STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES
DIVISION OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the Certificate of Authority of GUARANTEE INSURANCE COMPANY, Fort Lauderdale, Florida	)))	SUSPENSION ORDER Case No. INS-FR 17-11-010

INTRODUCTION

The Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon (Commissioner) hereby issues a Suspension Order to GUARANTEE INSURANCE COMPANY (GIC) under Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 731.256 and 731.418 because the Commissioner has reason to believe the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

Since December 31, 1978, GIC, a Florida corporation, has been issued a certificate of authority pursuant to ORS 731.402. It is currently authorized to transact Casualty (including Workers Compensation) insurance within the state of Oregon.

On or about November 27, 2017, at the request of the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation, the Second Judicial Circuit Court for Leon County, Florida issued an order, 2017-CA-2421, placing GIC into liquidation.

Liquidation is a form of delinquency proceeding. Pursuant to ORS 731.418(2), without advance notice of a hearing thereon, the Commissioner may suspend immediately the certificate of authority of any insurer as to which proceedings for receivership, conservatorship, rehabilitation, or other delinquency proceedings, have been commenced in any state by the public insurance supervisory official of such state.

ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

The insurance supervisory official of the state of Florida commenced a delinquency proceeding

against GIC.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Commissioner may suspend GIC's Oregon certificate of authority without a hearing under 731.418 (2).

ORDER

Pursuant to ORS 731.418(2), the Oregon certificate of authority issued to GIC is suspended. The period of suspension shall be continuous from the date of this order until rescinded by further written order of the Commissioner, pursuant to ORS 731.426(1). Pursuant to ORS 731.426(2), during the period of suspension, GIC shall not solicit or issue new policies of insurance in this state or assume any Oregon risk. During the period of suspension, GIC shall also not issue renewal policies in this state. GIC shall file its annual financial statement and pay any fees and taxes required to be paid. GIC shall service any existing policies of insurance issued to persons residing in Oregon in accordance with Oregon Law.

Pursuant to ORS 731.422(2), the authority of all producers to represent GIC within the state of Oregon is also suspended. The period of suspension shall be for the same period that the certificate of authority issued to GIC is suspended. During the period of suspension, a producer may represent GIC only to the extent that GIC may service any existing policies of insurance issued to persons residing in Oregon and that GIC has authorized the producer to represent it.

GIC is hereby ordered to provide a copy of this suspension order to all appointed producers within 14 days of the date of this order. The company shall provide to the Commissioner within 21 days from the date of this order an affidavit certifying that notice to appointed producers has been provided.

Issued the _____ day of November, 2017.

Jean Straight
Interim Director, Department of Consumer and Business Services

RIGHT TO A HEARING

The party has the right to a hearing pursuant to ORS 183.415. A party may request a hearing by sending a written request to the Division of Financial Regulation. A party may send the request to the Division of Financial Regulation by delivering it to the Labor and Industries Building, 350 Winter Street NE, Salem, Oregon; or mailing it to PO Box 14480, Salem, OR 97309-0405, or faxing it to 503-378-4351; or e-mailing it to douglas.s.sedwick@oregon.gov. The Division of Financial Regulation must *receive* the request within 21 days from the date this notice was *sent* to the party.

If the Division of Financial Regulation receives from or on behalf of a party a written request for a hearing by the due date described above, then the Division of Financial Regulation will refer the request to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). OAH will schedule the hearing and notify the party of the date and location of the hearing and other related information. OAH will conduct the hearing in accordance with the Oregon Administrative Procedures Act, ORS Chapter 183; and related rules, Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 137-03-0502 *et seq*. A party that is a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, unincorporated association, trust, or government agency must be represented at a hearing by an attorney licensed in Oregon except as otherwise provided by law. Subsequently, OAH will issue a proposed order, and the Commissioner will issue a final order.

If the Division of Financial Regulation does not receive from or on behalf of a party a written request for a hearing by the due date described above; or a party that has timely requested a hearing withdraws the request, notifies the Insurance Division or OAH that the party will not appear at a hearing, or does not appear at a scheduled hearing, then the Commissioner will issue a final order by default taking the action proposed therein. If the Commissioner issues a final order by default, then the record of this proceeding to date, including the designated portion of the Division of Financial Regulation's file on the party, automatically become part of the contested case record for the purpose of proving a *prima facie* case.