## 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

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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