BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

APEX PHARMACEUTICAL INC DBA APEX MEDICAL DISTRIBUTOR; ALEXANDER S. SOLIMAN 28298 Constellation Road Valencia, CA 91355

Wholesaler Permit No. WLS 3993,

and

ALEXANDER S. SOLIMAN 28298 Constellation Road Valencia, CA 91335

Designated Representative Certificate No. EXC 16456

Respondents.

In the Matter of the Citations Against:

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Case No. 5225 and 5226

Citation No. CI 2007 36405 and CI 2009 40864

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on August 2, 2018.

It is so ORDERED on July 3, 2018.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 5225 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

- 6. Citation No. CI 2007 36405 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent Apex. The Citation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent Apex on September 15, 2009. Respondent Apex timely filed a request for hearing to contest the citation. A copy of Citation No. CI 2007 36405 is attached as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference.
- 7. Citation No. CI 2009 40864 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent Soliman. The Citation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent Soliman on September 15, 2009. Respondent Soliman timely filed a request for hearing to contest the citation. A copy of Citation No. CI 2009 40864 is attached as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 8. Respondents have carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 5225 and 5226, and Citation No. CI 2007 36405 and CI 2009 40864. Respondents also have carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.
- 9. Respondents are fully aware of their legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation and Citations; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against them; the right to present evidence and to testify on their 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.
- 10. Respondents voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waive and give up each and every right set forth above.

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CULPABILITY

- 11. Respondent Apex admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 5225 and 5226, and Citation No. CI 2007 36405 and CI 2009 40864, and agrees that cause exists for discipline, and hereby surrenders its Wholesaler Permit No. WLS 3993 for the Board's formal acceptance.
- 12. Respondent Soliman admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 5225 and 5226, and Citation No. CI 2007 36405 and CI 2009 40864, and agrees that cause exists for discipline, and hereby surrenders his Designated Representative License No. EXC 16456 for the Board's formal acceptance.
- 13. Respondents understand that by signing this stipulation the Board may issue an order accepting the surrender of their Wholesaler Permit and Designated Representative License without further process.

CONTINGENCY

- 14. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board. Respondents understand and agree that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by Respondents or their counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondents understand and agree that they may not withdraw its agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Surrender 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 Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 15. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 16. This Stipulated Surrender of License and 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 Surrender of License and 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.

17. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Wholesaler Permit No. WLS 3993, issued to Respondent Apex Pharmaceutical Inc dba Apex Medical Distributor; Alexander S. Soliman, and that Designated Representative License No. EXC 16456, issued to Alexander Soliman, are surrendered and accepted by the Board of Pharmacy.

- 1. The surrender of Respondents' Wholesaler Permit and Designated Representative License and the acceptance of the surrendered licenses by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondents. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondents' license history with the Board of Pharmacy.
- 2. Respondents shall lose all rights and privileges as a wholesaler and designated representative in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.
- 3. Respondents shall cause to be delivered to the Board their pocket license and, if one was issued, their wall certificates on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 4. If either of Respondents ever applies for licensure or files a petition for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a new application for licensure. Respondents must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for licensure in effect at the time the application or petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 5225 and 5226 and Citation No. CI 2007 36405 and CI 2009 40864 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondents when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the application or petition.
- 5. Respondents shall pay the agency its costs of investigation and enforcement in the amount of \$15,494.00 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.

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6.	If Respondents should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or file
a petition	for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of
California	, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 5225 and 5226 and
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by Respon	ndents for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to
deny or re	estrict licensure.

7. Respondents shall not apply for licensure or petition for reinstatement for three (3) years from the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.

IT IS ALSO HEREBY ORDERED that the fines in Citation No. CI 2007 36405 and CI 2009 40864 shall be reduced from \$405,000.00, each, to \$0.00, and are otherwise affirmed.

<u>ACCEPTANCE</u>

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Ron Marks. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Wholesaler Permit and Designated Representative License. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Pharmacy.

DATED: 4/26/2018

APEX PHARMACEUTICAL INC DBA APEX MEDICAL DISTRIBUTOR; ALEXANDER S.

