## **ORDER SUMMARY – Case Number: C-14-1446**

Name(s):	Secure Settlem Benjamin Bora	nent, Inc. d/b/a Nation azghi	nal Housing Ac	dvocates and
Order Number:	C-14-1446-14-	-CO01		
Effective Date:	January 27, 20	15		
License Number: Or NMLS Identifier [U/L]	Unlicensed			
License Effect:				
Not Apply Until:	January 27, 20	25		
Not Eligible Until:	January 27, 20	25		
Prohibition/Ban Until:	January 27, 20	25		
<b>Investigation Costs</b>	\$2,457.60	Due	Paid ⊠ Y □ N	Date 11/19/2014
Fine	\$3,000	Due \$1,457.60 – due on 11/21/2014	Paid ☐ Y ⊠ N	Date \$1,542.40 paid 11/19/2014 \$1,457.60 unpaid.
Assessment(s)	\$	Due	Paid Y N	Date
Restitution	\$	Due	Paid Y N	Date
Judgment	\$	Due	Paid N	Date
Satisfaction of Judgment Filed?  No. of Victims:		☐ Y ☐ N 2		
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STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES

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

No.: C-14-1446-14-CO01

SECURE SETTLEMENT, INC. d/b/a NATIONAL HOUSING ADVOCATES, and BENJAMIN BORAZGHI, President,

CONSENT ORDER

Respondents.

COMES NOW the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions (Director), through his designee Charles E. Clark, Division Director, Division of Consumer Services, and Respondent Secure Settlement, Inc. (Respondent Secure) d/b/a National Housing Advocates and Respondent Benjamin Borazghi (Respondent Borazghi), President (collectively, "Respondents"), and finding that the issues raised in the above-captioned matter may be economically and efficiently settled, agree to the entry of this Consent Order. This Consent Order is entered pursuant to chapter 19.146 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW), and RCW 34.05.060 of the Administrative Procedure Act, based on the following:

#### AGREEMENT AND ORDER

The Department of Financial Institutions, Division of Consumer Services (Department) and Respondents have agreed upon a basis for resolution of the matters alleged in Temporary Order to Cease and Desist No. C-14-1446-14-TD01 (Order to Cease and Desist), and Statement of Charges No. C-14-1446-14-SC01 (Statement of Charges), entered July 7, 2014, incorporated herein by reference and attached hereto. Pursuant to chapter 19.146 RCW, the Mortgage Broker Practices Act (Act), and RCW 34.05.060 of the Administrative Procedure Act, Respondents hereby agree to the Department's entry of this Consent Order and further agree that the issues raised in the above-captioned matter may be economically and efficiently settled by entry of this Consent Order. The CONSENT ORDER 1 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS Division of Consumer Services (CHA-1446-14-CO01)

parties intend this Consent Order to fully resolve the Order to Cease and Desist and Statement of Charges.

Based upon the foregoing:

- A. **Jurisdiction**. It is AGREED that the Department has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the activities discussed herein.
- B. Waiver of Hearing. It is AGREED that Respondents have been informed of the right to a hearing before an administrative law judge, and hereby waive their right to a hearing and any and all administrative and judicial review of the issues raised in this matter, or of the resolution reached herein. Accordingly, Respondents, by their signatures below, withdraw their appeal to the Office of Administrative Hearings.
- C. **Prohibition from Industry**. It is AGREED that, for a period of ten (10) years from the date of entry of this Consent Order, Respondents are prohibited from participating, in any capacity, in the conduct of the affairs of any mortgage broker licensed by the Department or subject to licensure or regulation by the Department. This prohibition includes but is not limited to negotiating any terms of a residential mortgage loan, performing any residential loan modification services, or holding out as able to assist or perform any of the above listed services through any entity in which Respondents participate in any capacity, including but not limited to: (1) any financial capacity whether active or passive, (2) as an officer, director, principal, employee, and (3) any management, control, or oversight.
- D. Fine. It is AGREED that Respondents shall pay a fine to the Department in the amount of \$3,000. It is further AGREED that Respondents shall make two payments to the Department in the form of cashier's checks made payable to the "Washington State Treasurer." Respondents shall make its first payment to the Department in the amount of \$1,542.40 upon entry of this Consent Order.

