DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, *
LICENSING AND REGULATION
*

v. *

* CASE NO.: SPMG-09-0003

JAN KOPPEL
PRECIOUS METALS LIQUIDATORS, INC. *
109 Ruth Eager Court
Baltimore, Maryland 21208, *

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Respondent

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CONSENT ORDER

This matter comes before the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation ("Department") based on complaints filed by the Prince George's County Police Department. Based on those complaints, the Department determined that administrative charges against Jan Koppel ("Respondent") were appropriate and that an administrative hearing on those charges should be held. A hearing was scheduled at the Office of Administrative Hearings for September 14 — September 18, 2009. However, prior to the hearing, the Department and the Respondent reached an agreement to settle this case. The Department and the Respondent consent to the entry of this Order as final resolution of the regulatory charges in Case No. SPMG-09-0003.

IT IS STIPULATED BY THE PARTIES that:

1. The Respondent is currently licensed (No. 2224) as a secondhand precious metal object dealer ("dealer"), as defined in Section 12-101(b) of the Business Regulation Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, and was licensed in that capacity at all relevant times.

2. The name of the company through which the Respondent acquires secondhand precious metal objects is/has been Precious Metals Liquidators, Inc.

3. The allegations which begin with the sentence "It is alleged that, on August 16, 2008, your shop held an event in Prince George's County, Maryland, at which you acquired secondhand precious metal objects ("object" or "objects")" on page 1 of the Statement of Charges and Order for Hearing ("charge letter") dated April 28, 2009, which continue from page 1 through page 58 of the charge letter, and which end with the sentence "It is alleged that you knew, or should have known, of the requirements concerning daily return forms and the registration of employees/buyers" on page 58 of the charge letter are incorporated by reference into this Consent Order.

4. The Respondent acknowledges that those factual allegations are true.

5. The Department received additional reports from the Prince George's County Police Department in regard to alleged violations of secondhand precious metal laws by the Respondent for events, or shows, which took place between March 21 and May 9, 2009.

6. The Department's case numbers for those reports are SPMG-10-0002, SPMG-10-0003, SPMG-10-0004, SPMG-10-0005, SPMG-10-0006, SPMG-10-0007, SPMG-10-0008, and SPMG-10-0010.

7. The Department received a report from the Anne Arundel County Police Department in regard to alleged violations of secondhand precious metal laws by the Respondent for an event, or show, which took place on April 11, 2009.

8. The Department's case number for that report is SPMG-10-0015.

9. In the interest of effecting the resolution of Case No. SPMG-09-0003, the Department

has closed the cases referenced in Stipulation Nos. 5-8 and will not pursue administrative charges against the Respondent in those cases (subject to the Respondent's compliance with the Order set forth below).

10. By entering this Consent Order, the Respondent expressly waives his right to any hearing or further proceedings to which he may be entitled in this matter and any rights to appeal from the Consent Order.

11. The Respondent enters this Consent Order freely, knowingly, and voluntarily, and with the advice of counsel.

12. The Respondent agrees to comply with the requirements of Section 12-101 *et seq.* of the Business Regulation Article, Maryland Annotated Code, and the Code of Maryland Regulations 09.25.01.01 *et seq.* in future transactions.

BASED ON THESE STIPULATIONS, IT IS, THIS 5th day of Oct, 2009, BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION,

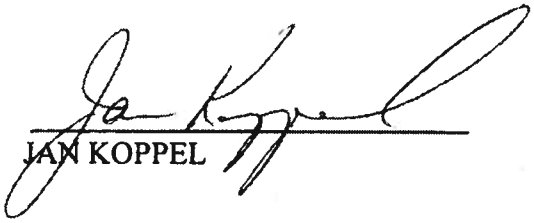
ORDERED that Respondent Jan Koppel violated Maryland Annotated Code, Business Regulations Article, §§12-203, 12-301(a),(d) and (e), and 12-302(a), as well as Code of Maryland Regulations 09.25.01.05, and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is assessed a total civil penalty of $8,500.00 for those violations, which amount is payable to the Department within 30 days of the date this Consent Order is executed by the Department, and it is further

ORDERED that, if payment of the civil penalty is not made within that 30-day period, the Respondent's license as a "dealer" shall be automatically suspended until that payment is made, and it is further

ORDERED that, if payment of the civil penalty is not made with that 30-day period, the Department may reopen the cases referenced in Stipulation Nos. 5-8 above and pursue administrative charges against the Respondent in those cases, and it is further

ORDERED that the Department's records and publications shall reflect the discipline imposed on the Respondent.



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LEONARD J. HOWIE III
DEPUTY SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING
& REGULATION

October 5, 2009
Date