# **TERMS COMPLETED**

# **CONSENT ORDER SUMMARY – Case Number C-14-1565**

Respondent Name:	Jack Lawrence Hansmann		
NMLS Number:	150133		
Order Number:	C-14-1565-15-CO01. This Consent Order resolves, solely as to Jack L.		
	Hansmann, the Department's initial Statement of Charges, number		
	C-14-1565-14-SC01.		
<b>Effective Date</b> :	April 30, 2015		
License Effect:	Mr. Hansmann's MLO license was renewed to reflect the expiration		
	date of 12/31/15. No conduct giving rise to the SOC, or documents or		
	testimony he subsequently provided to DFI pursuant to CO, will be		
	considered by the Department with respect to future applications.		
Effective Date:	Hansmann, the Department's initial Statement of Charges, number C-14-1565-14-SC01.  April 30, 2015  Mr. Hansmann's MLO license was renewed to reflect the expiration date of 12/31/15. No conduct giving rise to the SOC, or documents or testimony he subsequently provided to DFI pursuant to CO, will be		

Not Apply Until:	N/A
Not Eligible Until:	N/A
Prohibition/Ban Until:	N/A

<b>Investigation Costs</b>	\$0	Due	Paid Y N	Date
Fine	\$0	Due	Paid Y N	Date
Assessment(s)	\$0	Due	Paid Y N	Date
Restitution	\$0	Due	Paid Y N	Date
Judgment	\$0	Due	Paid Y N	Date

**Comments:** Mr. Hansmann withdrew his appeal of the Statement of Charges, and expended significant effort to assist the Department in its investigation and administrative prosecution of Respondent MLD Mortgage, Inc., et al. Mr. Hansmann neither admitted nor denied the allegations in the Statement of Charges, and agreed to cooperate with the Department by providing truthful statements, documents, and testimony, which he did.

1 STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES 2 IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING No. C-14-1565-15-CO01 3 Whether there has been a violation of the Consumer Loan Act of Washington by: CONSENT ORDER AS TO 4 JACK LAWRENCE HANSMANN MLD MORTGAGE, INC., NMLS #1019, 5 d/b/a The Money Store and Mortgage Lending Direct, DALE JOSEPH GALLANT, NMLS #229376. 6 JEFF MOORE. BRIAN ARTHUR WOLTMAN, NMLS #587190, 7 ANDRE DWAYNE JONES, NMLS #153257, RICHARD WILLIAM KADAR, NMLS #227721, and 8 JACK LAWRENCE HANSMANN, NMLS #150133, 9 Respondents. 10 COME NOW the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions (Director), through his 11 designee Charles E. Clark, Division Director, Division of Consumer Services, and Jack Lawrence 12 Hansmann (Respondent Hansmann), by and through his attorney, Neil A. Dial, and finding that the 13 issues raised in the above-captioned matter may be economically and efficiently settled solely as 14 15 they relate to Respondent Hansmann, agree to the entry of this Consent Order. This Consent Order is entered pursuant to chapter 31.04 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW), and RCW 34.05.060 16 of the Administrative Procedure Act, based on the following: 17 18 AGREEMENT AND ORDER The Department of Financial Institutions, Division of Consumer Services (Department) and 19 Respondent Hansmann have agreed upon a basis for resolution of the matters alleged in the attached 20 21 Statement of Charges No. C-14-1565-15-SC01 (Statement of Charges), entered February 20, 2015, solely for settlement purposes and only as they relate to Respondent Hansmann. Pursuant to chapter 22. 31.04, the Consumer Loan Act (Act), and RCW 34.05.060 of the Administrative Procedure Act, 23

Respondent Hansmann hereby agrees to the Department's entry of this Consent Order.

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# **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 Respondent Hansmann has been informed of the right to a hearing before an administrative law judge, and hereby waives his 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, Respondent Hansmann, by his signature and by the signature of his representative below, withdraws his appeal of the Statement of Charges to the Office of Administrative Hearings.
- C. Efforts Exerted by Respondent. It is AGREED that Respondent Hansmann has and will continue to undertake significant effort to assist the Department in its continuing investigation and administrative prosecution of MLD Mortgage, Inc., Dale J. Gallant, Jeff Moore, Brian A. Woltman, Andre D. Jones, and Richard W. Kadar.
- **D.** No Admission of Liability. It is AGREED that Respondent Hansmann neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in the Statement of Charges.

# **E.** Complete Cooperation with the Department. It is AGREED that:

- 1. Statements. Upon written request by the Department, Respondent Hansmann shall provide the Department with truthful and complete statements relating to MLD Mortgage, Inc., and any and all persons involved or in any way associated with MLD Mortgage, Inc., including but not limited to MLD Mortgage, Inc., Dale J. Gallant, Jeff Moore, Brian A. Woltman, Andre D. Jones, Richard W. Kadar, and other persons with whom MLD Mortgage, Inc. dealt, communicated, or otherwise related. At the Department's discretion, the "statements" may take the form of sworn statements, declarations, affidavits, or deposition testimony.
- 2. **Documents:** In addition to providing statements, upon written request by the Department Respondent Hansmann shall provide any and all documents in his possession, custody, or control that he is authorized to possess relating to MLD Mortgage, Inc.

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3. **Testimony:** In addition to providing statements and documents, Respondent Hansmann shall testify fully, truthfully, and completely at any and all proceedings relating to the Department's continuing investigation and administrative prosecution of MLD Mortgage, Inc., Dale J. Gallant, Jeff Moore, Brian A. Woltman, Andre D. Jones, and Richard W. Kadar.

- F. License Renewal. It is AGREED that upon entry of this Consent Order, or as soon thereafter as practical, Respondent Hansmann's interim MLO license, scheduled to expire April 30, 2015, will be updated by the Department in NMLS to reflect an expiration date of December 31, 2015. It is FURTHER AGREED that in any subsequent application for licensure as a MLO, this Consent Order, the conduct giving rise to the Statement of Charges, nor any statements, documents, or testimony provided by Respondent Hansmann to the Department will be considered by the Department in assessing Respondent Hansmann's qualification for a MLO license.
- G. Stay of License Revocation, Removal, and Prohibition. It is AGREED that Respondent Hansmann is subject to sanctions under the Act, including revocation of his MLO license, removal from his position as an outside MLO for Respondent MLD, and prohibition from participation in the affairs of any consumer loan company licensed by, subject to licensure by, or exempt from licensure by the Department for a period of two (2) years. Those sanctions are hereby STAYED contingent upon Respondent Hansmann's complete cooperation with the Department by providing statements, documents, and testimony related to the Department's continuing investigation and administrative prosecution of MLD Mortgage, Inc., Dale J. Gallant, Jeff Moore, Brian A. Woltman, Andre D. Jones, and Richard W. Kadar.

# **H. Lifting of Stay.** It is AGREED that:

1. If the Department determines that Respondent Hansmann has not complied with the terms of this Consent Order and seeks to lift the stay and impose the license revocation, removal, and prohibition set forth in Paragraph G above, the Department will first notify Respondent Hansmann in writing of its determination of noncompliance.

- **2.** The Department's notification of noncompliance will include:
  - a) A description of the alleged noncompliance;
  - b) A statement that because of the alleged noncompliance, the Department seeks to lift the stay and impose the license revocation, removal, and prohibition;
  - c) The opportunity for Respondent Hansmann to contest the Department's determination of noncompliance in an adjudicative hearing before an Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings; and
  - d) The notification and hearing process provided in this Consent Order applies only to this Consent Order, and is provided solely in the event Respondent Hansmann chooses to contest the Department's determination of noncompliance.
- **3.** Respondent Hansmann will be afforded ten (10) business days from the date of service of the Department's notification of noncompliance to submit a written request to the Department for an adjudicative hearing.
- **4.** The adjudicative hearing shall be expedited and follow the timing and processes described in this Consent Order.
- **5.** If requested, the hearing will be held within 15 business days of the Department's receipt of Respondent Hansmann's timely request for adjudicative hearing, or as soon thereafter as can be scheduled by the Office of Administrative Hearings. The parties will accommodate the prompt scheduling and holding of the hearing.
- **6.** The scope and issues of the adjudicative hearing are limited solely to whether or not Respondent Hansmann is in noncompliance with the terms of this Consent Order.
- **7.** At the conclusion of the hearing, the Administrative Law Judge will issue an initial decision. Either party may subsequently file a Petition for Review with the Director of the Department.
- **8.** In lieu of requesting an adjudicative hearing, Respondent Hansmann may provide a written response to the Department's notification of noncompliance for consideration by the Department, addressing the allegations and seeking an alternative resolution to the notice of noncompliance. However, if Respondent Hansmann does not timely request an adjudicative hearing, the Department may impose the stayed sanctions without further notice to Respondent Hansmann, and shall pursue whatever action it deems necessary to enforce those sanctions once imposed.
- **9.** Respondent Hansmann's obligations under this Consent Order to provide "complete" cooperation with the Department will be judged on a standard of what is objectively reasonable under the circumstances. Accordingly, while innocent or immaterial misstatements may not necessarily be considered noncompliance, other forms of

1	noncompliance, including knowing or willful omissions or misstatements, will be considered noncompliance and will result in the lifting of the stay.
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3	I. Change of Address. It is AGREED that for a period of two years from the date of entry of
4	this Consent Order, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Department, Respondent Hansmann
5	shall provide the Department with a mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number at which
6	he can be contacted. It is FURTHER AGREED that Respondent Hansmann shall notify the
7	Department of any changes to his mailing address, e-mail address, or telephone number within
8	fifteen days of any such change.
9	J. Non-Compliance with Order. It is AGREED that Respondent Hansmann understands that
10	failure to abide by the terms and conditions of this Consent Order may result in further legal action
11	by the Director. In the event of such legal action, Respondent Hansmann may be responsible to
12	reimburse the Director for the cost incurred in pursuing such action, including but not limited to,
13	attorney fees.
14	K. Voluntarily Entered. It is AGREED that Respondent Hansmann has voluntarily entered
15	into this Consent Order, which is effective when signed by the Director's designee.
16	L. Completely Read, Understood, and Agreed. It is AGREED that Respondent Hansmann
17	has read this Consent Order in its entirety and fully understands and agrees to all of the same.
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19	RESPONDENT:
20	Jack Lawrence Hansmann
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	CONSENT ORDER 5 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

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3	Neil A. Dial, WSBA No. 29599 Eisenhower Carlson, PLLC  April 29, 2015 Date
4	Attorneys for Respondents
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6	DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE
7	THIS ORDER ENTERED THIS 30 <sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2015.
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9	<u>/s/</u> CHARLES E. CLARK
10	Director, Division of Consumer Services Department of Financial Institutions
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15	ANTHONY W. CARTER Senior Legal Examiner
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#### STATE OF WASHINGTON 1 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS 2 **DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES** 3 IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING No. C-14-1565-15-SC02 Whether there has been a violation of the 4 Consumer Loan Act of Washington by: **AMENDED STATEMENT OF CHARGES** and NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER AN 5 MLD MORTGAGE, INC., NMLS #1019, ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, TAKE d/b/a The Money Store and Mortgage Lending Direct, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, DENY BRANCH DALE JOSEPH GALLANT, NMLS #229376, LICENSE APPLICATION, REVOKE 6 JEFF MOORE. LICENSES, REMOVE FROM OFFICE, 7 BRIAN ARTHUR WOLTMAN, NMLS #587190, PROHIBIT FROM INDUSTRY, REFUND ANDRE DWAYNE JONES, NMLS #153257. FEES, IMPOSE FINE, COLLECT 8 RICHARD WILLIAM KADAR, NMLS #227721, and INVESTIGATION FEE, AND RECOVER JACK LAWRENCE HANSMANN, NMLS #150133, **COSTS AND EXPENSES** 9 Respondents. 10 11 THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO: MLD Mortgage, Inc. Lawrence A. Dear 12 President and CEO 30 B Vreeland Road 13 Florham Park, NJ 07932 14 AND TO: 15 Brian A. Woltman Dale J. Gallant Jeff Moore, Managing Director, National Retail Lending Group Director of Operations Retail Sales Manager 16 MLD Mortgage, Inc. MLD Mortgage, Inc. MLD Mortgage, Inc. 30 B Vreeland Road 30 B Vreeland Road 30 B Vreeland Road 17 Florham Park, NJ 07932 Florham Park, NJ 07932 Florham Park, NJ 07932 Jack L. Hansmann<sup>1</sup> 18 Andre D. Jones, Regional Director Richard W. Kadar of Sales and Business Development Tacoma Branch Manager 19 MLD Mortgage, Inc. MLD Mortgage, Inc. 30 B Vreeland Road 4412 6th Avenue, Ste 1-4 20 Florham Park, NJ 07932 Tacoma, WA 98406 21 INTRODUCTION 22 Pursuant to RCW 31.04.093 and RCW 31.04.165, the Director of the Department of Financial 23 Institutions of the State of Washington ("Director") is responsible for the administration of the Consumer 24

<sup>1</sup> On April 30, 2015, the Department entered into a Consent Order with respondent Jack L. Hansmann, who is no longer a party to this matter.

AMENDED STATEMENT OF CHARGES C-14-1565-15-SC02 MLD Mortgage, Inc. *et al.* 

Loan Act ("the Act"), Chapter 31.04 RCW. The Washington State Legislature has declared that the Act is necessary to encourage responsible lending, to protect borrowers, and to preserve access to credit in the residential real estate lending market. After having conducted an investigation pursuant to the Act, 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 Charles E. Clark, institutes this proceeding and finds as follows:

## I. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

#### 1.1 Respondents.

A. MLD Mortgage, Inc. ("Respondent MLD") is an active New Jersey for-profit corporation organized in August 2000, and registered in Washington as a foreign for-profit corporation in March, 2005. Doing business in Washington as The Money Store and Mortgage Lending Direct, Respondent MLD was first licensed by the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions ("Department") to conduct business under the Act as a consumer loan company on or about April 5, 2005, and has been continuously licensed in Washington to date. Since 2005, Respondent MLD primarily conducted business in Washington from its main office located in Florham Park, New Jersey. However, in January 2014, Respondent MLD applied for and was approved to operate a branch in Seattle, Washington. In July 2014, Respondent MLD applied to the Department for a license to operate a branch in Tacoma, Washington (the "Tacoma Branch"), which license has not been approved. In October 2014, Respondent MLD applied for and was approved to operate a branch in Castle Rock, Washington.

