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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

ST. CYRIL INC. dba RE COMMUNITY PHARMACY,
GENEVIEVE BENJAMIN, OWNER, DIRECTOR AND OFFICER,
Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 55522; and

HAN.SAM CORP., dba RE PHARMACY,
HANY SAMUEL BENJAMIN, OWNER, DIRECTOR AND OFFICER,
Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 56970; and

HAN.SAM CORP., dba RIVERS EDGE PHARMACY,
HANY SAMUEL BENJAMIN, OWNER, DIRECTOR AND OFFICER,
Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 49157; and

HANY SAMUEL BENJAMIN,
Pharmacist License No. RPH 58261; and

GENEVIEVE SABRY BENJAMIN,
Pharmacist License No. RPH 58193; and

LISA NABIEH SMITH, AKA LISA NABIEH LUTFI, Pharmacist License No. RPH 69812;

and

### FADI ATEF NASSAR EBEID, Pharmacist License No. RPH 69962,

### Respondents

Agency Case No. 6934 and 6935

In the Matter of the Statement of Issues Against:

ST. CYRIL INC., dba CAMINO CAPISTRANO PHARMACY,
Pharmacy Permit Applicant,

Respondent

Agency Case No. 7022

In the Matter of the Statement of Issues Against:

RESELL PHARMACEUTICALS, LLC, HAN SAM CORP., SOLE MEMBER, Wholesaler License Applicant,

Respondent

Agency Case No. 6929

### In the Matter of the Statement of Issues Against:

# MIA CARE, INC., dba MIA CARE PHARMACY, Pharmacy Permit Applicant,

Respondent

Agency Case No. 7102

OAH No. 2021120024

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval 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 24, 2022.

It is so ORDERED on July 25, 2022.

BOARD OF PHARMACY
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By

Seung W. Oh, Pharm.D. Board President

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13	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case Nos. 6934 and 6935	
14	ST. CYRIL INC., DBA RE COMMUNITY PHARMACY,	OAH No. 2021120024	
15	GENEVIEVE BENJAMIN, OWNER, DIRECTOR AND OFFICER	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND	
16	2571 W. La Palma Ave., #A Anaheim, CA 92801	DISCIPLINARY ORDER FOR PUBLIC REPROVAL, AS TO LISA NABIEH SMITH, AKA LISA NABIEH LUTFI	
17	Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 55522,	ONLY	
18		[Bus. & Prof. Code § 495]	
19	HAN.SAM CORP., DBA RE PHARMACY,		
20	HANY SAMUEL BENJAMIN, OWNER, DIRECTOR AND OFFICER		
21	2571 W. La Palma Avenue, Suite. A Anaheim, CA 92801		
22	Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 56970,		
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25	HANY SAMUEL BENJAMIN, OWNER, DIRECTOR AND OFFICER		
26	36919 Cook Street, Suite 102 Palm Desert, CA 92211		
27	Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 49157,		
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2	Palm Desert, CA 92211	
3	Pharmacist License No. RPH 58261,	
4	GENEVIEVE SABRY BENJAMIN 1 Odessa	
5	Foothill Ranch, CA 92610	
6	Pharmacist License No. RPH 58193,	
7	LISA NABIEH SMITH, AKA LISA NABIEH LUTFI	
8	11810 La Serna Dr. Whittier, CA 90604	
9	Pharmacist License No. RPH 69812	
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11	and	
12	FADI ATEF NASSAR EBEID 35782 Raphael Dr.	
13	Palm Desert, CA 92211	
14	Pharmacist License No. RPH 69962,	
15 16	Respondents.	
17	In the Matter of the Statement of Issues	Case No. 7022
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19	ST. CYRIL INC.,	
20	DBA CAMINO ĆAPISTRANO PHARMACY	
21	Applicant for Pharmacy Permit	
22	Respondent.	
23	In the Matter of the Statement of Issues	Case No. 6929
24	Against:	
25	RESELL PHARMACEUTICALS, LLC,	
26	HAN SAM CORP., SOLE MEMBER  Applicant for Wholeseler License	
27	Applicant for Wholesaler License  Respondent.	
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1	In the Matter of the Statement of Issues Against:  Case No. 7102		
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3	MIA CARE INC., DBA MIA CARE PHARMACY		
4	Applicant for Pharmacy Permit		
5	Respondent.		
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7	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between Executive Officer Anne		
8	Sodergren and Respondent Lisa Nabieh Smith, aka Lisa Nabieh Lutfi, parties to the above-		
9	entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:		
10	<u>PARTIES</u>		
11	1. Anne Sodergren (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy		
12	(Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by		
13	Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Desiree I. Kellogg, Deputy Attorney		
14	General.		
15	2. Respondent Lisa Nabieh Smith, aka Lisa Nabieh Lutfi (Respondent Smith) is		
16	represented in this proceeding by Herb L. Weinberg of Fenton Law Group LLC, whose address		
17	is: 1990 South Bundy Drive, Suite 777, Los Angeles, CA 90025.		
18	<u>JURISDICTION</u>		
19	3. On or about September 30, 2013, the Board issued Pharmacist License No. RPH		
20	69812 to Respondent Smith. The Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times		
21	relevant to the charges brought in First Amended Accusation Nos. 6934 and 6935 and will expire		
22	on June 30, 2023, unless renewed.		
23	4. First Amended Accusation Nos. 6934 and 6935 was filed before the Board and is		
24	currently pending against Respondent Smith. The First Amended Accusation and all other		
25	statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent Smith on May 4, 2022.		
26	Respondent Smith timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the First Amended Accusation.		
27	A copy of First Amended Accusation Nos. 6934 and 6935 and First Amended Statements of		
28	Issues Nos. 7022, 6929 and 7102 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.		

### ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent Smith has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in First Amended Accusation Nos. 6934 and 6935. Respondent Smith has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval.
- 6. Respondent Smith is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the First Amended Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her 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.
- 7. Respondent Smith voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

### **CULPABILITY**

- 8. Respondent Smith admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in First Amended Accusation Nos. 6934 and 6935.
- 9. Respondent Smith agrees that her Pharmacist License is subject to discipline and she agrees to be bound by the Disciplinary Order below.

### **CONTINGENCY**

10. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondent Smith 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 Smith or her counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent Smith understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her 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 for Public Reproval 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.

- 11. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 12. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval 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 for Public Reproval may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.
- 13. 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 Pharmacist License No. RPH 69812 issued to Respondent Lisa Nabieh Smith, aka Lisa Nabieh Lutfi (Respondent Smith) shall be publicly reproved by the Board of Pharmacy under Business and Professions Code section 495 in resolution of First Amended Accusation Nos. 6934 and 6935, attached as Exhibit A.

Coursework. Within sixty calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent Smith shall submit to the board or its designee, for prior approval, a program of remedial education related to the role of the pharmacist-in-charge, pharmacy law and pharmacy operations. The program of remedial education shall consist of at least ten hours with fifty percent of the remedial education program completed by Respondent Smith in-person or during a live webinar. All remedial education shall be completed within one year of the Decision at Respondent Smith's own expense. All remedial education shall be in addition to, and shall not be credited toward, continuing education (CE) courses used for license renewal purposes for pharmacists.

Ethics Course. Within sixty calendar days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent Smith shall enroll in a course in ethics, at Respondent Smith's expense, approved in advance by the Board or its designee that complies with Title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 1773.5. Respondent Smith shall provide proof of enrollment upon request. Within five days of the completion, Respondent Smith shall submit a copy of the certificate of completion to the Board or its designee. If Respondent Smith fails to timely enroll in an approved ethics course, successfully complete the course, and submit proof of completion within two years as ordered, Respondent Smith shall not be allowed to renew her Pharmacist License until she has completed the ethics course.

**Administrative Fine.** Respondent Smith shall pay an administrative fine to the Board in the amount of \$5,000.00. Respondent Smith shall have 60 days from the effective date of this Decision and Order to pay the administrative fine. Failure to pay the administrative fine as ordered, shall be considered a violation of probation.

**Full Compliance**. As a resolution of the charges in the First Amended Accusation Nos. 6934 and 6935, this stipulated settlement is contingent upon Respondent Smith's full compliance with all conditions of this Order. If Respondent Smith fails to satisfy any of these conditions, such failure to comply constitutes cause for discipline, including outright revocation of Respondent Smith's Pharmacist License No. RPH 69812.

### **ACCEPTANCE**

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Herbert L. Weinberg. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacist License.

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1	I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval
2	voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the
3	Board of Pharmacy.
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5	DATED:
6	LISA NABIEH SMITH, AKA LISA NABIEH LUTFI Respondent
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8	I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Lisa Nabieh Smith, aka Lisa Nabieh Lutfi
9	the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and
10	Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval. I approve its form and content.
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13	DATED: HERBERT L. WEINBERG
14	Attorney for Respondent
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16	<u>ENDORSEMENT</u>
17	The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval is hereby
18	respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of
19	Consumer Affairs.
20	DATED: Respectfully submitted,
21	ROB BONTA Attorney General of California
22	Gregory J. Salute
23	Supervising Deputy Attorney General
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13	DATED: May 20, 2022 HERBERT L. WEINBERG	
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13	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case Nos. 6934 and 6935
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1	In the Matter of the Statement of Issues Against:  Case No. 7102
2 3	MIA CARE INC., DBA MIA CARE PHARMACY  FIRST AMENDED STATEMENT OF ISSUES
4	Applicant for Pharmacy Permit
5	Respondent.
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7	<u>PARTIES</u>
8	1. Anne Sodergren (Complainant) brings this First Amended Accusation and Statements
9	of Issues solely in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy,
10	Department of Consumer Affairs (Board).
11	2. On or about February 15, 2017, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Permit
12	Number PHY 55522 to St. Cyril Inc., doing business as RE Community Pharmacy (RE
13	Community Pharmacy). The Board cancelled the Pharmacy Permit on January 16, 2019.
14	3. On or about January 16, 2019, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Permit
15	Number PHY 56970 to Han.Sam Corp., doing business as RE Pharmacy (RE Pharmacy). The
16	Pharmacy Permit was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein
17	and expired on February 8, 2021. The Board cancelled the Pharmacy Permit on March 11, 2021
18	due to a discontinuance of business, effective February 8, 2021.
19	4. On or about September 15, 2008, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Permit
20	Number PHY 49157 to Han.Sam Corp., doing business as River's Edge Pharmacy (River's Edge
21	Pharmacy). The Pharmacy Permit was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges
22	brought herein and will expire on September 1, 2022, unless renewed.
23	5. On or about May 9, 2006, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License Number
24	RPH 58261 to Hany Samuel Benjamin (Hany Benjamin). The Pharmacist License was in full
25	force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on October 31,
26	2023, unless renewed.
27	6. On or about March 20, 2006, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License
20	Number RPH 58103 to Genevieve Sahry Renjamin (Genevieve Renjamin) The Pharmacist

