ramos on August 17, 2016. At the time of licensing, Ramos held a resident license in California. Ramos's license expires on January 31, 2020.
- 4. Ramos's addresses of record with the Department are: 10 East Doty Street, Suite 800, Madison, WI 53703 (business and mailing), and dramos@ascensionrisk.com.
- Ramos is the sole member and Designated Responsible Licensed Producer of Lone Rock.

Regulatory Actions by Other States

Wisconsin

- 6. On or about February 23, 2018, the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, State of Wisconsin ("Wisconsin DOI"), entered a Petition For and Summary Suspension and Cease and Desist Order, In the Matter of Lone Rock Capital Partners, LLC dba Ascension Risk Services, OCI Case No. 18-C42461 ("WI Order 1").
- 7. The WI Order 1 suspended Lone Rock's Wisconsin intermediary firm license until the conclusion of any administrative and judicial proceedings arising out of the Order.
- 8. On or about May 31, 2018, the Wisconsin DOI entered a Stipulation and Order, In the Matter of Desiderio Ramos Jr., and Lone Rock Capital Partners LLC dba Ascension Risk Services, OCI Case No. 18-C42461 ("WI Order 2").

- 9. The WI Order 2, in consideration of the Stipulation, ordered the surrender of all Wisconsin intermediary licenses by Respondents Lone Rock and Ramos for a period of five years from the effective date of the Order.
- 10. Neither Lone Rock nor Ramos notified the Department of WI Order 1 or WI Order 2 within 30 days.

Georgia

- 11. On or about March 22, 2018, the Office of Commissioner of Insurance, State of Georgia ("Georgia DOI"), entered an Order of Immediate License Suspension, In the Matter of Lone Rock Capital Partners, LLC D/B/A Ascension Risk Services, Case No. 11021408 ("GA Order").
- 12. The GA Order immediately suspended Lone Rock's property and casualty lines and further ordered that during the term of the suspension, Lone Rock "immediately Cease and Desist from acting as an insurance non-resident principal agency in this state, including but not limited to the unauthorized or unlicensed transaction of the business of insurance."
 - 13. Lone Rock failed to notify the Department of the GA Order within 30 days.

South Carolina

- 14. On or about April 19, 2018, the Director of Insurance, State of South Carolina ("South Carolina DOI"), entered a Consent Order, In the Matter or Desiderio Ramos Jr., SCDOI File Number 18-6087 ("SC Order").
- 15. The SC Order, effective immediately upon its execution by the Director, revoked Ramos's nonresident producer's license.
 - 16. Ramos failed to notify the Department of the SC Order within 30 days.

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Washington

- 17. On or about May 3, 2018, the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, State of Washington ("Washington DOI"), entered individual orders against Lone Rock and Ramos.
- 18. The Washington DOI suspended the insurance producer and surplus line broker licenses of Lone Rock and Ramos in Order No. 18-0088 and Order No. 18-0200 respectively ("WA Orders"). The licenses are suspended for 365 days effective May 18, 2018.
- 19. Neither Lone Rock nor Ramos notified the Department of the WA Orders within30 days.

<u>California</u>

- 20. On or about May 16, 2018, the Insurance Commissioner, State of California ("California DOI"), entered individual Orders against Lone Rock and Ramos. However, both Orders of Summary Revocation shared the same file (case) number, File No. CA201800060 ("CA Order").
- 21. Each CA Order stated in part, "The Commissioner hereby orders that the license and licensing rights of Ramos [alternatively Lone Star] be, and the same hereby are, REVOKED, effective fifteen (15) days from the date of this Order."
- 22. Neither Lone Rock nor Ramos notified the Department of the CA Order within 30 days.

Kansas

23. On or about June 15, 2018, the Commissioner of Insurance, State of Kansas ("Kansas DOI"), entered a Summary Order, In the Matter of the Non-Resident Insurance Agent's License of Desiderio Ramos, Jr. ("KS Order"), in Docket No. 73423. The Summary Order became effective as the Final Order fifteen (15) days after the issuance of the Summary Order.

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- 24. The KS Order revoked Ramos's nonresident insurance license and further ordered that he "Cease and Desist" from the sale, solicitation or negotiation of insurance and/or receiving compensation deriving from the sale, solicitation or negotiation of insurance.
 - 25. Ramos failed to notify the Department of the KS Order within 30 days.