**B.** Dale Joseph Gallant ("Respondent Gallant") was, at all times relevant to this matter, a Senior Managing Director of Respondent MLD working as the Director of Operations. Respondent Gallant was first licensed by the Department as a mortgage loan originator ("MLO") on or about March 22, 2012, and has been continuously licensed in Washington to date. Respondent Gallant was responsible for managing the onboarding of Respondent Andre D. Jones and his team.

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C. Jeff Moore ("Respondent Moore") was, at all times relevant to this matter, a Director of Respondent MLD working as the Managing Director of the National Retail Lending Group. Respondent Moore has never been licensed by the Department in any capacity. Along with Respondent Gallant, Respondent Moore was responsible for managing the on-boarding of Respondent Andre D. Jones and his team, and directly supervised Respondent Andre D. Jones and his team on matters relating to Tacoma Branch staffing and operations.

- D. Brian Arthur Woltman ("Respondent Woltman") was, at all times relevant to this matter, a Retail Sales Manager for Respondent MLD working as a MLO. Respondent Woltman was first licensed by the Department as a MLO on or about April 5, 2013, and has been continuously licensed in Washington to date. Respondent Woltman was responsible for the on-boarding and training of Respondent Andre D. Jones and his team, and directly supervised Respondent Andre D. Jones and his team on matters relating to residential mortgage loan origination and submission.
- E. Andre Dwayne Jones ("Respondent Jones") was, at all times relevant to this matter, a non-producing Area Manager for Respondent MLD responsible for the supervision of the Tacoma Branch, including the hiring, supervision, and training of branch-licensed MLOs. Respondent Jones was first licensed by the Department as a MLO on or about January 25, 2007, and except for brief periods of time remained continually licensed in Washington until December, 2013. Pursuant to a Consent Order entered with the Department on May 20, 2014, Respondent Jones voluntarily withdrew his 2014 MLO license renewal application, and at all times relevant to this matter has not been licensed by the Department. Respondent Jones reported to Respondent Moore on matters relating to Tacoma Branch staffing and operations, and to Respondent Woltman on matters relating to mortgage loan origination and submission. Respondent Jones was directly responsible for the operation and supervision of the Tacoma Branch, and directly supervised Respondents Richard W. Kadar and Jack L. Hansmann.
- **F. Richard William Kadar** ("Respondent Kadar") was, at all times relevant to this matter, acting as the producing Branch Manager of the Tacoma Branch for Respondent MLD, responsible for the supervision

and operation of the Tacoma Branch including originating, securing, negotiating, processing, and administering residential mortgage loans. Respondent Kadar was first licensed by the Department as a MLO on or about May 10, 2007, and except for brief periods of time remained actively licensed in Washington until July 22, 2014, when his MLO license became inactive. On or about July 25, 2014, Respondent MLD applied to the Department to sponsor Respondent Kadar's MLO license as the Tacoma Branch Manager. The Department has not approved the sponsorship of Respondent Kadar, whose MLO license at all times relevant to this matter has remained inactive. Respondent Kadar reported to Respondent Jones on matters relating to residential mortgage loan origination and submission, and directly supervised Respondent Jack L. Hansmann.

1.2 Background: Regulatory Actions Against Respondent MLD

A. Washington Department of Financial Institutions

On December 2, 2014, the Department entered a Temporary Order to Cease and Desist ("TCD") against Respondent MLD alleging in part that beginning as early as May, 2014, Respondent MLD was conducting business with Washington consumers from the unlicensed Tacoma Branch: had substituted the names of Washington-licensed MLOs

On December 2, 2014, the Department entered a Temporary Order to Cease and Desist ("TCD") against Respondent MLD alleging in part that beginning as early as May, 2014, Respondent MLD was conducting business with Washington consumers from the unlicensed Tacoma Branch; had substituted the names of Washington-licensed MLOs on loans originated for Washington borrowers by Respondents Jones, Kadar, and Hansmann while unlicensed; and had falsely reported to the Department that Respondents Gallant and Woltman had originated residential mortgage loans for Washington consumers that were actually originated by Respondents Jones, Kadar, and Hansmann. The TCD enjoined Respondent MLD from conducting any business with Washington consumers from the unlicensed Tacoma Branch; accepting residential mortgage loan submissions for Washington consumers from any person not licensed by the Department to originate residential mortgage loans in Washington; and aiding and abetting unlicensed activity. Respondent MLD has requested an adjudicative hearing on the TCD, and has waived its right to have that hearing commence on an expedited basis.

# B. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD")

On or about September 13, 2014, Respondent MLD entered into a Settlement Agreement with HUD's Mortgagee Review Board to resolve allegations Respondent MLD failed to properly document and verify funds used as gifts; exceeded FHA's maximum mortgage amount; failed to properly analyze liabilities; charged borrowers a commitment fee without a written lock-in agreement; and failed to comply with settlement requirements. In resolution of the matter, Respondent MLD, without admitting fault or liability, agreed to payment of a civil money penalty in the amount of \$60,000; remission of \$2,315.19 to HUD/FHA to buy down an over-insured mortgage; payment of \$357,250 to satisfy the past due indebtedness on two FHA loans MLD had previously indemnified; and indemnification of HUD for any loss (past, present or future) on six FHA loans.

## C. Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities

- 1. On or about March 17, 2011, Respondent MLD entered into a Consent Agreement and Order with the Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities to settle allegations that Respondent MLD had, through contract MLOs unlicensed in Pennsylvania, originated 220 residential mortgage loans in Pennsylvania. In settlement of the matter, without admitting or denying the allegations, Respondent MLD paid a \$27,500 fine and agreed in part to cease and desist conducting mortgage loan business through unlicensed MLOs.
- 2. On or about July 7, 2010, Respondent MLD entered into a Consent Agreement and Order with the Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities to settle allegations Respondent MLD had accepted mortgage loans from unlicensed MLOs and by not maintaining supervision and control over its employees. In settlement of the matter, without admitting or denying the allegations, Respondent MLD paid a \$5,000 fine and agreed in part to cease and desist accepting mortgage loan applications from unlicensed MLOs.
- **3.** On or about May 22, 2009, Respondent MLD entered into a Consent Agreement and Order with the Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities to settle allegations that Respondent MLD had, through its employees, originated thirteen residential mortgage loans in Pennsylvania prior to licensure in that state. In settlement of the matter, stipulating as true and correct the allegations made, Respondent MLD paid a \$5,000 fine.

## D. New York Banking Department

On or about April 22, 2010, Respondent MLD entered into a Settlement Agreement with the State of New York Banking Department to settle allegations that Respondent MLD had mailed misleading advertisements to New York homeowners that failed to make clear and conspicuous disclosures under the Truth in Lending Act and Regulation Z. In settlement of the matter Respondent MLD agreed to take all necessary steps to ensure compliance with all federal and state laws, regulations, and supervisory requirements relating to its mortgage business, including compliance with Regulation Z. In addition, Respondent MLD agreed in part to develop appropriate written policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and supervisory requirements relating to advertising and to pay a \$7,000 fine.

1.3 Failure to Disclose Regulatory Actions. Each consumer loan company licensed under the Act must maintain a current *Uniform Lender/Broker Form* ("Form MU1") on the Nationwide Multi-State Licensing System ("NMLS"), disclosing certain regulatory actions taken against the company. Licensees are required to keep their information on Form MU1 current, to timely file accurate supplementary information, and to

comply with the applicable state law relating to the license being sought.

**A.** The Disclosure Questions on Form MU1 require disclosure of adverse final actions that are a matter of public record. Though they have updated their Form MU1 on NMLS more than a dozen times since entering into the Settlement Agreement with HUD, as of the date of the initial and this Amended Statement of Charges Respondent MLD has failed to disclose that regulatory action on NMLS Form MU1.

**B.** The Disclosure Questions on Form MU1 require disclosure of temporary cease and desist orders. Though they have updated their Form MU1 on NMLS more than a dozen times since the Department entered the Temporary Cease and Desist Order, as of the date of the initial Statement of Charges Respondent MLD had failed to disclose that regulatory action on NMLS Form MU1.

# 1.4 Failure to Comply with Director's Investigative Authority

A. Respondent Jones' Personnel and Compensation Files. On or about August 11, 2014, the Department received a complaint from a Washington consumer concerning Respondent Jones and the unlicensed Tacoma Branch. On or about August 14, 2014, the Department issued a Subpoena *Duces Tecum* ("Complaint Subpoena") to Respondent MLD requesting production of:

- 1. All documents relating to the employment of Respondent Jones, including his entire personnel and compensation files; and
- **2.** All e-mails sent to or from Respondent Jones on his MLD Mortgage, Inc., e-mail account since May 1, 2014, to the date of the Complaint Subpoena.

On or about September 22, 2014, Respondent MLD produced what it described as Respondent Jones' complete employment package. As of the date of this Amended Statement of Charges, Respondent MLD has still not produced to the Department Respondent Jones' entire personnel file, compensation file, and e-mails.

**B.** List of Respondent Jones' Loans. On or about September 18, 2014, the Department opened an investigation into Respondent MLD. On or about September 26, 2014, the Department issued a Subpoena *Duces Tecum* ("Investigative Subpoena") to Respondent MLD requesting production of documents relating to the creation, staffing, licensure, and operation of the Tacoma Branch. Numerous e-mails produced in response to the Investigative Subpoena reference an Excel spreadsheet of Respondent Jones' loans.

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As of the date of this Amended Statement of Charges, Respondent MLD has still not produced to the Department the Excel spreadsheet of Respondent Jones' loans.

C. Respondent Jones' "MLO Folder." Numerous e-mails produced in response to the Complaint and Investigative Subpoenas reference loan documents maintained by Respondent MLD in "Andre Jones' MLO folder," "in Andre Jones' LO folder," and in "Andre Jones' folder." The e-mails, sent by processors, underwriters, MLOs, and other employees of Respondent MLD, note that though someone other than Respondent Jones is the MLO on the loan, all documents relating to the loan were maintained in Respondent Jones' MLO folder.

As of the date of this Amended Statement of Charges, Respondent MLD has still not produced Respondent Jones' MLO folder to the Department in response to the Complaint and Investigative Subpoenas, nor were any documents produced identified as having come from Respondent Jones' MLO folder.

D. Customer Relationship Management Entries. The Investigative Subpoena defined "Customer Relationship Management" or "CRM" as "a system for managing a company's relationships and interactions with prospective and current customers." The Investigative Subpoena requested production of the entire loan file for all Washington loans originated by Respondents Jones and Woltman, including all CRM entries. Numerous e-mails produced in response to the Investigative Subpoena reference putting notes relating to residential mortgage loans in a program called WebLender. Described as a web-based program that helps MLOs manage their customers and sales opportunities, WebLender is in part a CRM system.

Since issuing the initial Statement of Charges the Department obtained examples of Respondent MLD's WebLender CRM system. WebLender apparently provides for MLD employees to make entries related to Washington customers under tabs identified as Loan Detail, Conditions, Suspense/Denial, Locks, Notes, and Images. The examples obtained by the Department contain detailed notes related to Washington residential mortgages originated from the unlicensed Tacoma Branch, and include e-mails, pipeline reports, detailed information related to the actual loan originator, and entries made by Respondents Jones and

Woltman. As of the date of the Amended Statement of Charges, Respondent MLD has still not produced any CRM entries to the Department.

#### 1.5 Failure to Properly Supervise.

A. Respondents MLD, Gallant, Moore, and Woltman. On or about November 7, 2013, the State of Georgia entered a Final Order against Respondent Jones finding, in part, that Respondent Jones had purposely withheld information and made a false statement or material misrepresentation on his MLO license application. Concluding that Respondent Jones did not meet the character and fitness requirements for licensure as a MLO, Georgia denied his application for a MLO license.

On or about November 12, 2013, Georgia reported the regulatory action against Respondent Jones and uploaded a copy of the Final Order to NMLS. On or about April 1, 2014, Respondent Jones updated his NMLS record with a detailed Disclosure Explanation of Georgia's regulatory actions against him.

On or about May 8, 2014, Respondent MLD entered into an Area Manager Agreement ("Agreement") with Respondent Jones, whereby Respondent Jones was responsible for the operation of the proposed new Tacoma Branch, including the hiring, supervision, and training of branch-licensed MLOs. As a non-producing manager, Respondent Jones was subject to significant restrictions on his activities in Washington and other states where he was not licensed as a MLO. The Agreement provides in part, at Section III(d):

Area Manager is prohibited from acting as a Loan Originator as outlined by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, specifically Section 102.36, in States that he is not licensed. This prohibition includes activities of referring, offering, arranging, or assisting a consumer in obtaining or applying to obtain a mortgage loan.

On or about May 20, 2014, the Department entered into a Consent Order with Respondent Jones finding that Respondent Jones had falsely attested that information and statements related to his MLO renewal application were current, true, and correct, and concluding that Respondent Jones did not meet the character and fitness requirements for licensure as a MLO in Washington. In an apparent response to the Consent Order, on or about May 21, 2014, Respondent MLD entered into an addendum to the Agreement with

Respondent Jones. The addendum further limited Respondent Jones' duties in Washington, providing, in part:

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[I]t is understood that Area Manager is prohibited from participating in any conduct which would require licensure under the State of Washington Department of Financial Institutions Act, including originating, processing or underwriting any loan subject to the Department's regulatory authority. Area Manager is also prohibited from directly supervising any person in connection with loan origination activities for Washington residents.

