## **VIOLATION**

I. Commencement of development without an Act 250 Land Use Permit. 10 V.S.A. §6081(a).

### **ASSURANCE OF DISCONTINUANCE**

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 V.S.A. '8007, the Land Use Panel of the Natural Resources Board (Panel) and Crowley Cheese, Inc. (Respondent) hereby enter into this Assurance of Discontinuance (Assurance), and stipulate and agree as follows:

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS AND DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION

- 1. Respondent owns an approximately 8± acre parcel at 3886 VT Route 103, Mount Holly, Vermont. (the Project tract) This tract is described in Book 30, Page 202 of the Town of Mount Holly land records.
- 2. The town of Mount Holly has not adopted both permanent zoning and subdivision bylaws. Therefore, for the purposes of Act 250 jurisdiction, Mount Holly is a "one acre" Town. 10 VSA 6001(3)(A)(ii).
- 3. In 1971, Respondent constructed a 24'x36' retail shop on the Project tract.
- 4. Respondent failed to apply for or obtain an Act 250 Land Use Permit for the construction of the commercial building at the time of construction.
- 5. On April 15, 2010, the District 1 Environmental Commission issued Land Use Permit #1R0967 to perspective purchasers of the Project tract, Mary and James Chester, specifically granting after-the-fact approval for the construction of the retail structure

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on the Project tract.

6. Respondent violated 10 V.S.A. §6081 by commencing development without first obtaining an Act 250 Land Use Permit.

#### **AGREEMENT**

Based on the aforementioned Statement of Facts and Description of Violation, the parties hereby agree as follows:

A. Within thirty days (30) of the date on which this Assurance is signed by the Environmental Court, Respondent shall pay to the State of Vermont, pursuant to 10 V.S.A. Ch. 201, a civil penalty in the amount of Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$650.00) (U.S.) for the violation noted herein. Respondent shall make said payment by check made payable to the "Treasurer, State of Vermont" and shall be forwarded to:

Denise Wheeler, Business Manager Land Use Panel of the Natural Resources Board National Life Records Center Building National Life Drive Montpelier, Vermont 05620-3201

- B. Any payment by the Respondent pursuant to this Assurance is made to resolve the violation set forth herein and shall not be considered to be a charitable contribution, business expense, or other deductible expense under the federal or state tax codes. Respondent shall not deduct, nor attempt to deduct, any payments, penalties, contributions or other expenditures required by this Assurance from Respondent's state or federal taxes.
- C. The Panel shall file a notice of this Assurance in the land records of the municipality where this project is located after this Assurance is signed by the Environmental Court. The Respondent shall be responsible for the payment of the recording fee for such notice and shall send to the Panel a check in the amount of **Ten Dollars** (\$10.00), made payable to said municipality.
- D. The State of Vermont and the Land Use Panel reserve continuing jurisdiction to ensure future compliance with all statutes, rules, and regulations applicable to the facts and violation set forth herein above.
- E. Nothing in this Assurance shall be construed as having relieved, modified, waived or otherwise affected the Respondent's continuing obligation to comply with all other applicable state or local statutes, regulations or directives applicable to the Respondent.
- F. This Assurance shall become effective only after it is signed by all parties and entered

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as an order of the Environmental Court. When so entered by the Environmental Court, this Assurance shall become a judicial order pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 8007(c). In the event that such order is vacated, the Assurance shall be null and void.

- G. Pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 8007(d), the Respondent shall not be liable for any additional civil or criminal penalties with respect to the specific facts described herein and about which the Land Use Panel has notice on the date the Court signs this Assurance, provided that the Respondent fully complies with the agreements set forth above.
- H. This Assurance sets forth the complete agreement of the parties, and it may be altered, amended, or otherwise modified only by subsequent written agreements signed by the parties hereto or their legal representatives and incorporated in an order issued by the Environmental Court. Alleged representations not set forth in this Assurance, whether written or oral, shall not be binding upon any party hereto, and such alleged representations shall have no legal force or effect.
- I. Any violation of any agreement set forth herein will be deemed to be a violation of a judicial order and may result in the imposition of injunctive relief and/or penalties, including penalties set forth in 10 V.S.A. chapters 201 and/or 211.
- J. This Assurance is subject to the provisions of 10 V.S.A. 18007.

# **SIGNATURES**

The provisions set forth in this Assurance of laccepted.	
Dated at, Vermont, this	/g day of, 2010.
,	CROWLEY CHEESE, INC.
Ву:	Portund Resh
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STATE OF VERMONT COUNTY OF, ss.	
BE IT REMEMBERED that on the da personally appeared CHEESE, INC., signer of the foregoing instrusatisfactorily established his/her identity to m act and deed of CROWLEY CHEESE, INC. on behalf of CROWLEY CHEESE, INC. and enter into the foregoing Assurance on behalf	as the duly authorized agent of CROWLEY ament who is known to me or who e and acknowledged the same to be the free and that he/she has the authority to contract that he/she has been duly authorized to
	Before me,
	Notary Public
	My Commission Expires:
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The provisions set forth in this Assurance of accepted.	
Dated in Montpelier, Vermont, this 2777	day of
By:	LAND USE PANEL  Peter F. Young, Jr., Chair

# CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of California County of Alameda			
On MAY 18, 2010 befor personally appeared	e me,	_David Lee	_ Notary Public,
RICHARD BEAHRS -			;
who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instruction (he)she/they executed the same in his/her/their his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument the same in his/her/their signature(s) acted, executed the instrument the same in his/her/their signature(s) acted, executed the instrument the same in his/her/their signature(s) acted, executed the instrument the same in his/her/their signature(s) acted, executed the instrument the same in his/her/their signature(s) acted, executed the instrument the same in his/her/their signature(s) acted, executed the instrument the same in his/her/their signature(s) acted, executed the instrument the same in his/her/their signature(s) acted, executed the instrument the same in his/her/their signature(s) acted, executed the instrument the same in his/her/their signature(s) acted, executed the instrument the same in his/her/their signature(s) acted, executed the instrument the same in his/her/their signature(s) acted, executed the instrument the same in his/her/their signature(s) acted, executed the instrument the same in his/her/their signature(s) acted the same in his/her/their signat	ment and ir authori e person	d acknowledge ized capacity( i(s), or the ent	ed to me that ies), and that by
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