SOLIMAN Respondent

DATED: 4/26/2018

ALEXANDER S. SOLIMAN Respondent

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I have read and fully discussed with Respondents Apex Pharmaceutical Inc dba Apex 1 Medical Distributor; Alexander S. Soliman, and Alexander S. Soliman the terms and conditions 2 and other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I approve its form 3 and content. 4 5 DATED: 6 RON MARKS 7 Attorney for Respondent 8 <u>ENDORSEMENT</u> 9 The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted 10 for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs. 11 Dated: Respectfully submitted, 12 XAVIER BECERRA 13 Attorney General of California THOMAS L. RINALDI 14 Supervising Deputy Attorney General 15 16 EMILY Y. WADA 17 Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant 18 19 20 LA2014512168 62794253.doc 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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2	Medical Distributor; Alexander S. Soliman, and Alexander S. Soliman the terms and conditions
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4	and content.
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6	DATED:
7	RON MARKS Attorney for Respondent
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9	<u>ENDORSEMENT</u>
10	The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted
11	for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs.
12	Dated: Respectfully submitted,
13	April 27, 2018 XAVIER BECERRA Attorney General of California
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 5225 and 5226

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Wholesaler Permit No. WLS 3993;	ACCUSATION
ALEXANDER SOLIMAN 20305 Adriana Pl.	
Valencia, CA 91351	
Designated Representative No. EXC 16456 (Status 1);	
ARROW-MED PHARMACY	
7111 Winnetka Ave., #10 Canoga Park, CA 91306	
Pharmacy License No. PHY 50024;	
JANA HEALTHCARE PHARMACY	
7111 Winnetka Ave., #2 Canoga Park, CA 91306	
Pharmacy License No. PHY 49223 (sold);	
and	
SOLIMAN A. SOLIMAN	
5435 Donna Ave.	
Tarzana, CA 91356 Registered Pharmacist License No. RPH 45176;	
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Respondent	s.
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Accusation against: Apex Medical Distributor, et. al.	ACCUSATIO

PARTIES

- 1. Virginia Herold ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.
- 2. On or about November 6, 2001, the Board of Pharmacy ("Board") issued Wholesaler License No. WLS 3993 to Apex Medical Distributor ("Apex") located at 28298 Constellation Rd in Valencia, CA 91355. The license expired on November 1, 2011, and has not been renewed.
- 3. On or about December 21, 2001, the Board issued Designated Representative License No. EXC 16456 to Alexander Soliman. Alexander Soliman became Designated Representative—in-Charge ("DRIC") of Apex on February 19, 2002. The license expired on December 1, 2010, and has not been renewed.
- 4. On or about October 1, 2009, the Board issued Pharmacy License No. PHY 50024 to Arrow-Med Pharmacy ("Arrow-Med") located at 7111 Winnetka Ave. #10 in Canoga Park, CA 91306. The license expired on October 1, 2014, and has not been renewed.
- 5. On or about March 11, 1992, the Board issued Registered Pharmacist ("RPH") License No. RPH 45176 to Mr. Soliman Soliman. RPH Soliman became Pharmacist-in-Charge ("PIC") of Arrow-Med on October 1, 2009. The license will expire on December 31, 2017 unless renewed.
- 6. On or about March 20, 2009, the Board issued Pharmacy License No. PHY 49223 to Jana Healthcare Pharmacy ("Jana") located at 7111 Winnetka Ave. #2 in Canoga Park, CA 91306. The pharmacy was sold on October 4, 2011 and relocated to 5233 Melrose Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90038 with a different license of PHY 50759. RPH Soliman Soliman was PIC of Jana from August 1, 2010 to October 5, 2011.

JURISDICTION

- 7. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
- 8. Section 118, subdivision (b), provides in pertinent part that the suspension, expiration, or forfeiture by operation of law of a license issued by a Board in the Department, or

its suspension, forfeiture, or cancellation by order of the board or by order of a court of law, or its surrender without the written consent of the board, shall not, during any period in which it may be renewed, restored, reissued, or reinstated, deprive the board of its authority to institute or continue a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee upon any ground provided by law or to enter an order suspending or revoking the license or otherwise taking disciplinary action against the licensee on any such ground.

- 9. Section 4011 of the Code provides that the Board shall administer and enforce both the Pharmacy Law [Bus. & Prof. Code, § 4000 et seq.] and the Uniform Controlled Substances Act [Health & Safety Code, § 11000 et seq.].
- 10. Section 4300(a) of the Code provides that every license issued by the Board may be suspended or revoked.

