

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF Environmental Protection

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October 12, 2020

Betty K Line Agencies LTD Attn: Betty K VI 3701 NW S River Drive Miami, Florida 33142 *Via Email*: <u>mms@mmsshipman.com</u>

RE: <u>Department of Environmental Protection v. Betty K Line Agencies LTD</u> OGC File No.: 20-1320 Site No.: 386131, Project No.:389643

Dear Mr. Botello,

Enclosed for your implementation is the fully executed Consent Order in the above-styled case. Please familiarize yourself with the compliance dates and terms of the Consent Order so the complete and timely performance of those obligations is accomplished.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact the case manager, Catrina Frey at 561-681-6677 or <u>Catrina.N.Frey@FloridaDEP.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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Jason Andreotta Director, Southeast District Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Enclosures: Consent Order OGC number: 20-1320

ec: Lea Crandall, Office of General Counsel, <u>Lea.Crandall@FloridaDEP.gov</u> Neil Bayer, Campbell Johnston Clark, <u>Neil@CJCLaw.com</u> Cindy Delgado, Campbell Johnston Clark, <u>Cindy@CJCLaw.com</u>



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October 7, 2020

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SUBJECT: Department of Environmental Protection v. Betty K Line Agencies <u>LTD</u> OGC File No.: 20-1320 Site No.: 386131, Project No.:389643

Dear Mr. Botello:

The State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("Department") finds that Betty K Line Agencies LTD ("Respondent") damaged 26.10 square meters of coral reefs offshore of Miami-Dade County, in violation of Section 403.93345, Florida Statutes (F.S.), titled the "Florida Coral Reef Protection Act." Although there are no actions required to correct the violation, the Respondent remains subject to civil penalties and damages as a result of the violation. The Respondent is also responsible for costs incurred by the Department during the investigation of this matter.

The Department's Offer

Based on the violations described above, the Department is seeking \$20,880.00 in civil penalties for violation of Section 403.93345, F.S. and \$19,317.65 in damages including compensation for damage to the coral reef, staff and resource trustee costs to conduct the damage assessment and long-term monitoring, and staff costs to administer this matter, which amounts to a total of \$40,197.65

Respondent's Acceptance

If you wish to accept this offer and fully resolve the enforcement matter pending against the Respondent, please sign this letter and return it to the Department at Florida Department of Environmental Protection, attention Catrina Frey, 3301 Gun

Club Road, MSC 7210-1, West Palm Beach, FL 33406 or via email at: <u>Catrina.N.Frey@FloridaDEP.gov</u> within **twenty (20) days** from the mailing date of this Order. The Department will then countersign it and file it with a designated clerk of the Department. Once the document is filed with the designated clerk, <u>it</u> <u>will constitute a final order of the Department</u> pursuant to Section 120.52(7), F.S. and will be effective unless a request for an administrative hearing is filed by a third party in accordance with Chapter 120, F.S. and the attached Notice of Rights.

By accepting this offer you, Ismael Donadio Botello:

- (1) certify that you are authorized and empowered to negotiate, enter into, and accept the terms of this offer in the name and on behalf of Respondent;
- (2) acknowledge and waive Respondent's right to an administrative hearing pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., on the terms of this offer, once final;
- (3) acknowledge and waive Respondent's right to an appeal pursuant to Section 120.68, F.S; and

The Department acknowledges that the Respondent's acceptance of this offer does not constitute an admission of liability for the violation(s) referenced above.

Respondent's Performance

After signing and returning this document to the Department,

(1) Within 30 days of the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall pay the Department \$40,197.65 in settlement of the matters addressed in this Order. The payment shall be made by cashier's check, or money order. When paying by cashier's check or money order, the payment must: (a) be made payable to the "Department of Environmental Protection"; (b) include both the OGC number (20-1320) assigned to this Order and the notation "Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund – Coral Reef Protection"; and (c) be sent to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, attention Catrina Frey, 3301 Gun Club Road, MSC 7210-1, West Palm Beach, FL 33406. It will take a number of days after this order is final and effective filed with the Clerk of the Department before ability to make online payment is available.

The Department may enforce the terms of this document, <u>once final</u>, and seek to collect monies owed pursuant to Sections 120.69 and 403.121, F.S.

<u>Until clerked by the Department, this letter is only a settlement offer and not a final agency action.</u> Consequently, neither the Respondent nor any other party

may request an administrative hearing to contest this letter pursuant to Chapter 120, F.S. Once this letter is clerked and becomes a final order of the Department, as explained above, the attached Notice of Rights will apply to parties, other than the Respondent, whose interests will be substantially affected.

Electronic signatures or other versions of the parties' signatures, such as .pdf or facsimile, shall be valid and have the same force and effect as originals. No modifications of the terms of this Order will be effective until reduced to writing, executed by both Respondent and the Department, and filed with the clerk of the Department.

Please be aware that if the Respondent declines to respond to the Department's offer, the Department will assume that the Respondent is not interested in resolving the matter and will proceed accordingly.

If you have any questions, please contact Catrina Frey at 561-681-6677 or at <u>Catrina.N.Frey@FloridaDEP.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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Jason Andreotta Director Southeast District

FOR THE RESPONDENT:

I, <u>Ismael Donadio Botello</u>, HEREBY ACCEPT THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT OFFER IDENTIFIED ABOVE.

By: I<u>smael Donadio Botello</u> [Signature] Date: 09-Oct-2020

Title: Managing Director [As Shipmanagers on Behalf of Dorick Navigation S.A

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

DONE AND ORDERED this <u>12th</u> day of <u>October</u>, 2020, in Orange County, Florida.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Jason Andreotta Director Southeast District

Filed, on this date, pursuant to section 120.52, F.S., with the designated Department Clerk, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

Clerk

October 12, 2020

Date

Attachments: Notice of Rights

Final clerked copy furnished to:

Lea Crandall, Agency Clerk, <u>Lea.Crandall@FloridaDEP.gov</u> Catrina Frey, FDEP-SED, <u>Catrina.N.Frey@FloridaDEP.gov</u> Jason Andreotta, FDEP – SED, <u>Jason.Andreotta@FloridaDEP.gov</u> Sirena Davila, FDEP – SED, <u>Sirena.Davila@FloridaDEP.gov</u> Jason Spanier, FDEP-SED, <u>Jason.Spanier@FloridaDEP.gov</u> Mollie Sinnott, FDEP-RIPR, Mollie.Sinnott@FloridaDEP.gov Neil Bayer, Campbell Johnston Clark, <u>Neil@CJCLaw.com</u> Cindy Delgado, Campbell Johnston Clark, <u>Cindy@CJCLaw.com</u>

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

Persons who are not parties to this Order, but whose substantial interests are affected by it, have a right to petition for an administrative hearing under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition concerning this Order means that the Department's final action may be different from the position it has taken in the Order.

The petition for administrative hearing must contain all of the following information:

- a) The OGC Number assigned to this Order;
- b) The name, address, and telephone number of each petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding;
- c) An explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the Order;
- d) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the Order;
- e) Either a statement of all material facts disputed by the petitioner or a statement that the petitioner does not dispute any material facts;
- f) A statement of the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the Order;
- g) A statement of the rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the Order; and
- h) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wishes the Department to take with respect to the Order.

The petition must be filed (<u>received</u>) at the Department's Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS# 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000 within <u>21 days</u> of receipt of this notice. A copy of the petition must also be mailed at the time of filing to the District Office at the address indicated above. Failure to file a petition within the 21-day period constitutes a person's waiver of the right to request an administrative hearing and to participate as a party to this proceeding under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. Mediation under Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, is not available in this proceeding.