SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is made and entered into between Travel Management Company ("Respondent") and the United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices ("Office of Special Counsel").

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2014, the Office of Special Counsel opened an investigation against Respondent DJ# 197-26-35 (the "OSC Investigation") of an alleged violation of the unfair immigration-related employment practices provisions of 8 U.S.C. § 1324b (the "Act").

WHEREAS, the Office of Special Counsel concluded based upon the OSC Investigation that there is reasonable cause to believe that Respondent engaged in a pattern or practice of citizenship status discrimination in hiring, in violation of the Act, from at least October 1, 2011 until at least February 28, 2014.

WHEREAS, the Office of Special Counsel and Respondent wish to resolve the OSC Investigation without further delay or expense and hereby acknowledge that they are voluntarily entering into this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual promises herein contained and to fully and finally resolve this dispute among the parties hereto as of the date of this Agreement, it is agreed as follows:

- 1. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty to the United States Treasury in the amount of twenty-two thousand dollars (\$22,000.00).
- 2. The monies discussed in paragraph 1 shall be paid via the FedWire electronic fund transfer system within ten (10) business days from the effective date of this Agreement and receipt of fund transfer instructions from the Office of Special Counsel.
 - On the day of payment, Respondent shall confirm via email to Ronald Lee at ronald.lee@usdoj.gov that payment was made.
- 3. Respondent shall not intimidate, threaten, coerce, or retaliate against the Injured Parties or any other person for his or her participation in this matter or the exercise of any right or privilege secured by 8 U.S.C. § 1324b.
- 4. Respondent shall post the Office of Special Counsel "If You Have The Right to Work" poster ("OSC Poster"), in color and measuring no smaller than 18" x 24", an image of which is available at http://www.justice.gov/crt/about/osc/htm/worker.php#, in all places where notices to employees and job applicants are normally posted. The OSC Poster will be posted within fourteen (14) days from the effective date of this Agreement and will remain posted for three (3) years thereafter. The OSC Poster shall be posted in English

- and any other available language that is the preferred language of Respondent's employees, if that language is known.
- 5. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Agreement, Respondent shall revise its employment policies as they relate to nondiscrimination and provide them for review and approval by the Office of Special Counsel. The employment policies shall be revised to:
 - (a) Prohibit (1) the inclusion of a United States citizenship requirement in the hiring and recruiting process that violates 8 U.S.C. § 1324b; and (2) the consideration of citizenship status in the hiring, recruiting, and firing processes;
 - (b) Refer applicants and employees who complain, formally or informally, of discrimination in the hiring, firing, or employment eligibility verification and reverification process immediately to the Office of Special Counsel by directing the affected individual to the OSC Poster and the Office of Special Counsel's worker hotline and website, and advise the affected individual of his or her right to file a charge of discrimination with the Office of Special Counsel; and
 - (c) Prohibit any reprisal action against an employee for having opposed any employment practice made unlawful by 8 U.S.C. § 1324b, or for filing any charge, or participating in any lawful manner in any investigation or action under 8 U.S.C. § 1324b.
- 6. During the two (2) years following the effective date of this Agreement (the "Reporting Period"), Respondent shall provide any changes in employment policies as they relate to nondiscrimination on the basis of citizenship status and national origin to the Office of Special Counsel for review at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such revised policies.
- 7. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Agreement, Respondent shall revise, as needed, all job postings and employment forms to conform with 8 U.S.C. § 1324b and provide them for review and approval by the Office of Special Counsel.
- 8. Within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Agreement, all Human Resources Personnel shall join the Office of Special Counsel's email distribution list and receive training approved by the Office of Special Counsel on their obligation to comply with 8 U.S.C. § 1324b and the employment eligibility verification and reverification process as it relates to discrimination on the basis of citizenship status or national origin.
 - (a) The training will consist of viewing a remote webinar presentation. Participants shall register for the webinar presentation at www.justice.gov/crt/about/osc/webinars.php;

- (b) All employees will be paid their normal rate of pay during the training, and the training will occur during their normally scheduled workdays and work hours. Respondent shall bear all costs associated with these training sessions;
- (c) For a period of three (3) years from the effective date of this Agreement, all new Human Resources Personnel hired by Respondent after the training described in this paragraph has been conducted shall attend an Office of Special Counsel Employer/HR webinar within sixty (60) days of hire or promotion; and
- (d) Respondent shall compile attendance records listing the individuals who attend the training described in this paragraph in the form of Attachment A, including their full name, title, signature, and the date of the training, and send them via email to lorren.love@usdoj.gov within ten (10) days of the training session.
- 14. During the Reporting Period, the Office of Special Counsel reserves the right to make reasonable inquiries to Respondent necessary to determine Respondent's compliance with this Agreement. As a part of such review, the Office of Special Counsel may require written reports concerning compliance, inspect Respondent's premises, examine witnesses, and examine and copy Respondent's documents.
- 15. If the Office of Special Counsel has reason to believe that Respondent is in violation of any provision of this Agreement, the Office of Special Counsel may notify Respondent of the purported violation without opening an investigation. Respondent will then be given thirty (30) days from the date it is notified by the Office of Special Counsel in which to cure the violation before Respondent is deemed by the Office of Special Counsel to be in violation of this Agreement.
- 16. This Agreement does not affect the right of any individual to file a charge alleging an unfair immigration-related employment practice against Respondent with the Office of Special Counsel, the authority of the Office of Special Counsel to investigate or file a complaint on behalf of any such individual, or the authority of the Office of Special Counsel to conduct an independent investigation of Respondent's employment practices.
- 17. The provisions of paragraph 1 notwithstanding, the Office of Special Counsel shall not seek from Respondent any additional civil penalty for the pattern or practice of citizenship status discrimination in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1324b that is the subject of the OSC Investigation through the date this Agreement is signed by all parties.
- 18. This Agreement may be enforced in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana or any other court of competent jurisdiction.
- 19. The Office of Special Counsel and Respondent agree that, as of the effective date of this Agreement, litigation concerning the violations of 8 U.S.C. § 1324b that the Office of

Special Counsel has reasonable cause to believe that Respondent committed is not reasonably foreseeable. To the extent that either party previously implemented a litigation hold to preserve documents, electronically stored information, or things related to this matter, the party is no longer required to maintain such a litigation hold. Nothing in this paragraph relieves either party of any other obligations imposed by this Agreement.

- 20. Should any provision of this Agreement be declared or determined by any court to be illegal or invalid, the validity of the remaining parts, terms or provisions shall not be affected thereby and said illegal or invalid part, term or provision shall be deemed not to be a part of this Agreement. Respondent and the Office of Special Counsel shall not, individually or in combination with another, seek to have any court declare or determine that any provision of this Agreement invalid.
- 21. The Office of Special Counsel and Respondent shall bear their own costs, attorneys' fees and other expenses incurred in this action.
- 22. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which together shall be considered an original but all of which shall constitute one agreement. The parties shall be bound by facsimile signatures.

Travel Management-Company

By:

Scott Wise

President-

Dated:

Dated: 8/7/14

Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices

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