1	State of New Hampshire Banking Department
2	In re the Matter of: ) Case No.: 09-033
3	) State of New Hampshire Banking )
4	Department,
5	) Petitioner, ) Consent Order
6	and )
7	) Salem Capital Group, LLC, )
8	Respondent )
9	)
10	CONSENT ORDER
11	I. This Consent Order (hereinafter referred to as "Consent Order") is
12	entered between the New Hampshire Banking Department ("the
13	Department") and Respondent Salem Capital Group, LLC ("Respondent").
14	The Department and Respondent do hereby stipulate and agree to the
15	following:
16	1. The term "this matter" shall refer to Respondent's
17	unlicensed mortgage banker and small loan lending activity
18	in the State of New Hampshire from at least April 2006
19	through March 2007.
20	2. The Department is authorized by New Hampshire RSA 397-A:2 to
21	regulate those engaged in the business of making mortgage
22	loans (mortgage banker activity as defined by RSA 397-
23	A:1,XII).
24	3. RSA 397-A:5 and RSA 397-A:12 authorize the Department to
25	investigate alleged violations of laws or rules to determine

whether any person has violated or is violating any provision of RSA Chapter 397-A, rule or order given under RSA Chapter 397-A.

- RSA 397-A:11 and RSA 397-A:12 authorize the Department to perform examinations of Respondents' mortgage banking activity.
- 5. The Department is authorized by New Hampshire RSA 399-A:2 to regulate those engaged in the business of making small loans (as defined by RSA 399-A:1,XIV).
- 6. RSA 399-A:4 and RSA 399-A:10 authorize the Department to investigate alleged violations of laws or rules to determine whether any person has violated or is violating any provision of RSA Chapter 399-A, rule or order given under RSA Chapter 399-A or other applicable state and federal laws and regulations.
  - 7. RSA 399-A:10 authorizes the Department to perform examinations of Respondents' small loan lending business.
  - 8. This Consent Orders serves solely for the purpose of settlement of this matter without constituting an admission or denial by the above named Respondent, of any allegations made in or implied by this matter.
    - 9. The Department and Respondent would like to avoid formal proceedings, and further expense, and to finally resolve this action under the terms and conditions set forth below.

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1	10. The terms of this Consent Order are a fair and reasonable
2	disposition of this matter and are in the public interest.
3	11. In consideration of the mutual promises and representations
4	set forth herein, and in further consideration of the
5	Department's reliance upon the substantial accuracy and good
6	faith of the representations and submissions made to it by
7	Respondent, the Department and Respondent intending to be
8	legally bound herein, agree to the terms and conditions
9	below.
10	II. For purposes of amicably resolving and closing this matter, the above
11	named Respondent and the Department hereby agree to the following
12	terms and conditions:
13	1. Respondent agrees it has voluntarily entered into this
14	Consent Order without reliance upon any discussions between
15	the Department and Respondent, without promise of a benefit
16	of any kind (other than concessions contained in this
17	Consent Order) and without threats, force, intimidation, or
18	coercion of any kind. Respondent further acknowledges its
19	understanding of the nature of the offenses alleged herein,
20	including the penalties provided by law.
21	2. The Respondent agrees to waive any and all rights to a
22	hearing and appeal thereof.
23	3. The Respondent agrees that it will not deny the factual
24	basis for this Consent Order to which it has stipulated
25	above and will not give conflicting statements about such

facts or its involvement in the stipulated facts. 1 The Respondent agrees that all terms of this Consent Order 2 4. are contractual and none is a mere recital. 3 4 5. Respondent represents and warrants that it has all the necessary rights, powers and ability to carry out all of the 5 terms of this Consent Order which are applicable to 6 7 Respondent. 6. Respondent represents and warrants that it can accomplish 8 the full relief contemplated and required herein and that 9 all parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors 10 and necessary to effectuate the full relief contemplated by this 11 12 Consent Order are parties to this Consent Order. 13 7. Respondent represents and warrants that it has obtained all third-party approvals necessary to comply with the Consent 14 Order. 15 8. Respondent acknowledges that the Department is relying upon 16 17 the representations and warranties of Respondent, stated 18 herein, in making its determination in this matter. 19 9. Subject to the terms of this Consent Order, the Respondent 20 consents to the entry of a total examination fee of paid 21 \$11,623.20 which shall be to the Department contemporaneously with the execution of this Consent Order. 22 10. Respondent agrees to immediately pay \$1,000.00 to 23 the Department, which represents the back license fee of \$500.00 24 25 for each year Respondent conducted activity that required a

Department mortgage banker license. 1 11. Respondents agree to immediately refund the following 2 consumers the loans fees charged (totaling \$19,575.00), such 3 4 amounts of which shall be paid contemporaneously with the execution of this Consent Order: 5 a. Consumer A = \$3,025.00;6 7 b. Consumer B = \$1,100.00;c. Consumer C = \$2,925.00;8 d. Consumer D = \$1,000.00;9 e. Consumer E = \$1,000.00;10 f. Consumer F = \$1,500.00;11 12 g. Consumer G = \$2,200.00;13 h. Consumer H = \$1,570.00;i. Consumer I = \$2,305.00;14 j. Consumer J = \$1,810.00; and 15 k. Consumer K = \$1,140.00. 16 17 12. Respondent agrees to immediately refund Consumer L the small 18 loan fee and profit of \$886.67. 13. Respondent acknowledges that failure to make payment as 19 20 agreed above may result in civil and/or criminal penalties. 14. This Consent Order shall become effective immediately upon 21 the date of its issuance. 22 15. The provisions of this Consent Order shall remain effective 23 and enforceable except to the extent that, and until such 24 25 time as, any provisions of this Consent Order shall have

been modified, terminated, suspended, or set aside by the Bank Commissioner or upon an order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

4 III. This Consent Order represents the resolution of and discharge of any basis for any civil or administrative proceeding by the Department 5 against the above named Respondent for violations arising as a result 6 7 of or in connection with any actions or omissions by the above named 8 Respondents through the date of this Consent Order as it applies to the allegations in this matter; provided, however, this release does 9 not apply to facts not known by the Department or not otherwise 10 provided by the above named Respondent to the Department as of the 11 12 date of this Consent Order. The Department expressly reserves its 13 right to pursue any administrative civil or criminal action or remedy available to it should the above named Respondents breach this Consent 14 Order or in the future violate the Act or rules and orders promulgated 15 thereunder. 16

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1	WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing, we have set our hands to this Agreement,
2	with it taking effect upon the signature of Peter C. Hildreth, Bank
3	Commissioner.
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5	Recommended this <u>6th</u> day of <u>August</u> , 2009 by
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7	/s/
8	Maryam Torben Desfosses, Hearings Examiner, Banking Department
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10	Executed this <u>31st</u> day of <u>July</u> , 2009 by
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12	, by Richard Samuels, Esq. as legal representative for Respondent Salem Capital
13	Group, LLC
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16	SO ORDERED,
17	Entered this <u>6th</u> day of <u>August</u> , 2009.
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20	/s/ Peter C. Hildreth,
21	Bank Commissioner
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