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# DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES DIVISION OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE SECURITIES FINANCE SECTION

BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of

ORDER NO. O-03-0015

**EASTBANK MORTGAGE COMPANY** 

CEASE AND DESIST ORDER AND CONSENT TO IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTIES AND ISSUANCE OF A CONDITIONAL MORTGAGE LENDER LICENSE

To: Eastbank Mortgage Company

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WHEREAS the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services for the State of Oregon (hereinafter "the Director") conducted an investigation of Eastbank Mortgage Company, and determined that Eastbank Mortgage Company engaged in activities constituting violations of ORS 59.840 through 59.980 (hereinafter "the Oregon Mortgage Lender Law"); and

WHEREAS Eastbank Mortgage Company wishes to resolve and settle this matter with the Director;

**NOW THEREFORE**, as evidenced by the authorized signatures subscribed on this order Eastbank Mortgage Company hereby **CONSENTS** to entry of this order upon the Director's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as stated hereinafter:

### FINDINGS OF FACT

The Director FINDS that:

- 1. Eastbank Mortgage Company (hereinafter "Respondent"), incorporated in Oregon on June 30, 1998, engages in residential mortgage transactions in Oregon or on Oregon real property in expectation of compensation.
  - 2. The Director first issued an Oregon mortgage lender license to Respondent

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on April 5, 1996. Respondent has been continuously licensed since that date.

- 3. At the time of the events which are the subject of this Order, Respondent was owned by Linda Ferrell, as 25% owner, and William Rogers, as 75% owner. Subsequent to the events which are the subject of this Order, William Rogers acquired 100% ownership of Respondent.
- 4. On February 19, 2002, Linda Ferrell, then owner of and loan originator for Respondent, sought approval for funding first and second mortgages on 20382 Southwest Appy Court in Beaverton, Oregon for consumer Greg Ferrera from Entrust Mortgage Inc.
- 5. In the borrower file for Greg Ferrara maintained by Respondent, there was a handwritten 1003 for a first mortgage of \$650,000 at 7.75% interest on a 2 year, six month adjustable rate mortgage. The application contained no writing under income or liquid assets and was signed by the borrower on December 14, 2001.
- 6. In the borrower file for Greg Ferrara maintained by Respondent, there was a typewritten 1003 for a first mortgage of \$750,000 at 8.875% interest on a 30 year fixed mortgage. The application contained no writing under income but listed liquid assets of \$10,000 in an account at Bank of the Northwest and \$99,000 in multiple Piper Jaffray accounts. The application was not signed by the borrower or dated.
- 7. In the borrower file for Greg Ferrara maintained by Respondent, there was a handwritten 1003 for a second mortgage of \$249,900 at 14.25% interest on a 30 year fixed mortgage. The application contained no writing under income or liquid assets and was signed by the borrower on December 14, 2001.
- 8. In the borrower file for Greg Ferrara maintained by Respondent, there was a typewritten 1003 for a second mortgage of \$152,500 at 14.00% interest on a 30 year fixed mortgage. The application contained no writing under income but listed liquid assets of \$10,000 in an account at Bank of the Northwest and \$99,000 in multiple Piper

Jaffray accounts. The application was not signed by the borrower or dated.

