



New York State  
Department of Economic Development  
Division of Minority and Women's  
Business Development

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In the matter of the appeal of

**A.J. Images, Inc.**

FINAL ORDER 17-08

From a denial of certification as a Women-owned Business Enterprise pursuant to Executive Law Article 15-A.

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This order arises from an administrative appeal brought on behalf of A.J. Images, Inc. ("AJ Images") pursuant to section 144.4 of title 5 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations. Appellant, Ms. Janet Greebel, seeks reversal of the decision of the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development (the "Division"), dated July 15, 2016, to deny A.J. Images certification as a Women-owned Business Enterprise ("WBE").

This appeal was assigned to Administrative Law Judge P. Nicholas Garlick. Appellant appeared at a hearing regarding this matter on November 22, 2016. The Division was represented by Mr. Phillip Harmonick, Esq. A recording of the proceedings is contained in the appeal record.

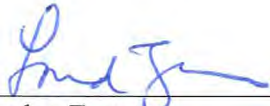
The issues on appeal were whether the Appellant: made a contribution of money, property, equipment, or expertise in proportion to her ownership interest in A.J. Images; shared in the risks and profits of A.J. Images in proportion to her ownership interest therein; and was empowered by the corporate bylaws of A.J. Images to make decisions with restrictions.

On February 28, 2017, the Division received from Administrative Law Judge Garlick a Recommended Order that affirmed the Division's determination to deny the application by Appellant to certify A.J. Images as a WBE. The Recommended Order recommended that that the denial should be affirmed on each of the grounds identified in the Division's July 15, 2016 denial letter.

After considering the appeal record, I accept the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge as it pertains to the facts of this case. Incorporation by reference is hereby made with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Recommended Order.

It is hereby **ORDERED** that the decision to deny certification, dated July 15, 2016 is affirmed. Accordingly, A.J. Images will not be listed in the Division's directory of certified Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises.

February 28, 2017

  
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Lourdes Zapata  
Executive Director  
Division of Minority and Women's  
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