STATE OF WASHINGTON **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS** DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES

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IN THE MATTER OF INVESTIGATING

DON PHONG HOANG,

the Loan Originator License Application under the

Mortgage Broker Practices Act of Washington by:

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> FINAL ORDER -DON PHONG HOANG C-07-116-07-FO01

NO. C-07-116-07-FO01

FINAL ORDER

I. DIRECTOR'S CONSIDERATION

Respondent.

This matter has come before the Director of the Department of A. Default. Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Director), through his designee, Consumer Services Division Director Deborah Bortner, pursuant to RCW 34.05.440(1). On April 25, 2007, the Director, through Consumer Services Division Director Deborah Bortner, entered a Statement of Charges and Notice of Intention to Enter an Order to Deny License Application and Prohibit from Industry (Statement of Charges). A copy of the Statement of Charges is attached and incorporated into this order by this reference. The Statement of Charges was accompanied by a cover letter dated April 25, 2007, a Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and a blank Application for Adjudicative Hearing. The Department served the Statement of Charges, cover letter dated April 25, 2007, Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Application for Adjudicative Hearing on Respondent on April 26, 2007 by first class mail and overnight delivery. On April 27, 2007, the documents sent via Federal Express overnight delivery were delivered. The documents sent via first class mail were not returned to the Department by the U.S. Postal Service.

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Respondent did not request an adjudicative hearing within twenty calendar days after the Department served him with the Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, as provided for in WAC 208-08-050(2).

- B. Record Presented. The record presented to the Director's designee for her review and for entry of a final decision included the Statement of Charges, cover letter dated April 25, 2007, Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Application for Adjudicative Hearing, with documentation of service.
- C. <u>Factual Findings and Grounds For Order</u>. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.440(1), the Director's designee hereby adopts the Statement of Charges, which is attached hereto.

II. FINAL ORDER

Based upon the foregoing, and the Director's designee having considered the record and being otherwise fully advised, NOW, THEREFORE:

- A. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That:
 - 1. Respondent Don Phong Hoang's application for a loan originator license is denied; and
 - 2. Respondent Don Phong Hoang is banned from participation in the conduct of the affairs of any mortgage broker subject to licensure by the Director, in any manner, through December 27, 2013.
- B. Reconsideration. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.470, Respondent has the right to file a Petition for Reconsideration stating the specific grounds upon which relief is requested. The Petition must be filed in the Office of the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions by courier at 150 Israel Road SW, Tumwater, Washington 98501, or by U.S. Mail at P.O. Box 41200, Olympia, Washington 98504-1200, within ten (10) days of service of the Final Order upon Respondent. The

Petition for Reconsideration shall not stay the effectiveness of this order nor is a Petition for Reconsideration a prerequisite for seeking judicial review in this matter.

A timely Petition for Reconsideration is deemed denied if, within twenty (20) days from the date the petition is filed, the agency does not (a) dispose of the petition or (b) serve the parties with a written notice specifying the date by which it will act on a petition.

C. <u>Stay of Order.</u> The Director's designee has determined not to consider a Petition to Stay the effectiveness of this order. Any such requests should be made in connection with a Petition for Judicial Review made under chapter 34.05 RCW and RCW 34.05.550.

D. <u>Judicial Review</u>. Respondent has the right to petition the superior court for judicial review of this agency action under the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW. For the requirements for filing a Petition for Judicial Review, see RCW 34.05.510 and sections following.

E. <u>Service.</u> For purposes of filing a Petition for Reconsideration or a Petition for Judicial Review, service is effective upon deposit of this order in the U.S. mail, declaration of service attached hereto.

DATED this day of

, 2007

STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

DEBORAH BORTNER

DIRECTOR

DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES

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NO. C-07-116-07-SC01

DON PHONG HOANG.

Respondent.

STATEMENT OF CHARGES and NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER AN ORDER TO DENY LICENSE APPLICATION AND PROHIBIT FROM INDUSTRY

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220 and RCW 19.146.223, the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Director) is responsible for the administration of chapter 19.146 RCW, the Mortgage Broker Practices Act (Act)¹. After having conducted an investigation pursuant to RCW 19.146.310, and based upon the facts available as of the date of this Statement of Charges, the Director, through his designee, Division of Consumer Services Director Deborah Bortner, institutes this proceeding and finds as follows:

I. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 1.1 Respondent Don Phong Hoang (Respondent) submitted an application to the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Department) for a loan originator license under Home Funding Network, a mortgage broker licensed under the Act. The on-line application was received by the Department on or about December 27, 2006.
- 1.2 Prior Criminal Acts. On or about November 20, 2002, Respondent was convicted in Clark County Superior Court Cause No. 02-1-01647-2 of three (3) counts of Unlawful Issuance of Bank Checks (over \$250), felonies pursuant to RCW 9A.56.060(4).

¹ RCW 19.146 (Amended 2006; Effective January 1, 2007)

STATEMENT OF CHARGES C-07-116-07-SC01 DON PHONG HOANG 1.4 Failure to Disclose in Application for Licensure. The "Criminal Disclosure" section of the loan originator license application consists of eight questions, and includes the following instruction:

"If the answer to any of the following is "YES", provide complete details of all events or proceedings."