<u>Idaho</u>

- 26. On or about June 18, 2018, the Director of the Department of Insurance, State of Idaho ("Idaho DOI"), entered a Summary Order Revoking Idaho Nonresident Producer and Surplus Lines Broker Licenses, in Docket No. 18-3492-18 ("ID Order").
- 27. The ID Order immediately revoked Ramos's nonresident insurance producer and surplus lines licenses.
 - 28. Ramos failed to notify the Department of the ID Order within 30 days.

<u>Indiana</u>

- 29. On or about June 28, 2018, the Commissioner of Insurance, State of Indiana ("Indiana DOI"), entered Final Orders to permanently revoke the nonresident producer and surplus lines licenses of Ramos and Lone Rock in Cause Nos. 17038-AG18-0326-039 and 17038-AG18-0326-040 respectively ("IN Orders").
- 30. The IN Order permanently revoked Lone Rock's nonresident producer license and surplus lines license.
- 31. Niether Ramos nor Lone Rock notified the Department of the IN Orders within 30 days.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Interim Director has jurisdiction over this matter.

- 2. Respondents' conduct, as described above, constitutes failing to be currently licensed as a resident and in good standing in the person's home state, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-287(A)(1).
- 3. Respondents' conduct, as described above, constitutes violating any provision of Title 20 or any rule, subpoena or order of the director, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-295(A)(2).
- 4. Respondents' conduct, as described above, constitutes failing to notify the director within thirty days of final disposition of any administrative action taken against a producer in another jurisdiction within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-301(A).
- 5. Grounds exist for the Interim Director to deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew Respondent's insurance license, impose a civil penalty and/or order restitution pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-295(B) and (F).

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- The nonresident insurance producer license for Lone Rock Capital Partners, LLC dba Ascension Risk Services, National Producer Number 17911098 (Arizona License Number 1800015537) is revoked effective immediately upon entry of this Order.
- The nonresident surplus lines broker license for Lone Rock Capital Partners, LLC dba Ascension Risk Services, National Producer Number 17911098 (Arizona License Number 1800015537) is revoked effective immediately upon entry of this Order.

| 1 | 3. The nonresident insurance producer license for Desiderio Ramos, Jr., National |
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| 2 | Producer Number 16493209, is revoked effective immediately upon entry of this Order. |
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| 4 | DATED this 3th day of October, 2018. |
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| 7 | Keith A. Schraad, Interim Director Afizona Department of Insurance |
| 8 | CONSENT TO ORDER |
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| 10 | Respondents have reviewed the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law |
| 11 | and Order. |
| 12 | 2. Respondents admit to the jurisdiction of the Interim Director of Insurance, State |
| 13 | of Arizona, and admit the foregoing Findings of Fact and consent to the entry of the foregoing |
| 14 | Conclusions of Law and Order. |
| 15 | 3. Respondents are aware of their right to notice and a hearing at which they may |
| 16 | be represented by counsel, present evidence and examine witnesses. Respondents |
| 17 | irrevocably waive their right to such notice and hearing and to any court appeals relating to |
| 18 | this Consent Order. |
| 19 | 4. Respondents state that no promise of any kind or nature whatsoever, except as |
| 20 | expressly contained in this Consent Order, was made to induce them to enter into this |
| 21 | Consent Order and that they have entered into this Consent Order voluntarily. |
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- 5. Respondents acknowledge that the acceptance of this Consent Order by the Interim Director is solely to settle this matter against them and does not preclude any other agency, officer, or subdivision of this state including the Department from instituting civil or criminal proceedings as may be appropriate now or in the future not related to this matter.
- 6. Respondents acknowledge that this Consent Order is an administrative action that the Department will report to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). Respondents further acknowledge that they must report this administrative action to any and all states in which they hold an insurance license and must disclose this administrative action on any license application.
- 7. Desiderio Ramos, Jr. represents that he is the sole member and owner of Lone Rock Capitol Partners, LLC dba Ascension Risk Services and, as such, is authorized to enter into this Consent Order on its behalf.

9/20/18

Desiderio Ramos, Jr., National Producer Number 16493209

9/20/18

Date

Lone Rock Capital Partners, LLC dba Ascension Risk Services National Producer Number 17911098

By Desiderio Ramos, Jr., Its Member/Owner

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