License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on April 30, 2024, unless renewed.

- 7. On or about September 30, 2013, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License Number RPH 69812 to Lisa Nabieh Smith, aka Lisa Nabieh Lutfi (Lisa Smith). The Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June 30, 2023, unless renewed.
- 8. On or about October 10, 2013, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License Number RPH 69962 to Fadi Atef Nassar Ebeid (Fadi Ebeid). The Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2023, unless renewed.
- 9. On or about October 30, 2019, the Board received an application for a wholesaler license from ReSell Pharmaceuticals, LLC with Han.Sam Corp. identified as the sole member of ReSell Pharmaceuticals, LLC. Hany Benjamin was an owner of outstanding shares, and an officer and Genevieve Benjamin was an officer and director of Han.Sam Corp. On or about August 14, 2019, Genevieve Benjamin, on behalf of ReSell Pharmaceuticals, LLC certified under penalty of perjury to the truthfulness of all statements, answers, and representations in the application. On or about March 2, 2020, the Board denied ReSell Pharmaceuticals, LLC's application.
- 10. On or about October 23, 2019, the Board received an application for a pharmacy permit from St. Cyril, Inc. to do business as Camino Capistrano Pharmacy. On February 18, 2020, Camino Capistrano Pharmacy filed an amended application. Genevieve Benjamin was an owner of outstanding shares, an officer and a director of St. Cyril, Inc. On or about July 29, 2019, Genevieve Benjamin, on behalf of Camino Capistrano Pharmacy certified under penalty of perjury to the truthfulness of all statements, answers, and representations in the application. On or about August 4, 2020, the Board denied Camino Capistrano Pharmacy's application.
- 11. On or about November 18, 2020, the Board received an application for a pharmacy permit from Mia Care, Inc. to do business as Mia Care Pharmacy. Genevieve Benjamin's mother, Mervet Mecheal Abdelmalik was the sole owner of the outstanding shares, an officer and director

1	of Mia Care, Inc. and Genevieve Benjamin's father, Sabry Shafik Abdelmalik was an officer of		
2	Mia Care, Inc. On or about February 4, 2021, the Board denied Mia Care Pharmacy's		
3	application.		
4	<u>JURISDICTION</u>		
5	12. The First Amended Accusation and Statements of Issues are brought before the Board		
6	under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and		
7	Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.		
8	13. Code section 4011 provides that the Board shall administer and enforce both the		
9	Pharmacy Law (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 4000 et seq.) and the Uniform Controlled Substances Act		
10	(Health & Safety Code, § 11000 et seq.).		
11	14. Code section 4300, subdivision (a) provides that every license issued by the Board		
12	may be suspended or revoked.		
13	15. Code section 4300, subdivision (c) states:		
14 15	The board may refuse a license to any applicant guilty of unprofessional conduct. The board may, in its sole discretion, issue a probationary license to any applicant for a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct and who has met all other requirements for licensure		
16	16. Code section 4300.1 states:		
17 18 19	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		
20	a decision suspending or revoking the license.		
21	STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS		
22	17. Code section 4022 states:		
23	"Dangerous drug" or "dangerous device" means any drug or device unsafe for		
24	self-use in humans or animals, and includes the following:		
<ul><li>25</li><li>26</li></ul>	(a) Any drug that bears the legend: "Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription," "Rx only," or words of similar import.		
27 28	(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.		

