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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

ACTION REALTY GROUP, INC., a Corporation, RAMESH KUMAR BIRLA, and

DANIEL DAVID CAMPBELL

Respondent.

NO. H-10890 SF

(As to RAMESH KUMAR BIRLA, Only)

ORDER ACCEPTING VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

On March 26, 2010, an Accusation was filed in this matter against Respondents ACTION REALTY GROUP, INC., a Corporation, RAMESH KUMAR BIRLA, and DANIEL DAVID CAMPBELL.

By Declaration signed March 7, 2011, Respondent RAMESH KUMAR BIRLA, only, petitioned the Real Estate Commissioner to voluntarily surrender his real estate license pursuant to Section 10100.2 of the Business and Professions Code.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the petition of Respondent RAMESH KUMAR
BIRLA for the voluntary surrender of his real estate license is accepted as of the effective date of
this Order as set forth below, based upon the understanding and agreement expressed in the

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Declaration of Respondent RAMESH KUMAR BIRLA, dated March 7, 2011 (attached hereto as Exhibit "A"). Respondent's license certificate and pocket card shall be sent to the below listed address so that they reach the Department of Real Estate on or before the effective date of this Order: DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE Attn: Licensing Flag Section P. O. Box 187000 Sacramento, CA 95818-7000 This Order shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on May 5 2011. DATED: JEFF DAVI Real Estate Commissioner

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14	a Corporation,) RAMESH KUMAR BIRLA, and) (As to RAMESH KUMAR BIRLA, Only)		
15	DANIEL DAVID CAMPBELL,)		
16	Respondents.		
17	DECLARATION		
18	My name is RAMESH KUMAR BIRLA and I am currently licensed as a real		
19	estate broker/officer and have license rights with respect to said license.		
20	In lieu of proceeding in this matter in accordance with the provisions of the		
21	Administrative Procedure Act (Sections 11400 et seq., of the Government Code), I wish to		
22	voluntarily surrender my real estate license(s) issued by the Department of Real Estate		
23	("Department"), pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 10100.2.		
24	I understand that by so voluntarily surrendering my license, I may be relicensed a		
25	a broker or as a salesperson only by petitioning for reinstatement pursuant to Section 11522 of		



26 the Government Code. I also understand that by so voluntarily surrendering my license, I agree

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surrender.

The filing of this Declaration shall be deemed as my petition for voluntary

- 2. It shall also be deemed to be an understanding and agreement by me that I waive all rights I have to require the Commissioner to prove the allegations contained in the Accusation filed in this matter at a hearing held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Government Code Sections 11400 et seq.), and that I also waive other rights afforded to me in connection with the hearing such as the right to discovery, the right to present evidence in defense of the allegations in the Accusation and the right to cross-examine witnesses.
- 3. I further agree that upon acceptance by the Commissioner, as evidenced by an appropriate order, all affidavits and all relevant evidence obtained by the Department in this matter prior to the Commissioner's acceptance, and all allegations contained in the Accusation filed in the Department Case No. H-10890 SF, may be considered by the Department to be true and correct for the purpose of deciding whether to grant relicensure or reinstatement pursuant to Government Code Section 11522.
- 4. I freely and voluntarily surrender all my licenses and license rights under the Real Estate Law.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the Murch above is true and correct and that this declaration was executed (2) Kland California.

RAMESH KUMAR BIRLA

Respondent



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NO. H-10890 SF
(As to ACTION REALTY GROUP, INC., and DANIEL DAVID CAMPBELL, Only)

Respondents.

DECISION

This Decision is being issued in accordance with the provisions of Section 11520 of the Government Code, on evidence of compliance with Section 11505 of the Government Code and pursuant to the Order of Default filed on November 17, 2010.

The Findings of Fact set forth herein as to Respondents ACTION REALTY GROUP, INC. (herein "AGRI") and DANIEL DAVID CAMPBELL's (herein "CAMPBELL") (herein collectively "Respondents"), are based on one or more of the following: (l) Respondents' express admissions; (2) affidavits; and/or, (3) other evidence.

