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April 28, 2016

Via Regular and Certified Mail # 7011 2000 0002 4631 3826

In the matter of Report of Inspection of  
Ms. Hamoune Dicko  
t/a LA Belle Hair Braiding  
113 West Second Avenue  
Roselle, New Jersey 07203

**Mailing Address:**  
P.O. Box 45003  
Newark, NJ 07101  
(973) 504-6400

License # WD 28474  
Compt. # 113318

Dear: Ms. Dicko:

This letter is to advise you that the New Jersey State Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling (the "Board") has had an opportunity to review information concerning compliance of the shop premises and personnel named above with the laws and regulations governing the practice of cosmetology and hairstyling in this State.

In particular, the Board has received a Report of Routine Inspection conducted on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at LA Belle Hair Braiding, 113 West Second Avenue, Roselle, New Jersey by representatives of the Enforcement Bureau of the State Division of Consumer Affairs. A copy of the Report was signed by and provided to Hamoune Dicko upon completion of the inspection.

Upon review of this information, the Board has preliminarily found:

1. You have violated N.J.S.A. 45:5B-13(d) in that your shop was found in operation with Claudia Joseph and a unidentified individual practicing cosmetology/hairstyling without valid licenses.
2. You are to cease and desist from operating in violation of the above listed regulation. Subsequent violations will subject you to enhanced penalties consistent with N.J.S.A. 45:1-25. Penalties for subsequent violations may be up to \$20,000.00 per violation.

The Board has determined that it will first offer you an opportunity to settle this matter and thereby avoid the initiation of disciplinary proceedings. Should you wish to avail yourself of this opportunity, you should sign the acknowledgment and agree to cease and desist from the violations charged and pay a civil penalty (payment is due immediately upon your signing of the acknowledgments enclosed with this letter) as follows:

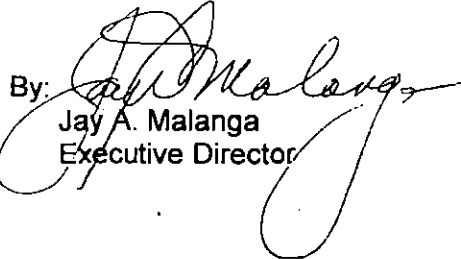
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| 1. | For violation of N.J.S.A. 45:5B-13(d)<br>Pay a penalty in the amount of | \$600.00 |
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Alternatively you may waive your right to a hearing on each charge and submit a written statement or explanation of any charges to the Board. The Board will then consider your submission and render a final decision, which may include any of the terms set forth above. This disposition will be a public record.

If you do not wish to settle one or more of the charges, you may request a hearing. In that event, this letter will serve as notice of the unsettled charges against you and a hearing will be scheduled before the Board. At that hearing you may, either personally or with the assistance of an attorney, submit evidence and present testimony as may be necessary in order for the Board to make a final determination concerning the charges of unlawful activity. You should be aware that in making its final decision, the Board may, if unlawful activity has been proven, assess civil penalties in an amount greater than that herein offered in this letter. Additionally, the Board may, if the facts are found to so warrant, enter an order, requiring you to reimburse certain monies, directing you to cease and desist from engaging in unlawful acts and/or requiring you to pay costs incurred by the Board.

The enclosed acknowledgments should be completed and returned to the Board within fifteen (15) days following your receipt of this letter. In the event that the Board receives no response from you within fifteen (15) days, the Board's settlement offer will be withdrawn, and you will be deemed in default. The allegations against you will be deemed uncontested. The Board will then proceed to schedule the matter for final review to consider the matter in your absence and will enter an appropriate order. Once an order has been entered, any penalties shall be due and paid within 30 days from the date the order is filed. Thereafter, if you fail to pay, a certificate of debt in the full amount due and owing shall be filed. Further, your failure to pay any penalties may result in further action to suspend or revoke your license.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF  
COSMETOLOGY AND HAIRSTYLING

By:   
Jay A. Malanga  
Executive Director

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE FOLLOWING CHARGE:**

**N.J.S.A. 45:5B-13(d)**

**AS TO THIS CHARGE, PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CHOICES:**

           I hereby agree to settle this charge, to cease and desist from further violations as charged and to pay a penalty of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as stated in the Board's letter to me. I am aware that this acknowledgment and the Board's letter are public documents, and the action taken against me by the Board in this matter is also a matter of public record. I understand that once this matter is finalized, my failure to comply with the terms of the Board's order may result in an action to suspend my license. I understand full payment is due 30 days from the date I sign this letter of acknowledgment and a certificate of debt in the full amount and owing shall be filed upon my failure to remit any payment.

           I do not intend to appear at a formal hearing to contest this charge. Instead, I am enclosing my written explanation of the charge, which I ask the Board to consider before rendering its final decision. By submitting my written explanation to the Board, I hereby waive any rights I may have to present my defense or explanation in person, at a formal hearing. I understand that after considering my explanation, the Board may order the settlement terms offered in the Board's letter, and if so, I will be obligated to comply. I am aware that this acknowledgment and the Board's letter are public documents. I am also aware that the decision of the Board in this matter and any action taken is also matter of public record. I understand that once this matter is finalized, my failure to comply with the terms of the Board's order may result in an action to suspend my license.

           I request a formal administrative hearing to contest this charge. I understand that I will be informed of the time, date and place for the formal hearing at another time. I am aware that I may be represented by an attorney and that at the time of the hearing I may submit to the Board testimony, documents and any other evidence related to this charge. I understand that in making its final decision following a formal administrative hearing, the Board may, if unlawful activity has been proven, assess civil penalties in an amount greater than that herein offered in its letter and may order such other remedies as it may deem appropriate. I am aware that a hearing before the Board will be conducted in public session of a scheduled Board meeting. I am also aware that the decision of the Board in this matter, and any action taken is a matter of public record.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

*LA Belle Hair Braiding, Roselle*

*\$600.00*