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

IN THE MATTER OF:

VILMA PEREZ/FIVE STAR AUTO SALVAGE, INC.,

DBR No. 12-L0002

RESPONDENTS.

:

CONSENT AGREEMENT

I.

The Division of Commercial Licensing ("Division") of the Rhode Island

Department of Business Regulation ("Department") enters into this Consent Agreement

("Agreement") to resolve concerns that Respondent Vilma Perez and/or Respondent

Five Star Auto Salvage, Inc. (collectively "Respondents") have violated R.I. Gen. Laws

§ 42-14.2-1 et seq. or enforceable orders of the Department issued thereunder. The

Division has determined to resolve this matter, after investigation, but without instituting
administrative proceedings, by entering into this Consent Agreement pursuant to its

authority under R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-9(d).

<u>II.</u>

It is hereby agreed by and between the Division and the Respondents that:

- 1. Under the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-14.2-1 et seq., Robin Perez was the holder of a license to operate an automobile wrecking and salvage yard ("License") at 1348 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, R.I., (Lots 47 and 47C on Assessor's Plat 49)(the "Property"), which expired on June 30, 2009.
- 2. Robin Perez operated an automobile wrecking and salvage yard on the Property under the name of "Five Star Auto Salvage."
- On or about June 23, 2009, the Department received a renewal application from Robin Perez.
- 4. The Department responded to the renewal application by issuing an Order to Show Cause Why Licensing Application Should Not Be Denied, Notice of Hearing and Appointment of Hearing Officer ("Notice") on August 19, 2009 based on allegations of the Town of Smithfield ("Town") that the business for which Robin Perez sought license renewal violated numerous municipal zoning ordinances and certain provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-14.2-8.
- 5. In August 2010, Robin Perez was charged in the 6th District Court with one count of operation of a chop shop, five counts of possession of stolen motor vehicle or parts, and one count of receiving stolen property (all felonies); his employee Giron Wuidman was charged with felony possession of stolen motor vehicle (collectively the "Charges"). The Charges were initially filed in the 6th District Court, but transferred to the Providence County Superior Court, on September 19, 2010.

- 6. On December 14, 2010, the Department entered a Consent Order ("Order") whereby Robin Perez agreed to the following conditions in order to renew the License:
 - A. "Pay an administrative penalty of two thousand dollars (\$2000);"
 - B. "Completely fence the perimeter of Lot 47;"
 - C. "Remove all cars and junkyard materials from Lot 47C of the Property as well as all abutting lots, including Lots 46 and 47D;"
 - D. "Maintain the Property in conformance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-14.2-1 et seq. and all relevant local and municipal requirements;"
 - E. "Provide to the Director of the Department of Business Regulation a written report describing the final adjudication of the Charges."
- The charges against Giron Wuidman described in Paragraph 4 above were dismissed.
- 8. The charges against Robin Perez were disposed of by a plea of noto contendere on July 18, 2011. On July 19, 2011, Robin Perez agreed to a deferred five (5) year sentence and to pay costs.
- 9. On July 25, 2012, the Department's Inspector inspected the Property and found that the operation "has come into compliance regarding the consent order" based on observations that:
 - A. The Property was fenced off as required by the Order. The view was obscured by privacy screening inserts on the Douglas Pike side of the property and by a tree and brush line on the south side. Robin Perez represented to the Inspector that he would install the privacy screening

- inserts on the south side as well.
- B. Junk vehicles were removed from the area in question which was overgrown with brush.
- On September 21, 2012, Respondent Five Star Auto Salvage, Inc. was incorporated.
- 11. Respondent Vilma Perez is the sole shareholder of Respondent Five Star Auto Salvage, Inc.
- 12. Respondent Vilma Perez has made representations to the Department that Robin Perez does not hold any ownership interest in Respondent Five Star Auto Salvage, Inc. and is not involved in the day-to-day operations of the business. This is documented by a statement, under oath, subscribed and sworn before a duly authorized Notary Public.
- 13. By signing this Agreement, Respondents acknowledge and understand that should Respondents violate the terms of this Consent Agreement and/or engage in any other administratively, criminally, or civilly sanctionable conduct, the Department retains full authority under R.I. Gen. Laws § 12-14.2-9 to revoke, suspend, fine, or refuse to renew the License, after notice and opportunity for hearing.
- 14. By signing this Agreement, Respondent further acknowledges and understands that it voluntarily waives any right to an administrative hearing or appeal to Superior Court under the Rhode Island Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-1 et seq.

Based on the foregoing, it is further agreed that the application to renew the License shall be granted by issuing a conditional License to the Respondents. In addition to all state and local rules and regulations generally applicable to licensees, the following

special conditions shall apply to the License:

1. Before the renewal shall become effective, the Respondents shall pay a

renewal fee of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) and comply with all of the

Division's standard requirements for the processing of renewal applications.

2. Within fifteen (15) days of the execution of this Agreement, Respondents

shall pay an administrative penalty of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to the

Department in accordance with Paragraph 17 (A) of the Order.

3. Respondents are strictly prohibited from allowing Robin Perez to: obtain

any ownership interest in Respondent Five Star Auto Salvage, Inc.; serve as

an officer, director, employee, or independent contractor thereof; otherwise

participate in the day-to-day operations of the Respondent Five Star Auto

Salvage, Inc. in any manner.

4. The portion of the Property on which the business of Respondent Five Star

Auto Salvage, Inc. is operating shall be subject to random and unannounced

inspections by the Department and shall fully cooperate with inspection

officials.

For the Department:

Maria D'Alessandro

Associate Director of Commercial

For the Respondents:

Vilma Perez

Five Star Auto Salvage, Inc.

Licensing and Regulation
Department of Business Regulation
Date: 5/31/13

1348 Douglas Pike Smithfield, R.I. Date 5/31/13