This Decision revokes Respondents' real estate licenses based on violations Sections 10130, 10145(c) 10176(a), (b), (e) and (i), and 10177(j) of the California Business and Professions Code (herein "the Code").

The right to reinstatement of a revoked real estate license is controlled by Section 11522 of the Government Code. A copy of Section 11522 and a copy of the Commissioner's <u>Criteria of Rehabilitation</u> are attached hereto for the information of Respondents.

FINDINGS OF FACT

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On March 26, 2010, E. J. Haberer II made the Accusation in his official capacity as a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California. The Accusation, Statement to Respondent, and form for the Notice of Defense were mailed, by certified and regular mail to Respondents at their last known mailing addresses on file with the Department on March 26, 2010.

On November 12, 2010, no Notice of Defense having been filed herein within the time prescribed by Section 1106 of the Government Code, Respondent's default was entered herein.

At all times herein mentioned, Respondents were and now are licensed and/or have license rights under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Code).

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At all times herein mentioned, ARGI was and now is licensed by the State of California Department of Real Estate (herein the "Department") as a corporate real estate broker by and through BIRLA as designated officer-broker of ARGI to qualify said corporation and to act for said corporation as a real estate broker.

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At all times herein mentioned, RAMESH KUMAR BIRLA (herein "BIRLA") was and now is licensed by the Department as a real estate broker, individually and as designated officer-broker of ARGI. As said designated officer-broker, BIRLA was at all times mentioned herein responsible pursuant to Section 10159.2 of the Code for the supervision of the activities of the officers, agents, real estate licensees, and employees of ARGI for which a license is required.

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At all times herein mentioned, CAMPBELL was and now is licensed by the Department as a real estate salesperson and was in the employ of AGRI between about October 19, 2007, and about August 24, 2008, the date CAMPBELL ceased being affiliated with any broker.

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Whenever reference is made in an allegation in this Accusation to an act or omission of ARGI, such allegation shall be deemed to mean that the officers, directors, employees, agents and/or real estate licensees employed by or associated with ARGI committed such act or omission while engaged in the furtherance of the business or operations of such corporate respondent and while acting within the course and scope of their authority and employment.

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At all times herein mentioned, Respondents ARGI and CAMPBELL, engaged in the business of, acted in the capacity of, advertised, or assumed to act as real estate brokers within the State of California on behalf of others, for compensation or in expectation of compensation within the meaning of Section 10131(b) of the Code in the operations of a property management business with the public wherein, on behalf of others, for compensation or in expectation of compensation, Respondents leased or rented and offered to lease or rent, and placed for rent, and solicited listings of places for rent, and solicited for prospective tenants of real property or improvements thereon, and collected rents from real property or improvements thereon.

In so acting as real estate brokers, Respondents ARGI and CAMPBELL accepted or received funds in trust (herein "trust funds") from or on behalf of tenants, owners, and others in connection with the property management activities described in Paragraph 7, above, and thereafter from time to time made disbursements of said trust funds.

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On or about November 6, 2007, Respondent CAMPBELL opened a bank account at the Alameda branch of Washington Mutual Bank, Account # 0357-0000190897-7 (herein "Bank #1"), account title "Action Realty Group Inc. dba Action Property Management," naming himself, alone, as signatory.

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Between about January 24, 2008 and about June 19, 2008, Respondents AGRI and CAMPBELL entered into Property Management Agreements with, among others, the following owners of real property, wherein Respondents agreed, among other things, to make disbursements to said owners from funds held in the "Broker's trust account."