11. Section 4300.1 of the Code states:

The expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or suspension of a board-issued license by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, the placement of a license on a retired status, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licensee shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to commence or proceed with any investigation of, or action or disciplinary proceeding against, the licensee or to render a decision suspending or revoking the license.

12. Section 4307(a) of the Code states:

Any person who has been denied a license or whose license has been revoked or is under suspension, or who has failed to renew his or her license while it was under suspension, or who has been a manager, administrator, owner member, officer, director, associate, or partner of any partnership, corporation, firm, or association whose application for a license has been denied or revoked, is under suspension or has been placed on probation, and while acting as the manger, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner had knowledge or knowingly participated in any conduct for which the license was denied, revoked, suspended, or placed on probation, shall be prohibited from serving as a manger, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee as follows:

- (1) Where a probationary license is issued or where an existing license is placed on probation, this prohibition shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed five years.
- (2) Where the license is denied or revoked, the prohibition shall continue until the license is issued or reinstated.

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"Dangerous drug" or "dangerous device" means any drug or device unsafe for self-use in humans or animals, and includes the following:

(a) Any drug that bears the legend: "Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription," "Rx only," or words of similar import.

Section 4022 of the Code states:

- (b) Any device that bears the statement: "Caution: federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a _____," "Rx only," or words of similar import, the blank to be filled in with the designation of the practitioner licensed to use or order use of the device.
- (c) Any other drug or device that by federal or state law can be lawfully dispensed only on prescription or furnished pursuant to Section 4006.
- 14. Section 4035 of the Code defines "person" to include a "firm, association, partnership, corporation, [or] limited liability company."
- 15. Section 4043 of the Code, in pertinent part, defines "wholesaler" to mean and include "a person who acts as a wholesale merchant, broker, jobber, customs broker, reverse distributor, agent, or a nonresident wholesaler, who sells for resale, or negotiates for distribution, or takes possession of, any drug or device included in Section 4022."
 - 16. Section 4053(a) of the Code states, in pertinent part:

Notwithstanding Section 4051, the board may issue a license as a designated representative to provide sufficient and qualified supervision in a wholesaler. . . The designated representative shall protect the public health and safety in the handling, storage, and shipment of dangerous drugs and dangerous devices in the wholesaler. . .

17. Section 4059.5(a) of the Code states:

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, dangerous drugs or dangerous devices may only be ordered by an entity licensed by the board and shall be delivered to the licensed premises and signed for and received by a pharmacist. Where a licensee is permitted to operate through a designated representative, the designated representative shall sign for and receive the delivery.

- 18. Section 4081 of the Code states, in pertinent part:
- (a) All records of manufacture and of sale, acquisition, or disposition of dangerous drugs or dangerous devices shall be at all times during business hours open to inspection by authorized officers of the law, and shall be preserved for at least three years from the date of making. A current inventory shall be kept by

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 31. On or about February 7, 2013, an inspector for the Board traveled to Respondent Apex Medical Distributor in Valencia to conduct an inspection and contacted Designated Representative-in-Charge (DRIC) Alexander Soliman. The inspector explained to DRIC Soliman that his designated representative license (EXC 16456) had expired on December 1, 2010, and was not renewed, and that the Wholesaler Permit of Apex (WLS 3993) also had expired on November 1, 2011, and was not renewed.
- 32. Upon inspecting the warehouse in the back, the inspector found bottles of carisoprodol 350 mg. ("Soma"), a Schedule IV Controlled Substance. He also found boxes of midazolam ("Versed"), a Schedule IV Controlled Substance, and other legend pharmaceuticals and devices.
- 33. In the office of Apex, the inspector found a folder of sales invoices from HD Smith Wholesale Drug Co. to Jana Pharmacy and to Arrow-Med Pharmacy. DRIC Alexander Soliman stated the two pharmacies were owned by his father, Soliman Soliman, and that his father was helping him out by selling pharmaceuticals to him. When asked by the inspector if he had invoices from Jana or Arrow-Med evidencing these sales, DRIC Soliman responded that he did not have any invoices.
- 34. On or about July 17, 2013, the inspector travelled to Arrow-Med Pharmacy in Canoga Park. Although the pharmacy was closed, the owner and Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC), Solimam Soliman, was present. The inspector requested invoices regarding sales of drugs from Jana and Arrow-Med Pharmacies to Apex. PIC Soliman stated that he had sold Jana more than a year prior, and that he did not have any invoices regarding the drugs sold to Apex. PIC Soliman stated that he was a poor record keeper and that all of the drugs had been sent to Egypt. When asked if he had any export documents or any invoices indicating to whom the drugs had been sold, PIC Soliman stated he did not. The inspector then requested PIC Soliman immediately compile and forward to the Board the following documents for review:
 - a. copies of the pharmacy's Policies and Procedures and self-assessment;
 - b. all invoices of transfers, sales, and/ or purchases between Arrow-Med and Apex;

