## STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF BANKING AND SECURITIES

The Director of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development,

Division of Banking and Securities ("Department"), has conducted an investigation into

Inc. (collectively "Respondents") and has determined that Respondents violated certain

certain activities of David L. Cornwall, Patricia A. Cornwall, and Alaska Home Solutions,

provisions of Alaska Statute (AS) 06.60 et seq. (the Alaska Secure and Fair Enforcement for

FINDINGS OF FACT

In the Matter of:

**ORDER NO: 18-91-C** 

DAVID L. CORNWALL, PATRICIA A. CORNWALL, AND ALASKA HOME SOLUTIONS, INC., Respondents.

AMENDED<sup>1</sup> NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST. IMPOSE CIVIL PENALTIES, AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A HEARING

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<sup>1</sup> This Amended Notice corrects typographical errors in Exhibit A.

Mortgage Licensing Act of 2010 ("Alaska SAFE Act")).

I.

Cornwall Notice of Intent to Issue Order to Cease and Desist

Respondent Alaska Home Solutions, Inc. ("Alaska Home Solutions") organized as

an Alaska Corporation on July 14, 2005 (entity no. 95139), and maintains a principal

address of 2515 Freeman Road, North Pole, AK 99705. The purpose of the business is to

manage residential real estate for others, identified by its North American Industry

Classification System code.

Respondent David L. Cornwall is a resident of North Pole, Alaska. Mr. Cornwall is

Director, President, Shareholder, Secretary, Treasurer and 100% owner of Respondent

Alaska Home Solutions.

- 3. Respondent Patricia A. Cornwall is a resident of North Pole, AK. Ms. Cornwall is Vice President of Respondent Alaska Home Solutions. Ms. Cornwall is also the owner and beneficiary of a self-directed Roth IRA account held at Equity Trust company ("Cornwall Roth IRA") that was used to purchase and sell real estate properties.
- 4. Since at least 2009, Respondents collectively have sold and seller-financed at least twenty-two residential properties. In at least 19 of these transactions, the mortgage loan included a balloon payment. Balloon payments are additional payments larger than the contracted monthly payment and require additional disclosures under federal law and are prohibited with seller-financing under state law. Balloon payments are defined as negative amortization in 3 AAC 14.990(c) and are prohibited under AS 06.60.015(b)(4)(F). Balloon payments provide significant risk to borrowers and may cause a borrower into foreclosure if they are unable to make the balloon payment or refinance the loan. The details of the known transactions since 2009 are attached as Exhibit A.
- 5. On August 10, 2018, Respondents David and Patrica Cornwall sold a single-family residence in North Pole, AK. This property was seller-financed for a loan amount of \$125,650 with 6.0% interest. Mr. and Ms. Cornwall offered and negotiated the terms of the mortgage loan with the expectation of gain. Mr. and Ms. Cornwall did not determine if the purchaser had a reasonable ability to repay the loan.
- 6. On July 28, 2021, Respondent Patricia Cornwall used the Cornwall Roth IRA account to sell a single-family residence in Fairbanks, AK. This property was seller-financed for a loan amount of \$153,000 with 7.0% interest. Ms. Cornwall offered or negotiated the terms of the mortgage loan with the expectation of gain. Ms. Cornwall did not determine if the purchaser had a reasonable ability to repay the loan.

- 7. On August 3, 2021, Respondent Patricia Cornwall used the Cornwall Roth IRA account to sell a single-family residence in Fairbanks, AK. This property was seller-financed for a loan amount of \$75,100 with 7.8% interest. This included a final balloon payment of \$3,704.46 due on 8/1/2036. Ms. Cornwall offered or negotiated the terms of the mortgage loan with the expectation of gain. Ms. Cornwall did not determine if the purchaser had a reasonable ability to repay the loan.
- 8. On November 14, 2022, Respondent Alaska Home Solutions sold a single-family residence in Fairbanks, AK. This property was seller-financed for a loan amount of \$330,000 with 8.0% interest. This loan included a \$15,000 balloon payment due on July 1, 2023. Alaska Home Solutions funded the mortgage loan and was named as the payee in the promissory note and the beneficiary of the deed of trust. Respondent David Cornwall offered or negotiated the terms of the mortgage loan with the expectation of gain. Mr. Cornwall did not determine if the purchaser had a reasonable ability to repay the loan.
- 9. At all relevant times, Respondents David and Patricia Cornwall were not licensed as mortgage loan originators.
- 10. At all relevant times, Respondent Alaska Home Solutions was not licensed as a mortgage lender.
- 11. As of the date of this order, Respondents have failed to respond to the Department's subpoena, dated May 25, 2023, which was served on David and Patricia Cornwall. Among other requests, the subpoena included a request for proof of ability to repay for each seller-financed loan. Because the Respondents failed to respond, the Department infers that the Respondents did not determine the borrower's ability to repay or provide required documentation to the borrowers. These documents are defined in AS 06.06.015(b)(4)(G).

