# OREGON BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

# CERTIFICATION OFFICE FOR BUSINESS INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY 775 SUMMER STREET, SUITE 200 SALEM, OREGON 97301 (503) 986-0075

| In the Matter of Denial of Certification | )           |  |
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| Azule LLC/ Azule Wellness                | )<br>)<br>) | NOTICE OF INTENT DENY<br>CERTIFICATION         |
| TO: Roberta Robles                       | )<br>)<br>) | CERTIFICATION NO: 12141<br>Date: July 26, 2019 |

### **BASIS FOR ORDER**

The Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity (COBID) has reviewed the certification application and supporting documentation submitted on May 24, 2019. Based upon evaluation of the documentation submitted and information presented, COBID has determined that you do not\_meet the eligibility criteria for Women Business Enterprise, Minority Busienss Enterprise, or Emerging Small Business certifications as set forth in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 123-200-1000 - 2300, specifically:

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OAR 123-200- 1000(6) – Purpose : In making a determination as to whether a firm qualifies for certification, in addition to the rules contained herein, the COBID defers to the Code of Federal Regulations 49 CFR part 26.

COBID outlines specific rule and evidence relied upon to support the decision(s). See Statement of Reasons for Denial below.

#### - Business Oregon

Despite the passing of Oregon State Ballot Measure 91, Business Oregon is unable to provide financial services to businesses that engage in the possession, manufacture or sale of marijuana for a variety of reasons that include:

1. Oregon law limits eligibility to participate in most of Business Oregon's programs to traded sector businesses only. ORS 285A.010(17) defines traded sector as "industries in which member firms sell their goods or services into markets for which national or international competition exists." Because marijuana remains illegal in many other states and countries and licensees may not export marijuana from this state, it does not meet the definition of a traded sector business.

representation, and other rights of parties relating to the conduct of the hearing before its commencement.

### NOTICE OF DEFAULT FINAL ORDER

If you do not request a hearing within 21 days, if you withdraw a request for a hearing, notify COBID that you will not appear, or fail to appear at a scheduled hearing, the Program Manager of the COBID may issue a final order by default denying your certification. If the Manager of the COBID issues a final order by default, the COBID designates its files on this matter as the record.

If the decertification becomes final in this manner, you will have a right to appeal to the Oregon Court of Appeals under ORS 183.482. To appeal you must file a petition for judicial review with the Court of Appeals within 60 days from the day of mailing of this order. If you do not file a petition for judicial review within the 60-day time period, you lose your right to appeal.

# AUTHORITY

COBID has the authority to make certification decisions, including decisions to remove eligibility and decertify 49 CFR § 26.87 and ORS 200.025(4) and 200.055(3).

# <u>ORDER</u>

The Program Manager of the Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity has determined that Ms. Roberta Robles has failed to meet the requirements of the MBE, WBE, or ESB certification programs as defined under OAR 123-200-1000 – 2300 and 49 CFR 26.

Dated and mailed:

7/24/2019

OREGON BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATION OFFICE FOR BUSINESS INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY

By:

Carrie L. Baxandall Program Manager

cc:

As indicated by placing my initials ( $\sqrt{26}$ ) next to the names in the copy section of this document, I certify that I caused to be mailed on  $\sqrt{26}$ , 2019 by certified mail a true, exact and fully copy of this document with postage paid.

Signed: // uu