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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 6373

OAH No. 2019031138

T & G HEALTHCARE, INC. dba EL MONTE PHARMACY, KHANH-LONG THAI, PRESIDENT BRIAN TRACY GARNER, VICE PRESIDENT 3948 N. Peck Rd., Unit A1-2 El Monte, CA 91732

Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 48958,

and

QUANG KHANH THAI

1431 Walnut Street San Gabriel, CA 91776

Pharmacist License No. RPH 65617,

Respondents.

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary 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 January 23, 2020.

It is so ORDERED on December 24, 2019.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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13	T & G HEALTHCARE, INC. dba EL MONTE PHARMACY,	OAH No. 2019031138		
14	KHANH-LONG THAI, PRESIDENT BRIAN TRACY GARNER, VICE PRESIDENT	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND		
15	3948 N. Peck Rd, Unit A1-2	DISCIPLINARY ORDER		
16	El Monte, CA 91732 Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 48958,	T&G HEALTHCARE, INC. dba EL MONTE PHARMACY		
17	and	ONLY		
18	QUANG KHANH THAI			
19	1431 Walnut St San Gabriel, CA 91776			
20	Original Pharmacist License No. RPH 65617			
21	Respondents.			
22	respondents.			
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24	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-			
25	entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:			
26	<u>PARTIES</u>			
27	1. Anne Sodergren (Complainant) is the Interim Executive Officer of the Board of			
28	Pharmacy (Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in			
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this matter by Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by Desiree Tulleners, Deputy Attorney General.

- 2. Respondent T&G Healthcare, Inc. dba El Monte Pharmacy, Khanh-Long Thai, President, Brian Tracy Garner, Vice President (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney Luis Andre P. Vizcocho, RPh, J.D., Of Counsel California Pharmacy Lawyers, 49 Discovery, Suite 240, Irvine, CA 92618-6713, Phone: (949) 336-7854 Ext. 105; Fax: (949) 336-2314.
- 3. On or about May 22, 2008, the Board issued Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 48958 to Respondent. The Permit was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 6373, and will expire on May 1, 2020, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

- 4. Accusation No. 6373 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on September 18, 2018. Respondent timely filed its Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.
- 5. A copy of Accusation No. 6373 is attached as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 6373. Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 7. 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 confront and cross-examine the witnesses against them; 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.

8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

- Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 6373.
- 10. Respondent agrees that its permit is subject to discipline and they agree to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

CONTINGENCY

- 11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Pharmacy may communicate directly with the Board 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 Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its 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 Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 12. 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.
- 13. 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.

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14. 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 Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 48958 issued to Respondent T & G Healthcare, Inc. dba El Monte Pharmacy, Khanh-Long Thai, President, Brian Tracy Garner, Vce President, is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for three (3) years on the following terms and conditions.

1. Definition: Respondent For the purposes of these terms and conditions, "respondent" shall refer to T & G Healthcare, Inc. dba El Monte Pharmacy, Khanh-Long Thai, President, Brian Tracy Garner, Vice President. All terms and conditions stated herein shall bind and be applicable to the licensed premises and to all owners, managers, officers, administrators, members, directors, trustees, associates, or partners thereof. For purposes of compliance with any term or condition, any report, submission, filing, payment, or appearance required to be made by respondent to or before the board or its designee shall be made by an owner or executive officer with authority to act on behalf of and legally bind the licensed pharmacy.

2. Obey All Laws

Respondent shall obey all state and federal laws and regulations.

Respondent shall report any of the following occurrences to the board, in writing, within seventy- two (72) hours of such occurrence:

- an arrest or issuance of a criminal complaint for violation of any provision of the
 Pharmacy Law, state and federal food and drug laws, or state and federal controlled substances laws
- a plea of guilty, or nolo contendere, no contest, or similar, in any state or federal criminal proceeding to any criminal complaint, information or indictment
- a conviction of any crime
- the filing of a disciplinary pleading, issuance of a citation, or initiation of another administrative action filed by any state or federal agency which involves

respondent's license or which is related to the practice of pharmacy or the manufacturing, obtaining, handling, distributing, billing, or charging for any drug, device or controlled substance.

Failure to timely report such occurrence shall be considered a violation of probation.