- 9. The typewritten applications were submitted to Entrust Mortgage, Inc. by Respondent.
- 10. Entrust Mortgage Inc. reviewed the loan application materials submitted by Responsent for first and second mortgages for borrower Greg Ferrera and issued conditional approvals on both mortgage loan applications.
- 11. The conditional approvals required a verification of deposit with two months average balance to verify all assets, which was to include the Piper Jaffray accounts, of the Ferrera first and second mortgage applications.
- 12. Linda Ferrell submitted a Request for Verification of Deposit for Piper Jaffray individual retirement accounts 3160-3700 and 3160-4645 to the Lake Oswego branch office of US Bancorp Piper Jaffray.
- 13. On January 31, 2002, Wanda Fugate, an employee of US Bancorp Piper Jaffray completed the verification of deposit for the individual retirement accounts listed on the form which were accounts held in the name of Linda and Tony Ferrell.
- 14. Wanda Fugate mailed the verification of deposit that she completed to Respondent at the request of Linda Ferrell which was different than the normal procedure of mailing verifications of deposit to the lender who will be funding the loan application.
- 15.On March 18, 2002, Linda Ferrell presented Scott Springer, the Managing Director of US Bancorp Piper Jaffray, with a photocopy of a completed verification of deposit indicating that the lender was requiring an original signature on the photocopy. Without verifying the information, Scott Springer signed the photocopy based upon his memory of the accounts and his prior dealings with Linda Ferrell.
- 16. Respondent submitted a verification of deposit for Greg Ferrera for Piper Jaffray individual retirement accounts 3160-3700 and 3160-4645 listing a total balance

of \$93,056.54 (hereinafter "the Piper Jaffray VOD") which was sufficient to meet the requirements of the conditional approvals issued by Entrust Mortgage Inc. in response to the loan application materials submitted for first and second mortgages for borrower Greg Ferrera.

- 17. Scott Sax, President of Entrust Mortgage Inc., contacted Wanda Fugate to verify the information contained in the Piper Jaffray VOD.
- 18. Wanda Fugate reported to Scott Sax that the Piper Jaffray VOD was not correct in that Greg Ferrera was not the account holder for the account numbers listed on the Piper Jaffray VOD.
- 19. Wanda Fuguate was provided with a copy of the Piper Jaffray VOD. She states that she did complete the handwritten portion listing the account numbers and balances and did sign the bottom of the form but that when she completed the form it was for Linda and Tony Ferrell, not Greg Ferrera.
- 20. Wanda Fugate has reviewed the records of US Bancorp Piper Jaffray and the account numbers listed on the Piper Jaffray VOD were not for an account held in the name of Greg Ferrera and she was unable to locate any individual retirement accounts held for Greg Ferrera.
- 21. Scott Springer was provided with a copy of the Piper Jaffray VOD. He indicated that the Piper Jaffray VOD was not what he recalled signing because he would have noticed Greg Ferrera's name on the form but that he didn't verify the information on the verification of deposit that he had signed when Linda Ferrell presented him with one to obtain an original signature.
- 22. Respondent altered or manufactured the Piper Jaffray VOD based upon information or documentation provided by US Bancorp Piper Jaffray and Respondent was aware that the information contained in the Piper Jaffray VOD was not true.
  - 23. William Rogers asserts that he had no knowledge of and/or was not a

participant in altering any documentation to create the Piper Jaffray VOD or in the creation of the Piper Jaffray VOD. He further asserts that he was not aware that the information contained Piper Jaffray VOD was fraudulent.

24. Entrust Mortgage, Inc. notified the Director of the Piper Jaffray VOD. In response, the Director obtained a copy of the borrower file for Greg Ferrera from Respondent alerting William Rogers that there was some issue with the first and second mortgage loan applications for Greg Ferrera.

25. In response to learning there was an issue with the verification of deposit provided to Entrust Mortgage, Inc. for Greg Ferrera, William Rogers acquired sole ownership of Respondent and Linda Ferrell was employed as a loan originator conditioned on the outcome of the investigation of the Piper Jaffray VOD.

26. Linda Ferrell has now been terminated as a loan originator for Respondent for reasons unrelated to the loan applications for Greg Ferrera and is no longer employed in any capacity by Respondent.

27. The Director reviewed the borrower file for Greg Ferrera (hereinafter "the Ferrera file") obtained from Respondent. The Ferrera file contained a disclosure as required by the Truth in Lending Act (hereinafter "TIL disclosure") which were provided in response to the loan application for a first mortgage for Greg Ferrera. The TIL disclosure did not contain the dates for repayment.

28. The Ferrera file contained a disclosure as required by the Truth in Lending Act (hereinafter "TIL disclosure") which were provided in response to the loan application for a second mortgage for Greg Ferrera. The TIL disclosure did not contain the dates for repayment.

