Before the State of South Carolina
Department of Insurance

In the matter of:	)	
	)	SCDI File Numbers 110769,110787,
Royal Indemnity Company &	)	110790, 110830, 110833,
Royal Insurance Company of	)	
America	)	**Consent Order**
Post Office Box 19469	)	**Imposing Administrative Penalty**
Charlotte, NC 28219	)	
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This matter comes before me pursuant to an agreement entered into between the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance and Royal Indemnity and Royal Insurance Company of America, (Royal) insurers licensed to transact insurance business within the State of South Carolina.

I hereby find as fact, that Royal failed to pay within 15 days a final judgment rendered against it by the South Carolina Workers Compensation Commission in the proceedings entitled Jeannelle G. Promisson v. Peebles, SCDI File #110830, WCC File #9729958, Myrna O. Asaro v. B.C. Moore & Sons, SCDI File #110769, WCC File #9919527, Christopher R. Harris v. Coasts and Clark, SCDI File #110787, WCC File #9826344, Neil F. Kinard v. Centraachy Restaurant Mgmt. Co., SCDI File #110790, WCC File #9823499 and Rick White v. The H.T. Hackney Co, SCDI File #110833, WCC File #9712323.

. Royal also acknowledges, and I find as fact, that it failed to pay those same judgments within fifteen days of being notified by the Department of its need to do so. This is a direct violation by of § 38-55-120 of the South Carolina Code, which can ultimately lead to the revocation of an insurer's certificate of authority, pursuant to that Code section as well as §§ 38-2-10 and 38-5-130, to transact the business of insurance within the State of South Carolina, following a public hearing before the Administrative Law Judge Division.

Prior to the initiation of formal administrative disciplinary proceedings by the Department against it, Royal and the Department agreed to submit the entire matter to me, along with their specific recommendation, for my summary decision. That consensual recommendation was that, in lieu of the Department's filing of a petition to revoke Royal's certificate of authority to transact business as an insurer within the State of South Carolina, the insurer would waive its right to a public hearing and immediately submit to the Department an administrative penalty in the total amount of $1,000 for each case cited.

After a thorough review of the matter, and after carefully considering the recommendation of the parties, and pursuant to my findings of fact and conclusions of law, although I can now revoke Royal's certificate of authority, I hereby impose an administrative penalty in the amount of $1,000 for each case cited against the insurer pursuant to the authority provided to me by the State of South Carolina General Assembly in S.C. Code Ann. §§ 38-5-130

and 38-2-10 (Supp. 2003). The administrative penalty must be paid within ten days of my date and my signature upon this consent order. If this amount is not paid on, or before, that date, then Royal's certificate of authority to transact business as an insurer within the State of South Carolina will be summarily revoked without any further administrative disciplinary proceedings.

This administrative penalty has been reached by the parties as a result of Royal's full payment of the Workers Compensation Commission judgment and of the insurer's assurance that in the future it will timely pay final judgments rendered against it in South Carolina. This penalty includes all expenses related to investigation of this matter as provided in Section 38-13-70 of the South Carolina Code. The parties expressly agree and understand Royal's payment of the agreed-upon penalty constitutes full accord and satisfaction of this matter.

By the signature of one of its officers or authorized representatives upon this consent order, Royal acknowledges that it understands that this order is a public record subject to the disclosure requirements of the State of South Carolina's *Freedom of Information* Act, S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-4-10, *et seq*. (1991 and Supp. 2003).

Nothing contained within this administrative disciplinary order should be construed to limit, or to deprive any person of, any private right of action under the law. Nothing contained within this administrative disciplinary order should be construed to limit, in any manner, the criminal jurisdiction of any law enforcement or judicial officer. Nothing contained within this administrative disciplinary order should be construed to limit the statutory duty, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 38-3-110 (Supp. 2003), of the Director of Insurance, exercised either directly or through the Department, to "report to the Attorney General or other appropriate law enforcement officials criminal violations of the laws relative to the business of insurance or the provisions of this title which he considers necessary to report."

It is, therefore, ordered that Royal shall, within ten days of my date and my signature upon this consent order, pay to the Department an administrative penalty in the total amount of $1,000 for each case cited.

It is further ordered that a copy of this consent order shall be immediately transmitted to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners for distribution to its member states.

This consent order becomes effective on the date of my signature below.

Ernst N. Csiszar
Director

March 29, 2004, at
Columbia, South Carolina

I CONSENT:

Gail Blevins
Signature of Authorized Representative

Gail Blevins
Name

Claims manager
Title

Royal Indemnity Company
Royal Insurance Company of America
Post Office Box 19469
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Dated this 24 day of march, 2004