3. Report to the Board

Respondent shall report to the board quarterly, on a schedule as directed by the board or its designee. The report shall be made either in person or in writing, as directed. Among other requirements, respondent shall state in each report under penalty of perjury whether there has been compliance with all the terms and conditions of probation.

Failure to submit timely reports in a form as directed shall be considered a violation of probation. Any period(s) of delinquency in submission of reports as directed may be added to the total period of probation. Moreover, if the final probation report is not made as directed, probation shall be automatically extended until such time as the final report is made and accepted by the board.

4. Interview with the Board

Upon receipt of reasonable prior notice, respondent shall appear in person for interviews with the board or its designee, at such intervals and locations as are determined by the board or its designee. Failure to appear for any scheduled interview without prior notification to board staff, or failure to appear for two (2) or more scheduled interviews with the board or its designee during the period of probation, shall be considered a violation of probation.

5. Cooperate with Board Staff

Respondent shall timely cooperate with the board's inspection program and with the board's monitoring and investigation of respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of it's probation, including but not limited to: timely responses to requests for information by board staff; timely compliance with directives from board staff regarding requirements of any term or condition of probation; and timely completion of documentation pertaining to a term or condition of probation. Failure to timely cooperate shall be considered a violation of probation.

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6. Reimbursement of Board Costs

As a condition precedent to successful completion of probation, respondent shall pay to the board its costs of investigation and prosecution in the amount of \$8,146.20.

Respondent shall be permitted to pay these costs in a payment plan approved by the board or its designee, so long as full payment is completed no later than one (1) year prior to the end date of probation.

7. **Probation Monitoring Costs**

Respondent shall pay any costs associated with probation monitoring as determined by the board each and every year of probation. Such costs shall be payable to the board on a schedule as directed by the board or its designee. Failure to pay such costs by the deadline(s) as directed shall be considered a violation of probation.

8. Status of License

Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, maintain an active, current pharmacy permit with the board, including any period during which suspension or probation is tolled. Failure to maintain an active, current pharmacy permit shall be considered a violation of probation.

If respondent's pharmacy permit expires or is cancelled by operation of law or otherwise at any time during the period of probation, including any extensions thereof due to tolling or otherwise, upon renewal or reapplication respondent's license shall be subject to all terms and conditions of this probation not previously satisfied.

9. License Surrender While on Probation

Following the effective date of this decision, should respondent wish to discontinue business, respondent may tender the premises license to the board for surrender. The board or its designee shall have the discretion whether to grant the request for surrender or take any other action it deems appropriate and reasonable. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender of the license, respondent will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation.

Respondent may not apply for any new license from the board for three (3) years from the

effective date of the surrender. Respondent shall meet all requirements applicable to the license sought as of the date the application for that license is submitted to the board.

Respondent further stipulates that it shall reimburse the board for its costs of investigation and prosecution prior to the acceptance of the surrender.

10. Sale or Discontinuance of Business

During the period of probation, should respondent sell, trade or transfer all or part of the ownership of the licensed pharmacy, discontinue doing business under the license issued to respondent, or should practice at that location be assumed by another full or partial owner, person, firm, business, or pharmacy, under the same or a different premises license number, the board or its designee shall have the sole discretion to determine whether to exercise continuing jurisdiction over the licensed location, under the current or new premises license number, and/or carry the remaining period of probation forward to be applicable to the current or new premises license number of the new owner.

11. Notice to Employees

Respondent shall, upon or before the effective date of this decision, ensure that all employees involved in permit operations are made aware of all the terms and conditions of probation, either by posting a notice of the terms and conditions, circulating such notice, or both. If the notice required by this provision is posted, it shall be posted in a prominent place and shall remain posted throughout the probation period. Respondent shall ensure that any employees hired or used after the effective date of this decision are made aware of the terms and conditions of probation by posting a notice, circulating a notice, or both. Additionally, respondent shall submit written notification to the board, within fifteen (15) days of the effective date of this decision, that this term has been satisfied. Failure to timely provide such notification to employees, or to timely submit such notification to the board shall be considered a violation of probation.

"Employees" as used in this provision includes all full-time, part-time, volunteer, temporary and relief employees and independent contractors employed or hired at any time during probation.

