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STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION

1830 E College Parkway, Suite 100 Carson City, Nevada 89706 (775) 684-2970

In Re:

Asure Operations LLC; Asure Payroll Services Inc; Evolution Payroll Processing LLC; Mangrove Employer Services Inc; Asure Payroll Tax Management LLC; Asure Treasury Management LLC

Respondent.

CONSENT ORDER

The Commissioner of the Financial Institutions Division for the State of Nevada -with the agreement and specific consent of Asure Operations LLC and each of its above-named affiliates (hereafter, "Respondent"), by and through its Chief Financial Officer, John F. Pence, (hereafter, "Pence")- and the Financial Institutions Division of the State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, (hereafter, "Division"), find, agree, and order as follows:

JURISDICTION

Respondent agrees that it is subject to Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") Chapter 671, Administrative Code ("NAC") Chapter 671, and the jurisdiction of the Division.

SUMMARY OF FACTS

- Respondent is registered under the laws of the State of Nevada, and its resident agent is CT Corporation System, located at 701 South Carson Court, Suite 200, Carson City, Nevada 89701.
- 2. Respondent operates the business of a money transmitter at the following location: 405 Colorado Street, Suite 1800, Austin, Texas 78701.

- 3. Respondent submitted an Application for Licensure as a Money Transmitter through the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry ("NMLS") on November 18, 2023.
- 4. On January 4, 2024, during a preliminary review of Respondent's application, the Division reviewed the Respondent's Nevada Application Addendum, which is a required form that requests additional information about the applicant. The Addendum referred to another statement provided by the applicant that was uploaded in NMLS, as part of the application.
- 5. The statement from the applicant disclosed that the company has been conducting money transmission in Nevada including payroll activity for both transactions that originated in Nevada and transactions being disbursed to residents of Nevada.
- 6. Pursuant to conversations with Respondent and the Respondent Flow of Funds in NMLS, payroll funds flow through several subsidiaries of Asure Operations LLC.
- 7. On January 4, 2024, the Division sent an email to Respondent asking for confirmation that all Nevada activity had paused, pending the approval of the application and issuance of the license.
- 8. Respondent called the Division on January 9, 2024, to discuss the pending application. During the call, Chris Bell, representative for Respondent, stated that the company is still operating in Nevada and is working to get the pending application approved as quickly as possible.
- 9. Respondent reported through NMLS five other disciplinary actions related to unlicensed activity in Texas, Idaho, Connecticut, Nebraska and Michigan.
- 10. Based upon the findings of the investigation and to avoid further administrative action, the parties have agreed to resolve this matter.
- 11. The Consent Order shall memorialize the corrective action, which the Respondent shall take, to resolve any concerns by the Division related to the aforementioned investigation and as detailed in the Administrative Complaint.

VIOLATIONS OF LAW

During the course of the Division's investigation, it was discovered that Respondent has engaged in unlicensed activity under NRS Chapter 671, in violation of that Chapter, by conducting the business of a money transmitter in the State of Nevada without having first obtained a license with the Division.

CONSENT ORDER

- 1. The Division was prepared to present its case to the assigned Administrative Law Judge based upon an Administrative Complaint filed by the Division. However, Respondent expressed its intent to comply with NRS Chapter 671 and NAC Chapter 671 and its desire to cooperate with the Division and to avoid the time and expense involved in a formal administrative enforcement hearing.
- 2. Pursuant to NRS 233B.121(5), the Division and Respondent agrees to the following terms and conditions, to resolve the issues raised in the Administrative Complaint:
- A. Respondent neither admits nor denies the facts and violations of law, as alleged in the Administrative Complaint.
- B. Respondent admits and acknowledges it has never received a license for money transmission from the Division, and Respondent agrees to enter into this Consent Order to resolve the matter of unlicensed activity, as alleged in the Administrative Complaint.
- C. In particular, Respondent understands and agrees that, under the Consent Order, the Division enters a finding of violation against Respondent for being engaged in unlicensed activity, as alleged in the Administrative Complaint.
 - D. Respondent therefore agrees to:
 - a. Pay a fine of \$10,000 as an administrative penalty pursuant to NRS 671.485; and
 - b. Refrain from any activity that violates NRS and NAC Chapters 671, and otherwise operate its business in accordance with those Chapters.

