Tribunaux décisionnels Ontario Tribunal d'appel en matière de permis



Citation: Autotek Car Sales & Service (1996) Ltd. and Ramzi Diab and Joseph Diab v. Registrar, *Motor Vehicle Dealers Act, 2002*, 2024 ONLAT MVDA 15514

File Number: 15514/MVDA

An appeal from a Notice of Proposal to Revoke Registrations under the *Motor Vehicle Dealers Act, 2002,* S.O. 2002, c. 30, Sched B

Between:

Autotek Car Sales & Service (1996) Ltd., Ramzi Diab and Joseph Diab

Appellants

and

Registrar, Motor Vehicle Dealers Act, 2002

Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

ADJUDICATOR: Jeffery Campbell, Vice-Chair

Date: July 23, 2024

BACKGROUND

- [1] On December 14, 2023, the Registrar, *Motor Vehicle Dealers Act, 2002*, (the "Registrar") issued a Notice of Proposal (the "NOP") to revoke the registration of Autotek Car Sales & Service (1996) Ltd. (the "Appellant Autotek") as a motor vehicle dealer and Ramzi Diab (the "Appellant Ramzi") and Joseph Diab (the "Appellant Joseph") as motor vehicle salespersons, under the *Motor Vehicle Dealers Act., 2002, S.O.* 2002, c. 30, Sched B and the Regulations (the "*Act*").
- [2] The NOP is based on the grounds that the Appellants' past conduct is inconsistent with the intention and objective of the *Act*, and therefore warrants their disentitlement to registration.
- [3] The Notice of Proposal to Refuse the registration has been appealed to the Tribunal.
- [4] The parties advised the Tribunal that they had resolved the issues in dispute and both parties have consented to the registration of the Appellant Autotek as a motor vehicle dealer and the Appellant Ramzi and the Appellant Joseph as motor vehicle salespersons on the terms and conditions set out in Terms and Conditions between the Appellants and the Registrar signed July 22, 2024. The Terms and Conditions shall constitute Schedule A.
- [5] Further, both parties confirmed that pursuant to section 4.1 of the *Statutory Powers Procedure Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. S 2 (the "SPPA"), both parties waive the requirements of a hearing and consent to an Order of the Tribunal to confirm the appellants' registration on the terms and conditions set out on Schedule A. A copy of the agreements signed by all parties is attached as Schedule A to this Order.

ON CONSENT OF BOTH PARTIES, I ORDER:

[6] Pursuant to s. 4.1 of the SPPA and on the consent of the parties, I dispose of this proceeding without a hearing on the terms set out in the agreement signed by the Appellants and the Registrar on July 22, 2024, a copy of which is attached to this order as Schedule A, which Schedule A is incorporated and made part of this Order.

LICENCE APPEAL TRIBUNAL

Jeffery Campbell, Vice-Chair

Released: July 23, 2024



TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION

FROM: Registrar, Motor Vehicle Dealers Act, 2002

Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council

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o/a AUTO PRICE CANADA 3-1630 Matheson Boulevard Mississauga, L4W 1Y4

AND FROM: RAMZI DIAB

[Address Omitted]

AND TO: JOSEPH DIAB

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In accordance with subsection 6(2) of the *Motor Vehicle Dealers Act, 2002* (the "MVDA"), Autotek Car Sales & Service (1996) Ltd. O/A Auto Price Canada (the "Dealer"), Joseph Diab and Ramzi Diab (all three may collectively be hereinafter referred to as the "Registrants") and the Registrar, *Motor Vehicle Dealers Act, 2002*, ("the Registrar"), in accordance with section 4.1 of the Statutory Powers Procedure Act, do hereby waive the requirements of a hearing and consent to an Order of the Licence Appeal Tribunal based upon the following terms and conditions:

GENERAL

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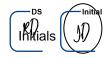
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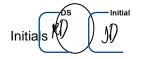
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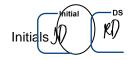
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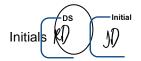


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Signed in the City of			20
Ramzi Diab			
Name of Authorized Representa	ative (please print clearly	y)	



Ramzi Diab	
I have authority to bind the dealership. (signatu	ure)
ramzi.diab@autopricecanada.com	
Business Email Address (please print clearly)	
Signed by:	
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Signed in the City of	_ this	_day of	20
Name of Authorized Representative (please p	orint clear	ly)	



I have authority to bind the dealership. (signature)
Business Email Address (please print clearly)
Joseph Diab
Business Email Address (please print clearly)
Ramzi Diab
Business Email Address (please print clearly)

These Terms and Conditions are accepted by the Registrar, Motor Vehicle Dealers Act, 2002. Signed in the City of Toronto this 22nd day of July, 2024.

Maureen Harquail

Registrar, Motor Vehicle Dealers Act, 2002