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BOBBY ABNEY,

Complainant,

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DELUXE COATINGS, INC.; Respondent. Indiana State Civil Rights Commission

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

On October 7, 2009, Robert D. Lange, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") for the Indiana Civil Rights Commission ("ICRC"), entered his Proposed Findings Of Fact, Conclusions Of Law, And Order ("the proposed decision").

No objections have been filed to the ICRC's adoption of the proposed decision.

Having carefully considered the foregoing and being duly advised in the premises, the ICRC hereby adopts as its own the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order proposed by the ALJ in the proposed decision, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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Dated: 20 November 2009

To be served by first class mail on the following parties and attorneys of record:

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PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

On October 5, 2009, Complainant, Bobby Abney ("Abney"), and Respondent – Deluxe Coatings, Inc. ("DCI") - filed their Joint Stipulation Of Dismissal With Prejudice.

Having carefully considered the foregoing and being duly advised in the premises, the undersigned Administrative Law Judge for the Indiana Civil Rights Commission ("ICRC") proposes that the ICRC enter the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. This proceeding involves Abney's claims that he was subjected to a hotile work environment and eventually terminated from his employment with DCI because of race. COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION (January 23, 2007).
- 2. DCI denied Abney's claims of unlawful discrimination. ANSWER (March 22, 2007).
- 3. The Stipulation is expressly motivated by settlement.
- 4. There is no evidence of fraud, coercion, duress, or any other reason not to approve of the requested dismissal.

5. Any Conclusion Of Law that should have been deemed a Finding Of Fact is hereby adopted as such.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The ICRC has jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties.
- Settlement is a favored resolution and should be encouraged.
- 3. Administrative review of this proposed decision may be obtained by the filing of a writing identifying with reasonable particularity each basis of each objection within 15 days after service of this proposed decision. IC 4-21.5-3-29(d).
- 4. Any Finding Of Fact that should have been deemed a Conclusion Of Law is hereby adopted as such.

ORDER

- 1. The parties' Joint Stipulation Of Dismissal With Prejudice is **GRANTED**.
- 2. Abney's complaint is **DISMISSED**, with prejudice.

Dated: 07 October 2009

Robert D. Lange

Administrative Law Judge

To be served by first class mail this 7th day of October, 2009 on the following parties and attorneys of record:

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and to be personally served this 7th day of October, 2009 on the following:

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