Area Manager's duties in the state of Washington will be limited to recruiting loan originators, branch offices and business development. The Managing Director of the Retail Lending group will have direct supervision of said new hires.

On or about June 2, 2014, the Department reported the regulatory action against Respondent Jones and uploaded a copy of the Consent Order to NMLS. On or about June 4, 2014, Respondent Jones updated his NMLS record with a detailed Disclosure Explanation of the Department's regulatory actions against him.

On or about July 22, 2014, Respondent MLD designated Respondent Jones as the direct supervisor of Respondent Kadar, a licensed (though inactive) MLO and the proposed Tacoma Branch Manager.

In an e-mail sent to Respondent Moore on or about August 10, 2014, Respondent Jones included an Excel spreadsheet captioned "Money Store Branch 10044 Master Pipeline." The spreadsheet identified 13 Washington residential mortgage loan applications submitted to Respondent MLD by Respondent Jones between about June 3 and August 8, 2014. The spreadsheet also identified 33 Washington consumers who, for direct or indirect compensation or gain, or in the expectation of direct or indirect compensation or gain, Respondent Jones had contacted between about May 29 and August 9, 2014, to take residential mortgage loan applications or to offer or negotiate terms of residential mortgage loans.

In a similar e-mail sent to Respondents Gallant, Moore, and Woltman on or about August 17, 2014, Respondent Jones included an updated copy of his "Master Pipeline" spreadsheet, identifying both additional Washington residential mortgage loan applications submitted to Respondent MLD, as well as additional Washington consumers who, for direct or indirect compensation or gain, or in the expectation of direct or indirect compensation or gain, Respondent Jones had contacted to take residential mortgage loan applications or to offer or negotiate terms of residential mortgage loans.

In an e-mail sent to Respondents Woltman, Moore, and Kadar or about September 21, 2014, Respondent Jones again included an updated copy his "Master Pipeline" spreadsheet. The spreadsheet

identified 28 Washington residential mortgage loan applications submitted to Respondent MLD by Respondent Jones between about June 3 and September 17, 2014, of which 18 had been approved by Respondent MLD. The spreadsheet also identified 37 other Washington consumers who, for direct or indirect compensation or gain, or in the expectation of direct or indirect compensation or gain, Respondent Jones had contacted between about May 29 and September 21, 2014, to take residential mortgage loan applications or to offer or negotiate terms of residential mortgage loans.

Had Respondents MLD, Gallant, Moore, and Woltman properly supervised Respondent Jones, they would have known that he was acting as a MLO in a state where he was not licensed, including by taking residential mortgage loan applications from Washington consumers; by offering residential mortgage loans to Washington consumers; by negotiating terms of residential mortgage loans for Washington consumers; by participating in conduct which would require licensure by the Department, including by originating, processing or underwriting any loan subject to the Department's regulatory authority; and by directly supervising Respondent Kadar in connection with loan origination activities for Washington consumers, all from the unlicensed Tacoma Branch.

B. Respondent Jones. On or about July 22, 2014, Respondent MLD hired Respondent Kadar as the Tacoma Branch Manager. Between about July 24 and September 30, 2014, Respondent Kadar, for direct or indirect compensation or gain, or in the expectation of direct or indirect compensation or gain, took residential mortgage loan applications or offered or negotiated terms of residential mortgage loans for at least four Washington consumers on behalf of Respondent MLD while his MLO license was inactive. On or about July 22, 2014, Respondent MLD hired Respondent Hansmann as an outside MLO. Between about July 17 and July 29, 2014, before he was sponsored by Respondent MLD as a MLO, Respondent Hansmann, for direct or indirect compensation or gain, or in the expectation of direct or indirect compensation or gain, took residential mortgage loan applications or offered or negotiated terms of residential mortgage loans for at least two Washington consumers on behalf of Respondent MLD.

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Had Respondent Jones properly supervised Respondents Kadar and Hansmann, he would have known that they were acting as MLOs in a state where they were not licensed, including by, for direct or indirect compensation or gain, or in the expectation of direct or indirect compensation or gain, taking residential mortgage loan application or offering or negotiating terms of residential mortgage loans for Washington consumers from the unlicensed Tacoma Branch.

# **1.6** Unlicensed Activity.

A. Respondent MLD. On or about July 25, 2014, Respondent MLD applied to the Department for a Branch Office license under the Act for a branch to be located at 4412 6th Avenue, Suites 1-4, Tacoma, Washington. The Department updated the NMLS License/Registration Status History for the proposed Tacoma Branch, NMLS #1195866, to reflect that the status was Pending-Incomplete. On or about August 4, 2014, the Department updated the Status History to Pending-Deficient, noting the main landing page of Respondent MLD's website did not list their true corporate name as required. On or about August 18, 2014, as the deficiency had been cleared, the Department updated the Status History to Pending-Review. Pursuant to the Act, the Department has 90 days from receipt of a completed application to approve or deny the application. Based on a completed application date of August 18, 2014, the Department had until November 16, 2014, to approve or deny the application. All of the conduct alleged in the initial and this Amended Statement of Charges occurred before that date.

Between about May 14 and September 29, 2014, employees, officers, and agents of Respondent MLD working from the unlicensed Tacoma Branch, for direct or indirect compensation or gain, or in the expectation of direct or indirect compensation or gain, took residential mortgage loan applications or offered or negotiated terms of residential mortgage loans for at least 50 Washington consumers on behalf of Respondent MLD.

**B.** Respondent Jones. Though not licensed in Washington as a MLO under the Act, between about May 14 and September 29, 2014, Respondent Jones, for direct or indirect compensation or gain, or in the expectation of direct or indirect compensation or gain, took residential mortgage loan applications or offered

or negotiated terms of residential mortgage loans for at least 50 Washington consumers on behalf of Respondent MLD.

- C. Respondent Kadar. Though his Washington MLO license was inactive under the Act, between about July 24 and September 29, 2014, Respondent Kadar, for direct or indirect compensation or gain, or in the expectation of direct or indirect compensation or gain, took residential mortgage loan applications or offered or negotiated terms of residential mortgage loans for at least five Washington consumers on behalf of Respondent MLD.
- **D.** Respondent Hansmann. Though his Washington MLO license was not sponsored by Respondent MLD, between about July 17 and July 30, 2014, Respondent Hansmann, for direct or indirect compensation or gain, or in the expectation of direct or indirect compensation or gain, took residential mortgage loan applications or offered or negotiated terms of residential mortgage loans for at least two Washington consumers on behalf of Respondent MLD.
- 1.7 Substitution of MLOs. Between about May 14 and January 31, 2014, Respondents MLD, Gallant, Moore, Woltman, Jones, Kadar, and Hansmann substituted the names and NMLS numbers of Washington-licensed MLOs on loan documents required to disclose the names and NMLS numbers of Respondents Jones, Kadar, and Hansmann.
- 1.8 Deceptive Advertising. Between about May 23 and August 13, 2014, Respondent Jones sent e-mails to more than 45 different Washington consumers on behalf of Respondent MLD offering more than 60 different residential mortgage loans. The e-mails included the loan type, loan term, simple interest rate, and for both purchases and refinances, proposed loan amounts and monthly payment. The e-mails routinely included loan terms triggering additional disclosures under the Truth in Lending Act and Regulation Z, yet failed to include the required disclosures. In addition, while the e-mails disclosed a simple rate of interest, they failed to include a clear and conspicuous disclosure of the Annual Percentage Rate.

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#### 1.9 False Statements and Omissions of Material Facts.

## A. Mortgage Call Reports.

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- 1. On or about November 12, 2014, Respondent MLD filed their 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Mortgage Call Report with the Department. Respondent MLD reported that in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2014, Respondents Gallant and Woltman originated nine residential mortgage loans for Washington residents. One loan purportedly originated by Respondent Gallant was apparently originated by Respondent Kadar; one loan purportedly originated by Respondent Woltman was apparently originated by Respondent Woltman were apparently originated by Respondent Jones.
- 2. On or about February 13, 2015, Respondent MLD filed their 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Mortgage Call Report with the Department. Respondent MLD reported that in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2014, Respondents Gallant, Woltman, and Hansmann originated 19 residential mortgage loans for Washington residents. One loan purportedly originated by Respondent Gallant was apparently originated by Respondent Jones; two loans purportedly originated by Respondent Woltman were apparently originated by Respondent Hansmann were apparently originated by Respondent Hansmann were apparently originated by Respondent Kadar. (The remaining eight loans purportedly originated by Respondent Hansmann were apparently originated by him after the Department approved his sponsorship.)

# **B.** Complaint and Investigative Subpoenas.

- 1. After issuing the initial Statement of Charges the Department received information from a former Compliance and Licensing Administrator for Respondent MLD who alleged that while preparing the e-mails responsive to the Department's Complaint Subpoena, the compliance department was asked to sort those e-mails and only produce e-mails to the Department that were "appropriate" i.e., did not show any "inappropriate" activity. The Compliance and Licensing Administrator further alleged that files responsive to the Department's Investigative Subpoena were "scrubbed" to remove any reference to Respondent Jones before being produced to the Department.
- **1.10** Aiding and Abetting Unlicensed Practice. Between around May 14 and September 29, 2014,
- Respondents MLD, Gallant, Moore, Woltman, Jones, Kadar, and Hansmann aided and abetted Respondents
- 22 Jones, Kadar, and Hansmann to practice in violation of the Act.
  - 1.11 On-Going Investigation. The Department's investigation into the alleged violations of the Act by
- 24 | Respondents continues to date.

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#### II. GROUNDS FOR ENTRY OF ORDER

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- **A. Application.** Pursuant to WAC 208-620-010, "application" means in part the submission of a borrower's financial information in anticipation of a credit decision relating to a residential mortgage loan. If the submission does not identify a specific property, the submission is a purchase prequalification and not an application. The subsequent addition of an identified property to the submission converts the purchase prequalification to an application.
- **B. Residential Mortgage Loan.** Pursuant to RCW 31.04.015(25) and WAC 208-620-010, a "residential mortgage loan" means in part any loan primarily for personal, family, or household use that is secured by a mortgage, deed of trust, or other equivalent consensual security interest on a dwelling or residential real estate upon which is constructed or intended to be constructed a dwelling.
- **C. Making a Loan.** Pursuant to RCW 31.04.015(13) and WAC 208-620-010, "making a loan" means in part advancing, offering to advance, or making a commitment to advance funds to a borrower.
- **D. Mortgage Loan Originator.** Pursuant to RCW 31.04.015(15)(a) and WAC 208-620-010, "mortgage loan originator" means in part an individual who for compensation or gain (i) takes a residential mortgage loan application, or (ii) offers or negotiates terms of a residential mortgage loan.
- **2.2 Responsibility for Familiarity with Act.** Pursuant to WAC 208-620-378, Respondent MLD is responsible for ensuring its employees and MLOs are familiar with the Act.
- **2.3 Liability for Actions of Employees.** Pursuant to WAC 208-620-372, Respondent MLD is responsible for any conduct violating the Act by its employees.

### 2.4 Violations of Act and Rules.

- **A. Respondent MLD.** Based on the Factual Allegations set forth above, Respondent MLD is in apparent violation of:
  - i. RCW 31.04.027(1) for, directly or indirectly, employing any scheme, device, or artifice to mislead any borrower, lender, or person by aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act and by substituting the names

1 2		and NMLS numbers of Washington-licensed MLOs on loan documents for the names and NMLS numbers of the MLOs who actually originated those loans, i.e., Respondents Jones, Kadar, and Hansmann;
3	ii.	RCW 31.04.027(2) for, directly or indirectly, engaging in unfair or deceptive
4		practice toward any person, including by failing to properly supervise Respondents Gallant, Moore, Woltman, Jones, Kadar, and Hansmann; by making secured
5		residential mortgage loans for Washington consumers without first obtaining and maintaining the required branch, branch manager, and MLO licenses; by aiding and
6		abetting unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act; and by engaging in false advertising;
7 8	iii.	RCW 31.04.027(3) for, directly or indirectly, obtaining property by misrepresentation, including by closing residential mortgage loans for Washington consumers that were originated from the unlicensed Tacoma Branch;
9	iv.	RCW 31.04.027(8), for negligently making any false statement or knowingly and
10	1	willfully making any omission of material fact in connection with any reports filed with the Department or in connection with any investigation conducted by the
11		Department, including by falsifying information on NMLS mortgage call reports filed with the Department and by knowingly and willfully making omissions of material fact in responding to the Complaint and Investigative Subpoenas;
12	v.	RCW 31.04.035 and WAC 208-620-230, -250, -300, and -700, by making secured
13	v.	residential mortgage loans for Washington consumers from the Tacoma Branch without first obtaining and maintaining the required branch license;
14	vi.	RCW 31.04.093(4)(b), for failing to comply with the Director's investigative
15		authority;
16	vii.	RCW 31.04.027(12) and WAC 208-620-630(2), for advertising any rate of interest without conspicuously disclosing the annual percentage rate implied by that rate of
17		interest;
18	viii.	RCW 31.04.027(13) and WAC 208-620-640, for violating any applicable federal advertising law or regulation relating to the activities governed by the Act,
19		including the Truth in Lending Act and Regulation Z;
20	ix.	RCW 31.04.135, by advertising, publishing, or distributing, or permitting to be advertised, printed, published, or distributed, in any manner whatsoever, any
21		statement or representation with regard to the rates, terms, or conditions for the lending of money that is false, misleading, or deceptive.
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23	х.	WAC 208-620-301, for employing unlicensed MLOs as managers and branch managers taking residential mortgage loan applications, negotiating the terms or conditions of residential mortgage loans, holding themselves out as being able to
24		conduct these activities, and supervising licensed MLOs;
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1	vi.	RCW 31.04.135, by advertising, publishing, or distributing, in any manner whatsoever, any statement or representation with regard to the rates, terms, or conditions for the lending of
2		money that is false, misleading, or deceptive;
3	vii.	WAC 208-620-550(16), for engaging in an unfair or deceptive act or practice by failing to indicate on all residential mortgage loan applications, initial and revised, the loan originator's unique identifier and the date the application was taken or revised; and
5	viii.	WAC 208-620-570, for aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the
6		Act.
7	F. Re	spondent Kadar. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth above, Respondent Kadar is in
8	apparent violat	ion of:
9	i.	RCW 31.04.027(1) for, directly or indirectly, employing any scheme, device, or artifice to mislead any borrower, lender, or person by aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to practice
10		in violation of the Act and by substituting the names and NMLS numbers of Washington-licensed MLOs on loan documents for the names and NMLS numbers of the MLOs who
11		actually originated those loans, i.e., Respondents Jones, Kadar, and Hansmann;
12	ii.	RCW 31.04.027(2) for, directly or indirectly, engaging in an unfair or deceptive practice toward any person by offering, arranging or assisting Washington consumers apply for residential mortgage loans without first obtaining and maintaining the required branch,
13		branch manager, and MLO licenses; and by aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act;
<ul><li>14</li><li>15</li></ul>	iii.	RCW 31.04.221, by engaging in the business of a MLO without first obtaining and maintaining the required MLO license;
16 17	iv.	WAC 208-620-550(16), for engaging in an unfair or deceptive act or practice by failing to indicate on all residential mortgage loan applications, initial and revised, the loan originator's unique identifier and the date the application was taken or revised; and
18	V.	WAC 208-620-570, for aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act.
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# III. AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS

2	<b>3.1</b> Authority to Enter an Order to Cease and Desist. Pursuant to RCW 31.04.093(5)(a), the Director
3	may issue an order directing licensees, its employees, MLOs, or other persons subject to the Act to cease and
4	desist from conducting business in a manner that is injurious to the public or violates any provision of the Ac
5	3.2 Authority to Enter an Order to Take Affirmative Action. Pursuant to RCW 31.04.093(5)(b), the
6	Director may issue an order directing licensees, its employees, MLOs, or other persons subject to the Act to
7	take such affirmative action as is necessary to comply with the Act.
8	3.3 Authority to Deny Branch License Application. Pursuant to RCW 31.04.055(2), if the Director
9	does not find that an applicant's financial responsibility, experience, character, and general fitness are such as
10	to command the confidence of the community and to warrant a belief that the business will be operated
11	honestly, fairly, and efficiently within the purposes of the Act, the Director shall not issue the license and
12	shall deny the application.
13	<b>3.4 Authority to Revoke Licenses.</b> Pursuant to RCW 31.04.093(3), if the Director finds that a licensee
14	has (a) failed to comply with any specific order or demand of the Director lawfully made and directed to the
15	licensee in accordance with the Act, or (b) that a licensee, either knowingly or without the exercise of due
16	care, has violated any provision of the Act or Rules adopted thereunder, or (c) that a fact or condition exists
17	that, if it had existed at the time of the original application for the license, clearly would have allowed the
18	Director to deny the application for the original license, then the Director may revoke a license issued under
19	the Act. Additional authority for the revocation of Respondent MLD's license include WAC 208-620-570(8)
20	where the licensee has aided or abetted unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act; WAC 208-620-
21	570(11), where the licensee has failed to comply with subpoenas; WAC 208-620-570(13)(b), where the
22	licensee has failed to cooperate with the Director by not furnishing records requested by the Director for the
23	purpose of conducting a lawful investigation into a complaint against the licensee filed with the Department;
24	and WAC 208-620-570(14), where the licensee has interfered with a lawful investigation by willful

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misrepresentation of facts before the Department.

Therefore, it is the Director's intent to ORDER that:

1	4.1	Respondent MLD Mortgage, Inc. cease and desist failing to properly disclose required regulatory actions on NMLS; failing to comply with the Director's investigative authority;
2		engaging in unlicensed activity; failing to properly supervise employees; directly or indirectly employing any scheme, device, or artifice to mislead any borrower, lender, or person; directly
3		or indirectly engaging in any unfair or deceptive practice; directly or indirectly obtaining property by fraud or misrepresentation; aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to practice in
4		violation of the Act; making secured residential mortgage loans for Washington consumers originated from unlicensed locations; substituting the names and NMLS numbers of
5		Washington-licensed MLOs on loan documents for the names and NMLS numbers of the actual MLOs who originated the loans; and filing false NMLS mortgage call reports with the Department.
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7 8	4.2	Respondent MLD Mortgage, Inc. take affirmative action necessary to comply with the Act by filing amended NMLS mortgage call reports for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> quarters of 2014, disclosing the names and NMLS numbers of the actual MLOs who originated the loans disclosed on the
9		reports.
10	4.3	Respondent MLD Mortgage Inc.'s Washington license to conduct the business of a consumer loan company under the Act be revoked.
11	4.4	Respondent MLD Mortgage, Inc. refund all nonthird-party fees charged in connection with
12		the making of secured residential mortgage loans for Washington consumers from the unlicensed Tacoma Branch in an amount to be determined at hearing. As of the date of the initial Statement of Charges, the amount totaled \$113,780.20.
13	4.5	Respondent MLD Mortgage, Inc. pay a fine to the State of Washington in an amount of up to
14	7.0	\$100 per day, per violation, for each violation of the Act. As of the date of the initial Statement of Charges, the fine totaled \$250,000.
15	4.6	Respondent MLD Mortgage, Inc. pay the costs of this investigation to the State of
16	1.0	Washington in an amount of \$69.01 per staff hour devoted to the investigation. As of the date of the initial Statement of Charges, the investigative costs totaled \$26,913.90. Pursuant to
17		Chapter 229, Laws of 2015, 64th Legislature, 2015 Regular Session, Section 30(2), in addition to those investigative costs, MLD Mortgage, Inc. shall pay the state's costs and
18		expenses incurred since the date this Amended Statement of Charges was issued for prosecuting this action in an amount to be proven at hearing.
19	4.7	Respondent MLD Mortgage, Inc.'s license application for the Tacoma Branch under the Act
20		be denied.
21	4.8	Respondent Dale Joseph Gallant cease and desist failing to properly supervise employees; directly or indirectly employing any scheme, device, or artifice to mislead any borrower,
22		lender, or person; directly or indirectly engaging in any unfair or deceptive practice; aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act; and substituting the names
23		and NMLS numbers of Washington-licensed MLOs on loan documents for the names and NMLS numbers of the actual MLOs who originated the loans.
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25	4.9	Respondent Dale Joseph Gallant's Washington license to conduct the business of a MLO under the Act be revoked.

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2	4.10	Respondent Dale Joseph Gallant be prohibited from participation in the affairs of any consumer loan company licensed by, subject to licensure by, or exempt from licensure by the Department for a period of five (5) years.
3 4	4.11	Respondent Jeff Moore cease and desist failing to properly supervise employees; directly or indirectly employing any scheme, device, or artifice to mislead any borrower, lender, or
5		person; engaging directly or indirectly in any unfair or deceptive practice; aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act; and substituting the names and NMLS
6		numbers of Washington-licensed MLOs on loan documents for the names and NMLS numbers of the actual MLOs who originated the loans.
7	4.12	Respondent Jeff Moore be removed from his position as Managing Director of Respondent MLD Mortgage, Inc., and be prohibited from participation in the affairs of any consumer loan
8 9		company licensed by, subject to licensure by, or exempt from licensure by the Department for a period of five (5) years.
10	4.13	Respondent Brian Arthur Woltman cease and desist failing to properly supervise employees; directly or indirectly employing any scheme, device, or artifice to mislead any borrower,
11		lender, or person; directly or indirectly engaging in any unfair or deceptive practice; aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act; and substituting the names and NMLS numbers of Washington-licensed MLOs on loan documents for the names and
12		NMLS numbers of the actual MLOs who originated the loans.
13 14	4.14	Respondent Brian Arthur Woltman's Washington license to conduct the business of a MLO under the Act be revoked.
15	4.15	Respondent Brian Arthur Woltman be prohibited from participation in the affairs of any consumer loan company licensed by, subject to licensure by, or exempt from licensure by the Department for a period of five (5) years.
16 17	4.16	Respondent Andre Dwayne Jones cease and desist supervising any MLOs under his direct supervision; directly or indirectly employing any scheme, device, or artifice to mislead any
18		borrower, lender, or person; directly or indirectly engaging in any unfair or deceptive practice; aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act; and substituting the names and NMLS numbers of Washington-licensed MLOs on loan
19		documents for the names and NMLS numbers of the actual MLOs who originated the loans.
20	4.17	Respondent Andre Dwayne Jones be removed from his position as Regional Director of Sales and Business Development for Respondent MLD Mortgage, Inc., and be prohibited from
21   22		participation in the affairs of any consumer loan company licensed by, subject to licensure by, or exempt from licensure by the Department for a period of five (5) years.
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11	Affirmative Action, Deny Branch License Application, Revoke Licenses, Remove from Office, Prohibit from					
12	Industry, Refund Fees, Impose Fine, Collect Investigation Fee, and Recover Costs and Expenses (Statement					
13	of Charges) is entered pursuant to the provisions of RCW 31.04.093, RCW 31.04.165, RCW 31.04.202, and					
14	RCW 31.04.205, and is subject to the provisions of Chapter 34.05 RCW (The Administrative Procedure Act).					
15	Dated th	is 1st day of September, 2015.				
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#### STATE OF WASHINGTON 1 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS 2 **DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES** 3 IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING No. C-14-1565-15-SC01 Whether there has been a violation of the 4 Consumer Loan Act of Washington by: STATEMENT OF CHARGES and NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER AN ORDER TO 5 MLD MORTGAGE, INC., NMLS #1019, CEASE AND DESIST, TAKE AFFIRMATIVE d/b/a The Money Store and Mortgage Lending Direct, ACTION, DENY BRANCH LICENSE DALE JOSEPH GALLANT, NMLS #229376, APPLICATION, REVOKE LICENSES, 6 JEFF MOORE. REMOVE FROM OFFICE, PROHIBIT FROM 7 BRIAN ARTHUR WOLTMAN, NMLS #587190, INDUSTRY, REFUND FEES, IMPOSE FINE, ANDRE DWAYNE JONES, NMLS #153257. and COLLECT COST OF INVESTIGATION 8 RICHARD WILLIAM KADAR, NMLS #227721, and JACK LAWRENCE HANSMANN, NMLS #150133, 9 Respondents. 10 11 THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO: MLD Mortgage, Inc. Lawrence A. Dear 12 President and CEO 30 B Vreeland Road 13 Florham Park, NJ 07932 14 AND TO: 15 Brian A. Woltman Dale J. Gallant Jeff Moore, Managing Director, National Retail Lending Group Director of Operations Retail Sales Manager 16 MLD Mortgage, Inc. MLD Mortgage, Inc. MLD Mortgage, Inc. 30 B Vreeland Road 30 B Vreeland Road 30 B Vreeland Road 17 Florham Park, NJ 07932 Florham Park, NJ 07932 Florham Park, NJ 07932 Andre D. Jones, Regional Director 18 Richard W. Kadar Jack L. Hansmann of Sales and Business Development Tacoma Branch Manager Mortgage Loan Originator 19 MLD Mortgage, Inc. MLD Mortgage, Inc. MLD Mortgage, Inc. 30 B Vreeland Road 4412 6th Avenue, Ste 1-4 401 Olympia Ave NE, Ste 344 20 Florham Park, NJ 07932 Tacoma, WA 98406 Renton, WA 98056 21 INTRODUCTION 22 Pursuant to RCW 31.04.093 and RCW 31.04.165, the Director of the Department of Financial 23 Institutions of the State of Washington ("Director") is responsible for the administration of the Consumer 24 Loan Act ("the Act"), Chapter 31.04 RCW. The Washington State Legislature has declared that the Act is 25 necessary to encourage responsible lending, to protect borrowers, and to preserve access to credit in the

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residential real estate lending market. After having conducted an investigation pursuant to the Act, 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 Charles E. Clark, institutes this proceeding and finds as follows:

#### I. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

#### 1.1 Respondents.

- A. MLD Mortgage, Inc. ("Respondent MLD") is an active New Jersey for-profit corporation organized in August 2000, and registered in Washington as a foreign for-profit corporation in March, 2005. Doing business in Washington as The Money Store and Mortgage Lending Direct, Respondent MLD was first licensed by the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions ("Department") to conduct business under the Act as a consumer loan company on or about April 5, 2005, and has been continuously licensed in Washington to date. Since 2005, Respondent MLD primarily conducted business in Washington from its main office located in Florham Park, New Jersey. However, in January 2014, Respondent MLD applied for and was approved to operate a branch in Seattle, Washington. In July 2014, Respondent MLD applied to the Department for a license to operate a branch in Tacoma, Washington (the "Tacoma Branch"), which license has not been approved. In October 2014, Respondent MLD applied for and was approved to operate a branch in Castle Rock, Washington.
- **B.** Dale Joseph Gallant ("Respondent Gallant") was, at all times relevant to this matter, a Senior Managing Director of Respondent MLD working as the Director of Operations. Respondent Gallant was first licensed by the Department as a mortgage loan originator ("MLO") on or about March 22, 2012, and has been continuously licensed in Washington to date. Respondent Gallant was responsible for managing the onboarding of Respondent Andre D. Jones and his team.
- C. Jeff Moore ("Respondent Moore") was, at all times relevant to this matter, a Director of Respondent MLD working as the Managing Director of the National Retail Lending Group. Respondent Moore has never been licensed by the Department in any capacity. Along with Respondent Gallant, Respondent Moore was responsible for managing the on-boarding of Respondent Andre D. Jones and his

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team, and directly supervised Respondent Andre D. Jones and his team on matters relating to Tacoma Branch staffing and operations.