- c. all invoices of transfers, sales, and/ or purchases between Jana Pharmacy and Apex;
- d. detailed explanations of all such transfers, sales, and/ or purchases, including explanations of why and how the transfers were made;
- e. copies of cancelled checks for payments between Arrow-Med and Jana pharmacies and Apex; and
- f. copies of HD Smith or other wholesaler invoices where the purchases of these drugs were originally purchased and copies of cancelled checks relating to those transfers.
- 35. No invoices of transfers between Arrow-Med or Jana Pharmacies and Apex were ever provided to the Board, nor were copies of any checks between the pharmacies and Apex.
- 36. On or about July 18, 2013, the inspector requested from HD Smith Wholesale Drug Co. records of all sales made to Arrow-Med dating back to June 1, 2012 and information relating to whether Arrow-Med or Jana belonged to a contract buying group.
- 37. On or about July 23, 2013, the inspector received a reply from HD Smith which included a printout of sales to Arrow-Med and a copy of GPO Contract Designation Forms which indicated that Arrow-Med and Jana were under contract to PDM Healthcare Group, and that they agreed that products purchased at contract pricing were for their own use and prohibited from resale with certain exceptions.
- 38. The invoices found by the inspector at Apex on February 7, 2013, itemizing sales by HD Smith Wholesale Drug Co. to Jana Pharmacy and Arrow-Med Pharmacy revealed that Jana (when owned by PIC Soliman) and Arrow-Med resold the dangerous drugs to Apex between September 27, 2009 and April 14, 2011 for a total of \$381,123.59, even though Jana and Arrow-Med were never licensed as wholesalers.
- 39. The invoices also revealed that Apex and its Designated Representative-in-Charge, Alexander Soliman, ordered and received dangerous drugs from Jana and Arrow-Med after Alexander Soliman's DRIC license had expired on December 1, 2010.

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FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

40. Respondents are each and severally subject to discipline under section 4301 of the Code, in that the acts described in paragraphs 31 through 39 constitute unprofessional conduct.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conduct that Subverts or Attempts to Subvert an Investigation by the Board)

41. Respondents are each and severally subject to discipline under section 4301(q) of the Code in that they failed, neglected, or refused to maintain or provide accurate/ correct invoices of transfers of dangerous drugs as set forth in paragraphs 31 through 39, which are incorporated herein by reference.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Acting as an Unlicensed Wholesalers)

42. Respondents Jana, Arrow-Med, and Soliman Soliman are each and severally subject to discipline under Code section 4301(o), for violating and/or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, assisted in or abetted the violation of, or conspired to violate, the laws governing pharmacy, in that Respondents transferred dangerous drugs or dangerous devices while not licensed as a wholesaler, thus violating Code section 4160, as set forth in paragraphs 31 through 39, which are incorporated herein by reference.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Acting as a Wholesaler Without A Designated Representative)

43. Respondents Apex and Alexander Soliman are each and severally subject to discipline under Code section 4301(o), for violating Code section 4059.5(a), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 1781, in that they ordered and received dangerous drugs from pharmacies without a licensed designated representative from at least December 1, 2010 through April 14, 2011, as set forth in paragraphs 31 through 39, which are incorporated herein by reference.

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FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Keep Records of Acquisitions Open for Inspection and to Keep a Current Inventory)

44. Respondents Apex, Alexander Soliman, Jana Pharmacy, Soliman Soliman, and Arrow-Med are each and severally subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4301(o), for violating Code sections 4081(a) and (b) in that they failed, refused, or neglected to keep records of the sale, acquisition, or disposition of dangerous drugs open for inspection or to keep a current inventory of the dangerous drugs originally furnished by HD Smith Wholesale Drug Co., as set forth in paragraphs 31 through 39, which are incorporated herein by reference.

SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Notify the Board of Termination of Business)

45. Respondents Apex and Alexander Soliman are each and severally subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4301(o), for violating California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 1708.2, in that they failed to notify the Board of the closure of the business in 2011, exact date unknown.

SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Have Pharmacist or Licensed

Designated Representative on Premise)

46. Respondents Apex and Alexander Soliman are each and severally subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4301(o), for violating California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 1781, in that Apex had dangerous drugs with no licensed designated representative or pharmacist on the premises when visited by a Board inspector on February 7, 2013.

EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Prohibited Sales or Transfers)

47. Respondents Alexander Soliman and Apex are each and severally subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4301(o), for violating Code section 4126.5(a)(1), in that they sold or transferred dangerous drugs to Apex.

NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Furnishing Dangerous Drugs to Unauthorized Persons)

48. Respondents Soliman Soliman, Arrow-Med, and Jana are each and severally subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4301(o), for violating Code section 4163(a) in that they furnished dangerous drugs to Alexander Soliman after his Designated Representative's license expired on December 1, 2010, as set forth in paragraphs 31 through 39, which are incorporated herein by reference.

TENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unfair Trade Practices)

49. Respondents Soliman Soliman, Arrow-Med, and Jana are each and severally subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4301(o), for violating Code section 4380 in that they sold dangerous drugs to Apex which they had acquired at preferentially low prices through PDM Healthcare Group under none of the specific exceptions allowed, as set forth in paragraphs 31 through 39, which are incorporated herein by reference.

ELEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Maintain Records)

50. Respondents Soliman Soliman, Arrow-Med, and Jana are each and severally subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4301(o), for violating Code sections 4105(a) and (c), in that they failed to retain records or other documentation of the acquisition and disposition of dangerous drugs on the licensed premises in a readily retrievable form for a period of three years, as set forth in paragraphs 31 through 39, which are incorporated herein by reference.

OTHER MATTERS

51. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Wholesaler Permit No. WLS 3993 issued to Apex Medical Distributor and Alexander Soliman while acting as the manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of Apex had knowledge of or knowingly participated in any conduct for which Wholesaler Permit No. WLS 3993 was revoked, suspended or placed on probation, Alexander Soliman shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner

of a licensee for five years if Wholesaler Permit No. WLS 3993 is placed on probation or until Wholesaler Permit No. WLS 3993 is reinstated if it is revoked.

- 52. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Designated Representative License No. EXC 16456 (Status 1) issued to Alexander Soliman, he shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Designated Representative License No. EXC 16456 (Status 1) is placed on probation or until Designated Representative License No. EXC 16456 (Status 1) is reinstated if it is revoked.
- 53. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacy License No. PHY 50024, issued to Arrow-Med Pharmacy and Soliman Soliman while acting as the manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of Arrow-Med had knowledge of or knowingly participated in any conduct for which Pharmacy License No. PHY 50024 was revoked, suspended or placed on probation, Soliman Soliman shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy License No. PHY 50024 is placed on probation or until Pharmacy License No. PHY 50024 is reinstated if it is revoked.
- 54. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacy License No. PHY 49223, issued to Jana Healthcare Pharmacy and Soliman Soliman while acting as the manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of Jana had knowledge of or knowingly participated in any conduct for which Pharmacy License No. PHY 49233 was revoked, suspended or placed on probation, Soliman Soliman shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy License No. PHY 49223 is placed on probation or until Pharmacy License No. PHY 49223 is reinstated if it is revoked.
- 55. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacist License No. RPH 45176 issued to Soliman Soliman, he shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years

if Pharmacist License No. RPH 45176 is placed on probation or until Pharmacist License No. RPH 45176 is reinstated if it is revoked.

DISCIPLINARY CONSIDERATIONS

- 56. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent Apex Medical Distributor, Complainant alleges that on or about September 15, 2009, the Board issued Citation No. CI 2007 36405 against Apex for violating Business and Professions Code section 4169(a)(1), in that it purchased, traded, sold, or transferred dangerous drugs to unlicensed person or entity. It has not paid the fine of \$405,000.00 imposed by the Citation.
- 57. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent Alexander Soliman, Complainant alleges that on or about September 15, 2009, the Board issued Citation No. CI 2009 40864 against Alexander Soliman for violating Business and Professions Code section 4169(a)(1), in that he purchased, traded, sold, or transferred dangerous drugs to unlicensed person or entity. He has not paid the fine of \$405,000.00 imposed by the Citation.

