# DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE OF THE ONTARIO MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY COUNCIL

# IN THE MATTER OF A DISCIPLINE HEARING HELD PURSUANT TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS ACT, 2002; S.O. 2002, c.30, Sch. B

#### BETWEEN:

REGISTRAR, MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS ACT, 2002

- and -

DEROUARD MOTOR PRODUCTS LTD.

- and -

## **WILFRED DEROUARD**

# AGREED STATEMENT OF FACTS AND PENALTY

Derouard Motor Products Ltd and Wilfred Derouard have breached the following: Section 4 of the Code of Ethics, Regulation 332/08 Section 9 of the Code of Ethics, Regulation 332/08

#### SUMMARY OF AGREEMENT

The parties to this proceeding agree that:

 Derouard Motor Products Ltd. (the "Dealer") was first registered as a motor vehicle dealer in or around August 1983. Wilfred Derouard ("Derouard") was first registered as motor vehicle salesperson in or around June 2002. At all material times, Derouard has been the officer and director of the Dealer.

## **OMVIC** publications:

- 2. In the winter of 2008, OMVIC issued a Dealer Standard publication which highlighted some of the upcoming changes that would take place when the Motor Vehicle Dealers Act, 2002 (the "Act") came into effect, including the requirement for dealers to advertise all-inclusive vehicle prices.
- 3. In or around December 2008, issued a bulletin which highlighted some of the upcoming changes that would take place when the Act came into effect, including the requirement for dealers to advertise all-inclusive vehicle prices.

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- After the Act was proclaimed, OMVIC further issued the following Dealer Standard publications reminding dealers of the requirement for dealers to advertise all-inclusive vehicle prices:
  - a. Spring 2010
  - b. Summer 2010
  - c. Spring 2011
  - d. Summer 2011
  - e. Winter 2013
  - f. Spring 2013
  - g. Fall 2013
  - h. Winter 2014
  - i. Spring 2014
  - J. Summer 2014
- 5. Furthermore, OMVIC issued the following dealer bulletins which also reminded dealers of the requirement for dealers to advertise all-inclusive vehicle prices:
  - a. January 2010 (2 publications)
  - b. April 2010 (2 publications)
  - c. February 2012
  - d. August 2012
  - e. April 2013
  - f. April 2014
  - g. June 2014
  - h. April 2015

# Direct correspondence with the Dealer:

 During an inspection dated July 26, 2011, a representative of the Registrar reminded the Dealer of their requirements to ensure to advertise all-inclusive vehicle prices, as required by sub section 36(7) of Regulation 333/08, as well as sections 4 and 9 of the Code of Ethics.

### Dealer non-compliance:

- 7. Between on or before September 21, 2015 and on or before October 20, 2015, the Dealer published web based used vehicle advertisements which falled to disclose all-inclusive vehicle prices. This is contrary to sub section 36(7) of Regulation 333/08, as well as sections 4 and 9 of the Code of Ethics.
- 8. On or about October 27, 2015, a representative of the Registrar contacted Derouard, on behalf of the Dealer, regarding the aforementioned advertisements. Derourad acknowledged the non-compliant price advertising was intentional. The Issues were corrected shortly thereafter.
- 9. On or about December 1, 2015, a Notice of Complaint was issued regarding the advertisements referred to in paragraph 7 of this document.

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10. On or about December 7, 2015, a representative of the Registrar discovered the Dealer's new vehicle advertisements did not promote all-inclusive vehicle prices. This is contrary to sub-section 36(7) of Regulation 333/08, as well as sections 4 and 9 of the Code of Ethics. On this same date, said representative contacted Derouard, on behalf of the Dealer, regarding these advertisements. The issues were corrected shortly thereafter.

By failing to comply with the following sections of the Motor Vehicle Dealers Act, 2002, (the "Act"):

Regulation 333/08:

#### 36. Advertising:

- (7) If an advertisement indicates the price of a motor vehicle, the price shall be set out in a clear, comprehensible and prominent manner and shall be set out as the total of,
  - (a) the amount that a buyer would be required to pay for the vehicle; and
  - (b) subject to subsections (9) and (10), all other charges related to the trade in the vehicle, including, if any, charges for freight, charges for inspection before delivery of the vehicle, fees, levies and taxes.

It is thereby agreed that the Dealer and Derouard have breached the following sections of the Code of Ethics, as set out in Regulation 332/08:

- 4. A registrant shall be clear and truthful in describing the features, benefits and prices connected with the motor vehicles in which the registrant trades and in explaining the products, services, programs and prices connected with those vehicles.
- 9. In carrying on business, a registrant shall not engage in any act or omission that, having regard to all of the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded as disgraceful, dishonourable, unprofessional or unbecoming of a registrant.

# **JOINT SUBMISSION ON PENALTY:**

- 1. The Dealer agrees to pay a fine in the amount of \$5,000 within 90 days of the date of the Discipline Committee Order.
- 2. Derouard agrees to successfully complete the OMVIC certification course (the "course") within 90 days of the date of the Discipline Committee Order.
- 3. The Dealer agrees to offer all current and future sales staff the opportunity to complete the course. Current sales staff will be offered the course within 90 days of the date of the Discipline Committee Order. Future sales staff will be offered the course within 90 of be retained in this capacity. The Dealer will incur all costs associated with this. It is understood between the parties this clause does not apply to sales staff who have completed the course after January 1, 2009, or who are otherwise required to do so pursuant to the Act.

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4. The Dealer and Derouard agree to comply with the Act, Code of Ethics, and Standards of Business Practice, as may be amended from time to time.

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By signature below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the penalty outlined herein and agree to the said terms and/or conditions and that I exercised my right to be represented by Counsel or agent in this matter. I understand, acknowledge and consent to waive the requirement for a hearing and to request an Order from the Chair of the Discipline Committee that includes this Agreed Statement of Facts and Penalty as a final settlement of this matter.

DATED AT Kenory, ON THIS 14 DAY OF December, 2015
WIL DEROUARD (please print) Wilfred Derouard
(signature)
DATED AT Kenora, on THIS 14 DAY OF DECEMBED, 2015
Wil DEROVARD (please print)
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I have the authority to bind the corporation: Derouard Motors Ltd.
By signature below the Registrar agrees, acknowledges, understands and consents to the final settlement of this matter by way of this Agreed Statement of Facts and Penalty.
DATED AT WANTO THIS 150 DAY OF Decarles, 2015
AAS.
Mary Jane South, Registrar Registrar, <i>Motor Vehicle Dealers Act, 2002</i>

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Pursuant to Rule 1.07, I accept the Parties identified above:	nis Agreed Statement of Facts and Penalty from the
DATED AT Angaster THIS 1	8_DAY OF December, 2015

Paul Burroughs
Chair, Discipline Committee of the
Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council