1	(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.		
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3	18. Code section 4043 states:		
4	'Wholesaler' means and includes a person who acts as a wholesale merchant, broker, jobber customs broker, reverse distributor, agent, or a nonresident wholesaler,		
5	who sells for resale, or negotiates for distribution, or takes possession of, any drug o device included in Section 4022. Unless otherwise authorized by law, a wholesaler		
6	may not store, warehouse, or authorize the storage or warehousing of drugs with any person or at any location not licensed by the board.		
7	19. Code section 4059.5, subdivision (a) states:		
8	Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, dangerous drugs or dangerous		
9	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		
10 11	licensee is permitted to operate through a designated representative, or in the case of a reverse distributer, a designated representative-reverse distributor, that individual shall sign for and receive the delivery.		
12	20. Code section 4113, subdivision (c) states:		
13	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.		
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15	21. Code section 4160, subdivision (a) states:		
16 17	A person shall not act as a wholesaler or third-party logistics provider of any dangerous drug or dangerous device unless he or she has obtained a license from the board.		
18	22. Code section 4169, subdivisions (a)(1) and (a)(4) state:		
19	(a) A person or entity shall not do any of the following:		
20	(1) Purchase, trade, sell, warehouse, distribute, or transfer dangerous drugs or		
21	dangerous devices at wholesale with a person or entity that is not licensed with the board as a wholesaler, third-party logistics provider, or pharmacy.		
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23	(4) Purchase, trade sell, or transfer dangerous drugs or dangerous devices after		
24	the beyond use date on the label.		
25	23. Code section 4300, subdivision (c) of the Code states, in pertinent part:		
26	The board may refuse a license to any applicant guilty of unprofessional		
27	conduct. The board may, in its sole discretion, issue a probationary license to any applicant for a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct and who has met all other requirements for licensure.		
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### 24. Code section 4301 states in pertinent part:

The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct or whose license has been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or issued by mistake. Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

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- (f) The commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption, whether the act is committed in the course of relations as a licensee or otherwise, and whether the act is a felony or misdemeanor or not.
- (g) Knowingly making or signing any certificate or other document that falsely represents the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts.

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(j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, or 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 any other state or federal regulatory agency.

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### 25. Code section 4302 states:

The board may deny, suspend, or revoke any license where conditions exist in relation to any person holding 10 percent or more of the ownership interest or where conditions exist in relation to any officer, director, or other person with management or control of the license that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action against a licensee.

### 26. Code section 4307, subdivision (a) 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.

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1	(2) Where the lice the license is issued or r	ense is denied or revoked, the prohibition shall continue until reinstated.
2		<u>COST RECOVERY</u>
3	27. Section 125.3 of t	he Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the
4	administrative law judge to di	rect a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of
5	the licensing act to pay a sum	not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
6	enforcement of the case.	
7		<u>DRUGS</u>
8	28. <u>Actemra</u> is an exp	ensive oncology drug and a dangerous drug as defined by Business
9	and Professions Code section	4022.
10	29. <u>Avastin</u> is an expe	ensive oncology drug and a dangerous drug as defined by Business
11	and Professions Code section	4022.
12	30. <u>Herceptin</u> is an ex	pensive oncology drug and a dangerous drug as defined by
13	Business and Professions Cod	e section 4022.
14	31. <u>Hyqvia</u> is an expe	nsive oncology drug and a dangerous drug as defined by Business
15	and Professions Code section	4022.
16	32. <u>Herceptin</u> is an ex	pensive oncology drug and a dangerous drug as defined by
17	Business and Professions Cod	e section 4022.
18	33. <u>Imbruvica</u> is an ex	xpensive oncology drug and a dangerous drug as defined by
19	Business and Professions Cod	ne section 4022.
20	34. <u>Invokana</u> is an ex	pensive oncology drug and a dangerous drug as defined by Business
21	and Professions Code section	4022.
22	35. <u>Keytruda</u> is an ex	pensive oncology drug and a dangerous drug as defined by Business
23	and Professions Code section	4022.
24	36. <u>Neupogen</u> is an ex	spensive oncology drug and a dangerous drug as defined by
25	Business and Professions Cod	e section 4022.
26	37. Octagam is an exp	pensive oncology drug and a dangerous drug as defined by Business
27	and Professions Code section	4022.
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- 38. <u>Tasigna</u> is an expensive oncology drug and a dangerous drug as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4022.
- 39. <u>Xtandi</u> is an expensive oncology drug and a dangerous drug as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4022.

### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 40. RE Community Pharmacy was a closed door, specialty pharmacy<sup>1</sup> located in Anaheim, California until it ceased doing business on January 16, 2019. Lisa Smith was the Pharmacist-in-Charge.
- 41. RE Pharmacy was a closed door, specialty pharmacy located in Anaheim, California until it ceased doing business in February 2021. Lisa Smith was the Pharmacist-in-Charge until March 2020.
- 42. River's Edge Pharmacy is a closed door, specialty pharmacy located in Palm Desert, California. Fadi Ebeid is the Pharmacist-in-Charge.
- 43. After receiving several complaints, the Board conducted investigations of these pharmacies' operations that revealed the following facts, unprofessional conduct and violations of law.
- 44. RE Community Pharmacy, RE Pharmacy and River's Edge Pharmacy created separate partnerships with three physicians, Dr. K.A., Dr. G.C. and Dr. W.B. (affiliated physicians) to purchase expensive oncology drugs from Cardinal Health 108, LLC (Cardinal Health) at discounted prices. As a condition to purchasing oncology drugs at discounted prices through these partnerships with the affiliated physicians, RE Community Pharmacy, RE Pharmacy and River's Edge Pharmacy and Cardinal Health, doing business as Vital Source GPO and RainTree GPO, LLC entered into group purchasing organization participation agreements (group purchasing organization participation agreements).
- 45. In connection with the group purchasing organization participation agreements, RE Community Pharmacy, RE Pharmacy and River's Edge confirmed that they intended to establish