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12. Owners and Officers: Knowledge of the Law

Respondent shall provide, within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this decision, signed and dated statements from its owners, including any owner or holder of ten percent (10%) or more of the interest in respondent or respondent's stock, and all of its officer, stating under penalty of perjury that said individuals have read and are familiar with state and federal laws and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy. The failure to timely provide said statements under penalty of perjury shall be considered a violation of probation.

13. Premises Open for Business

Respondent shall remain open and engaged in its ordinary business as a phamacy license type] in California for a minimum of 120 hours per calendar month. Any month during which this minimum is not met shall toll the period of probation, i.e., the period of probation shall be extended by one month for each month during with this minimum is not met. During any such period of tolling of probation, respondent must nonetheless comply with all terms and conditions of probation, unless respondent is informed otherwise in writing by the board or its designee. If respondent is not open and engaged in its ordinary business as a pharmacy for a minimum of 120 hours in any calendar month, for any reason (including vacation), respondent shall notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of the conclusion of that calendar month. This notification shall include at minimum all of the following: the date(s) and hours respondent was open; the reason(s) for the interruption or why business was not conducted; and the anticipated date(s) on which respondent will resume business as required. Respondent shall further notify the board in writing with ten (10) days following the next calendar month during which respondent is open and engaged in its ordinary business as a pharmacy in California for a minimum of 120 hours. Any failure to timely provide such notification(s) shall be considered a violation of probation.

14. Posted Notice of Probation

Respondent shall prominently post a probation notice provided by the board or its designee in a place conspicuous to and readable by the public within two (2) days of receipt thereof from

the board or its designee. Failure to timely post such notice, or to maintain the posting during the entire period of probation, shall be considered a violation of probation.

Respondent shall not, directly or indirectly, engage in any conduct or make any statement which is intended to mislead or is likely to have the effect of misleading any patient, customer, member of the public, or other person(s) as to the nature of and reason for the probation of the licensed pharmacy.

15. Quarterly Inventory Reconciliation of Controlled Substances Reports

During the term of probation, Respondent Pharmacy shall perform a quarterly inventory and inventory reconciliation to detect and prevent the loss of all federal Schedule II-V controlled substances. The pharmacist-in-charge shall review all inventory and inventory reconciliation reports taken, and establish and maintain secure methods to prevent losses of controlled drugs. Written policies and procedures shall be developed for performing the inventory reconciliation reports in compliance with this term, as set forth in California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1715.65.

The compilation shall include: (1) A physical count, not an estimate, of all quantities of federal Schedule II-V controlled substances. The biennial inventory of controlled substances required by federal law may serve as one of the mandated inventories in compliance with this term in the year where the federal biennial inventory is performed, provided the biennial inventory was taken no more than three months from the last inventory required by this term; (2) A review of all acquisitions and dispositions of federal Schedule II-V controlled substances since the last inventory reconciliation report; (3) A comparison of (1) and (2) to determine if there are any variances; (4) All records used to compile each inventory reconciliation report shall be maintained in the pharmacy for at least three years in a readily retrievable form; and (5) Possible causes of overages shall be identified in writing and incorporated into the inventory reconciliation report.

Respondent Pharmacy shall report in writing identified losses and known causes to the board within 30 days of discovery unless the cause of the loss is theft, diversion, or self-use in which case the report shall be made within 14 days of discovery. If Respondent Pharmacy is

unable to identify the cause of the loss, further investigation shall be undertaken to identify the cause and actions necessary to prevent additional losses of controlled substances.

The inventory reconciliation report shall be dated and signed by the individual(s) performing the inventory, and countersigned by the pharmacist-in-charge and be readily retrievable in the pharmacy for three years. A countersignature is not required if the pharmacist-in-charge personally completed the inventory reconciliation report.

A new pharmacist-in-charge of Respondent Pharmacy shall complete an inventory reconciliation report within 30 days of becoming pharmacist-in-charge. An outgoing pharmacist-in-charge must also complete an inventory reconciliation report, as required by this term.

The first quarterly report described herein is due within 90 days of the effective date of the Decision and Order adopting this stipulation. Failure to comply with any requirement of this term shall be considered a violation of probation. The quarterly inventory reconciliation requirement for Schedule III-V controlled substances may be decreased by the Board Designee.