Respondents shall a make its second payment to the Department in the amount of \$1,457.60 on or before November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

- E. Investigation Fee. It is AGREED that Respondents shall pay to the Department an investigation fee of \$2,457.60 in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the "Washington State Treasurer" upon entry of this Consent Order. The Fine and Investigation Fee due upon entry of the Consent Order may be paid together in one \$4,000 cashier's check made payable to the "Washington State Treasurer."
- F. Records Retention. It is AGREED that Respondents, its officers, employees, and agents shall maintain records in compliance with the Act and provide the Director with the location of the books, records and other information relating to Respondent Secure's mortgage broker business, and the name, address and telephone number of the individual responsible for maintenance of such records in compliance with the Act.
- G. Authority to Execute Order. It is AGREED that the undersigned have represented and warranted that they have the full power and right to execute this Consent Order on behalf of the parties represented.
- H. Non-Compliance with Order. It is AGREED that Respondents understand that failure to abide by the terms and conditions of this Consent Order may result in further legal action by the Director. In the event of such legal action, Respondents may be responsible to reimburse the Director for the cost incurred in pursuing such action, including but not limited to, attorney fees.
- I. **Voluntarily Entered**. It is AGREED that Respondents have voluntarily entered into this Consent Order, which is effective when signed by the Director's designee.
- J. Completely Read, Understood, and Agreed. It is AGREED that Respondents have read this Consent Order in its entirety and fully understand and agree to all of the same.

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PRESIDENT

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STATEMENT OF CHARGES

C-14-1446-14-SC01 SECURE SETTLEMENT, INC. D/B/A NATIONAL HOUSING ADVOCATES, AND BENJAMIN BORAZGHI, No. C-14-1446-14-SC01

STATEMENT OF CHARGES and NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER AN ORDER TO PROHIBIT FROM INDUSTRY, ORDER RESTITUTION, IMPOSE FINE, AND COLLECT INVESTIGATION FEE

Respondents.

#### 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). After having conducted an investigation pursuant to RCW 19.146.235, 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 Respondents.

- A. Secure Settlement Inc. (Respondent Secure) is a corporation registered with the California Secretary of State. Respondent Secure has done business as National Housing Advocates. Respondent Secure has never been licensed by the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Department) to conduct business as a mortgage broker.
- B. Benjamin Borazghi (Respondent Borazghi) is the President of Respondent Secure.
  Respondent Borazghi also does business as Homeowner Protection Alliance. During the relevant time

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<sup>1</sup> Respondents refunded the advance fee to D.M. STATEMENT OF CHARGES C-14-1446-14-SC01 SECURE SETTLEMENT, INC. D/B/A NATIONAL HOUSING ADVOCATES, AND BENJAMIN BORAZGHI,

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1.6 On-Going Investigation. The Department's investigation into the alleged violations of the Act by Respondents continues to date.

#### II. GROUNDS FOR ENTRY OF ORDER

- 2.1 Definition of Mortgage Broker. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.010(14) and WAC 208-660-006, "Mortgage Broker" means any person who, for compensation or gain, or in the expectation of compensation or gain (a) assists a person in obtaining or applying to obtain a residential mortgage loan or (b) holds himself or herself out as being able to make a residential mortgage loan or assist a person in obtaining or applying to obtain a residential mortgage loan. Pursuant to WAC 208-660-006, a person "assists a person in obtaining or applying to obtain a residential mortgage loan' by, among other things, counseling on loan terms (rates, fees, other costs), [and] preparing loan packages...."
- **2.2 Definition of Loan Originator.** Pursuant to RCW 19.146.010(11) and WAC 208-660-006, "Loan originator" means a natural person who for direct or indirect compensation or gain, or in the expectation of direct or indirect compensation or gain: takes a residential mortgage loan application for a mortgage broker; offers or negotiates terms of a mortgage loan; or holds themselves out to the public as able to perform any of these activities.
- 2.3 Definition of Residential Mortgage Loan Modification. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.010(20) and WAC 208-660-006, "Residential mortgage loan modification" means a change in one or more of a residential mortgage loan's terms or conditions. Changes to a residential mortgage loan's terms or conditions include but are not limited to forbearances, repayment plans, changes in interest rates, loan terms, or loan types, capitalization of arrearages, or principal reductions.
- 2.4 Definition of Residential Mortgage Loan Modification Services. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.010(21) and WAC 208-660-006, "Residential mortgage loan modification services" includes negotiating, attempting to negotiate, arranging, attempting to arrange, or otherwise offering to perform a residential mortgage loan modification. "Residential mortgage loan modification services" also

