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G & E AFRICAN FOODS LTD, 15 VINCENT ROAD, WOOLWICH, SE18 6RF

Police and royal Greenwich council licensing officers attended your premises recently after we had received information that the premises were selling alcohol without an appropriate licence.

We attended the premises on 3rd June at 11am and upon entering the premises it was apparent that the information had been correct. There was a large stock of alcohol held within the premises both in the fridges and stacked on the floor which had been priced and was clearly advertised for sale from the premises. This was mainly lager and ciders.

Officers spoke with Bola ADENIYE who was in overall charge, Bola claimed to police and the council that the alcohol had been left over from a recent party and that the premises were only trying to get rid of the excess stock.

It was apparent that this was not the case as there were cases of Stella Artois beer standing on the floor that had other stock stacked on top of them. There were also John Smiths Bitter cans in a basket that had expiry dates of 31/10/2013. Behind the counter the premises were also displaying a number of alcoholic tonics such as Alomo Bitters which contain a high level of alcohol and as such would require that any premises selling them obtain an alcohol licence.

The premises were refused a premises licence in July 2014 after the police objected to their application. In that refusal it was stated that the applicant did not have enough knowledge or experience and had not shown how they would not add to the cumulative impact.

The premise has chosen to ignore this refusal and has committed the offences of;

- ◆ Unauthorised Licensable Activities contrary to Section 136 (1(a)) LA2003*
- ◆ Exposing Alcohol for Unauthorised Sale contrary to Section 137 (1) LA 2003*
- ◆ Keeping Alcohol on Premises for Unauthorised Sale contrary to Section 138 (1) LA 2003*

* Licensing Act 2003.

During the visit you were advised to remove all alcohol from display and to remove the product lines from the premises that would require you to have a premises licence in place to sell these products.

I must remind you that failure to adhere to this may lead to the Metropolitan police seeking enforcement action against you. This could lead to prosecution and if found guilty a maximum of 6 months imprisonment and/or a fine not exceeding £20,000.

The premises will be continued to be monitored and if any further incidents of unauthorised licensable activities take place the Police will take further punitive action.

If you require any clarification or assistance in respect of this representation, then you should contact the Police Licensing team at the earliest opportunity.

Yours Sincerely



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