STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION JOHN O. PASTORE COMPLEX 1511 PONTIAC AVENUE, BLDG. 68-1 CRANSTON, RHODE ISLAND 02920

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| IN THE MATTER OF: | • | |
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| AMADEU SANTOS, | : | DBR No. 09-L-0009 |
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| RESPONDENT. | • | |
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CONSENT AGREEMENT

The Department of Business Regulation ("Department") and Amadeu Santos ("Respondent") hereby agree that:

- 1. On or about December 5, 2008, the Department received a complete application for a real estate broker license ("License Application") from Respondent.
- 2. Respondent executed a waiver allowing the Department to obtain any criminal record or other disposition from the Bureau of Criminal Identification ("BCI") of the Department of Attorney General as part of the application process.
- 3. The BCI record indicated that Respondent pled *nolo contendere* and received a suspended sentence of five (5) years and five (5) years of probation for 2nd degree sexual assault on March 16, 1998.
- 5. Respondent provided an explanation for charges. He states that he was new immigrant to this country and made mistakes for which he expresses regret and takes full responsibility for his actions. He became a citizen of the United States in 2000, is married, and has three children.

- 6. Based on Respondent's prior criminal record, the Department had cause to question whether Respondent possessed the requisite qualifications for licensure and whether the License Application should be denied pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-20.5-14.
- 7. In an effort to effect a timely and amicable resolution of the issue raised in this Consent Agreement, the Department hereby issues Respondent a conditional real estate salesperson license (subject to compliance with all other statutory and regulatory requirements) until April 30, 2010 pursuant to the following terms:
 - a. Respondent shall immediately report to the Department any charge, allegation, complaint or other action that involves <u>any</u> criminal, civil or other legal matter; and
 - b. Respondent's failure to report such action as described in paragraph 7(a), above, shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of his license or some other administrative penalty to be adjudicated at an administrative hearing pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-1, *et seq*.
- 8. By agreeing to enter into this Consent Agreement, Respondent voluntarily waives his right to the hearing process for purposes of this license application, voluntarily waives his right to appeal this Consent Agreement to Superior Court, admits that the allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 5 are true, and agrees to take all necessary action as delineated in this Consent Agreement in order to obtain and maintain the license in good-standing.
- 9. If Respondent fails to abide by any of the requirements of this Consent Agreement, the Department will 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. In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-9, Respondent shall be provided with notice and an opportunity for a hearing if the Department initiates the administrative hearing process.

10. Upon successful compliance with the terms of this Consent Agreement, Respondent will be issued an unconditional license on May 1, 2010.

CONSENTED TO AS TO FORM AND SUBSTANCE BY:

Michael P. Jolin, Esq.

Deputy Chief of Legal Services

Department of Business Regulation

Date: 1/21/09

Amadeu Santos, Respondent

48 Bowling Lane

Bradford, Rhode Island 02808

Date: 1/21/09

THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT CONSTITUTES A FINAL ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION PURSUANT TO RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS TITLE 42, CHAPTER 35. AS SUCH, THIS ORDER MAY BE APPEALED TO THE SUPERIOR COURT SITTING IN THE COUNTY OF PROVIDENCE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS DECISION. SUCH APPEAL, IF TAKEN, MAY BE COMPLETED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW OF SAID COURT. HOWEVER, RESPONDENT UNDERSTANDS THAT BY WAIVING HIS RIGHT TO A COMPLETE HEARING AND AGREEING TO THIS CONSENT ORDER, THE ABOVE RIGHTS ARE WAIVED AND IF ANY TERMS OF THIS CONSENT ORDER ARE VIOLATED, REFERRAL MAY BE MADE TO THE RHODE ISLAND ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR FURTHER PROSECUTION.