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2	services.
3	2.5 Requirement to Obtain and Maintain Mortgage Broker License. Based on the Factual
4	Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.200(1)
5	and WAC 208-660-155 for engaging in the business of a mortgage broker for Washington residents
6	without first obtaining and maintaining a license under the Act.
7	2.6 Requirement to Obtain and Maintain Loan Originator License. Based on the Factual
8	Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondent Borazghi is in apparent violation of RCW
9	19.146.200(1) and WAC 208-660-155 for engaging in the business of a loan originator for
10	Washington residents without first obtaining and maintaining a license under the Act.
11	2.7 Prohibited Acts. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents
12	are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.0201(2) & (3) for engaging in an unfair or deceptive practice
13	toward any person and obtaining property by fraud or misrepresentation.
14	2.8 False Statements. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents
15	are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.0201(8) for making a false statement in connection with an
16	investigation conducted by the Department.
17	2.9 Requirement to Comply with Director's Authority. Based on the Factual Allegations set
18	forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.235 for failing to
19	comply with the Director's investigation authority.
20	III. AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS
21	3.1 Authority to Prohibit from Industry. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(5), the Director may
22	issue orders prohibiting from participation in the conduct of the affairs of a licensed mortgage broker
23	any person subject to the Act for any violation of RCW 19.146.0201(1) through (9) or (13), or RCW
24	19.146.200.

#### 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). Respondents 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.

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day of July, 2014.

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Director, Division of Consumer Services Department of Financial Institutions

Presented by:

RACHELLE VILLALOBOS Financial Legal Examiner

Approved by:

CHARLES E. CLARK Enforcement Chief

STATEMENT OF CHARGES
C-14-1446-14-SC01
SECURE SETTLEMENT, INC. D/B/A NATIONAL
HOUSING ADVOCATES, AND BENJAMIN BORAZGHI,
PRESIDENT

#### STATE OF WASHINGTON 1 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS **CONSUMER SERVICES DIVISION** 2 3 IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING C-14-1446-14-TD01 Whether there has been a violation of the Mortgage Broker Practices Act of Washington by: TEMPORARY ORDER TO 4 CEASE AND DESIST 5 SECURE SETTLEMENT, INC. d/b/a NATIONAL HOUSING ADVOCATES, and BENJAMIN 6 BORAZGHI, President, 7 Respondents. THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO: Secure Settlement, Inc. d/b/a National 8 Housing Advocates 9 Benjamin Borazghi COMES NOW the Director of the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions 10 (Director), by and through his designee Deborah Bortner, Division Director, Division of Consumer 11 Services, and finding that the public is likely to be substantially injured by delay in issuing a cease and 12 desist order, enters this Temporary Order to Cease and Desist pursuant to chapter 19.146 RCW, the 13 Mortgage Broker Practices Act (Act), based on the following: 14 15 I. FACTUAL FINDINGS 16 1.1 Respondents. Secure Settlement, Inc. (Respondent Secure) is a corporation registered with the 17 California Secretary of State. Respondent Secure has never been licensed by the Department of 18 19 Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Department) to conduct business as a mortgage 20 broker. Benjamin Borazghi (Respondent Borazghi) is the President of Respondent Secure. 21 В. Respondent Borazghi also apparently does business as Homeowner Protection Alliance. During 22

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the relevant time period, Respondent Borazghi was not licensed by the Department to conduct business as a mortgage broker or loan originator.

