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September 26, 2018

DIRECTOR'S ORDER UNDER SECTION 157 OF THE *CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT*

TO

JONATHON SIMPSON

OF

2056977 ALBERTA LTD.

AND

ANY EMPLOYEE, REPRESENTATIVE, OR AGENT OF THE ABOVE

This Director's Order was issued under Section 157(1) of the *Consumer Protection Act* in response to, in the opinion of the Director, contraventions of the Act. As mandated by Section 157(3) a person or publisher who is subject to an order under this section may appeal under Section 179.

Pursuant to Section 179, to appeal the order, the person must serve the Minister of Service Alberta with a notice of appeal within **thirty (30) days** after receiving the order. Please include your name, your address for service, details of the order being appealed and your reasons for appealing.

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ISSUE

On or about April 30, 2018, the Alberta Motor Vehicle Industry Council ("AMVIC") received a registered letter from Intact Insurance dated February 20, 2018 notifying AMVIC of the cancellation of 2056977 Alberta Ltd. (the "Licencee") general surety bond (#917133197) effective May 23, 2018. As of May 23, 2018, the Licensee (wholesale business licence #B2020421) has been operating without a surety bond, irrevocable letter of credit or cash in the amount of \$50,000 as required. AMVIC has made contact with a representative of the Licensee via telephone calls and emails on numerous dates however, the Licensee has failed to provide the required security as requested by AMVIC. As per the *Consumer Protection Act*:

Consumer Protection Act – Section 130(1)

Security

130(1) When a security submitted by a licensee is no longer in force, the licence is suspended and remains suspended until the licensee submits to the Director a new security that meets the requirements of the regulations.

Automotive Business Regulation - Section 4(2)

Complying with laws

(2) The Director may require an applicant for a class of automotive business licence to furnish a security in a form and amount approved by the Director.

DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH THE LICENSEE

On April 30, 2018, a phone call was made to Mr. Simpson and a voicemail message was left by a licensing advisor to notify him AMVIC had received a cancellation letter from Intact Insurance regarding his general surety bond.

Further to the April 30, 2018 phone call, on August 24, 2018, an email was sent to the Licensee advising the status of their AMVIC business licence would be changed to *HOLD* as AMVIC had not received the required security in the form of a surety bond, irrevocable letter of credit or cash. The same day AMVIC received an email from Mr. Simpson stating "I will rectify this and notify you once completed". As per the *Consumer Protection Act*:

Consumer Protection Act – Section 104(1)

Licence required - designated businesses

104(1) No person may engage in a designated business unless the person holds a licence under this Act that authorizes the person to engage in that business.

On September 12, 2018, the licensing supervisor attempted to contact Mr. Simpson via telephone and left a voicemail message requesting Mr. Simpson contact AMVIC regarding the cancellation of his general surety bond. To date the Licensee has not provided the required security in the form of a surety bond, irrevocable letter of credit or cash.

DIRECTOR'S ORDER

2056977 Alberta Ltd. and Jonathon Simpson, must immediately:

1. Cease all activities related to operating a wholesale business until such time as AMVIC receives a surety bond, irrevocable letter of credit or cash as required by Section 4(2) of the Automotive Business Regulation.
2. Remove all vehicle related advertisements on Kijiji, Autotrader, Facebook and or any other forms of mass communication.
3. Review the AMVIC website at <https://www.amvic.org/industry-3/licensing/license-classes/> for licensing requirements.

The Provincial automotive business licence of 2056977 Alberta Ltd. is suspended pursuant to Section 130(1) *Consumer Protection Act* until AMVIC receives the appropriate security as required by Section 4(2) of the Automotive Business Regulation.

COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER

ANY PERSON WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH AN ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR UNDER SECTION 157 OF THE *CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT* CONTRAVENES THIS ACT AND IS GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE AND MAY BE PROSECUTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 163 OF THE *CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT*.

REFUSAL, SUSPENSION, CANCELLATION, TERMS

SECTION 127(b) (i) – *CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT* STATES:

THE DIRECTOR MAY REFUSE TO ISSUE OR RENEW A LICENCE, MAY CANCEL OR SUSPEND A LICENCE AND MAY IMPOSE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON A LICENCE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS;

- (i) FAILS TO COMPLY WITH AN ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR UNDER SECTION 129 OR 157, UNLESS, IN THE CASE OF AN ORDER UNDER SECTION 127 OR 157, THE ORDER HAS BEEN STAYED.

"original signed by"

Gerald Gervais, Registrar
Director of Fair Trading (as delegated)
September 26, 2018