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10 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS OVERSIGHT
11 OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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13 In the Matter of THE COMMISSIONER OF) STIPULATION TO ENTRY OF DESIST AND
BUSINESS OVERSIGHT,) REFRAIN ORDER
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15 Complainant,)
16 vs.)
17 PELAGIUS ENTERTAINMENT, INC.,)
18 JOSHEPH H. FRIES, and NATALIE)
KHOURY,)
19 Respondents.)
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22 In resolution of an inquiry into the offer and sale of unqualified, nonexempt securities within
23 the State of California, and without denying such activities, this Stipulation to Entry of Desist and
24 Refrain Order ("Stipulation") is entered into by and between the California Department of Business
25 Oversight ("Department") through the Commissioner of Business Oversight ("Commissioner"), on
26 the one hand, and Pelagius Entertainment, Inc. ("Pelagius"), Joseph H. Fries ("Fries"), and Natalie
27 Khoury ("Khoury") (collectively, "Respondents"), on the other hand (hereafter, "Parties").
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1 RECITALS

2 This Stipulation is made with reference to the following facts:

3 A. Pelagius is a corporation in good standing, duly formed and existing pursuant to the
4 laws of the State of California, and is authorized to conduct business in this State. Pelagius has its
5 principal place of business located at 23548 Calabasas Road, Suite 206 East, Calabasas,
6 California, 91302.

7 B. Joseph H. Fries is the president and a control person of Pelagius and, as such, is
8 authorized to enter into this Stipulation on behalf of Pelagius.

9 C. Natalie Khoury is the executive vice president and a control person of Pelagius
10 and, as such, is authorized to enter into this Stipulation on behalf of Pelagius.

11 D. Beginning in or about November 2012, Respondents offered and sold securities in the
12 form of investment contracts in this state without having first qualified the securities or taken
13 reasonable steps to assure the securities were exempt from qualification under the California
14 Corporate Securities Law of 1968 (Corp. Code, §§ 25000 *et seq.*). Further, Respondents did not file
15 with the Department a notice of exempt transaction under Corporations Code section 25102.

16 E. It is the intention and desire of the Parties to resolve this matter without the
17 necessity of a hearing and/or other litigation.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, and the terms and conditions
19 set forth herein, the Parties agree as follows:

20 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

21 1. Respondents stipulate to the issuance of the Desist and Refrain Order, in the form
22 attached hereto as Exhibit A, directing Respondents to desist and refrain from the further offer or sale
23 in the State of California of securities, including but not limited to investment contracts, unless and
24 until qualification has been made under the California Corporate Securities Law of 1968 or unless
25 exempt. Respondents agree that the delivery by certified mail of the executed Desist and Refrain
26 Order issued by the Commissioner to the address set forth in Paragraph A above shall constitute valid
27 service of the Order.
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1 2. Respondents hereby waive all rights to any hearing or appeal of the Desist and Refrain
2 Order.

3 3. Respondents agree to pay an administrative penalty pursuant to Corporations Code
4 section 25532, subdivision (a), to the Commissioner in the amount of \$2500 (two thousand five
5 hundred dollars) for violation of Corporations Code section 25110.

6 4. Respondents acknowledge that remedies for violations of the California Corporate
7 Securities Law of 1968 are not exclusive and may be sought and employed in any combination to
8 enforce the purpose and provisions of this law.

9 5. Respondents agree that nothing in this Stipulation shall preclude the Commissioner, or
10 her agents or employees, to the extent authorized by law, from assisting or cooperating in any
11 investigation and/or action brought by any other federal, state or county agency. Respondents further
12 agree that this Stipulation shall not bind or otherwise prevent any other federal, state or county
13 agency from the performance of its duties.

14 6. Respondents enter into this Stipulation voluntarily and without coercion and
15 acknowledge that no promises, threats or assurances have been made by the Commissioner or any
16 officer, or agent thereof, about this Stipulation.

17 7. Respondents acknowledge that this Stipulation and the Exhibit attached thereto are a
18 public record.

19 8. Respondents and the Commissioner agree that this Stipulation may be executed in one
20 or more separate counterparts, each of which when so executed, shall be deemed an original. Such
21 counterparts shall together constitute and be one and the same instrument.

22 9. This Stipulation shall not become effective until the administrative penalty specified in
23 Paragraph 3 above has been received by the Commissioner and this Stipulation signed by all parties
24 and delivered by the Commissioner’s counsel to Respondents via certified mail.

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Dated: 10/16/14

JAN LYNN OWEN
Commissioner of Business Oversight

By _____
Mary Ann Smith
Deputy Commissioner

PELAGIUS ENTERTAINMENT, INC.

Dated: 10/14/14

By _____
Joseph H. Fries, President
Individually and on behalf of Pelagius Entertainment, Inc.

Dated: 10/14/14

By _____
Natalie Khoury, Executive Vice President
Individually and on behalf of Pelagius Entertainment, Inc.

Approved as to Form and Content

Dated: 10/14/14

By _____
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Attorney on behalf of Pelagius Entertainment, Inc., Joseph H. Fries, and Natalie Khoury