#### 1.2 Unlicensed Conduct.

- A. On or about February 5, 2013, Respondent Secure entered into a contractual relationship with Washington resident D.M. to perform residential mortgage loan modification services. D.M. paid Respondent Secure an advance fee for the provision of those services in the amount of \$1,500.
- **B.** On or about September 9, 2013, Respondent Borazghi provided a statement to the Department's subpoena in which he asserted that Respondents had provided residential loan modification services to D.M. in error, and that Respondents "do not, will not, and will never" provide residential mortgage loan modification services in Washington.
- C. On or about December 3, 2013, Respondent Borazghi d/b/a Homeowner Protection Alliance offered residential mortgage loan modification services to Washington resident P.J.
- **D.** The Department has determined that the CommerceWest Bank NA account that D.M.'s advance fee was paid to is registered to Respondents Secure and Borazghi. The account was opened June 30, 2012, and was still an active account as of July 1, 2013.

#### II. GROUNDS FOR ENTRY OF ORDER

- 2.1 Failure to Obtain License. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.200 for engaging in the business of a mortgage broker or loan originator without first obtaining a license under the Act.
- **2.2 False Statements.** Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.0201(8) for making a false statement in connection with an investigation conducted by the Department.

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#### III. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE TEMPORARY ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

Authority to Issue Temporary Order to Cease and Desist. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.227, the Director is authorized to issue a temporary order to cease and desist whenever the Director determines that the public is likely to be substantially injured by delay in issuing a cease and desist order. Based on the Factual Findings and Grounds for Entry of Order set forth above, Respondents engaged in the business of a Mortgage Broker or Loan Originator without proper licensure and failed to comply with its statements to the Department that it would cease accepting new clients and the public is likely to be substantially injured due to Respondents' disregard for the applicable laws.

IV. ORDER

Based on the above Factual Findings, Grounds for Entry of Order, and Authority to Issue Temporary Order to Cease and Desist, and pursuant to RCW 19.146.227, the Director determines that the public is likely to be substantially harmed by a delay in entering a cease and desist order. Therefore, the Director ORDERS that:

- Respondents shall immediately cease and desist from participating in the conduct of the affairs of any mortgage broker or loan originator subject to licensure by the Director, in any manner, specifically including but not limited to negotiating any terms of a residential mortgage loan, performing any loan modification services, or holding out as able to assist or perform any of the above listed services.
- This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect unless set aside, limited, or suspended in writing by an authorized court.

**NOTICE** 

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 19.146 RCW, YOU ARE ENTITLED TO A HEARING TO

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A HEARING, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN THE ATTACHED APPLICATION FOR ADJUDICATIVE HEARING.

FAILURE TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE APPLICATION FOR ADJUDICATIVE HEARING SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN 20 DAYS OF THE DATE THAT THIS ORDER WAS SERVED ON YOU WILL CONSTITUTE A DEFAULT, AND WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING.

SERVICE ON YOU IS DEFINED AS POSTING IN THE U.S. MAIL, POSTAGE PREPAID, TO YOUR LAST KNOWN ADDRESS, A COPY OF THIS TEMPORARY CEASE AND DESIST ORDER, NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING, AND APPLICATION FOR ADJUDICATIVE HEARING. BE ADVISED THAT DEFAULT WILL RESULT IN THIS TEMPORARY ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST BECOMING PERMANENT ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY FOLLOWING SERVICE OF THIS ORDER UPON YOU.

WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER YOU HAVE BEEN SERVED WITH THIS TEMPORARY ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, YOU MAY APPLY TO THE SUPERIOR COURT IN THE COUNTY OF YOUR PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS FOR AN INJUNCTION SETTING ASIDE, LIMITING, OR SUSPENDING THIS ORDER PENDING THE COMPLETION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO THIS NOTICE.



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