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Specialty pharmacies dispense specialty drugs that are either high cost, high complexity or high touch (i.e., involve a higher degree of sophistication in terms of distribution, administration or patient management).

a business relationship that complied with the Medicare and Medicaid anti-kickback statute set forth in 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7b. They also confirmed that they intended to comply with the requirements of the "safe harbor" regulations regarding payments to group organization purchasing organizations set forth in 42 C.F.R. § 1001.952(j) and discounts offered to buyers set forth in 42 C.F.R. § 1001.952(h). <sup>2</sup>

- 46. Cardinal Health and a drug manufacturer, Genentech operated a program to sell drugs at discounted prices to free-standing physician-owned solo or group practices who were treating patients on an out-patient basis, if they certified they were eligible for the program. RE Community Pharmacy, RE Pharmacy and River's Edge Pharmacy certified their eligibility to participate in this program (manufacturer distribution agreement).
- 47. Cardinal Health expected that RE Community Pharmacy, RE Pharmacy, River's Edge Pharmacy and their affiliated physicians would be purchasing discounted drugs under the group purchasing organization participation agreements and the manufacturer distribution agreement, solely for administration to the affiliated physicians' own respective patients and not for RE Community Pharmacy, RE Pharmacy and River's Edge Pharmacy to resell or transfer to other pharmacies.
- 48. Cardinal Health sent multiple notices to RE Community Pharmacy, RE Pharmacy and River's Edge Pharmacy advising them that they could not dispense the drugs purchased at discounted prices under the terms of the group purchasing organization participation agreements to patients who were not treated by the affiliated physicians. For example, the Cardinal Health invoices received by those pharmacies contained the following acknowledgment: "CUSTOMER DOES NOT AND WILL NOT REDISTRIBUTE PRESCRIPTION PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS PURCHASED FROM CARDINAL INTO THE SECONDARY MARKET." The invoices also specified that RE Community Pharmacy, RE Pharmacy and River's Edge Pharmacy warrant that the purchased drugs were for "OWN USE."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The federal Anti-Kickback Statute prohibits the offering, soliciting, payment, or receipt of remuneration in exchange for the referral of items and services that are paid for by federal health care programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. Since the statute is broad, Congress enacted safe harbor provisions to limit the reach of the statute to encourage beneficial cost savings to federal health care programs and their beneficiaries.

- 49. On behalf of the manufacturers, Cardinal Health also sent "contract summaries" on a frequent basis, notifying RE Community Pharmacy, RE Pharmacy and River's Edge Pharmacy that they were eligible to receive the discounted drug prices only if they were a physician, physician clinic, infusion center or closed door, on-site clinic pharmacy servicing its own patients. Thus, RE Community Pharmacy, RE Pharmacy and River's Edge Pharmacy were aware of the requirement that drugs purchased at discounted prices under these agreements could only be administered to the respective patients of the affiliated physicians.
- 50. RE Community Pharmacy, RE Pharmacy and River's Edge Pharmacy misrepresented to Cardinal Health that their accounts were established for oncology offices and infusion clinics overseen by the affiliated physicians for which they were merely facilitating those physicians' purchase of drugs for administration to their own respective patients.
- 51. RE Community Pharmacy, RE Pharmacy and River's Edge Pharmacy, signed and submitted certifications and declarations to Cardinal Health representing that the drugs purchased under the group purchasing organization participation agreements and the manufacturer distribution agreement were solely for the administration to the affiliated physicians' own respective patients and that they were an infusion or oncology clinic. For example, RE Community Pharmacy, RE Pharmacy and River's Edge Pharmacy represented and certified as part of the manufacturer distribution agreement that "[p]roducts purchased by the practice are only for dispensing to its patients in connection with, and on the same day as, the provision of treatment and/or evaluation and not for transfer, dispensing, or resale to any wholesaler, distributor, hospital, infusion center, or institution, within or outside of the U.S." Yet, drugs purchased at discounted prices by RE Community Pharmacy, RE Pharmacy and River's Edge Pharmacy were dispensed and resold to other physicians' patients.
- 52. From February 15, 2017 through October 28, 2019, RE Community Pharmacy and RE Pharmacy purchased 99 packages of Imbruvica and Xtandi at discounted prices, in connection with the group purchasing organization participation agreements, ostensibly for dispensing and administration to Dr. K.A.'s patients.