## II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Under AS 06.60.015(b)(4), a seller that self-finances a mortgage loan is exempt from the mortgage loan originator licensing requirements if they meet certain qualifications. The seller does not qualify for the exemption if the loan has a payment that results in negative amortization under AS 06.60.015(b)(4)(F)(i). A loan results in negative amortization if it includes balloon payments or final payments that are more than the monthly payments, as defined in 3 AAC 14.990(c). The seller also does not qualify for the exemption if the seller fails to determine that the purchaser has a reasonable ability to repay the loan under AS 06.60.015(b)(4)(D).
- 2. On August 10, 2018, Respondents David and Patricia Cornwall qualified as mortgage loan originators as defined by AS 06.60.990(24) and did not qualify for an exemption under AS 06.60.015(b)(4). Mr. and Ms. Cornwall violated AS 06.60.012 by operating as a mortgage loan originator without a license.
- 3. On July 28, 2021, Respondent Patricia Cornwall qualified as a mortgage loan originator as defined by AS 06.60.990(24) and did not qualify for an exemption under AS 06.60.015(b)(4). Ms. Cornwall violated AS 06.60.012 by operating as a mortgage loan originator without a license.
- 4. On August 3, 2021, Respondent Patricia Cornwall qualified as a mortgage loan originator as defined by AS 06.60.990(24) and did not qualify for an exemption under AS 06.60.015(b)(4). Ms. Cornwall violated AS 06.60.012 by operating as a mortgage loan originator without a license.
- 5. On November 14, 2022, Respondent Alaska Home Solutions qualified as a mortgage lender as defined by AS 06.60.990(20). Alaska Home Solutions violated AS 06.60.010 by operating as a mortgage lender without a license.
  - 6. On November 14, 2022, Respondent David Cornwall qualified as a mortgage loan

originator as defined by AS 06.60.990(24) and did not qualify for an exemption under AS 06.60.015(b)(4). Mr. Cornwall violated AS 06.60.012 by operating as a mortgage loan originator without a license.

- 7. Respondents are subject to a civil penalty under AS 06.60.420 for violating AS 06.60.010 and AS 06.60.012.
- 8. Under AS 06.60.420(a), a person who violates a provision of this chapter, a regulation adopted or an order issued under this chapter, is liable for a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000 for each violation.

## III. ORDER AND NOTICE

Pursuant to the Alaska SAFE Act and on the basis of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Department ORDERS:

- 1. Respondents to comply with all provisions of the Alaska SAFE Act and associated regulations.
- 2. Respondent Alaska Home Solutions to temporary CEASE AND DESIST from sellerfinancing residential properties without mortgage lender license.
- 3. Pursuant to AS 06.60.420 and based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Department intends to order civil penalties totaling \$50,000. Respondents David and Patrica Cornwall to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$10,000 to the State of Alaska for originating one (1) seller-financed mortgage loan. Respondent David Cornwall to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$10,000 to the State of Alaska for originating one (1) seller-financed mortgage loan. Respondent Patricia Cornwall to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$20,000 to the State of Alaska for originating one (2) seller-financed mortgage loan. Respondent Alaska Home Solutions to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$10,000 to the State of Alaska for financing one (1) mortgage loan. The maximum civil penalty was

applied due to the Respondents' lack of cooperation during the investigation, failure to respond to the Department, and violations of law identified.

4. Respondents are hereby notified that the foregoing Notice will result in the Department presenting and requesting a final order consistent with the above unless Respondents timely submit a request for a hearing under AS 06.60.400(a). Such request for hearing must be in writing and submitted to the Department within ten (10) days after the service of this Notice. If Respondents timely request a hearing, the Department will notify the Respondents of the date, time and place of the hearing, as well as the name and contact information of the presiding hearing officer.

Any hearing and subsequent proceedings in this matter will be conducted under the Alaska Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2010 (AS 06.60 et seq) and associated regulations and the Alaska Administrative Procedures Act (AS 44.64 et seq) and associated regulations.

Julie Sande, Commissioner Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

June 7, 2024/s/ Robert H. SchmidtDateRobert H. Schmidt, DirectorDivision of Banking and Securities

