State of New Hampshire Banking Department

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NOTICE OF ORDER

This Order commences an adjudicative proceeding under the provisions of RSA 397-A:17, RSA 541-A, BAN 200 and JUS 800.

LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17, the Banking Department of the State of New Hampshire (hereinafter the "Department") has the authority to issue an order to show cause why license revocation penalties for violations of New Hampshire Banking laws should not be imposed.

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:21, the Commissioner has the authority to suspend, revoke or deny any license and to impose administrative penalties of up to \$2,500.00 for each violation of New Hampshire banking law and rules.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING

The above named respondent has the right to request a hearing on this Order to Show Cause, as well as the right to be represented by counsel at the Respondent's own expense. All hearings shall comply with RSA 541-A. Any such request for a hearing shall be in writing, and signed by the respondent or the duly authorized agent of the above named respondent, and shall be delivered either by hand or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the

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Banking Department, State of New Hampshire, 64B Old Suncook Road, Concord, NH 03301. Such hearings will be scheduled within 10 days of the request. If the Respondent fails to appear at the hearing after being duly notified, such person shall be deemed in default, and the proceeding may be determined against the Respondent upon consideration of the Order to Show Cause, the allegations of which may be deemed to be true.

If the Respondent fails to request a hearing within 30 calendar days of receipt of such order or reach formal settlement with the Department within that time frame, then such person shall likewise be deemed in default, and the orders shall, on the thirty-first day, become permanent, and shall remain in full force and effect until and unless later modified or vacated by the commissioner, for good cause shown.

STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS, APPLICABLE LAWS AND REQUEST FOR RELIEF

The <u>Staff Petition</u> dated April 25, 2008 (a copy of which is attached hereto) is incorporated by reference hereto.

ORDER

WHEREAS, finding it necessary and appropriate and in the public interest, and consistent with the intent and purposes of the New Hampshire banking laws, and

WHEREAS, finding that the allegations contained in the Staff Petition, if proved true and correct, form the legal basis of the relief requested,

It is hereby ORDERED, that the Respondent shall show cause why:

- Administrative penalties of \$10,000.00 should not be imposed;
 and
- 2. Statutory penalties of \$5,000.00 should not be imposed; and
- 3. Respondents license should not be revoked; and

It is hereby ORDERED that:

4. Failure to request a hearing within 30 days of the date of receipt of this Order shall result in a default judgment being

rendered, license revocation and administrative penalties imposed upon the defaulting Respondent. SIGNED, Dated:<u>4/28/08</u> /S/ PETER C. HILDRETH BANK COMMISSIONER

- 5. On April 25, 2007 the Department sent the Respondent a second reminder letter regarding the accruing fine.
- 6. To date the Respondent has failed to file the financial statement.
- 7. On September 18, 2007 the Department notified the Respondent that it did not have a surety bond on file as required pursuant to RSA 397-A:5 III (c).
- 8. To date the Department has not received the required surety bond.
- 9. Upon information and belief Respondent is currently without bonding by any surety, leaving New Hampshire consumers without recourse should Respondent default in its obligations after the date of expiration of its last bond.¹
- 10. In December 2007 every licensee was sent a reminder notification that it was required to file an annual report by February 2, 2008.
- 11. On February 5, 2008 Respondent was sent a second reminder of the annual report requirement by certified mail.
- 12. To date the Respondent has not submitted an annual report.
- 13. On January 18, 2008 Respondent was sent a letter reminding them of their obligations to file a surrender/expiration form with the Department.

¹ Respondent's license expired December 31, 2007 and it did not renew the license therefore there is no necessity for an immediate suspension in the instant case.

14. To date no form has been filed.

15. To the best of our knowledge and belief the Respondent has not published a notice that they have ceased doing business in New Hampshire.

ISSUES OF LAW

- II. The staff of the Department, alleges the following issues of law:
 - 1. The Department realleges the above stated facts in paragraphs 1 through 15.
 - The Department has jurisdiction over the licensing and regulation of persons engaged in mortgage banker activities pursuant to NH RSA 397-A:3.
 - 3. RSA 397-A:13 II provides that a licensee shall file its financial statement within 90 days from the date of its fiscal year end. The Respondent violated this provision by failing to submit its financial statement.
 - 4. RSA 397-A:13 IV provides that any mortgage banker which fails to file its financial statement within the time prescribed may be required to pay to the department a penalty of \$25.00 for each calendar day the statement is overdue up to a maximum penalty of \$2,500.00.
 - 5. RSA 397-A:5 III (c) provides that each mortgage banker shall post a continuous surety bond in the amount of \$20,000.00 to the Department. Respondent has violated this statute by failing to post a surety bond.
 - 6. RSA 397-A:13 I provides that a licensee shall file its annual report on or before February 1 each year concerning operations

for the preceding year or license period ending December 31.

The Respondent violated this provision by failing to submit its annual report.

- 7. RSA 397-A:13 IV provides that any mortgage banker which fails to file its annual report within the time prescribed may be required to pay to the department a penalty of \$25.00 for each calendar day the report is overdue up to a maximum penalty of \$2,500.00.
- 8. RSA 397-A:10-a I (a) provides that a licensee who ceases to engage in the business of a mortgage banker at any time during a license year for any cause shall surrender such license in person or by registered or certified mail to the commissioner within 15 calendar days of such cessation, and shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the licensee's market area a notice to such effect. Respondent violated this provision by not surrendering its license.
- 9. RSA 397-A:21 IV provides that any person who, either knowingly or negligently, violates any provision of Chapter 397-A, may upon hearing, and in addition to any other penalty provided for by law, be subject to suspension or revocation of their license or an administrative fine not to exceed \$2,500.00, or both.

 Each of the acts specified shall constitute a separate violation, and such administrative action or fine may be imposed in addition to any criminal penalties or civil liabilities imposed by New Hampshire Banking laws.

RELIEF REQUESTED

- III. The staff of the Department requests the Commissioner take the following Action:
 - Find as fact the allegations contained in section I of this petition;
 - Make conclusions of law relative to the allegations contained in section II of the this petition;
 - Order Respondent to Show Cause why its license should not be revoked;
 - 4. Assess fines and administrative penalties in accordance with RSA 397-A:21, for violations of Chapter 397-A, in the number and amount equal to the violations set forth in section II of this petition; and
 - 5. Take such other administrative and legal actions as necessary for enforcement of the New Hampshire Banking Laws, the protection of New Hampshire citizens, and to provide other equitable relief.

RIGHT TO AMEND

IV. The Department reserves the right to amend this Staff Petition and to request that the Commissioner take additional administrative action. Nothing herein shall preclude the Department from bringing additional enforcement action under RSA 397-A or the regulations thereunder.

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