16. **Violation of Probation**

If respondent has not complied with any term or condition of probation, the board shall have continuing jurisdiction over respondent, and the board shall provide notice to respondent that probation shall automatically be extended, until all terms and conditions have been satisfied or the board has taken other action as deemed appropriate to treat the failure to comply as a violation of probation, to terminate probation, and to impose the penalty that was stayed. The board or its designee may post a notice of the extended probation period on its website.

If respondent violates probation in any respect, the board, after giving respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If a petition to revoke probation or an accusation is filed against respondent during probation, or the preparation of an accusation or petition to revoke probation is requested from the Office of the Attorney General, the board shall have continuing jurisdiction and the period of probation shall be automatically extended until the petition to revoke probation or accusation is heard and decided.

17. Completion of Probation

1]	Upon written notice by the board or its designee indicating successful completion of		
2	probation, respondent's license will be fully restored.		
3	ACCEPTANCE		
4	I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully		
5	discussed it with my attorney. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my		
6	pharmacy permit. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily,		
7	knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of		
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11	DATED: 07/29/2019 William		
12	T & G HEALTHCARE, INC. dba EL MONTE PHARMACY,		
13	KHANH-LONG THAI, President Respondent		
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15	DATED: 7-30-19		
16	T & G HEALTHCARE, INC.		
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23	I have read and fully discussed with Respondent T & G Healthcare, Inc. dba El Monte		
24	Pharmacy, Khanh-Long Thai, President, Brian Tracy Garner, Vice President, the terms and		
25	conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order		
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LUIS ANDRE P. VIZCOCHO, R.Ph., J.D. Attorney for Respondent

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ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy.

DATED: 7-3/-19

Respectfully submitted,

XAVIER BECERRA Attorney General of California THOMAS L. RINALDI

Supervising Deputy Attorney General

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Attorneys for Complainant

Exhibit A

Accusation No. 6373

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14	3948 N. Peck Rd, Unit A1-2 El Monte, CA 91732		
15	Permit No. PHY 48958		
16	and		
17	QUANG KHANH THAI		
18	1431 Walnut Street San Gabriel, CA 91776		
19	Pharmacist License No. RPH 65617		
20	Respondents		
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23	Complainant alleges:		
24	PARTIES		
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26	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.		
27	2. On or about May 22, 2008, the Board of Pharmacy ("Board") issued Pharmacy		
28	Permit Number PHY 48958 to T & G Healthcare, Inc., dba El Monte Pharmacy, with Khanh-		
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Long Thai, President, and Brian Tracy Garner, Vice President (Respondent Pharmacy). The Pharmacy Permit was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein, and will expire on May 1, 2019, unless renewed.

3. On or about August 3, 2011, the Board of Pharmacy issued Original Pharmacist License No. RPH 65617 to Quang Khanh Thai (Respondent Thai). The Pharmacy Permit was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on February 28, 2019, unless renewed.

<u>JURISDICTION</u>

- 4. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
 - 5. Section 4300 of the Code provides, in pertinent part:
 - "(a) Every license issued may be suspended or revoked."
- 6. Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Code provides that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.
 - 7. 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."

8. Section 4301 of the Code provides, in pertinent part:

"The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct.... Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

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(j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, of any other state, or of the United States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

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- (o) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter or of the applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including regulations established by the board or by any other state or federal regulatory agency."
 - 9. Section 4113 of the Code provides in pertinent part:
- "(c) The pharmacist-in-charge shall be responsible for a pharmacy s compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of pharmacy."
 - 10. Section 4307(a) of the Code provides, in pertinent part:

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, partner, or any other person with management or control 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, partner, or any other person with management or control 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, partner, or any other person with management or control 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.

REGULATORY PROVISIONS

11. California Code of Regulation, title 16, section 1714, subdivision (b), provides:

"Each pharmacy licensed by the board shall maintain its facilities, space, fixtures, and equipment so that drugs are safely and properly prepared, maintained, secured and distributed.

The pharmacy shall be of sufficient size and unobstructed area to accommodate the safe practice of pharmacy."

