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DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS



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Case No. 90079-07-WC

IN THE MATTER OF:

2 FRIENDS, INC., d/b/a LA PAZ MEXICAN GRILL

FINAL ORDER

This cause came on for consideration of and final agency action on the Recommended Order issued herein by Administrative Law Judge, P. Michael Ruff on July 30, 2008, after a formal hearing conducted pursuant to Section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes on April 16, 2008 in Inverness, Florida. No exceptions were filed.

After review of the record, including the transcript of proceedings and admitted exhibits, and being otherwise fully apprised in all material premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Findings of Fact made by the Administrative Law Judge are adopted as the Department's Findings of Fact, and that the Conclusions of Law reached by the Administrative Law Judge are adopted as the Department's Conclusions of Law.

The ALJ's Recommendation to allow installment payments of the prescribed penalty, although beyond the authority of the ALJ to impose on the Department, is voluntarily adopted by the Department to the extent provided below. Accordingly,

IT IS ALSO ORDERED that 2 Friends, Inc. will be permitted to enter into a 60 month payment agreement schedule with the Department, contingent upon its full compliance with the provisions of Section 440.107, Florida Statutes and Rule 69L-6.025, F.A.C. Default on any installment payment shall cause the remainder of the penalty to become immediately due and payable, and shall cause the Stop-Work Order to again become effective as of the date of the default.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the Stop-Work Order issued entered by the Division of Workers' Compensation is conditionally affirmed as set forth above. So long as 2 Friends is not in default of its installment payments it may continue all business operations provided it demonstrates to satisfaction of the Division of Workers' Compensation of having now complied with the workers' compensation law by securing the necessary workers' compensation insurance coverage for covered employees.

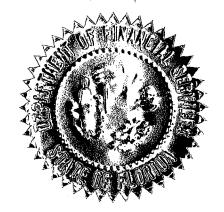
DONE AND ORDERED this 29 day of September, 2008.

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NOTICE OF RIGHTS

Any party to these proceedings adversely affected by this Order is entitled to seek review of this Order pursuant to Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, and Rule 9.110, Fla. R. App. P. Review proceedings must be instituted by filing a petition or notice of appeal with the General Counsel, acting as the agency clerk, at 612 Larson Building, Tallahassee, Florida, and a copy of the same with the appropriate district court of appeal within thirty (30) days of rendition of this Order.