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STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING Whether there has been a violation of the Mortgage Broker Practices Act of Washington by:

VERTEX INTERNATIONAL COMPANY LLC,

NO. C-09-335-09-FO01

FINAL ORDER

Respondent.

I. DIRECTOR'S CONSIDERATION

This matter has come before the Director of the Department of Procedural History. A. 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 September 15, 2009, the Director, through Consumer Services Division Director Deborah Bortner, entered a Statement of Charges and Notice of Intention to Enter an Order to Impose Fine and Collect Investigation Fee (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 September 15, 2009, a Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Application for Adjudicative Hearing for Vertex International Company LLC. The Department served the Statement of Charges, cover letter dated September 15, 2009, Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Application for Adjudicative Hearing for Vertex International Company LLC on Respondent on September 15, 2009, by First-Class mail and Federal Express overnight delivery. On September 22, 2009, the documents sent via Federal Express overnight delivery and First-Class mail were returned to the Department as undeliverable.

The Department reserved the Statement of Charges, cover letter dated October 20, 2009, Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Application for Adjudicative Hearing for Vertex International Company LLC on Respondent on October 20, 2009, by First-Class mail and Federal Express overnight delivery. On October 22, 2009, 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 United States Postal Service.

Respondent Vertex International Company LLC did not request an adjudicative hearing within twenty calendar days after the Department served it 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 following: Statement of Charges, cover letter dated October 20, 2009, Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Application for Adjudicative Hearing for Vertex International Company LLC 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. <u>IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That:</u>

- 1. Respondent Vertex International Company LLC pay a fine of \$3,000; and
- 2. Respondent Vertex International Company LLC pay an investigation fee of \$96; and
- 3. Respondent Vertex International Company LLC file the 2008 annual report of mortgage broker activity.

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>Non-compliance with Order</u>. If you do not comply with the terms of this order, the Department may seek its enforcement by the Office of Attorney General to include the collection of the fines and fees imposed herein.
- F. <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 ANGLEM, 20 10.

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

DEBORAH BORTNER
DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES

STATE OF WASHINGTON 1 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS 2 DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING 3 NO. C-09-335-09-SC01 Whether there has been a violation of the Mortgage Broker Practices Act of Washington by: 4 STATEMENT OF CHARGES and VERTEX INTERNATIONAL COMPANY LLC, NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER 5 AN ORDER TO IMPOSE FINE AND COLLECT **INVESTIGATION FEE** Respondent. 6 INTRODUCTION 7 Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220 and RCW 19.146.223, the Director of the Department of Financial 8 Institutions of the State of Washington (Director) is responsible for the administration of chapter 19.146 RCW, the 9 Mortgage Broker Practices Act (Act). After having conducted an investigation pursuant to RCW 19.146.235, and 10 based upon the facts available as the date of this Statement of Charges, the Director, through his designee, Division 11 of Consumer Services Director Deborah Bortner, institutes this proceeding and finds as follows: 12 I. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS 13 1.1 Respondent Vertex International Company LLC (Respondent) was licensed by the Department of 14 Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Department) to conduct business as a mortgage broker at all 15 times relevant to the conduct alleged. 16 1.2 Failure to File Mortgage Broker Annual Report. By March 31, 2009, Respondent was required to file an annual report of mortgage broker activity to include the total number of closed loans originated and the 18 total volume of closed loans originated. As of the date of this Statement of Charges Respondent has not filed the 2008 mortgage broker annual report. 1.3 **On-Going Investigation.** The Department's investigation into the alleged violations of the Act by Respondent continues to date.

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2.1 Requirement to File Mortgage Broker Annual Report. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondent is in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.290(1) and WAC 208-660-400(1), (2), (3), and (4) for failing to file the mortgage broker annual report.

III. AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS

- **3.1** Authority to Impose Fine. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(2)(e) the Director may impose fines on a licensee or other person subject to the Act for any violations of the Act.
- **3.2 Authority to Collect Investigation Fee.** Pursuant to RCW 19.146.228(2), WAC 208-660-520, and WAC 208-660-550(4), upon completion of any investigation of the books and records of a licensee or other person subject to the Act, the Department will furnish to the licensee or other person subject to the Act a billing to cover the cost of the investigation. The investigation charge will be calculated at the rate of \$48 per hour that each staff person devoted to the investigation.

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 and RCW 19.146.223. Therefore, it is the Director's intention to ORDER that:

- 4.1 Respondent Vertex International Company LLC pay a fine of \$3,000; and
- 4.2 Respondent Vertex International Company LLC pay an investigation fee, which as of the date of these charges is \$96 calculated at \$48 per hour for two staff hours devoted to the investigation; and
- **4.3** Respondent Vertex International Company LLC file the 2008 annual report of mortgage broker activity.

V. AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE

This Statement of Charges and Notice of Intention to Enter an Order to Impose Fine and Collect Investigation Fee (Statement of Charges) is entered pursuant to the provisions of RCW 19.146.220, 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 Brief Adjudicative Proceeding as set forth in the NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND OPPORTUNITY FOR BRIEF ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDING accompanying this Statement of Charges.

Dated this 15th day of September, 2009.

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DEBORAH BORTNER

Director

Division of Consumer Services Department of Financial Institutions



STATEMENT OF CHARGES Vertex International Company LLC C-09-335-09-SC01

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND OPPORTUNITY FOR BRIEF ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDING

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO:

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING

Whether there has been a violation of the

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VERTEX INTERNATIONAL COMPANY LLC.

Vertex International Company LLC

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

Respondent.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that you may file a Request for Brief Adjudicative Proceeding 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 REQUEST MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU RECEIVED THIS NOTICE. If you request a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding, you will be notified of the schedule and oral argument, if any, at least seven (7) days in advance.

The Brief Adjudicative Proceeding will be as informal as is practical within the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (see chapter 34.05 RCW). 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.

INTERPRETER AVAILABILITY. If you are a person who, because of non-English-speaking cultural background, cannot readily speak or understand the English language, or if you are 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, AND YOU NEED AN INTERPRETER, then a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to you. You may request the appointment of a qualified interpreter by indicating your request on the attached Request for Brief Adjudicative Proceeding form.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if the Department of Financial Institutions does not <u>RECEIVE</u> the Request for Brief Adjudicative Proceeding form within twenty (20) days from the date you received this notice, this will constitute a waiver of your right to a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding 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 Brief Adjudicative Proceeding in this matter, please return the attached Request for Brief Adjudicative Proceeding to:

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

Dated this 15th day of September 2009.

DEBORAH BORTNER

Director

Division of Consumer Services

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