- D. Brian Arthur Woltman ("Respondent Woltman") was, at all times relevant to this matter, a Retail Sales Manager for Respondent MLD working as a MLO. Respondent Woltman was first licensed by the Department as a MLO on or about April 5, 2013, and has been continuously licensed in Washington to date. Respondent Woltman was responsible for the on-boarding and training of Respondent Andre D. Jones and his team, and directly supervised Respondent Andre D. Jones and his team on matters relating to residential mortgage loan origination and submission.
- E. Andre Dwayne Jones ("Respondent Jones") was, at all times relevant to this matter, a non-producing Area Manager for Respondent MLD responsible for the supervision of the Tacoma Branch, including the hiring, supervision, and training of branch-licensed MLOs. Respondent Jones was first licensed by the Department as a MLO on or about January 25, 2007, and except for brief periods of time remained continually licensed in Washington until December, 2013. Pursuant to a Consent Order entered with the Department on May 20, 2014, Respondent Jones voluntarily withdrew his 2014 MLO license renewal application, and at all times relevant to this matter has not been licensed by the Department. Respondent Jones reported to Respondent Moore on matters relating to Tacoma Branch staffing and operations, and to Respondent Woltman on matters relating to mortgage loan origination and submission. Respondent Jones was directly responsible for the operation and supervision of the Tacoma Branch, and directly supervised Respondents Richard W. Kadar and Jack L. Hansmann.
- F. Richard William Kadar ("Respondent Kadar") was, at all times relevant to this matter, acting as the producing Branch Manager of the Tacoma Branch for Respondent MLD, responsible for the supervision and operation of the Tacoma Branch including originating, securing, negotiating, processing, and administering residential mortgage loans. Respondent Kadar was first licensed by the Department as a MLO on or about May 10, 2007, and except for brief periods of time remained actively licensed in Washington until July 22, 2014, when his MLO license became inactive. On or about July 25, 2014, Respondent MLD applied

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to the Department to sponsor Respondent Kadar's MLO license as the Tacoma Branch Manager. The Department has not approved the sponsorship of Respondent Kadar, whose MLO license at all times relevant to this matter has remained inactive. Respondent Kadar reported to Respondent Jones on matters relating to residential mortgage loan origination and submission, and directly supervised Respondent Jack L. Hansmann.

G. Jack Lawrence Hansmann ("Respondent Hansmann") was, at all times relevant to this matter, a producing outside MLO for Respondent MLD responsible for originating residential mortgage loans.

Respondent Hansmann was first licensed as a MLO by the Department on or about March 29, 2007, and except for brief periods of time has remained continually licensed in Washington to date. On or about July 29, 2014, Respondent MLD applied to the Department to sponsor Respondent Hansmann as a MLO; the Department approved the sponsorship on or about July 30, 2014.

#### 1.2 Background: Regulatory Actions Against Respondent MLD

#### A. Washington Department of Financial Institutions

On December 2, 2014, the Department entered a Temporary Order to Cease and Desist ("TCD") against Respondent MLD alleging in part that beginning as early as May, 2014, Respondent MLD was conducting business with Washington consumers from the unlicensed Tacoma Branch; had substituted the names of Washington-licensed MLOs on loans originated for Washington borrowers by Respondents Jones, Kadar, and Hansmann while unlicensed; and had falsely reported to the Department that Respondents Gallant and Woltman had originated residential mortgage loans for Washington consumers that were actually originated by Respondents Jones, Kadar, and Hansmann. The TCD enjoined Respondent MLD from conducting any business with Washington consumers from the unlicensed Tacoma Branch; accepting residential mortgage loan submissions for Washington consumers from any person not licensed by the Department to originate residential mortgage loans in Washington; and aiding and abetting unlicensed activity. Respondent MLD has requested an adjudicative hearing on the TCD, and has waived its right to have that hearing commence on an expedited basis.

#### B. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD")

On or about September 13, 2014, Respondent MLD entered into a Settlement Agreement with HUD's Mortgagee Review Board to resolve allegations Respondent MLD failed to properly document and verify funds used as gifts; exceeded FHA's maximum mortgage amount; failed to properly analyze liabilities; charged borrowers a commitment fee without a written lock-in agreement; and failed to comply with settlement requirements. In resolution of the matter, Respondent MLD, without admitting fault or liability, agreed to payment of a civil money penalty in the amount of \$60,000; remission of \$2,315.19 to HUD/FHA to buy

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down an over-insured mortgage; payment of \$357,250 to satisfy the past due indebtedness on two FHA loans MLD had previously indemnified; and indemnification of HUD for any loss (past, present or future) on six FHA loans.

#### C. Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities

- i. On or about March 17, 2011, Respondent MLD entered into a Consent Agreement and Order with the Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities to settle allegations that Respondent MLD had, through contract MLOs unlicensed in Pennsylvania, originated 220 residential mortgage loans in Pennsylvania. In settlement of the matter, without admitting or denying the allegations, Respondent MLD paid a \$27,500 fine and agreed in part to cease and desist conducting mortgage loan business through unlicensed MLOs.
- **ii.** On or about July 7, 2010, Respondent MLD entered into a Consent Agreement and Order with the Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities to settle allegations Respondent MLD had accepted mortgage loans from unlicensed MLOs and by not maintaining supervision and control over its employees. In settlement of the matter, without admitting or denying the allegations, Respondent MLD paid a \$5,000 fine and agreed in part to cease and desist accepting mortgage loan applications from unlicensed MLOs.
- **iii.** On or about May 22, 2009, Respondent MLD entered into a Consent Agreement and Order with the Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities to settle allegations that Respondent MLD had, through its employees, originated thirteen residential mortgage loans in Pennsylvania prior to licensure in that state. In settlement of the matter, stipulating as true and correct the allegations made, Respondent MLD paid a \$5,000 fine.

#### D. New York Banking Department

On or about April 22, 2010, Respondent MLD entered into a Settlement Agreement with the State of New York Banking Department to settle allegations that Respondent MLD had mailed misleading advertisements to New York homeowners that failed to make clear and conspicuous disclosures under the Truth in Lending Act and Regulation Z. In settlement of the matter Respondent MLD agreed to take all necessary steps to ensure compliance with all federal and state laws, regulations, and supervisory requirements relating to its mortgage business, including compliance with Regulation Z. In addition, Respondent MLD agreed in part to develop appropriate written policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and supervisory requirements relating to advertising and to pay a \$7,000 fine.

1.3 Failure to Disclose Regulatory Actions. Each consumer loan compa

1.3 Failure to Disclose Regulatory Actions. Each consumer loan company licensed under the Act must maintain a current *Uniform Lender/Broker Form* ("Form MU1") on the Nationwide Multi-State Licensing System ("NMLS"), disclosing certain regulatory actions taken against the company. Licensees are required to keep their information on Form MU1 current, to timely file accurate supplementary information, and to comply with the applicable state law relating to the license being sought.

A. The Disclosure Questions on Form MU1 require disclosure of adverse final actions that are a matter of public record. Though they have updated their Form MU1 on NMLS more than a dozen times since entering into the Settlement Agreement with HUD, as of the date of this Statement of Charges Respondent MLD has failed to disclose that regulatory action on NMLS Form MU1.

**B.** The Disclosure Questions on Form MU1 require disclosure of temporary cease and desist orders. Though they have updated their Form MU1 on NMLS more than a dozen times since the Department entered the Temporary Cease and Desist Order, as of the date of this Statement of Charges Respondent MLD has failed to disclose that regulatory action on NMLS Form MU1.

# 1.4 Failure to Comply with Director's Investigative Authority

A. Respondent Jones' Personnel and Compensation Files. On or about August 11, 2014, the Department received a complaint from a Washington consumer concerning Respondent Jones and the unlicensed Tacoma Branch. On or about August 14, 2014, the Department issued a Subpoena *Duces Tecum* ("Complaint Subpoena") to Respondent MLD requesting production of documents relating to the employment of Respondent Jones, including his entire personnel and compensation files. On or about September 22, 2014, Respondent MLD produced what it described as Respondent Jones' complete employment package.

Respondent MLD failed to produce the entire personnel and compensation files in response to the Complaint Subpoena.

**B.** List of Respondent Jones' Loans. On or about September 18, 2014, the Department opened an investigation into Respondent MLD. On or about September 26, 2014, the Department issued a Subpoena *Duces Tecum* ("Investigative Subpoena") to Respondent MLD requesting production of documents relating to the creation, staffing, licensure, and operation of the Tacoma Branch. Numerous e-mails produced in response to the Investigative Subpoena reference an Excel spreadsheet of Respondent Jones' loans.

Respondent MLD failed to produce the Excel spreadsheet of Respondent Jones' loans in response to the Investigative Subpoena.

C. Respondent Jones' "MLO Folder." Numerous e-mails produced in response to the
Investigative Subpoena reference loan documents maintained by Respondent MLD in "Andre Jones' MLO
folder," "in Andre Jones' LO folder," and in "Andre Jones' folder." The e-mails, sent by processors,
underwriters, MLOs, and other employees of Respondent MLD, note that though someone other than
Respondent Jones is the MLO on the loan, all documents relating to the loan were maintained in Respondent
Jones' MLO folder

Respondent MLD failed to produce Respondent Jones' MLO folder in response to the Investigative Subpoena, nor were any documents produced identified as having come from Respondent Jones' MLO folder.

D. Customer Relationship Management Entries. The Investigative Subpoena defined "Customer Relationship Management" or "CRM" as "a system for managing a company's relationships and interactions with prospective and current customers." The Investigative Subpoena requested production of the entire loan file for all Washington loans originated by Respondents Jones and Woltman, including all CRM entries. Numerous e-mails produced in response to the Investigative Subpoena reference putting notes relating to residential mortgage loans in a program called WebLender. Described as a web-based program that helps MLOs manage their customers and sales opportunities, WebLender is in part a CRM system.

Respondent MLD failed to produce any CRM entries in response to the Investigative Subpoena.

## 1.5 Failure to Properly Supervise.

A. Respondents MLD, Gallant, Moore, and Woltman. On or about November 7, 2013, the State of Georgia entered a Final Order against Respondent Jones finding, in part, that Respondent Jones had purposely withheld information and made a false statement or material misrepresentation on his MLO license application. Concluding that Respondent Jones did not meet the character and fitness requirements for licensure as a MLO, Georgia denied his application for a MLO license.

On or about November 12, 2013, Georgia reported the regulatory action against Respondent Jones and uploaded a copy of the Final Order to NMLS. On or about April 1, 2014, Respondent Jones updated his NMLS record with a detailed Disclosure Explanation of Georgia's regulatory actions against him.

1	On or about May 8, 2014, Respondent MLD entered into an Area Manager Agreement ("Agreement")
2	with Respondent Jones, whereby Respondent Jones was responsible for the operation of the proposed new
3	Tacoma Branch, including the hiring, supervision, and training of branch-licensed MLOs. As a non-producing
4	manager, Respondent Jones was subject to significant restrictions on his activities in Washington and other
5	states where he was not licensed as a MLO. The Agreement provides in part, at Section III(d):
6	Area Manager is prohibited from acting as a Loan Originator as outlined by the Bureau of
7	Consumer Financial Protection, specifically Section 102.36, in States that he is not licensed. This prohibition includes activities of referring, offering, arranging, or assisting a consumer in obtaining or applying to obtain a mortgage loan.
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9	On or about May 20, 2014, the Department entered into a Consent Order with Respondent Jones finding
.0	that Respondent Jones had falsely attested that information and statements related to his MLO renewal
.1	application were current, true, and correct, and concluding that Respondent Jones did not meet the character
.2	and fitness requirements for licensure as a MLO in Washington.
.3	In an apparent response to the Department's Consent Order with Respondent Jones, on or about May
4	21, 2014, Respondent MLD entered into an addendum to the Agreement with Respondent Jones. The
.5	addendum further limited Respondent Jones' duties in Washington, providing, in part:
.6	[I]t is understood that Area Manager is prohibited from participating in any conduct which would require licensure under the State of Washington Department of Financial Institutions
.7	Act, including originating, processing or underwriting any loan subject to the Department's
.8	regulatory authority. Area Manager is also prohibited from directly supervising any person in connection with loan origination activities for Washington residents.
.9	Area Manager's duties in the state of Washington will be limited to recruiting loan
20	originators, branch offices and business development. The Managing Director of the Retail Lending group will have direct supervision of said new hires.
21	On or about June 2, 2014, the Department reported the regulatory action against Respondent Jones and
22	uploaded a copy of the Consent Order to NMLS. On or about June 4, 2014, Respondent Jones updated his
23	NMLS record with a detailed Disclosure Explanation of the Department's regulatory actions against him.
24	On or about July 22, 2014, Respondent MLD designated Respondent Jones as the direct supervisor of

Respondent Kadar, a licensed (though inactive) MLO and the proposed Tacoma Branch Manager.

In an e-mail sent to Respondent Moore on or about August 10, 2014, Respondent Jones included an Excel spreadsheet captioned "Money Store Branch 10044 Master Pipeline." The spreadsheet identified 13 Washington residential mortgage loan applications submitted to Respondent MLD by Respondent Jones between about June 3 and August 8, 2014. The spreadsheet also identified 33 Washington consumers Respondent Jones had contacted between about May 29 and August 9, 2014, offering, arranging, or assisting them obtain, or apply to obtain, residential mortgage loans.