29. The Ferrera borrower file contained two copies of a Lock In Agreement. Since the files for the first and second mortgage loans were combined, one Lock In Agreement would suffice for compliance with the requirements for the requirements for first

mortgage loan and the other would suffice for the second mortgage loan. However, on both copies of the Lock In Agreement, all of the spaces to be completed on the form were blank but the form had been signed by the consumer and dated. The form requires the initials of the borrower beside either the float or lock option. There were no markings of any kind on either option on either copy. As a result, the forms did not indicate if the interest rate was to float or be locked.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

# The Director CONCLUDES that:

- 1. Respondent violated ORS 59.930(3) by engaging in an act practice or course of business that operates or would operate as a fraud upon any person when Respondent altered the verification of deposit obtained from US Bancorp Piper Jaffray to indicate that the accounts listed were those of the borrower when they were not.
- 2. Respondent violated ORS 59.865(2) by engaging in a dishonest, fraudulent or illegal practice or conduct when Respondent altered the verification of deposit obtained from US Bancorp Piper Jaffray to indicate that the accounts listed were those of the borrower when they were not. This violation constitutes grounds to deny, suspend or revoke a mortgage lender license or to issue a conditional mortgage lender license.
- 3. Respondent violated ORS 59.930(2) by knowingly making an untrue statement of material fact when Respondent submitted the Piper Jaffray VOD to Entrust Mortgage, Inc. to fulfill the required conditions for the first mortgage loan application for Greg Ferrera knowing that the information contain therein was not true.
- 4. Respondent violated ORS 59.930(2) by knowingly making an untrue statement of material fact when Respondent submitted the Piper Jaffray VOD to Entrust Mortgage, Inc. to fulfill the required conditions for the second mortgage loan application for Greg Ferrera knowing that the information contain therein was not true.
  - 5. Respondent violated ORS 59.865(2) by engaging in a dishonest, fraudulent or

illegal practice or conduct when Respondent submitted the falsified Piper Jaffray VOD to Entrust Mortgage, Inc. for the first mortgage loan application for Greg Ferrera knowing that the information contain therein was not true. This violation constitutes grounds to deny, suspend or revoke a mortgage lender license or to issue a conditional mortgage lender license.

- 6. Respondent violated ORS 59.865(2) by engaging in a dishonest, fraudulent or illegal practice or conduct when Respondent submitted the falsified Piper Jaffray VOD to Entrust Mortgage, Inc. for the second mortgage loan application for Greg Ferrera knowing that the information contain therein was not true. This violation constitutes grounds to deny, suspend or revoke a mortgage lender license or to issue a conditional mortgage lender license.
- 7. Respondent violated 12 CFR 226.18(g) when, in response to the application by Greg Ferrera for a first mortgage loan, Respondent failed to provide the borrower with a TIL disclosure containing the dates for repayment of the loan within three business days of the date of application for the first mortgage loan.
- 8. Respondent violated 12 CFR 226.18(g) when, in response to the application by Greg Ferrera for a second mortgage loan, Respondent failed to provide the borrower with a TIL disclosure containing the dates for repayment of the loan within three business days of the date of application for the second mortgage loan.
- 9. Respondent violated ORS 59.955 when Respondent failed to provide the borrower with disclosures as required by the Truth in Lending Act for the application by Greg Ferrera for a first mortgage loan.
- 10. Respondent violated ORS 59.955 when Respondent failed to provide the borrower with disclosures as required by the Truth in Lending Act for the application by Greg Ferrera for a second mortgage loan.
  - 11. Respondent violated OAR 441-865-0060(1)(c) by failing to maintain in the

borrower file a copy of a float agreement signed and dated by the borrower or a lock agreement completed with the required information and signed by the borrower in response to the application by Greg Ferrara for a first mortgage loan.

12. Respondent violated OAR 441-865-0060(1)(c) by failing to maintain in the borrower file a copy of a float agreement signed and dated by the borrower or a lock agreement completed with the required information and signed by the borrower in response to the application by Greg Ferrara for a second mortgage loan.