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Exhibit A

| l                                                                                    | Exhibit A |                              |                       |              |                                                          |  |  |
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|                                                                                      | Borrower  | G 11 N                       | Date of<br>Deed of    | Loan         | Balloon Payment                                          |  |  |
| Legal Address                                                                        | Initials  | Seller Name                  | Trust                 | Amount       | Amount and Due Date                                      |  |  |
| 1088 Wojo Ave,<br>North Pole, AK                                                     | CA/DA     | David Cornwall               | 1/19/2009             | \$ 85,000    |                                                          |  |  |
| 1006 27 <sup>th</sup> St,<br>Fairbanks, AK                                           | RC/LC     | David & Patricia<br>Cornwall | 3/18/2009             | \$ 201,500   | \$4,000<br>on 6/1/2009 &<br>8/1/2009                     |  |  |
| 1012 Joyce Dr,<br>Fairbanks, AK                                                      | JJ/SJ     | David & Patricia<br>Cornwall | 6/22/2009             | \$ 256,000   | \$254,271.84<br>on 7/1/2012                              |  |  |
| 144 Craig Ave,<br>Fairbanks, AK                                                      | TJ/BJ     | David & Patricia<br>Cornwall | 8/11/2009             | \$ 234,000   | \$228,893.20<br>on 9/1/2016                              |  |  |
| 888 Rollage Rd,<br>North Pole, AK                                                    | DH/TT     | David & Patricia<br>Cornwall | 10/24/2009            | \$ 125,900   | \$125,640.07<br>on 11/1/2012                             |  |  |
| 836 Cloud Rd,<br>North Pole, AK                                                      | RG/SG     | David & Patricia<br>Cornwall | 11/20/2009            | \$ 242,000   | \$240,136.46<br>on 12/1/2014                             |  |  |
| 1484 Davison St,<br>North Pole, AK                                                   | SH/CC     | David & Patricia<br>Cornwall | 3/6/2010              | \$ 215,109   | \$216,863.69<br>on 2/1/2012                              |  |  |
| 144 Craig Ave,<br>Fairbanks, AK                                                      | RC/LC     | David & Patricia<br>Cornwall | 9/24/2010             | \$ 215,900   | \$211,520.50<br>on 10/1/2015                             |  |  |
| 1018 22 <sup>nd</sup> Ave,<br>Fairbanks, AK &<br>1446 Davidson St,<br>North Pole, AK | GC        | David & Patricia<br>Cornwall | 5/4/2011 <sup>2</sup> | \$ 229,000   | \$222,344.78<br>on 6/1/2016 <sup>3</sup>                 |  |  |
| 415 Craig Ave,<br>Fairbanks, AK                                                      | LD        | David & Patricia<br>Cornwall | 8/1/2012              | \$ 55,000    | \$17,717.45<br>on 8/1/2022                               |  |  |
| 1484 Davison St,<br>North Pole, AK                                                   | RL        | David & Patricia<br>Cornwall | 6/13/2013             | \$ 178,000   | \$46,679.98<br>on 7/1/2043                               |  |  |
| 1088 Wojo Ave,<br>North Pole, AK                                                     | AB/AB     | David Cornwall               | 6/15/2013             | \$ 62,000    | \$2,459.16<br>on 7/1/2023                                |  |  |
| 1555 Noble St,<br>Fairbanks, AK                                                      | TC        | Patricia Cornwall            | 12/4/2013             | \$ 64,250    | \$1,528.67<br>on 12/1/2023                               |  |  |
| 1016 22 <sup>nd</sup> Ave,<br>Fairbanks, AK                                          | LV/FG     | David & Patricia<br>Cornwall | 5/9/2014              | \$ 169,000   | \$17,866.67<br>on 6/1/2044                               |  |  |
| 1006 27 <sup>th</sup> St,<br>Fairbanks, AK                                           | HF/EB     | David & Patricia<br>Cornwall | 12/12/2014            | \$ 206,880   | \$9,880<br>on 5/1/2015 &<br>\$178,268.88<br>on 12/1/2021 |  |  |
| 2586 Diamond St,<br>North Pole, AK                                                   | DSLT      | David & Patricia<br>Cornwall | 9/19/2015             | \$ 150,000   | \$144,568.47<br>on 10/1/2020                             |  |  |
| 415 Craig Ave,<br>Fairbanks, AK                                                      | AASI      | David & Patricia<br>Cornwall | 6/16/2017             | \$141,880.76 | \$2,193.63<br>on 6/1/2037                                |  |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Corrected date.

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|   | 1016 22 <sup>nd</sup> Ave,<br>Fairbanks, AK | AASI    | David & Patricia<br>Cornwall   | 6/16/2017  | \$193,473.76 | \$2,991.30<br>on 6/1/2037 |
|---|---------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| , | 888 Rollage Rd,<br>North Pole, AK           | JLC/JCJ | David and Patricia<br>Cornwall | 8/10/2018  | \$ 125,650   |                           |
|   | 1433 Noble St,<br>Fairbanks, AK             | AS      | Cornwall Roth IRA              | 7/28/2021  | \$ 153,000   |                           |
|   | 112 21st Ave,<br>Fairbanks, AK              | TAG     | Cornwall Roth IRA              | 8/3/2021   | \$ 75,100    | \$3,704.46<br>on 8/1/2036 |
|   | 2014 Carr Ave,<br>Fairbanks, AK             | HDM     | Alaska Home<br>Solutions       | 11/14/2022 | \$ 330,000   | \$15,000<br>on 7/1/2023   |

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