COST RECOVERY

12. Section 125.3 of the Code states, in pertinent part, that the 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.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

13. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11058, Promethazine HCl and Codeine Phosphate oral solution is a Schedule V controlled substance. Codeine is a narcotic. It is a pain reliever and a cough suppressant. Promethazine is an antihistamine. It blocks the effects of the naturally occurring chemical histamine in the human body. The pharmaceutically indicated use for the combination of codeine and promethazine is to treat cold or allergy symptoms such as runny nose, sneezing, and cough.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Comply with Operational Standards and Security)

- 14. Respondent Pharmacy is subject to disciplinary action under California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1714, subdivision (b), in that it failed to maintain its facilities, space, fixtures and equipment as required by pharmacy law. The circumstances are as follows:
- 15. Between October 21, 2014 and August 4, 2017, Respondent Pharmacy, located at 3948 North Peck Road, Unit A1-2 in El Monte California, lost 173,160 ml of promethazine with codeine from inventory.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Comply with Operational Standards and Security)

¹ "Purple drank" is a slang term for the prescription-strength cough syrup containing codeine and promethazine. The cough syrup, used in doses much higher than medically recommended, is typically mixed with ingredients such as the soft drinks Sprite or Mountain Dew and optionally "a Jolly Rancher hard fruit candy thrown in for extra sweetness. The purplish hue of purple drank comes from dyes in the cough syrup. The amount of cough syrup used can exceed up to 25 times the recommended dose.

- 16. Respondent Thai is subject to disciplinary action under section 4113, subdivision (c), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1714, subdivision (b), in that he failed to comply with all state and federal law and regulations pertaining to the practice of pharmacy security to prevent a loss of this magnitude. The circumstances are as follows:
- 17. Between October 21, 2014 and June 15, 2017, while Respondent was pharmacist-in-charge of Respondent Pharmacy, located at 3948 North Peck Road, Unit A1-2 in El Monte California, Respondent Pharmacy lost 173,113 ml of promethazine with codeine from inventory.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct - Violation of State and Federal Law Regulating Controlled Substances and Dangerous Drugs)

18. Respondent Thai is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (j), in that he committed unprofessional conduct by violating state and federal statutes and regulations regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs, as set forth fully in paragraphs 15 and 16 above.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct - Violation of Pharmacy Law and State and Federal Regulations

19. Respondent Thai is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (o), in that he committed unprofessional conduct by violating pharmacy law or applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including regulations established by the board or by any other state or federal regulatory agency, as set forth fully in paragraphs 15 and 16 above.

DISCIPLINARY CONSIDERATIONS

20. In determining the degree of discipline to be imposed against Respondent Pharmacy in this matter, if any, Complainant alleges that on December 21, 2017, the Board issued Respondent Pharmacy a *Letter of Admonishment* pursuant to section 4315 and Health and Safety Code section 11165, subdivision (d)(2), for failing to report the correct prescriber information to CURES for each controlled substance Schedule 2 through 4 prescription dispensed between February 20, 2014 and June 12, 2015. Pursuant to the CURES report, Respondent Pharmacy processed the following 8 controlled substance prescriptions under incorrect prescriber John M.

licensee for five years if Pharmacist License Number RPH 65617 is placed on probation or until Pharmacist License Number RPH 65617 is reinstated if it is revoked.

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 Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 48958, issued to T & G Healthcare, Inc. dba El Monte Pharmacy, with Khanh-Long Thai, President, and Brian Tracy Garner, Vice President;
- 2. Revoking or suspending Original Pharmacist Permit Number RPH 65617 issued to Quang Khanh Thai;
- 3. Prohibiting T & G Healthcare, Inc. doing business as El Monte Pharmacy from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 48958 is placed on probation or until Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 48958 is reinstated if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 48958 issued to T & G Healthcare, Inc. doing business as El Monte Pharmacy is revoked;
- 4. Prohibiting Quang Khanh Thai from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 48958 is placed on probation or until Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 48958 is reinstated if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 48948 issued to T & G Healthcare, Inc. doing business as El Monte Pharmacy is revoked;
- 5. Prohibiting Quang Khanh Thai from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacist License Number RPH 65617 is placed on probation or until Pharmacist License Number RPH 65617 is reinstated if Pharmacist License Number RPH 65617 issued to Quang Khanh Thai is revoked;
- 6. Ordering T & G Healthcare, Inc. doing business as El Monte Pharmacy and/or Quang Khanh Thai to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3; and,

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