13. Respondent violated ORS 59.865(b) by engaging in an illegal or unethical act ion connection with the mortgage business when Respondent had the borrower sign and date an otherwise blank loan document in the form of the Lock In Agreement in connection with the application by Greg Ferrara for a first mortgage loan. This violation constitutes grounds to deny, suspend or revoke a mortgage lender license or to issue a conditional mortgage lender license.

14. Respondent violated ORS 59.865(b) by engaging in an illegal or unethical act ion connection with the mortgage business when Respondent had the borrower sign and date an otherwise blank loan document in the form of the Lock In Agreement in connection with the application by Greg Ferrara for a second mortgage loan. This violation constitutes grounds to deny, suspend or revoke a mortgage lender license or to issue a conditional mortgage lender license.

#### ORDER

The Director, pursuant to ORS 59.885(4), hereby **ORDERS** that Eastbank Mortgage Company will **CEASE AND DESIST** from violating any provision of Oregon Mortgage Lender Law, OAR 441-850-0005 through 441-885-0010 and any rule, order, or policy issued by the Division.

The Director, pursuant to ORS 59.865 and 59.996 hereby **ORDERS** that the Oregon mortgage lender license issued to Eastbank Mortgage Company shall be

subject to the following condition which will be printed on the license: "The company shall not violate any provisions of the Oregon Mortgage Lender Law and its accompanying rules, the Truth in Lending Act or the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act. Any violation shall be grounds for the revocation of the license."

Futhermore, the Director, pursuant to ORS 59.996 hereby **ORDERS** Eastbank Mortgage Company to pay the State of Oregon a civil penalty of \$10,000. The civil penalty is based upon \$5,000 for the violation of ORS 59.930(2) and \$5,000 for the violation of ORS 59.930(3).

The Director suspends payment of \$5,000 of the assessed civil penalty for a three year period. If in the period between the date of the Order to three years from the date of the Order, Eastbank Mortgage Company violates any provision of the Oregon Mortgage Lender Law. OAR 441-850-0005 through 441-885-0010 or any rule, order, or policy issued by the Division, the suspended portion of the assessed civil penalty will become immediately due and payable. If Eastbank Mortgage Company does not violate the Oregon Mortgage Lender Law, OAR 441-850-0005 through 441-885-0010 or any rule, order, or policy issued by the Division in the three year period, the suspended portion of the civil penalty is waived. The date of the Order is the date the Director signs the Order.

The entry of this Order in no way limits further remedies which may be available to the Director under Oregon law.

Dated this 17th day of April , 2003.

CORY STREISINGER, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES

FLOYD G. LANTER, ADMINISTRATOR DIVISION OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE SECURITIES

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## **CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER**

I, William Rogers, state that I am the President of Eastbank Mortgage Company, and I am authorized to act on its behalf; that I have read the foregoing Order and that I know and fully understand the contents hereof; that Eastbank Mortgage Company admits the findings of fact herein, voluntarily consents to the entry of this Order without further hearing, expressly waiving any right to a hearing in this matter; that Eastbank Mortgage Company understands that the Director reserves the right to take further actions to enforce this order or to take appropriate action upon discovery of other violations of Oregon Mortgage Lender Law; and that Eastbank Mortgage Company will fully comply with Oregon Mortgage Lender Law.

I understand that this Consent Order is a public document.

Dated this 14 day of april , 2003

By William J. Rogers President (Office Held)

CORPORATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

There appeared before me this 14 day of april , 2003, William J. Rogers, who was first duly sworn on oath, and stated that s/he was and is the resident of Eastbank Mortgage Company and William J. Rogers is authorized and empowered to sign this Consent to Entry of Order on behalf of Eastbank Mortgage Company and to bind Eastbank Mortgage

Company to the terms hereof.

Signature of Notary Public

Notary Public for the State of: Dregon
My Commission expires: Nug 29, 2006

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