In a similar e-mail sent to Respondents Gallant, Moore, and Woltman on or about August 17, 2014, Respondent Jones included an updated copy of his "Master Pipeline" spreadsheet, identifying both additional Washington residential mortgage loan applications submitted to Respondent MLD, as well as additional Washington consumers Respondent Jones had contacted offering, arranging, or assisting them obtain, or apply to obtain, residential mortgage loans.

In an e-mail sent to Respondents Woltman, Moore, and Kadar or about September 21, 2014, Respondent Jones again included an updated copy his "Master Pipeline" spreadsheet. The spreadsheet identified 28 Washington residential mortgage loan applications submitted to Respondent MLD by Respondent Jones between about June 3 and September 17, 2014, of which 18 had been approved by Respondent MLD. The spreadsheet also identified 37 other Washington consumers Respondent Jones had contacted between about May 29 and September 21, 2014, offering, arranging, or them obtain, or apply to obtain, residential mortgage loans.

Had Respondents MLD, Gallant, Moore, and Woltman properly supervised Respondent Jones, they would have known that he was acting as a MLO in a state where he was not licensed, including by engaging in activities of referring, offering, arranging, or assisting Washington consumers in obtaining or applying to obtain residential mortgage loans; by participating in conduct which would require licensure by the Department, including by originating, processing or underwriting any loan subject to the Department's regulatory authority; and by directly supervising Respondent Kadar in connection with loan origination activities for Washington consumers, all from the unlicensed Tacoma Branch.

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**B.** Respondent Jones. On or about July 22, 2014, Respondent MLD hired Respondent Kadar as the Tacoma Branch Manager. Between about July 24 and September 30, 2014, Respondent Kadar offered, arranged, or assisted at least four Washington consumers apply for residential mortgage loans while his MLO license was inactive. On or about July 22, 2014, Respondent MLD hired Respondent Hansmann as an outside MLO. Between about July 17 and July 29, 2014, before he was sponsored by Respondent MLD as a MLO, Respondent Hansmann offered, arranged, or assisted at least two Washington consumers apply for residential mortgage loans on behalf of Respondent MLD.

Had Respondent Jones properly supervised Respondents Kadar and Hansmann, he would have known that they were acting as MLOs in a state where they were not licensed, including by offering, arranging, or assisting Washington consumers obtain or apply to obtain residential mortgage loans from the unlicensed Tacoma Branch.

## 1.6 Unlicensed Activity.

A. Respondent MLD. On or about July 25, 2014, Respondent MLD applied to the Department for a Branch Office license under the Act for a branch to be located at 4412 6th Avenue, Suites 1-4, Tacoma, Washington. The Department updated the NMLS License/Registration Status History for the proposed Tacoma Branch, NMLS #1195866, to reflect that the status was Pending-Incomplete. On or about August 4, 2014, the Department updated the Status History to Pending-Deficient, noting the main landing page of Respondent MLD's website did not list their true corporate name as required. On or about August 18, 2014, as the deficiency had been cleared, the Department updated the Status History to Pending-Review. Pursuant to the Act, the Department has 90 days from receipt of a completed application to approve or deny the application. Based on a completed application date of August 18, 2014, the Department had until November 16, 2014, to approve or deny the application. All of the conduct alleged in this Statement of Charges occurred before that date.

Between about May 14 and September 29, 2014, employees, officers, and agents of Respondent MLD

working from the unlicensed Tacoma Branch offered, arranged, or assisted at least 50 Washington consumers

apply for residential mortgage loans on behalf of Respondent MLD.

- **B.** Respondent Jones. Though not licensed in Washington as a MLO under the Act, between about May 14 and September 29, 2014, Respondent Jones offered, arranged, or assisted at least 50 Washington consumers apply for residential mortgage loans on behalf of Respondent MLD.
- C. Respondent Kadar. Though his Washington MLO license was inactive under the Act, between about July 24 and September 29, 2014, Respondent Kadar offered, arranged, or assisted at least five Washington consumers apply for residential mortgage loans on behalf of Respondent MLD.
- **D. Respondent Hansmann.** Though his Washington MLO license was not sponsored by Respondent MLD, between about July 17 and July 30, 2014, Respondent Hansmann offered, arranged, or assisted at least two Washington consumers apply for residential mortgage loans on behalf of Respondent MLD.
- 1.7 Substitution of MLOs. Between about May 14 and January 31, 2014, Respondents MLD, Gallant, Moore, Woltman, Jones, Kadar, and Hansmann substituted the names and NMLS numbers of Washington-licensed MLOs on loan documents required to disclose the names and NMLS numbers of Respondents Jones, Kadar, and Hansmann.
- 1.8 Deceptive Advertising. Between about May 23 and August 13, 2014, Respondent Jones sent e-mails to more than 45 different Washington consumers on behalf of Respondent MLD offering more than 60 different residential mortgage loans. The e-mails included the loan type, loan term, simple interest rate, and for both purchases and refinances, proposed loan amounts and monthly payment. The e-mails routinely included loan terms triggering additional disclosures under the Truth in Lending Act and Regulation Z, yet failed to include the required disclosures. In addition, while the e-mails disclosed a simple rate of interest, they failed to include a clear and conspicuous disclosure of the Annual Percentage Rate.

## 1.9 False Filings: 2014 Mortgage Call Reports.

A. On or about November 12, 2014, Respondent MLD reported to the Department that in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2014, Respondents Gallant and Woltman originated nine residential mortgage loans for Washington residents. One loan purportedly originated by Respondent Gallant was apparently originated by Respondent Kadar; one loan purportedly originated by Respondent Woltman was apparently originated by

1	Respondent Hansmann; and seven loans purportedly originated by Respondent Woltman were apparently
2	originated by Respondent Jones.
3	<b>B.</b> On or about February 13, 2015, Respondent MLD reported to the Department that in the 4 <sup>th</sup>
4	quarter of 2014, Respondents Gallant, Woltman, and Hansmann originated 19 residential mortgage loans for
5	Washington residents. One loan purportedly originated by Respondent Gallant was apparently originated by
6	Respondent Jones; two loans purportedly originated by Respondent Woltman were apparently originated by
7	Respondent Jones; five loans purportedly originated by Respondent Hansmann were apparently originated by
8	Respondent Jones; and three loans purportedly originated by Respondent Hansmann were apparently
9	originated by Respondent Kadar. (The remaining eight loans purportedly originated by Respondent
10	Hansmann were apparently originated by him after the Department approved his sponsorship.)
11	1.10 Aiding and Abetting Unlicensed Practice. Between around May 14 and September 29, 2014,
12	Respondents MLD, Gallant, Moore, Woltman, Jones, Kadar, and Hansmann aided and abetted Respondents
13	Jones, Kadar, and Hansmann to practice in violation of the Act.
14	1.11 On-Going Investigation. The Department's investigation into the alleged violations of the Act by
15	Respondents continues to date.
16	II. GROUNDS FOR ENTRY OF ORDER
17	2.1 Responsibility for Familiarity with Act. Pursuant to WAC 208-620-378, Respondent MLD is
18	responsible for ensuring its employees and MLOs are familiar with the Act.
19	2.2 Liability for Actions of Employees. Pursuant to WAC 208-620-372, Respondent MLD is responsible
20	for any conduct violating the Act by its employees.
21	2.3 Violations of Act and Rules.
22	A. Respondent MLD. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth above, Respondent MLD is in
23	apparent violation of:
24	i. RCW 31.04.027(1) for, directly or indirectly, employing any scheme, device, or artifice to
25	mislead any borrower, lender, or person by aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act and by substituting the names and NMLS numbers of Washington-

1		licensed MLOs on loan documents for the names and NMLS numbers of the MLOs who actually originated those loans, i.e., Respondents Jones, Kadar, and Hansmann;
2 3	ii.	RCW 31.04.027(2) for, directly or indirectly, engaging in unfair or deceptive practice toward any person, including by failing to properly supervise Respondents Gallant, Moore,
4		Woltman, Jones, Kadar, and Hansmann; by making secured residential mortgage loans for Washington consumers without first obtaining and maintaining the required branch, branch
5		manager, and MLO licenses; by aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act; and by engaging in false advertising;
6 7	iii.	RCW 31.04.027(3) for, directly or indirectly, obtaining property by misrepresentation, including by closing residential mortgage loans for Washington consumers that were originated from the unlicensed Tacoma Branch;
8 9	iv.	RCW 31.04.027(8), for negligently making any false statement or knowingly and willfully making any omission of material fact in connection with any reports filed with the Department, including on NMLS mortgage call reports filed with the Department;
10	v.	RCW 31.04.035 and WAC 208-620-230, by making secured residential mortgage loans for Washington consumers from the Tacoma Branch without first obtaining and maintaining the required branch license;
12	vi.	RCW 31.04.093(4)(b), for failing to comply with the Director's investigative authority;
13	vii.	RCW 31.04.027(12) and WAC 208-620-630(2), for advertising any rate of interest without conspicuously disclosing the annual percentage rate implied by that rate of interest;
14	viii.	RCW 31.04.027(13) and WAC 208-620-640, for violating any applicable federal advertising law or regulation relating to the activities governed by the Act, including the Truth in Lending Act and Regulation Z;
16   17   18	ix.	RCW 31.04.135, by advertising, publishing, or distributing, or permitting to be advertised, printed, published, or distributed, in any manner whatsoever, any statement or representation with regard to the rates, terms, or conditions for the lending of money that is false, misleading, or deceptive.
19	Х.	WAC 208-620-301, for employing unlicensed MLOs as managers and branch managers taking residential mortgage loan applications, negotiating the terms or conditions of
20   21	v:	residential mortgage loans, holding themselves out as being able to conduct these activities, and supervising licensed MLOs; WAC 208-620-550(16), for engaging in an unfair or deceptive act or practice by failing to
22	xi.	indicate on all residential mortgage loan applications, initial and revised, the MLO's unique identifier and the date the application was taken or revised; and
23	xii.	WAC 208-620-570, for aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act.
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2	B. Re	espondent Gallant. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth above, Respondent Gallant is in						
3	apparent violat	ion of:						
4	i.	RCW 31.04.027(1) for, directly or indirectly, employing any scheme, device, or artifice to mislead any borrower, lender, or person, by aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to						
5		practice in violation of the Act and by substituting the names and NMLS numbers of Washington-licensed MLOs on loan documents for the names and NMLS numbers of the MLOs who actually originated those loans, i.e., Respondents Jones, Kadar, and Hansmann;						
6 7 8	ii.	RCW 31.04.027(2) for, directly or indirectly, engaging in an unfair or deceptive practice toward any person by failing to properly supervise Respondents Moore, Woltman, Jones, Kadar, and Hansmann and by aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act;						
9	iii.	WAC 208-620-550(16), for engaging in an unfair or deceptive act or practice by failing to indicate on all residential mortgage loan applications, initial and revised, the loan originator's unique identifier and the date the application was taken or revised; and						
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	iv.	WAC 208-620-570, for aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act.						
12 13	C. Respondent Moore. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth above, Respondent Moore is in							
14	apparent violat	ion of:						
15	i.	RCW 31.04.027(1) for, directly or indirectly, employing any scheme, device, or artifice to mislead any borrower, lender, or person by aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act and by substituting the names and NMLS numbers of Washington-						
16 17		licensed MLOs on loan documents for the names and NMLS numbers of the MLOs who actually originated those loans, i.e., Respondents Jones, Kadar, and Hansmann;						
18	ii.	RCW 31.04.027(2) for, directly or indirectly, engaging in an unfair or deceptive practice toward any person by failing to properly supervise Respondents Woltman, Jones, Kadar, and Hansmann and by aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act;						
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20	111.	WAC 208-620-550(16), for engaging in an unfair or deceptive act or practice by failing to indicate on all residential mortgage loan applications, initial and revised, the loan originator's unique identifier and the date the application was taken or revised; and						
21 22	iv.	WAC 208-620-570, for aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act.						
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6		Act.		
7	F. Re	spondent Kadar. Based	on the Factual Alle	egations set forth above, Respondent Kadar is in
8	apparent violat	ion of:		
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11				dents Jones, Kadar, and Hansmann;
12	ii.			y, engaging in an unfair or deceptive practice
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14		practice in violation of the	•	aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to
15	iii.	RCW 31.04.221, by eng maintaining the required		ss of a MLO without first obtaining and
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18				plications, initial and revised, the loan originator's in was taken or revised; and
19	v.	WAC 208-620-570, for Act.	aiding and abetting	unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the
20	G. Re	spondent Hansmann. B	ased on the Factual	Allegations set forth above, Respondent
21	Hansmann is in	apparent violation of:		
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- ii. RCW 31.04.027(2) for, directly or indirectly, engaging in an unfair or deceptive practice toward any person by offering, arranging or assisting Washington consumers apply for residential mortgage loans without first obtaining and maintaining the required MLO license and by aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act;
- iii. RCW 31.04.221, by engaging in the business of a MLO without first obtaining and maintaining the required MLO license;
- iv. WAC 208-620-550(16), for engaging in an unfair or deceptive act or practice by failing to indicate on all residential mortgage loan applications, initial and revised, the loan originator's unique identifier and the date the application was taken or revised; and
- v. WAC 208-620-570, for aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act.