Respondent answered "no" to the following questions on the "Criminal Disclosure" section of his loan originator license application:

- 1-Have you ever been convicted of or plead guilty or nolo contendere (no contest) in a domestic, foreign, or military court to any felony? If yes, when and where?
- 2-Have you ever been charged with any felony?
- 5-Have you ever been convicted of or plead guilty or nolo contendere ("no contest") in a domestic, foreign, or military court to misdemeanor involving: financial services or a financial services-related business or any fraud, false statements or omissions, theft or any wrongful taking of property, bribery, perjury, forgery, counterfeiting, extortion, or a conspiracy to commit any of these offenses?

Respondent Hoang was obligated by statute to answer questions on the loan originator license application truthfully and to provide the Department with complete details of all events or proceedings.

II. GROUNDS FOR ENTRY OF ORDER

- 2.1 Requirement of No Prior Convictions. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondent Hoang fails to meet the requirements of RCW 19.146.310(1)(d) and WAC 208-660-350(2)(c) by having been convicted of a felony within seven years of the filing of the present application.
- 2.2 Requirement to Comply with Chapter or Rules. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondent Hoang is in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.310(f) and WAC 208-660-500(3)(i) for negligently making any false statement or willfully making any omission of material fact in connection with any application or any information filed by a licensee in connection with any application, examination or investigation conducted by the department.

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Requirement to Demonstrate Character and General Fitness. Based on the Factual Allegations set 2.3 forth in Section I above. Respondent Hoang fails to meet the requirements of RCW 19.146.310(1)(g) and WAC 208-660-350(2)(a) by failing to demonstrate character and general fitness such as to command the confidence of the community and to warrant a belief that the business will be operated honestly and fairly within the purposes of the Act.

III. AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS

- Authority to Deny Application for Loan Originator License. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(1), the 3.1 Director may deny licenses to loan originators. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.310(2) and WAC 208-660-350(7), the Director shall not issue a loan originator license if the conditions of RCW 19.146.310(1) have not been met by the applicant, and shall notify the loan originator applicant and any mortgage brokers listed on the application of the denial.
- Authority to Prohibit from Industry. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(5), the Director may prohibit a 3.2 loan originator from participation in the conduct of the affairs of a licensed mortgage broker for any violation of RCW 19.146.0201(1) through (9) or for false statements or omission of material information on the application that, if known, would have allowed for denial of the application for the original license.

IV. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER ORDER

Respondent's violations of the provisions of chapter 19.146 RCW and chapter 208-660 WAC, as set forth in the above Factual Allegations, Grounds for Entry of Order, and Authority to Impose Sanctions, constitute a basis for the entry of an Order under RCW 19.146.220, RCW 19.146.221, RCW 19.146.223 and RCW 19.146.310. Therefore, it is the Directors designee's intention to ORDER that:

- Respondent Don Phong Hoang's application for a loan originator license be denied. 4.1
- Respondent Don Phong Hoang be prohibited from participation in the conduct of the affairs of a licensed 4.2 mortgage broker, in any manner, through December 27, 2013.

V. AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE

This Statement of Charges is entered pursuant to the provisions of RCW 19.146.220, RCW 19.146.221,

RCW 19.146.223 and RCW 19.146.230, and is subject to the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW (The

Administrative Procedure Act). Respondent may make a written request for a hearing as set forth in the

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING accompanying this

Statement of Charges.

Dated this 25 day of 40 day, 2007

Director
Division of Consumer Services
Department of Financial Institutions

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DON PHONG HOANG,

Respondent.

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO:

Don Phong Hoang

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a STATEMENT OF CHARGES has been filed by the Department of Financial Institutions, a true and correct copy of which is attached and made a part hereof.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that you may file an application for an adjudicative hearing before the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions on the Statement of Charges. Service of this notice is deemed complete upon deposit in the United States mail. YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU RECEIVED THIS NOTICE. If you demand a hearing, you will be notified of the time and place for the hearing at least seven (7) days in advance of the hearing date.

At the hearing, you may appear personally, and by counsel, if you desire. The hearing will be as informal as is practical within the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (see chapter 34.05 RCW). The hearing will be recorded. The primary concern will be getting to the truth of the matter insofar as the Statement of Charges is concerned. Technical rules of evidence will not be binding at the hearing except for the rules of privilege recognized by law. You have the right to present evidence and witnesses in your own behalf, and to cross-examine those witnesses presented in support of the Statement of Charges. You may require the attendance of witnesses by subpoena. If you are limited English-speaking or hearing impaired, you have the right to have an interpreter appointed at no cost to you, as discussed below.

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INTERPRETER AVAILABILITY. If you or a witness for you is a person who, because of non-English-speaking cultural background, cannot readily speak or understand the English language, or if you or a witness for you is a person who, because of a hearing impairment or speech defect, cannot readily understand or communicate in spoken language, including persons who are deaf, deaf and blind, or hard of hearing, <u>AND YOU NEED AN INTERPRETER</u>, then a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to you or to the witness. You may request the appointment of a qualified interpreter by indicating your request on the attached Application for Adjudicative Hearing form.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if the Department of Financial Institutions does not <u>RECEIVE</u> the Application for Adjudicative Hearing form within twenty (20) days from the date you received this notice, this will constitute a waiver of your right to a hearing and the Director will find that you do not contest the allegations of the Statement of Charges. Upon such a finding by the Director a final order will be immediately entered disposing of this matter as described in the Statement of Charges. If you desire a hearing in this matter, please return the attached Application for Adjudicative Hearing to:

Department of Financial Institutions Division of Consumer Services Attn: Fatima Batie PO Box 41200 Olympia, Washington 98504-1200

Dated this 2 day of April, 2007.



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Director

Division of Consumer Services
Department of Financial Institutions