UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA CASE NO. 14-24929-CIV-O'SULLIVAN

[CONSENT]

ANA ALVAREZ, CARLOS SOTO, LUIS GONZALEZ and OMAR GONZALEZ,

Plaintiffs,

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LA DORADA CORAL GABLES, INC., d/b/a La Dorada, a Florida for-profit corporation, MANUEL ALONSO, an individual and DOMINGO GANDARA, an individual,

Derendants.			
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ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND DISMISSING CASE WITH PREJUDICE

THIS MATTER came before the Court following notice from the parties that the case has settled and the Court having conducted a hearing concerning the settlement.

THE COURT has heard from counsel and considered the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the pertinent portions of the record, and is otherwise fully advised in the premises.

This case involves claims for unpaid minimum wage and overtime compensation under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. §201, et seq ("FLSA"). In reviewing a settlement of an FLSA private claim, a court must "scrutiniz[e] the settlement for fairness," and determine that the settlement is a "fair and reasonable resolution of a bona fide dispute over FLSA provisions." Lynn Food Stores v. United States, 679 F.2d 1350, 1352-53 (11th Cir. 1982). A settlement entered into in an adversarial context where both sides are represented by counsel throughout litigation "is more likely to

reflect a reasonable compromise of disputed issues." <u>Id</u>. The district court may approve the settlement in order to promote the policy of encouraging settlement of litigation. <u>Id</u>. at 1354.

In this case, both counsel have indicated that the plaintiffs are receiving all the money that is owed to them. The Court has reviewed the terms of the Settlement Agreement including the amount to be received by each plaintiff and the attorney's fees and costs to be received by counsel and finds that the settlement reached by the parties is fair and reasonable. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the parties' Settlement Agreement (including attorney's fees and costs) is hereby APPROVED. It is further

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that this case is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.

The Court retains jurisdiction until December 21, 2015 to enforce the terms of the settlement.

The Clerk of Court is directed to mark this case as CLOSED.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Florida this 21st day of

September, 2015.

JOHN J. O'SULLIVAN

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Copies provided to: All counsel of record