## III. AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS

- **3.1 Authority to Enter an Order to Cease and Desist.** Pursuant to RCW 31.04.093(5)(a), the Director may issue an order directing licensees, its employees, MLOs, or other persons subject to the Act to cease and desist from conducting business in a manner that is injurious to the public or violates any provision of the Act.
- **3.2 Authority to Enter an Order to Take Affirmative Action.** Pursuant to RCW 31.04.093(5)(b), the Director may issue an order directing licensees, its employees, MLOs, or other persons subject to the Act to take such affirmative action as is necessary to comply with the Act.
- **3.3 Authority to Deny Branch License Application.** Pursuant to RCW 31.04.055(2), if the Director does not find that an applicant's financial responsibility, experience, character, and general fitness are such as to command the confidence of the community and to warrant a belief that the business will be operated honestly, fairly, and efficiently within the purposes of the Act, the Director shall not issue the license and shall deny the application.
- **3.4 Authority to Revoke Licenses.** Pursuant to RCW 31.04.093(3), if the Director finds that a licensee has (a) failed to comply with any specific order or demand of the Director lawfully made and directed to the licensee in accordance with the Act, or (b) that a licensee, either knowingly or without the exercise of due care, has violated any provision of the Act or Rules adopted thereunder, or (c) that a fact or condition exists that, if it had existed at the time of the original application for the license, clearly would have allowed the

1	Director to deny the application for the original license, then the Director may revoke a license issued under
2	the Act. Additional authority for the revocation of Respondent MLD's license include WAC 208-620-570(8),
3	where the licensee has aided or abetted unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act; WAC 208-620-
4	570(11), where the licensee has failed to comply with subpoenas; and WAC 208-620-570(13)(b), where the
5	licensee has failed to cooperate with the Director by not furnishing records requested by the Director for the
6	purpose of conducting a lawful investigation into a complaint against the licensee filed with the Department.
7	3.5 Authority to Remove from Office and Prohibit From Industry. Pursuant to RCW 31.04.093(6),
8	the Director may issue an order removing from office and prohibiting from the industry any officer, principal,
9	employee, MLO, or other persons subject to the Act for failure to comply with any subpoena issued under the
10	Act; any violation of RCW 31.04.027 or RCW 31.04.221; or failure to obtain a license for activity that
11	requires a license.
12	3.6 Authority to Order Refunds of Fees. Pursuant to RCW 31.04.035(2) and WAC 208-620-230, the
13	Director may issue an order directing a licensee to refund to consumers all nonthird-party fees charged in
14	connection with the origination of a residential mortgage loan in violation of RCW 31.04.035(1), which
15	prohibits the making of secured residential mortgage loans without first obtaining and maintaining a license in
16	accordance with the Act.
17	<b>3.7 Authority to Impose Fines.</b> Pursuant to RCW 31.04.093(4), the Director may impose fines of up to
18	one hundred dollars per day, per violation, upon licensees, employees, MLOs, or other persons subject to the
19	Act for any violation of the Act.
20	3.8 Authority to Collect Cost of Investigation. Pursuant to RCW 31.04.145(3) and WAC 208-620-590
21	every licensee investigated by the Director or the Director's designee shall pay for the cost of the
22	investigation, calculated at the rate of \$69.01 per staff hour devoted to the investigation.
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### IV. NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER ORDER

Respondents' violations of the provisions of chapter 31.04 RCW and chapter 208-620 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 31.04.093, RCW 31.04.165, and RCW 31.04.205.
Therefore, it is the Director's intent to ORDER that:

- Respondent MLD Mortgage, Inc. cease and desist failing to properly disclose required regulatory actions on NMLS; failing to comply with the Director's investigative authority; engaging in unlicensed activity; failing to properly supervise employees; directly or indirectly employing any scheme, device, or artifice to mislead any borrower, lender, or person; directly or indirectly engaging in any unfair or deceptive practice; directly or indirectly obtaining property by fraud or misrepresentation; aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act; making secured residential mortgage loans for Washington consumers originated from unlicensed locations; substituting the names and NMLS numbers of Washington-licensed MLOs on loan documents for the names and NMLS numbers of the actual MLOs who originated the loans; and filing false NMLS mortgage call reports with the Department.
- 4.2 Respondent MLD Mortgage, Inc. take affirmative action necessary to comply with the Act by filing amended NMLS mortgage call reports for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of 2014, disclosing the names and NMLS numbers of the actual MLOs who originated the loans disclosed on the reports.
- **4.3** Respondent MLD Mortgage Inc.'s Washington license to conduct the business of a consumer loan company under the Act be revoked.
- 4.4 Respondent MLD Mortgage, Inc. refund to all nonthird-party fees charged in connection with the making of secured residential mortgage loans for Washington consumers from the unlicensed Tacoma Branch and to Washington consumers all nonthird-party fees charged in connection with the making of secured residential mortgage loans for Washington consumers from the unlicensed Tacoma Branch in an amount to be determined at hearing. As of the date of this Statement of Charges, the amount totals \$113,780.20.
- 4.5 Respondent MLD Mortgage, Inc. pay a fine to the State of Washington in an amount of up to \$100 per day, per violation, for each violation of the Act. As of the date of this Statement of Charges, the fine totals at least \$250,000.
- 4.6 Respondent MLD Mortgage, Inc. pay the costs of this investigation to the State of Washington in an amount of \$69.01 per staff hour devoted to the investigation. As of the date of this Statement of Charges, the investigative costs total at least \$26,913.90.
- **4.7** Respondent MLD Mortgage, Inc.'s license application for the Tacoma Branch under the Act be denied.

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1	4.8	Respondent Dale Joseph Gallant cease and desist failing to properly supervise employees; directly or indirectly employing any scheme, device, or artifice to mislead any borrower,
2		lender, or person; directly or indirectly engaging in any unfair or deceptive practice; aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act; and substituting the names
3		and NMLS numbers of Washington-licensed MLOs on loan documents for the names and NMLS numbers of the actual MLOs who originated the loans.
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5	4.9	Respondent Dale Joseph Gallant's Washington license to conduct the business of a MLO under the Act be revoked.
6	4.10	Respondent Dale Joseph Gallant be removed from his position as Director of Operations of Respondent MLD Mortgage, Inc., and be prohibited from participation in the affairs of any
7		consumer loan company licensed by, subject to licensure by, or exempt from licensure by the Department for a period of five (5) years.
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9	4.11	Respondent Jeff Moore cease and desist failing to properly supervise employees; directly or indirectly employing any scheme, device, or artifice to mislead any borrower, lender, or person; engaging directly or indirectly in any unfair or deceptive practice; aiding and abetting
10		unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act; and substituting the names and NMLS numbers of Washington-licensed MLOs on loan documents for the names and NMLS
11		numbers of the actual MLOs who originated the loans.
12	4.12	Respondent Jeff Moore be removed from his position as Managing Director of Respondent
13		MLD Mortgage, Inc., and be prohibited from participation in the affairs of any consumer loan company licensed by, subject to licensure by, or exempt from licensure by the Department for
14		a period of five (5) years.
17	4.13	Respondent Brian Arthur Woltman cease and desist failing to properly supervise employees;
15		directly or indirectly employing any scheme, device, or artifice to mislead any borrower, lender, or person; directly or indirectly engaging in any unfair or deceptive practice; aiding
16		and abetting unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act; and substituting the names and NMLS numbers of Washington-licensed MLOs on loan documents for the names and
17		NMLS numbers of the actual MLOs who originated the loans.
18	4.14	Respondent Brian Arthur Woltman's Washington license to conduct the business of a MLO under the Act be revoked.
19		under the 7tet be revoked.
20	4.15	Respondent Brian Arthur Woltman be removed from his position as Retail Sales Manager of Respondent MLD Mortgage, Inc. and be prohibited from participation in the affairs of any
		consumer loan company licensed by, subject to licensure by, or exempt from licensure by the
21		Department for a period of five (5) years.
22	4.16	Respondent Andre Dwayne Jones cease and desist supervising any MLOs under his direct supervision; directly or indirectly employing any scheme, device, or artifice to mislead any
23		borrower, lender, or person; directly or indirectly engaging in any unfair or deceptive practice; aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act; and
24		substituting the names and NMLS numbers of Washington-licensed MLOs on loan

documents for the names and NMLS numbers of the actual MLOs who originated the loans.

1	4.17	Respondent Andre Dwayne Jones be removed from his position as Regional Director of Sales and Business Development for Respondent MLD Mortgage, Inc., and be prohibited from					
2		participation in the affairs of any consumer loan company licensed by, subject to licensure by, or exempt from licensure by the Department for a period of five (5) years.					
3 4	4.18	Respondent Richard William Kadar cease and desist directly or indirectly employing any scheme, device, or artifice to mislead any borrower, lender, or person; directly or indirectly					
5		engaging in any unfair or deceptive practice; aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act; and substituting the names and NMLS numbers of Washington-licensed MLOs on loan documents for the names and NMLS numbers of the					
6		actual MLOs who originated the loans.					
7	4.19	Respondent Richard William Kadar's inactive Washington license to conduct the business of a MLO under the Act be revoked.					
9	4.20	Respondent Richard William Kadar be removed from his position as Tacoma Branch Manager for Respondent MLD Mortgage, Inc., and be prohibited from participation in the affairs of any consumer loan company licensed by, subject to licensure by, or exempt from					
10		licensure by the Department for a period of five (5) years.					
11	4.21	Respondent Jack Lawrence Hansmann cease and desist directly or indirectly employing any scheme, device, or artifice to mislead any borrower, lender, or person; directly or indirectly					
12		engaging in any unfair or deceptive practice; aiding and abetting unlicensed persons to practice in violation of the Act; and substituting the names and NMLS numbers of					
13		Washington-licensed MLOs on loan documents for the names and NMLS numbers of the actual MLOs who originated the loans.					
14 15	4.22	Respondent Jack Lawrence Hansmann's Washington license to conduct the business of a MLO under the Act be revoked.					
16	4.23	Respondent Jack Lawrence Hansmann be removed from his position as an outside MLO for					
17		Respondent MLD Mortgage, Inc., and be prohibited from participation in the affairs of any consumer loan company licensed by, subject to licensure by, or exempt from licensure by the					
18		Department for a period of two (2) years.					
19		V. AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE					
20	This Statement of Charges and Notice of Intent to Enter an Order to Cease and Desist, Take						
21	Affirmative Action, Deny Branch License Application, Revoke Licenses, Remove from Office, Prohibit from						
22	Industry, Refund Fees, Impose Fine, and Collect Cost of Investigation (Statement of Charges) is entered						
23	pursuant to the provisions of RCW 31.04.093, RCW 31.04.165, RCW 31.04.202, and RCW 31.04.205, and is						
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	STATEMENT OF C	CHARGES 21 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS					

1	subject to the provisions of Chapter 34.05 RCW (The Administrative Procedure Act). Respondents may each						
2	make a written request for a hearing as set forth in the NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND						
3	OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING accompanying this Statement of Charges.						
4	Dated this 20 <sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.						
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6	 CHARLES E. CLARK						
7	Director, Division of Consumer Services						
8	Department of Financial Institutions						
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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
Consumer Loan Act of Washington by:

C-14-1565-14-TD01

MLD MORTGAGE, INC., NMLS #1019, d/b/a The Money Store and Mortgage Lending Direct,

TEMPORARY ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

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Respondent.

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**THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO:** Lawrence A. Dear

President and CEO MLD Mortgage, Inc. 30 B Vreeland Road Florham Park, NJ 07932

COMES NOW the Director of the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions ("Director"),

by and through his designee Deborah Bortner, Division Director, Division of Consumer Services, and finding

that the public is likely to be substantially injured by delay in issuing a cease and desist order, enters this

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I. FACTUAL FINDINGS

temporary order to cease and desist pursuant to chapter 31.04 RCW, the Consumer Loan Act ("Act"), based on

1.1 MLD Mortgage, Inc. ("Respondent MLD"), doing business in Washington and elsewhere as The Money Store and Mortgage Lending Direct, was licensed by the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions ("Department") to conduct business as a Consumer Loan Company on or about April 5, 2005, and continues to be licensed to date. Respondent MLD has primarily conducted business in Washington from its main office located in Florham Park, New Jersey. In January 2014, Respondent MLD applied for a license to operate a branch in Seattle, which was approved the same month. In July 2014, Respondent MLD applied for a license to operate a branch in Tacoma (the "Tacoma Branch"), which has not been approved. In October 2014, Respondent MLD applied for a license to operate a branch in Castle Rock, which was approved the same month. Respondent MLD identifies the Tacoma Branch as "Branch ID #10044."

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TEMPORARY ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST C-14-1565-14-TD01 MLD Mortgage, Inc.

A. Consent Order with Andre D. Jones. On or about May 20, 2014, the Department entered into a Consent Order with Andre D. Jones ("Jones"), NMLS #153257, in settlement of an investigation. The Consent Order found that Jones had falsely attested that information and statements related to his MLO renewal application were current, true, and correct, and concluded as a matter of law that Jones failed to meet the requirements for a MLO license in Washington. For five years from the date of entry, Jones was prohibited from directly supervising any person in connection with loan origination activities for Washington residents, including originating, processing, or underwriting any loan subject to the Department's regulatory authority.

**B.** Hiring of Jones. On or about May 12, 2014, Respondent MLD hired Jones as a non-producing Area Manager with the title "Regional Director of Sales and Business Development." Respondent MLD assigned its "New Branch Boarding & Transition Team" to assist Jones' on-boarding and transition to Respondent MLD. Dale J. Gallant ("Gallant"), Respondent MLD's Director of Operations (and a Washington-licensed MLO, NMLS #229376), and Jeff Moore ("Moore"), the Managing Director of Respondent MLD's National Retail Group, are primarily responsible for transitioning Jones and his team to Respondent MLD. Brian A. Woltman ("Woltman"), Respondent MLD's Retail Sales Manager (and a Washington-licensed MLO, NMLS #587190), is in charge of the Online Training and Transition of Jones and his team, and directly supervises Jones on matters relating to loan origination, processing, and underwriting.

Jones is responsible for overseeing, supervising, and managing the day-to-day operations of the Tacoma Branch office, as well as supervising, administering, and training branch-licensed MLOs in originating residential mortgage loans. Pursuant to his contract with Respondent MLD, Jones is prohibited from acting as a MLO in states, like Washington, where he is not licensed. The origination prohibitions include "activities of referring, offering, arranging, or assisting a consumer in obtaining or applying to obtain a mortgage loan." As an Area Manager, Jones was paid as a commission-only employee with a \$5,000 bi-weekly draw against commissions for the first three months, after which his compensation has been based on the profitability of the "Branch Originating Offices," which appears to have been limited to the Tacoma Branch.

