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## IN THE TAX APPEAL COURT OF THE

STATE OF HAWAII

IN THE MATTER OF THE TAX APPEAL | Cas

Case No. 1CTX-21-0001613

of

BOOKING.COM B.V.,

Taxpayer-Appellant.

ORDER DENYING TAXPAYER-APPELLANT BOOKING.COM B.V.'S MOTION TO SEAL TRANSCRIPTS FILED ON JUNE 18, 2025

**HEARING:** 

DATE: August 11, 2025

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

JUDGE: The Honorable KEVIN T. MORIKONE

Trial Date: June 15, 2026

## ORDER DENYING TAXPAYER-APPELLANT BOOKING.COM B.V.'S MOTION TO SEAL TRANSCRIPTS FILED ON JUNE 18, 2025

TAXPAYER-APPELLANT BOOKING.COM B.V.'S ("Booking.com") MOTION TO SEAL TRANSCRIPTS filed on June 18, 2025 (Dkt. 324) came on for hearing on Monday, August 11, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. before the Honorable Kevin T. Morikone, with Nathaniel A. Higa appearing on behalf of Booking.com, Robert Brian Black appearing on behalf of non-party Public First Law Center, and Deputy Attorneys General Kacyn H. Fujii and Michael D. Dunford appearing on behalf of Appellee Director of Taxation, State of Hawaii.

The Court, having reviewed the subject motion, various memorandums and exhibits submitted, and the arguments of the parties and being duly advised of the records and files herein, and for good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ADJUDGED, ORDERED, AND DECREED that TAXPAYER-APPELLANT BOOKING.COM B.V.'S MOTION TO SEAL TRANSCRIPTS filed on June 18, 2025 (Dkt. 324) is DENIED.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, September 4, 2025

/s/ Kevin T. Morikone

HONORABLE KEVIN T. MORIKONE
JUDGE OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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