Owner(s)	Real Property	Date
Lynn and Arlington P. Houston	5326 Trask St. Oakland, California	1/26/08
Suzanne Keene	1825 Shoreline Dr, #207 Alameda, California	4/6/08

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Between about January 24, 2008 and about June 19, 2008, in connection with the collection of said trust funds, Respondent CAMPBELL received checks from the following tenants in the name of ARGI, and caused to be deposited said checks into Bank #1, as follows:

Tenant(s)	Property Owner(s)	Date	Amount
Sylvia S.	Beverly Hill	1/24/08	\$1,000
Oakland Housing Authority	Beverly Hill	1/24/08	\$1,738
Oakland Housing Authority	Beverly Hill	2/15/08	\$1,738
Erika Sawyer	Gabriel Escobar	3/27/08	\$2,290
Oakland Housing Authority	Beverly Hill	3/37/08	\$1,738
Shirley P.	Beverly Hill	3/27/08	\$ 441
Gabriel Escobar	Jennifer Camacho	3/27/08	\$ 500
Sylvia S.	Beverly Hill	3/27/08	\$ 250

Tenant(s)	Property Owner(s)	Date	Amount (Cont)
Shirley P.	Beverly Hill	3/28/08	\$ 441
Oakland Housing Authority	Beverly Hill	4/2/08	\$1,738
Marinieve C. Truvillion	Arlington P. Houston, Jr.	4/2/08	\$1,700
Sylvia S.	Beverly Hill	4/2/08	\$ 145
Oakland Housing Authority	Beverly Hill	4/18/08	\$1,738
Shirley P.	Beverly Hill	4/18/08	\$ 441
Debra Bannister	Beverly Hill	4/18/08	\$ 177
Sylvia S.	Beverly Hill	4/18/08	\$ 321
Jeanne M. Dolquist	Rose and Matt Clowry	4/24/08	\$6,130
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Jeanne M. Dolquist	Rose and Matt Clowry	6/11/08	\$3,350
Jennifer Camacho	Gabriel Escobar	6/19/08	\$1,395
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In connection with the activities described in Paragraphs 7-11, above, Respondents AGRI and CAMPBELL:

- (a) failed to immediately deliver said trust funds to the broker, or into the custody of the broker's principal or a neutral escrow depository or deposit said funds into the broker's trust fund account, in conformance with the requirements of Section 10145(c) of the Code, in that Respondents placed such funds in Bank #1, not a broker's trust account;
- (b) caused, suffered or permitted money of others which was received and held by Respondents in Bank #1 to be commingled with Respondents' own money, in violation of Section 10176(e) of the Code;
- (c) misrepresented to the property owners described in Paragraph 10, above, that funds were being held in a "broker's trust account," when in fact, Respondents set up no such trust account, in violation of Sections 10176(a), (b), and (i) and/or 10177(g) and/or (j) of the Code;
- (d) failed to deliver rent checks and/or other funds due to the property owners described in Paragraph 11, above, in violation of Sections 10176(a), (b), and (i), and/or 10177(g) and/or (j) of the Code;

- (e) converted for Respondents' own use, said trust funds described in Paragraph 11, above, in that Respondents caused purchases to be made using a debit or automated teller machine card at retail outlets, including, but not limited to, Trader Joe's, Grand Market, Katie Hair Designs, Walgreens, Express Liquor, Video Library, Yolo Fruit Stand, and Petco, against Bank #1, in violation of Sections 10176(i), and/or 10177(g) and/or (j) of the Code;
- (f) failed to return security deposits and maintenance reserve funds to Gabriel Escobar (\$2,290), Jeanne M. Dolquist (\$6,130), and Suzanne Keane (\$1,850), in violation of Sections 10176(i), and/or 10177(g) and/or (j) of the Code; and
- (g) performed activities for which a broker license is required, without first obtaining a broker license, in violation of Section 10130 of the Code.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

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The activities of Respondents as described in Paragraphs 7-12 above, established that Respondents violated Sections 10130, 10145(c) 10176(a), (b), (e) and (i), and 10177(j) of the Code and constitute cause under said sections of the Code in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code for suspension or revocation of all licenses and license rights of Respondents under the Real Estate Law.