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On or about May 28, 2014, Woltman reported to Moore that he had placed 60 of Jones' loans in Respondent MLD's mortgage loan pipeline, with three already submitted to underwriting. On or about June 5, 2014, Jones e-mailed Moore requesting permission to add staff to his operation, and proposed that Respondent MLD start the licensing process for his Tacoma Branch. In response, Moore advised that Respondent MLD had to have a Washington-licensed MLO to act as the Branch Manager to apply for a license from the Department.

C. Hiring of MLOs Kadar, Hansmann, and Bruce. On or about July 22, 2014, Respondent MLD hired Richard W. Kadar ("Kadar"), NMLS #227721, as the Branch Manager of the Tacoma Branch, and Jack L. Hansmann ("Hansmann"), NMLS #150133, as a MLO assigned to the Tacoma Branch. Respondent MLD also hired five staff for the Tacoma Branch, including a Loan Coordinator for Jones and four Customer Service Representatives working as telemarketers. All the employees were assigned by Respondent MLD to work from the Tacoma Branch. To date, Respondent MLD's proposed sponsorship of Kadar has not been approved.

**A. Unlicensed Branch Activity.** On or about August 11, 2014, the Department received a consumer complaint from SK<sup>1</sup>, a resident of Bothell, Washington, alleging that Respondent MLD was conducting business from the Tacoma Branch. E-mails obtained from Respondent MLD by the Department demonstrate that beginning as early as May, 2014, and continuing through at least September 29, 2014, Respondent MLD has been conducting business with Washington residents from the Tacoma Branch, including by offering residential mortgage loans; taking residential mortgage loan applications; meeting with applicants; processing residential mortgage loan applications; and submitting residential mortgage loan applications to Respondent MLD.

B. Unlicensed Loan Origination by Kadar. On or about July 22, 2014, Respondent MLD hired Kadar as the Producing Branch Manager of the Tacoma Branch. The next day Moore sent Jones a "New User Registration" Confirmation" e-mail for Kadar, which described the Tacoma Branch as an "[o]ffice location pending in Tacoma, WA." Kadar was designated to report directly to Jones and was responsible for originating, negotiating, processing, and administering residential mortgage loans as well as managing the Tacoma Branch.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Department uses customers' initials for privacy protection, and will identify the customers by name to Respondent if requested.

Pursuant to Respondent MLD's Branch Manager Agreement, Kadar was to be compensated at a base salary of \$36,000 a year plus commissions on funded loans ranging from 10 to 150 basis points on personally-originated residential mortgage loans. Kadar also received an override of 20 basis points for funded loans originated by any Washington-licensed MLOs recruited by Kadar, and 10 basis points for funded loans originated by other Washington-licensed MLOs located at the Tacoma Branch.

On or about July 24, 2014, Kadar e-mailed Jones a draft "pre-approval" letter written on Respondent MLD's letterhead addressed to Tacoma, Washington, resident N.M. The letter offered an FHA 30-year fixed-rate mortgage with a 3.5% down payment on a \$256,000 sale price and listed Kadar as the loan officer by name and NMLS number. Jones responded that the draft letter was "fantastic" and that he wanted to use the letter.

Jones added that his version of the pre-approval letter would identify Kadar as the LO on Jones' deals "for extra caution :0)" Kadar replied that he wanted a current employee on the letter until he was "up and running 100%," and that after that Kadar would "break you off but keep this format for your clients in my name." Jones gave Kadar his blessing to use the letter, and Kadar subsequently sent pre-approval letters to at least three other Washington residents. All three letters identified Kadar as the MLO on the proposed transaction.

On or about August 6, 2014, Kadar sent an e-mail to Woltman, Hansmann, and Jones with the subject line "Please Register and Disclose with Hansmann as LO." The e-mail, concerning a prequalification submission made by Olympia, Washington, resident J.M., explained that Respondent MLD had to make disclosures because J.M. had identified a property to purchase, converting his submission into a mortgage loan application. Kadar requested that Respondent MLD change the name of the MLO on the file from Kadar to Hansmann because Kadar's Washington license was inactive. Woltman registered the loan identifying himself as the MLO, and Respondent MLD sent their disclosure packet to J.M. with Woltman, instead of Kadar or Hansmann, identified as the MLO.

On or about August 11, 2014, Kadar e-mailed Jones expressing concern that the disclosures had been sent out in his name, stating that Respondent MLD would have to change the name of the MLO for the disclosures.

Jones responded that the disclosures had been sent out in Woltman's name, noting that Respondent MLD would not "put disclosures out in your name with an inactive license."

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C. Unlicensed Activity by Jack Hansmann. On or about July 22, 2014, Respondent MLD hired Hansmann as a Senior MLO. Moore sent Jones a "New User Registration Confirmation" e-mail for Hansmann, who was designated by Moore as a "new hire at Branch 10044." Pursuant to Respondent MLD's Employment Agreement with Hansmann, he is responsible for originating residential mortgage loans and is compensated at 150 basis points of the funded loan amount on self-generated residential mortgage loans, and 50 basis points of the funded loan amount on residential mortgage loans where the lead or referral was provided by Kadar or other Washington-licensed MLOs located at the Tacoma Branch.

On or about July 29, 2014, Respondent MLD applied to the Department to sponsor Hansmann as a MLO working form the Seattle Branch. The Department approved the sponsorship on or about July 30, 2014.

On or about June 26, 2014, Jones sent Woltman an FHA purchase submission in the name of Tacoma, Washington, resident K.H., reporting information about a loan that had already been entered into Respondent MLD's "Encompass" database. Jones requested that Woltman confirm receipt, register the loan, and make disclosures to the borrower. Jones described the loan as coming from one of his new MLOs coming on board. On or about July 1, 2014, Woltman registered the loan and identified himself as the MLO. On or about July 2, 2014, Jones identified Hansmann as the "point of contact" on the loan, and on July 8, 2014, requested that Hansmann obtain the original "wet" signatures of the borrower on loan documents, including the application and Good Faith Estimate. Hansmann obtained K.H.'s original signature on those documents, both of which identified Woltman as the MLO.

**D. Substitution of MLOs.** Respondent MDL has disclosed at least one residential mortgage loan made to Washington residents that was originated by Hansmann while unlicensed as having been originated by Washington-licensed MLO Woltman. Respondent MDL is presently disclosing residential mortgage loans made to Washington residents that were originated by Kadar and Jones while unlicensed as having been originated by Washington-licensed MLOs, including Woltman and Gallant. In a June 18, 2014, e-mail about tracking Jones' loans, Woltman complained, "The hard part is we have so many loans in other people's names I need to know what I am looking out for."

On or about July 1, 2014, Respondent MLD sent Jones a document titled "Andre Jones Pipeline 2014-07-01." The document showed that as of that date, Jones had only one residential mortgage loan in Respondent MLD's pipeline, a loan to Ohio resident P.M. In an exchange of e-mails Woltman explained that Jones' other loan files had been put in the name of other MLOs employed by Respondent MLD, and that Woltman maintained a spreadsheet identifying all of Jones' loans. Jones asked if Woltman would transfer the listed loan to P.M. into Gallant's name and Woltman replied that he already had.

On or about August 10, 2014, Jones sent Moore a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet titled "Money Store Branch 10044 Master Pipeline." The August pipeline report listed thirteen residential mortgage loans originated for Washington residents by the Tacoma Branch MLOs and submitted to Respondent MLD between June 3rd and August 6th, 2014. Though Jones originated ten of the loans and Hansmann two, Woltman was disclosed as the MLO on all the loans.

On or about September 21, 2014, Jones sent Moore an updated Master Pipeline report for the Tacoma Branch. The September report listed ten new residential mortgage loans originated for Washington residents by the Tacoma Branch MLOs and submitted to Respondent MLD between August 10th and September 17th, 2014. Though Jones originated seven of the loans, and Kadar three, neither Jones nor Kadar, both unlicensed in Washington, were disclosed as the MLO on Respondent MLD's disclosure packets sent to the borrowers.

E. Falsification of NMLS Call Reports. On or about November 12, 2014, David J. Zilberman, Executive Vice President of Respondent MLD, reported that in the Third Quarter of 2014, MLOs Gallant and Woltman originated nine residential mortgage loans for Washington residents. One loan purportedly originated by Gallant in the amount of \$237,616 was actually originated by Kadar for University Place, Washington, resident N.M.; one loan purportedly originated by Woltman in the amount of \$197,357 was actually originated by Hansmann for Tacoma, Washington, resident K.H.; and seven loans purportedly originated by Woltman were actually originated by Jones for Washington residents T.L. of Graham; R.A. of Puyallup; G.F. of Issaquah; D.K. of Tacoma; S.S. of Spanaway; I.S. of Marysville; and K.R. of Tacoma, in the total amount of \$1,164,736.00.

## II. GROUNDS FOR ENTRY OF ORDER

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**A. Application.** Pursuant to WAC 208-620-010, "application" means in part the submission of a borrower's financial information in anticipation of a credit decision relating to a residential mortgage loan. If the submission does not identify a specific property, the submission is an application for a prequalification and not an application for a residential mortgage. The subsequent addition of an identified property to the submission converts the submission to an application for a residential mortgage loan.

- **B. Residential Mortgage Loan.** Pursuant to RCW 31.04.015(25) and WAC 208-620-010, a "residential mortgage loan" means in part any loan primarily for personal, family, or household use that is secured by a mortgage, deed of trust, or other equivalent consensual security interest on a dwelling or residential real estate upon which is constructed or intended to be constructed a dwelling.
- **C. Making a Loan.** Pursuant to RCW 31.04.015(13) and WAC 208-620-010, "making a loan" means in part advancing, offering to advance, or making a commitment to advance funds to a borrower.
- **D. Mortgage Loan Originator.** Pursuant to RCW 31.04.015(15)(a) and WAC 208-620-010, "mortgage loan originator" means in part an individual who for compensation or gain (i) takes a residential mortgage loan application, or (ii) offers or negotiates terms of a residential mortgage loan.
- **2.2 License Required.** Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondent MLD Mortgage, Inc. is in apparent violation of RCW 31.04.035(1) and WAC 208-620-250, -251, -300, and -301 for engaging in the business of making residential mortgage loans to Washington residents without first obtaining and maintaining a branch office license in accordance with the Act or meeting an exemption from the Act under RCW 31.04.025(2).
- **2.6 Prohibited Practices.** Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondent MLD Mortgage, Inc. is in apparent violation of RCW 31.04.027 for, directly or indirectly, (1) employing any scheme, device, or artifice to mislead any borrower or person; (2) engaging in an unfair or deceptive practice toward any person; and (3) obtaining property by misrepresentation.

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

3.1 Pursuant to RCW 31.04.093(8), whenever the Director determines that the public is likely to be substantially injured by delay in issuing a cease and desist order, the Director may immediately issue a temporary cease and desist order. The order may direct a licensee to discontinue any violation of the Act; to take such affirmative action as is necessary to comply with the Act; may include a summary suspension of a licensee's license; and may order a licensee to immediately cease the conduct of business under the Act.

## 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 31.04.165, the Director has determined that the public is likely to be substantially harmed by a delay in entering a cease and desist order. Therefore, the Director ORDERS that:

## 4.1 Cease and Desist.

- **A. Unlicensed Branch Activity.** MLD Mortgage, Inc. shall immediately cease and desist conducting any business with Washington residents from the unlicensed Tacoma Branch, including but not limited to:
  - (i) Taking residential mortgage loan applications or prequalification submissions;
  - (ii) Negotiating terms of a residential mortgage loan or prequalification; or
  - (iii) Offering residential mortgage loans.
- **B.** Unlicensed MLO Activity. MLD Mortgage, Inc. shall immediately cease and desist accepting residential mortgage loan submissions for Washington residents from any person not licensed with the Department to originate residential mortgage loans in Washington.
- **C. Substitution of MLOs.** MLD Mortgage, Inc. shall immediately cease and desist from aiding and abetting unlicensed MLO activity by substituting Washington-licensed MLOs on residential mortgage loans originated by any person not licensed with the Department to originate residential mortgage loans in Washington.

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1	4.2 This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect unless set aside, limited, or
2	suspended in writing by the Director or an authorized court.
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4	NOTICE: PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 31.04 RCW, MLD MORTGAGE, INC. IS ENTITLED TO A
5	HEARING WITHIN 14 DAYS OF REQUEST TO DETERMINE WHETHER THIS ORDER SHALL
6	BECOME PERMANENT. IF MLD MORTGAGE, INC. DESIRES A HEARING, AN AUTHORIZED
7	REPRESENTATIVE MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN THE ATTACHED APPLICATION FOR
8	ADJUDICATIVE HEARING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE.
9	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE APPLICATION FOR ADJUDICATIVE HEARING
10	SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS OF THE DATE
11	THAT THIS ORDER WAS SERVED ON MLD MORTGAGE, INC. WILL CONSTITUTE A DEFAULT
12	AND WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF THE RIGHT TO A HEARING. SERVICE IS DEFINED AS THE
13	POSTING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THIS TEMPORARY ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST IN THE
14	U.S. MAIL, POSTAGE PREPAID, TO MLD MORTGAGE, INC.'S ADDRESS OF RECORD ON FILE
15	WITH THE DEPARTMENT.
16	DEFAULT WILL RESULT IN THIS TEMPORARY ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST BECOMING
17	PERMANENT ON THE TWENTY-FIRST (21 <sup>ST</sup> ) DAY FOLLOWING SERVICE OF THIS ORDER.
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19	DATED this 2 <sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2014.
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22	Director, Division of Consumer Services Department of Financial Institutions
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