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- 53. RE Community Pharmacy and RE Pharmacy stored and transferred 99 packages of Imbruvica and Xtandi to other commonly controlled pharmacies which dispensed them to patients who were not treated by Dr. K.A., even though those discounted oncology drugs were only available for dispensing and administration to Dr. K.A.'s patients.
- 54. From February 15, 2017 through October 28, 2019, RE Community Pharmacy and RE Pharmacy purchased 887 packages of Avastin, Herceptin and Actemra in connection with the manufacturer distribution agreement, ostensibly for dispensing and administration to Dr. K.A.'s patients. RE Pharmacy's technicians and clerks signed for and/or received certain of these drugs, rather than pharmacists.
- 55. RE Community Pharmacy and RE Pharmacy stored and transferred 832 packages of Avastin, Herceptin and Actemra to other commonly controlled pharmacies which in turn, dispensed them to patients who were not treated by Dr. K.A even though those discounted oncology drugs were only available for dispensing and administration to Dr. K.A.'s patients.
- 56. From February 15, 2017 through November 14, 2019, River's Edge Pharmacy purchased 621 packages of Actemra, Keytruda and Octagam in connection with the group purchasing organization participation agreements and the manufacturer distribution agreement, ostensibly for dispensing and administration to Dr. G.C.'s patients. River's Edge Pharmacy's technicians and clerks signed for and/or received certain of these drugs, rather than pharmacists.
- 57. River's Edge Pharmacy stored and transferred 597 packages of Actemra, Keytruda and Octagam to other commonly controlled pharmacies which in turn, dispensed them to patients who were not treated by Dr. G.C. even though those discounted oncology drugs were only available for dispensing and administration to Dr. G.C.'s patients.
- 58. From February 15, 2017 through November 14, 2019, River's Edge Pharmacy purchased 29 packages of Hyqvia and Keytruda in connection with the group purchasing organization participation agreements, ostensibly for dispensing and administration to Dr. W.B.'s patients.
- 59. River's Edge Pharmacy stored and transferred the packages of Hyqvia and Keytruda to other commonly controlled pharmacies which in turn, dispensed them to patients who were not

treated by Dr. W.B. even though those discounted oncology drugs were only available for dispensing and administration to Dr. W.B.'s patients.

- 60. On October 28, 2019, Cardinal Health placed the account affiliated with Dr. K.A. on a "no-ship" status after Dr. K.A. requested that Cardinal Health close his account because it had "become subject to fraudulent purchases in millions of dollars by Han.Sam Corporation for other doctors or resale, since January of 2019."
- 61. On November 20, 2019, Cardinal Health removed Dr. G.C.'s affiliation with River's Edge Pharmacy on his account and placed it on a "no-ship" status until Dr. G.C., and River's Edge Pharmacy complied with Cardinal Health's regulatory obligations under the federal Drug Supply Chain Security Act and California law.
- 62. On March 2, 2020, upon discovering five orders placed in February 2020 under Dr. W.B.'s account, Cardinal Health placed the account affiliated with Dr. W.B. on a "no-ship" status.
- 63. During the Board's investigation, Hany Benjamin, Genevieve Benjamin, Lisa Lufti and Fadi Ebeid falsely claimed that Cardinal Health encouraged them to enter into the aforementioned schemes.
- 64. More violations of Pharmacy Law were uncovered during the Board's investigations. The Board determined that River's Edge Pharmacy violated Pharmacy law when it transferred expired and unexpired oncology drugs, including Neupogen, Tasigna and Invokana from a person, V.A. whom the Board did not license as a wholesaler, third party logistics provider, or pharmacy and warehoused those drugs.
- 65. The Board also determined that Han.Sam, an unlicensed wholesaler violated Pharmacy Law when it purchased 1,588 packages of dangerous drugs from Cardinal Health from February 15, 2017 through January 15, 2019 and, sold, distributed and/or transferred those drugs to Re Community Pharmacy, owned by St. Cyril, Inc. In those same transactions, RE Community Pharmacy violated Pharmacy Law when it purchased and/or warehoused 1,588 packages of dangerous drugs from Han.Sam.

66. In its application, Mia Care Pharmacy did not disclose its relationship to the other Respondents under investigation with the Board.

### **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

### (Commission of Dishonest Fraudulent and Deceitful Acts Against All Respondents)

67. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subdivision (f), for committing dishonest, fraudulent and deceitful acts, as described above in paragraphs 40 through 66 which are incorporated herein.

### SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Knowingly Making or Signing Documents that Falsely Represent Facts Against All Respondents)

68. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subdivision (g), for knowingly making or signing documents that falsely represent the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts, as described above in paragraphs 40 through 66 which are incorporated herein.

### THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Aided and Abetted the Unlicensed Practice of Wholesaling Against Respondents Hany Benjamin and Genevieve Benjamin)

69. Respondents Hany Benjamin and Genevieve Benjamin are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subdivisions (j) and (o), for violating Business and Professions Code section 4160, subdivision (a), because they aided and abetted Han.Sam's unlicensed wholesaler activity as defined by Business and Professions Code 4043, as described above in paragraphs 40 through 66 which are incorporated herein.

