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The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (“Board”) following receipt of information regarding Abdul-Aziz Alhassan, M.D., a physician who at all pertinent times was licensed to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 12119R.<sup>1</sup>

Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to the Medical Consultant/Director of Investigations (“Investigating Officer”) for the Board. Several of Dr. Alhassan’s patient records were obtained by subpoena and reviewed. The Investigating Officer’s analysis of these records revealed to his satisfaction that in these cases just cause exists for recommending that a formal Administrative Complaint be filed against Dr. Alhassan, charging him with violation of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the “Act”) pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§ 37:1285A(30)<sup>2</sup> and the Board’s Pain Management Rules,<sup>3</sup> more specifically La. Adm. C. 46:XLV §§ 6921 and 6923,

Dr. Alhassan did renew his Louisiana medical license in 2004 during the pendency of this investigation. But Dr. Alhassan has not renewed his Louisiana license since; accordingly, his license expired on January 31, 2005. And although Dr. Alhassan has not renewed his Louisiana license, the fact that he is entitled to do so for a period of four (4) years from the date of last renewal provides the Board with continuing jurisdiction in this matter. La. Adm. C. 46:XLV § 419.

<sup>2</sup>Pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1285A(30), the Board may take action against the license of a physician as a result of '[V]iolation of any rules and regulations of the board, or any provisions of this Part.'

46:XLV §§ 6915-6923 (June 1997).

and the Board's Obesity Rules,<sup>4</sup> more specifically La. Adm. C. 46:XLV § 45:6905, and, thus, La. Rev. Stat. §§ 37:1285A(6)<sup>5</sup> and (14).<sup>6</sup>

Prior to being notified of and without any knowledge of the above-described investigation, Dr. Alhassan had relocated to and established a medical practice in the state of Texas with the intention of never returning to or ever again practicing medicine in the state of Louisiana.

As evidenced by his subscription hereto, without admitting the accuracy of the information and the violations of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act described hereinabove, Dr. Alhassan acknowledges that the information developed by the Board's investigation would constitute probable cause for the institution of administrative proceedings against his medical licensure, pursuant to Administrative Complaint, and that proof of such information upon administrative evidentiary hearing would establish grounds under the Louisiana Medical Practice Act for the suspension or revocation of his license to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana, or for such other action as the Board might deem appropriate, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§ 37:1285A(30) and the Board's Pain Management Rules, more specifically La. Adm. C. 46:XLV §§ 6921 and 6923, and the Board's Obesity Rules, more specifically La. Adm. C. 46:XLV § 6905, and, thus, La. Rev. Stat. §§ 37:1285A(6) and (14).

Recognizing his right to have notice of any allegation or charge asserted against him, to administrative adjudication of such allegation or charge, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§ 49:955-58, and to a subsequent final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, Dr. Alhassan, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to formal charges and formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. § 49:955(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Alhassan acknowledges that he hereby waives any right to which

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<sup>4</sup>Medications Used in the Treatment of Obesity, La. Adm. C. 46:XLV §§ 6901-6913 (July, 1992). Pursuant to § 6913 of such Rules, any violation of such Rules shall be deemed a violation of La. Rev. Stat. §§ 37:1285A(6) and (30).

<sup>5</sup> Pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1285A(6), the Board may take action against the license of a physician as a result of '[P]rescribing, dispensing, or administering legally controlled substances or any dependency-inducing medication without legitimate medical justification therefor or in other than a legal or legitimate manner.'

he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§ 49:951, et seq., or to which otherwise may be afforded him by law. Further Dr. Alhassan specifically waives his rights to contest the Board's investigation as well as his agreement to, or the force and effect of this document in any court or other forum. Dr. Alhassan, furthermore, hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto, as well as any legal counsel assisting the Investigating Officer in connection herewith, to present this Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation, and Dr. Alhassan waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. § 49:960. Dr. Alhassan expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of the information to the Board by the Investigating Officer, or his legal counsel, shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint against him, or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such Complaint, should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

On the basis of the information provided to the Board, the Board is persuaded that the public interest would be properly protected and served by allowing Dr. Alhassan to maintain his Louisiana license, subject to appropriate specified terms and conditions. In consideration of this finding, accordingly, and on the recommendation of the Investigating Officer, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to insure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state against the unprofessional, unqualified and unsafe practice of medicine, La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter by consent.

Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing, and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1285 and La. Rev. Stat. § 49:955(D);

**IT IS ORDERED** that the license, as well as any right to renewal and/or reinstatement thereof, of Abdul-Aziz Alhassan, M.D. to engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 12119R, shall be and the same is hereby conditioned,

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<sup>6</sup> Pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1285A(14), the Board may take action against the license of a physician as a result of '[C]ontinuing or recurring medical practice which fails to satisfy the prevailing and usually accepted standards of medical practice in this state.'

as of the date of this Order, upon his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions and restrictions:

(1) **PRACTICE IN LOUISIANA.** Dr. Alhassan shall not engage in the practice of medicine in any form in the state of Louisiana until and unless the Board issues and serves on him a written order renewing or reinstating his license to practice in this state. Prerequisite to the issuance of such an order Dr. Alhassan shall comply with paragraphs 2 and 3 of below.

(2) **NOTICE OF RELOCATION TO LOUISIANA OR APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT OR RENEWAL; PERSONAL APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD OR DESIGNEE.** In the event that Dr. Alhassan should seek reinstatement or renewal of his license and/or wish to relocate to Louisiana for the purpose of practicing medicine, Dr. Alhassan shall contact the Board at least sixty (60) days in advance of his desired return or reinstatement or renewal request and arrange an appearance before the Board or its designee at its next regularly scheduled meeting. At such meeting, Dr. Alhassan shall discuss with the Board his intended plans for the practice of medicine in this state.

(3) **ADDITIONAL TERMS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.** In addition to such other terms, conditions and restrictions as are placed upon his right or entitlement to renewal or reinstatement of his Louisiana license by this Order, Dr. Alhassan hereby consents to, agrees with and acquiesces in the imposition of any additional terms, conditions or restrictions, as well as the length or nature thereof, that the Board in its sole discretion and without a hearing may deem necessary or appropriate to impose upon any renewed or reinstated Louisiana license should Dr. Alhassan at any time in the future seek reinstatement or renewal of his license or decide to relocate to the state of Louisiana for the purpose of practicing medicine.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any violation by Dr. Alhassan of, or failure of strict compliance by him with, any of the terms, conditions or restrictions set forth by this Order, shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the revocation and cancellation of his license to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana, as well as any right to renewal and/or reinstatement thereof, or for such other disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1285.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

Effective Date. This Consent Order shall take effect as of the date that it is dated and signed by the Board President.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2005.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD  
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

BY:

Kweli J. Amusa, MD  
KWELI J. AMUSA, M.D.  
*Vice-President*

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
AND CONSENT**

Having been duly advised by my legal counsel as to the meaning, scope and effect of the foregoing Consent Order,

I, Abdul-Aziz Alhassan, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Consent Order by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, this 6 day of DECEMBER, 2005.

X A. Alhassan, MD  
Abdul-Aziz Alhassan, M.D.

WITNESSES:

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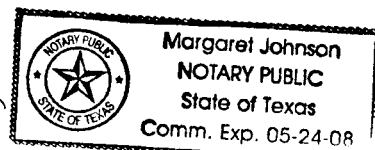
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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Texas City, Texas, Louisiana, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2005 in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

Margaret Johnson  
Notary Public



My commission expires 5-24-08