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The standard of proof applied is clear and convincing proof to a reasonable certainty.

<u>ORDER</u>

The real estate license and license rights of Respondent ACTION REALTY GROUP, INC., and Respondent DANIEL DAVID CAMPBELL under the provisions of Part I of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code are hereby revoked.

This Decision shall be	come effective at 12 o'clock noon on March 29	, 2011.
DATED:	<u>J</u> , 2011.	
	JEFF DAVI Real Estate Commissioner	

DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 1 P. O. Box 187007 2 Sacramento, CA 95818-7007 3 Telephone: (916) 227-0789 NOV 1 7 2010 4 ٠ 5 DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 6 7 8 **BEFORE THE** 9 DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 10 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 11 12 In the Matter of the Accusation of NO. H-10890 FR 13 ACTION REALTY GROUP, INC., A Corporation, **DEFAULT ORDER** 14 RAMESH KUMAR BIRLA, and (As to Action Realty Group, Inc., DANIEL DAVID CAMPBELL, and Daniel David Campbell, Only) 15 Respondents. 16 17 Respondents ACTION REALTY GROUP, INC., and DANIEL DAVID 18 CAMPBELL, only, having failed to file Notices of Defense within the time required by Section 11506 of the Government Code are now in default. It is, therefore, ordered that a default be 19 entered on the record in this matter as to Respondents ACTION REALTY GROUP, INC., and 20 21 DANIEL DAVID CAMPBELL, only. IT IS SO ORDERED Welmber 12, 2010. 22 JEFF DAVI Real Estate Commissioner

By:

Northern Regional Manager

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MARY F. CLARKE, Counsel (SBN 186744) Department of Real Estate 2 P. O. Box 187007 Sacramento, CA 95818-7007 3 MAR 2 6 2010 Telephone: (916) 227-0791 4 -or- (916) 227-0780 (Direct) DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 5 6 7 8 BEFORE THE 9 DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 10 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 11 In the Matter of the Accusation of 12 13 ACTION REALTY GROUP, INC., a Corporation, NO. H-10890 RAMESH KUMAR BIRLA, and 14 DANIEL DAVID CAMPBELL, **ACCUSATION** 15 Respondents. 16 17 The Complainant, E. J. HABERER II, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of Accusation against ACTION REALTY GROUP, INC., 18 19 (herein "ARGI"), RAMESH KUMAR BIRLA (herein "BIRLA"), and DANIEL DAVID CAMPBELL (herein "CAMPBELL") (herein collectively "Respondents"), is informed and 20 21 alleges as follows: 22 1 23 The Complainant makes this Accusation in his official capacity. 24 25 At all times herein mentioned, Respondents were and now are licensed and/or have license rights under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and 26 27 Professions Code) (herein "the Code").

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(g) performed activities for which a broker license is required, without first obtaining a broker license, in violation of Section 10130.

Between about September 11, 2008 and about October 14, 2008, Respondent BIRLA failed to make available, after notice to the Department, books, accounts, records, and other documents executed or obtained in connection with any transactions for which a real estate broker license is required for examination, inspection, and copying by the Commissioner or his designated representative during regular business hours, in violation of Section 10148 of the Code.

At all times mentioned herein, Respondent BIRLA failed to exercise reasonable supervision over the acts of Respondent ARGI and its agents and employees in such a manner as to allow the acts and omissions on the part of ARGI, described above, to occur in violation of Sections 10177(g) and (h) and 10159.2 of the Code and Section 2725 of the Title 10, Chapter 6, of the California Code of Regulations (herein "the Regulations").

The facts alleged above are grounds for the suspension or revocation of the license and license rights of Respondents under the following provisions of the Code and/or the Regulations:

(a) as to Paragraph 12 (a) and Respondent CAMPBELL under Section
 10145(c) of the Code, in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the
 Code;

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