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City of London Police 37 Wood Street London EC2P 2NQ

CERTIFICATE UNDER SECTION 53A(1)(b) OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

I hereby certify that in my opinion the premises described below is associated with both serious crime and serious disorder

Premises: Caravaggio, Bankside House, 107-112 Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 4AF.

Premises licence number (if known):

Premises Licence Holder: Roc Restaurants Ltd

Designated Premises Supervisor: Enzo Lino Quaradeghini

- 1. I am a Superintendent in the police force.
- 2. In this case a male was stabbed to death at the venue and the staff and management were obstructive and aggressive towards police when dealing with the early stages of the investigation. This incident follows repeated failures by the Premises Licence Holder to follow police advice and guidance on restricting externally promoted events at this venue after normal restaurant hours.
- 3. At 03:20 hours on Sunday 6th December 2015, police were called to the premises of Caravaggio, Bankside House, 107-112 Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 4AF. The venue was holding a promoted event, with numbers estimated at 200+. The call was in relation to 20+ males fighting with bottles and belts. These males are believed to be customers of Caravaggio.

- 4. On arrival police found a male in the street a few yards from the door with a severe stab wound and bleeding heavily. Police began treating the male for his injuries and as they did so further pockets of fighting from the Caravaggio customers took place in the street.
- The males involved in the fighting were using their belts as weapons in what has been described as chaotic scenes. A number of these males were arrested for violent/public order offences.
- 6. As the Police attempted to put up a cordon to maintain and preserve the crime scene, the promoter, door staff and management turned on the police and obstructed their progress. The promoter was arrested for a public order offence and the manager and door staff refused to co-operate with the police in relation to dispersing the crowd and allowing cordons to be put in place to maintain and preserve the crime scene.
- 7. The victim of the stabbing has since died and a major police investigation is underway to bring the offender(s) to justice.
- 8. The venue is due to hold another promoted event this Saturday 12th December and it is not believed that the venue would voluntarily cancel the event. Additionally, until investigations are completed, the police cannot exclude the real risk of reprisal or other attacks at this venue at late night promoted events.
- 9. I have authorised a Summary Review because I do not believe that other procedures under the Licensing Act are appropriate in this case due to:
 - a) the escalating gravity of violence, crime and disorder associated with the premises; and
 - b) the need to rapidly impose necessary steps that promote the licensing objective of preventing crime and disorder.
- 10.A standard review cannot achieve this objective soon enough. It is also relevant to note that we are entering the busiest and most challenging period for the late night economy in the City in the run up to Christmas and the New Year.
- 11. There is genuine belief amongst the City of London Police that there may well be further serious assaults and serious disorder associated with this premises if we do not take urgent steps to prevent it.
- 12. Even before this fatal incident, senior representatives of the licence holder have demonstrated a lack of co-operation with reasonable police requests and a

resistance to following police guidance in relation to late night promoted events at this restaurant. The police are not confident that the Premises Licence Holder has sufficient knowledge or expertise to safely operate a very late night venue in the City of London (including an alcohol-led bar or nightclub type premises or one that hosts late-night promoted events).

- 13. The police have less concerns about the premises continuing to operate as, and only as, a proper restaurant during normal restaurant hours. Therefore, we invite the licensing authority to consider imposing the following interim steps pending a full review of the premises licence:
 - i. All licensable activities shall end at 23:30hrs
 - ii. All persons (save for staff) shall be off the premises and the premises closed to the public by midnight
 - iii. No externally promoted events are permitted at the premises.
 - iv. Alcohol shall only be sold to a person sitting down eating a substantial table meal and for consumption with that meal.

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(Signed) (Date)		
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