### **FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

# (Purchased and/or Warehoused Dangerous Drugs from Unlicensed Wholesaler Entity Against RE Community Pharmacy, Genevieve Benjamin and Lisa Lufti)

70. Respondents RE Community Pharmacy, Genevieve Benjamin and Lisa Lufti are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subdivisions (j) and (o), for violating Business and Professions Code section 4169, subdivision (a)(1), because they purchased and/or

warehoused drugs from an entity unlicensed with the Board as a wholesaler, Han.Sam, as described above in paragraphs 40 through 66 which are incorporated herein.

### FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Transferred and Warehoused Expired and Unexpired Dangerous Drugs Against Respondents River's Edge Pharmacy and Fabi Ebeid)

71. Respondents River's Edge Pharmacy and Fabi Ebeid are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subdivisions (j) and (o), for violating Business and Professions Code section 4169, subdivisions (a)(1) and (a)(4), because they transferred expired and unexpired dangerous drugs from a person, V.A. to River's Edge Pharmacy and warehoused those drugs, as described above in paragraphs 40 through 66 which are incorporated herein.

### SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Unauthorized Receipt of Drugs Against Respondents River's Edge Pharmacy, Fabi Ebeid, RE Pharmacy and Lisa Smith)

72. Respondents RE Pharmacy, Lisa Smith, River's Edge Pharmacy and Fabi Ebeid are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subdivisions (j) and (o), for violating Business and Professions Code section 4059.5, subdivision (a), because they allowed pharmacy technicians and clerks to sign for and receive dangerous drugs, as described above in paragraphs 40 through 66 which are incorporated herein.

### SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Unprofessional Conduct against All Respondents)

73. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301 for unprofessional conduct because they engaged in the activities described above in paragraphs 40 through 66 which are incorporated herein.

#### OTHER MATTERS

74. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 55522 issued to St. Cyril, Inc., doing business as RE Community Pharmacy, it shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner

of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 55522 is placed on probation or until the Pharmacy Permit is reinstated if it is revoked.

- 75. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 56970 issued to Han.Sam Corp., doing business as RE Pharmacy, it shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 56970 is placed on probation or until the Pharmacy Permit is reinstated if it is revoked.
- 76. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 49157 issued to Han.Sam Corp., doing business as River's Edge Pharmacy, it shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 49157 is placed on probation or until the Pharmacy Permit is reinstated if it is revoked.
- 77. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on (a) Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 55522 issued to St. Cyril, Inc., doing business as RE Community Pharmacy, (b) Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 56970 issued to Han.Sam Corp., doing business as RE Community Pharmacy and/or (c) Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 49157 issued to Han.Sam, doing business as River's Edge Pharmacy, while Hany Samuel Benjamin has been an owner or manager and had knowledge of or knowingly participated in any conduct for which the licensees were disciplined, he shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if the Pharmacy Permits are placed on probation or until the Pharmacy Permits are reinstated, if they are revoked.
- 78. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on (a) Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 55522 issued to St. Cyril, Inc., doing business as RE Community Pharmacy, (b) Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 56970 issued to Han.Sam Corp., doing business as RE Community Pharmacy and/or (c) Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 49157 issued to Han.Sam, doing business as River's Edge Pharmacy while Genevieve Sabry Benjamin has been an owner or manager and had knowledge of or knowingly participated in any conduct for which the licensees were disciplined, she shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate,

or partner of a licensee for five years if the Pharmacy Permits are placed on probation or until the Pharmacy Permit is reinstated, if they are revoked.

- 79. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on (a) Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 55522 issued to St. Cyril, Inc., doing business as RE Community Pharmacy and/or (b) Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 56970 issued to Han.Sam Corp., doing business as RE Pharmacy while Lisa Nabieh Smith, aka Lisa Nabieh Lutfi has been a manager and had knowledge of or knowingly participated in any conduct for which the licensees were disciplined, she shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if the Pharmacy Permits are placed on probation or until the Pharmacy Permits are reinstated, if they are revoked.
- 80. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 49157 issued to Han.Sam Corp., doing business as River's Edge Pharmacy while Fabi Atef Nassar Ebeid has been a manager and had knowledge of or knowingly participated in any conduct for which the licensee was disciplined, he shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if the Pharmacy Permit is placed on probation or until the Pharmacy Permit is reinstated, if it is revoked.
- 81. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacist License No. RPH 58261 issued to Hany Samuel Benjamin, he shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if the Pharmacist License is placed on probation or until the Pharmacist License is reinstated, if it is revoked.
- 82. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacist License No. RPH 58193 issued to Genevieve Sabry Benjamin, she shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if the Pharmacist License is placed on probation or until the Pharmacist License is reinstated, if it is revoked.

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- 83. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacist License No. RPH 69812 issued to Lisa Nabieh Smith, aka Lisa Nabieh Lutfi, she shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if the Pharmacist License is placed on probation or until the Pharmacist License is reinstated, if it is revoked.
- 84. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacist License No. RPH 69962 issued to Fadi Atef Nassar Ebeid, he shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if the Pharmacist License is placed on probation or until the Pharmacist License is reinstated, if it is revoked.

