STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION JOHN O. PASTORE CENTER, BLDGS. 68-69 1511 PONTIAC AVENUE CRANSTON, RI 02920

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IN THE MATTER OF:	:	
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GOOD EARTH, INCORPORATED,	:	DBR No. 17MM006
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RESPONDENT.	:	
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CONSENT AGREEMENT

The Department of Business Regulation ("Department") and GOOD EARTH, INCORPORATED, a Rhode Island corporation ("Respondent"), hereby consent and agree that:

- 1. Respondent is licensed as a medical marijuana cultivator (License No. MMP CV 0012 Class A) by the Department to engage in the business of cultivation of medical marijuana at the licensed premises located at Warwick, Rhode Island (the "Premises"). Clifford Ancona (hereinafter "Mr. Ancona") is the President of Respondent.
- 2. On July 24, 2017, at approximately 10:30 a.m., while viewing the live video feed security footage from Respondent's Premises, the Department's Chief Public Protection Inspector (the "Inspector") observed that the camera views in flowering rooms 7 and 11 were obscured. Using the playback function, the Inspector reviewed the historic feed and determined that the camera views had been obscured during the period July 6, 2017, through July 24, 2017. The Inspector reported the matter to the Department's Principal Economic and Policy Analyst (the "Principal").

- 3. The Principal promptly contacted Mr. Ancona by phone to inquire about the camera issue. Mr. Ancona informed the Principal that he had blocked the lenses of the security cameras with tape because he was concerned that the infrared light from the cameras was causing the marijuana plants in the flowering rooms to develop seeds.
- 4. Following the phone call, Mr. Ancona removed the tape from the security camera lenses and the Inspector viewed the video feed and confirmed that the camera views were no longer obscured. The Inspector also visited Respondent's Premises to inspect the cameras and confirmed that the tape had been removed and that the cameras were operating properly.
- 5. Having tampered with the security camera lenses and obscured the view of the video feed security footage at the Premises, Respondent has violated Sections 1.7(F)(4)(g) and (i) of the Rules and Regulations related to the Medical Marijuana Program Administered by the Department of Business Regulation. 230-RICR-800-05-1 (the "Regulations") as promulgated by the Department pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.6-16(b)(4).

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, the Department has reason to believe that Respondent violated the Regulations as described previously herein. Accordingly, the Department has sufficient cause to take enforcement action against Respondent pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.6-16 and Section 1.7(J)(4) of the Regulations.

In an effort to effect a timely and amicable resolution of the issues raised in this Consent Agreement without administrative hearing and to allow Respondent to maintain its license in good-standing, Respondent represents and agrees as follows:

a. Respondent represents and warrants to the Department that Respondent shall hereafter comply in all respects with the security requirements under R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.6-16 and Section 1.7 of the Regulations.

b. Upon execution of this Agreement, Respondent shall pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the Rhode Island General Treasurer, on account of the violation cited in paragraph 5 herein. The total amount of the penalty shall be paid upon the execution of this Agreement.

By agreeing to resolve this matter through the execution of this Consent Agreement Respondent voluntarily waives its right to the administrative hearing process, voluntarily waives its right to appeal any finding therefrom to the superior court, and agrees to take all necessary action as delineated in this Consent Agreement to maintain its license in good standing.

Respondent hereby acknowledges and agrees that failure to abide by any of the requirements of this Consent Agreement shall be grounds for the Department to initiate further administrative proceedings to impose penalties against Respondent including, but not limited to:

(i) revocation and/or suspension, and (ii) such additional administrative penalties that the Department deems appropriate.

THE DEPARTMENT AND RESPONDENT HEREBY CONSENT AND AGREE TO THE FOREGOING AS TO FORM AND SUBSTANCE:

Department:	Respondent:
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION By: Norman Birenbaum Principal Economic and Policy Analyst	By: Clifford Ancona Its duly authorized President
DATE: 9/1/17	DATE: 8-31-17