PRAYER

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

- 1. Revoking or suspending Wholesaler Permit No. WLS 3993, issued to Apex Medical Distributors;
- 2. Revoking or suspending Designated Representative License No. EXC 16456 (Status1), issued to Alexander Soliman;
- 3. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy License No. PHY 50024, issued to Arrow-Med Pharmacy;
- Revoking or suspending Pharmacy License No. PHY 49223, issued to Jana
 Healthcare Pharmacy;
- 5. Revoking or suspending Registered Pharmacist License No. RPH 45176, issued to Soliman Soliman;
- 6. Prohibiting Alexander Soliman from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Wholesaler Permit

ACCUSATION

Accusation against: Apex Medical Distributor, et. al.

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Exhibit B

Citation No. CI 2007 36405

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITATION AND FINE

Citation Number	Name, License No.
CI 2007 36405	Apex Medical Distributor, WLS 3993

JURISDICTION: Bus. & Prof. Code § 4005; CCR, title 16, § 1775; Bus. & Prof. Code § 4301, subd. (o)			
VIOLATION CODE SECTION	OFFENSE	AMT OF FINE	
Bus. & Prof. Code § 4169 subd. (a)(1)	Prohibited Acts; Purchase, trade, sell, or transfer dangerous drugs to unlicensed person or entity	\$405,000.00	

CONDUCT:

Purchasing Dangerous Drugs from an Entity Not Licensed by the Board as a Wholesaler – Business & Professiens Code section 4169 subdivision (a)(1) prohibits a person from purchasing dangerous drugs from an entity not licensed by this board as a wholesaler. Apex Medical Distributor, 28298 Constellation Road, Valencia, CA was not compliant. Specifically from between on or about 7/30/2007 to 3/6/08, on 81 separate occasions, Apex Medical Distributor purchased dangerous drugs from Drogueria Caballero Del Caribe, Bayamon, PR, a business not licensed with this board as a non resident wholesaler. In addition, on those same separate 81 occasions, the purchase of those dangerous drugs from Drogueria Caballero Del Caribe was brokered, negotiated for sale, made arrangements for delivery of the drugs and acceptance of payment, in some instances, by E-Tail Network, Santa Ana, CA, an unlicensed CA wholesaler.

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CITATION ISSUED ON: September 15, 2009 TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINE(S): \$405,000.00

PAYMENT OF FINE(S) DUE BY: October 15, 2009

Exhibit C

Citation No. CI 2009 40864

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITATION AND FINE

Citation Number	Name, License No.
CI 2009 40864	Alexander Soliman, EXC 16456
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JURISDICTION: Bus. & Prof. Code § 4005; CCR, title 16, § 1775; Bus. & Prof. Code § 4160 subd. (d)					
VIOLATION CODE SECTION	OFFENSE	AMT OF FINE			
Bus. & Prof. Code § 4169 subd. (a)(1)	Prohibited Acts; Purchase, trade, sell, or transfer dangerous drugs to unlicensed person or entity…	\$405,000.00			

CONDUCT:

Purchasing Dangerous Drugs from an Entity Not Licensed by the Board as a Wholesaler – Business & Professions Code section 4169 subdivision (a)(1) prohibits a person from purchasing dangerous drugs from an entity not licensed by this board. Alexander Soliman, the Designated Representative in Charge of Apex Medical Distributor was not compliant. Specifically from between on or about 7/30/2007 to 3/6/08, on 81 separate occasions, Mr. Soliman, 29298 Constellation Rd, Valencia, CA acting as Designated Representative in Charge, directed Apex Medical Distributor to purchase dangerous drugs from Drogueria Caballero Del Caribe, Bayamon, PR, a business not licensed with this board as a non resident wholesaler. In addition, on those same separate 81 occasions, the purchase of those dangerous drugs from Drogueria Caballero Del Caribe was brokered, negotiated for sale, made arrangements for delivery of the drugs and acceptance of payment in some instances, by E-Tail Network, Santa Ana, CA, an unlicensed CA wholesaler.

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