# FIRST AMENDED STATEMENT OF ISSUES AGAINST: RESELL PHARMACEUTICALS, LLC

## CAUSE FOR DENIAL

### (Various)

85. Respondent ReSell Pharmaceuticals, LLC's application is subject to denial for the facts alleged in the First Amended Accusation under Code sections 4300, subdivision (c), 4301, subdivisions (f), (g), (j) and (o) and 4302 for violating the statutes and regulations and engaging in the conduct referenced in the First Amended Accusation, which are incorporated herein by reference.

# FIRST AMENDED STATEMENT OF ISSUES AGAINST: ST. CYRIL, INC., DBA CAMINO CAPISTRANO PHARMACY CAUSE FOR DENIAL

### (Various)

86. Respondent St. Cyril, Inc., dba Camino Capistrano Pharmacy's application is subject to denial for the facts alleged in the First Amended Accusation under Code sections 4300, subdivision (c), 4301, subdivisions (f), (g), (j) and (o) and 4302 for violating the statutes and regulations and engaging in the conduct referenced in the First Amended Accusation, which are incorporated herein by reference.

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## FIRST AMENDED STATEMENT OF ISSUES AGAINST:

### MIA CARE, INC., DBA MIA CARE PHARMACY

- 87. Respondent Mia Care, Inc., dba Mia Care Pharmacy submitted an application for a community pharmacy permit to the Board. In its application, Mia Care Pharmacy reported that the parents of Respondent Genevieve Benjamin and the mother-in-law and father-in-law of Respondent Hany Benjamin, Mervat M. Abelmalik and Sabry S. Abdelmalik were the directors and officers of Respondent Mia Care, Inc., Mervat M. Abelmalik was to be the Pharmacist-in-Charge of Mia Care Pharmacy, and Mervat M. Abelmalik was the sole owner of Respondent Mia Care, Inc., dba Mia Care Pharmacy.
- 88. Respondent Mia Care, Inc., dba Mia Care Pharmacy did not disclose that Respondents Hany Benjamin and Genevieve Benjamin, who were under multiple Board investigations, were also owners of and/or held management or control over Respondent Mia Care, Inc., dba Mia Care Pharmacy including for example, arranging for Respondent Mia Care, Inc. to share a lease or premises with another of the pharmacies owned by Respondents Hany Benjamin and Genevieve Benjamin.

### **CAUSE FOR DENIAL**

### (Various)

89. Respondent Mia Care, Inc., dba Mia Care Pharmacy's application is subject to denial for the facts alleged in paragraphs 87-88 and in the First Amended Accusation under Code sections 4300, subdivision (c), 4301, subdivisions (f), (g), (j) and (o) and 4302 for violating the statutes and regulations and engaging in the conduct referenced in the First Amended Accusation, which are incorporated herein by reference.

### **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 55522, issued to St. Cyril Inc., dba RE Community Pharmacy;

- 12. Prohibiting Genevieve Sabry Benjamin from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Numbers PHY 49157, 55522 and/or 56970 are placed on probation or until the Pharmacy Permits are reinstated, if they are revoked;
- 13. Prohibiting Lisa Nabieh Smith, aka Lisa Nabieh Lutfi from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Numbers PHY 55522 and/or 56970 are placed on probation or until the Pharmacy Permits are reinstated, if they are revoked;
- 14. Prohibiting Fadi Atef Nassar Ebeid from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 49157 is placed on probation or until the Pharmacy Permit is reinstated, if it is revoked;
- 15. Prohibiting Hany Samuel Benjamin from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacist License Number RPH 58261 is placed on probation or until the Pharmacist License is reinstated, if it is revoked;
- 16. Prohibiting Genevieve Sabry Benjamin from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacist License Number RPH 58193 is placed on probation or until the Pharmacist License is reinstated, if it is revoked;
- 17. Prohibiting Lisa Nabieh Smith, aka Lisa Nabieh Lutfi from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacist License Number RPH 69812 is placed on probation or until the Pharmacist License is reinstated, if it is revoked;
- 18. Prohibiting Fadi Atef Nassar Ebeid from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacist License Number RPH 69962 is placed on probation or until the Pharmacist License is reinstated, if it is revoked;

1	19.	Ordering St. Cyril, I	nc., dba RE Community Pharmacy, Han.Sam Corp., dba RE	
2	Pharmacy, Han.Sam Corp., dba River's Edge Pharmacy, Hany Samuel Benjamin, Genevieve			
3	Sabry Benjamin, Lisa Nabieh Smith, aka Lisa Nabieh Lutfi and Fadi Atef Nassar Ebeid to pay the			
4	Board of P	Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case,		
5	pursuant to	Business and Profess	sions Code section 125.3;	
6	20.	Denying the Applica	ation of Resell Pharmaceuticals, LLC for a wholesaler license;	
7	21.	Denying the Applica	ation of St. Cyril, Inc., dba Camino Capistrano Pharmacy for a	
8	pharmacy 1	permit;		
9	22.	Denying the Applica	ation of Mia Care, Inc., dba Mia Care Pharmacy for a pharmacy	
10	permit; and	1,		
11	23.	Taking such other ar	nd further action as deemed necessary and proper.	
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