- E. The Division agrees not to pursue any other or greater remedies or fines in connection with Respondent's alleged conduct referenced herein solely as it relates to the Administrative Complaint. However, Respondent acknowledges, agrees to, and understand that any further violation(s) of NRS Chapter 671 and/or NAC Chapter 671 such as described and cited herein may be deemed violations(s), and shall subject Respondent to additional administrative fines and costs as well as remedies available pursuant to NRS 671.485, NRS 671.495, and any other applicable section of NRS Chapter 671.
- F. Respondent and the Division agree that, by entering into this Consent Order, the Division does not concede any defense or mitigation Respondent may assert. Respondent agrees and understand that by entering into this Consent Order, Respondent is waiving its right to a hearing at which Respondent may present evidence in its defense, its right to a written decision on the merits of the Administrative Complaint and/or rehearing, appeal and/or judicial review, and all other rights which may be accorded by the Nevada Administrative Procedure Act, the Nevada Money Transmitter statutes and accompanying regulations, and the federal and state constitutions.
- G. Respondent understands that this Consent Order may be subject to public records laws.
- H. Respondent fully understands that it has the right to be represented by legal counsel in this matter at its own expense. Each party shall bear its own attorney's fees and costs. Neither this Consent Order nor any statements made concerning this Consent Order may be discussed or introduced into evidence at any hearing on the Administrative Complaint if the Division must ultimately present its case based on the Administrative Complaint in this matter.
- In consideration of execution of this Consent Order, the Respondent and its owners, members, managers, successors, heirs, agents, assigns, and the like, hereby releases, remises, and forever discharges the State of Nevada, the Department of Business and Industry, and the Division and each of their respective members, agents, employees and counsel in their individual and representative capacities, from any and all manner of actions,

causes of action, suits, debts, judgments, executions, claims, and demands whatsoever, know and unknown, in law or equity, that the Respondent ever had, now has, may have, or claim to have, against any or all of the persons or entities named in this section, arising out of or by reason of the Division's investigation, this disciplinary action, and all other matters relating thereto.

- J. Respondent hereby indemnifies and holds harmless the State of Nevada, the Department of Business and Industry, the Division, and each of their respective members, agents employees, and counsel in the individual and representative capacities against any and all claims, suits, and actions brought against said personal and/or entities by reason of the Division's investigations, this disciplinary action and all other matters relating thereto, and against any and all expenses, damages, and costs, including court costs and attorney fees, which may be sustained by the personal and/or entities name in this section as a result of said claims, suits, and actions.
- K. If Respondent fails to comply with any terms of this Consent Order, Respondent shall be subject to disciplinary action for violation of the Consent Order, NRS Chapter 671, and NAC Chapter 671 as stated in the Administrative Complaint, which may result in further disciplinary action. Respondent has signed and dated this Consent Order only after reading and understanding all terms herein.
- L. Respondent represents and warrants that the person signing on behalf of Respondent has all the requisite power and authority to conduct its business and to execute, deliver, and perform Respondent's obligations under this Consent Order and (b) the legal power, right and authority to make this Consent Order and to bind Respondent hereunder.

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1	In WITNESS WHEREOF, we have each executed this Consent Order as of the date
2	set forth below.
3	SO ORDERED this 17 day of Necestal 2024.
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5	STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
6	FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION
7	By: Sandy O'Laughlin
8	Commissioner
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10	AGREED AND CONSENTED TO this <u>17th</u> day of <u>December</u> , 2024.
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14	By: John F. Pence,
15	Its: Chief Fiffancial Officer
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17	Approved as to form:
18	AARON D. FORD
19	Attorney General
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21	/s Louis V. Csoka
22	Louis Csoka Michael Detmer
23	Deputy Attorney General Attorney for the Division
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1	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
2 3	I certify that I am an employee of the State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Financial Institutions Division, and that on the of December 2024,
4 5 6	deposited in the U.S. mail, postage prepaid, via First Class Mail and Certified Return Receip Requested, a true and correct copy of the foregoing CONSENT ORDER, addressed as follows:
7 8 9 10	Asure Operations LLC Attn: Chris Bell 405 Colorado Street, Suite 1800 Austin, TX 78701 Certified Mail: 7014 2870 0001 8499 1269
111213	Asure Operations LLC c/o CT Corporation System 701 S. Carson St, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701 Certified Mail: 7014 2870 0001 8499 1276
14 15	DATED thisday of December 2024.
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