## STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY DIVISION OF MORTGAGE LENDING

Before the Commissioner of the Division of Mortgage Lending

) Order No. 2019-005
In the Matter of:
) Case No. 2019-005
ADAM YOUNGMIN RHO,
) Mortgage Agent License No. 56393 (expired),
) NMLS ID No. 354121,

Respondent.
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## CONSENT ORDER IMPOSING AN ADMINISTRATIVE FINE AND ASSESSING INVESTIGATIVE COSTS

Issued and Entered, This 27 day of 5-2020, By Cathy Sheehy, Commissioner

The Commissioner of the State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Division of Mortgage Lending (the "Commissioner") having been statutorily charged with the responsibility and authority to administer and enforce Chapter 645B of the Nevada Revised Statutes, NRS 645B.010 et. seq. ("NRS 645B" or the "Statute"), and Chapter 645B of the Nevada Administrative Code, NAC 645B.001 et seq. ("NAC 645" or the "Regulation") (collectively, the "Act"), governing the licensing and conduct of mortgage brokers and mortgage agents in the state of Nevada; and,

The Commissioner is further granted general supervisory power and control and administrative enforcement authority over all mortgage companies (f.k.a. mortgage brokers) and mortgage loan originators (f.k.a. mortgage agents) doing business in the state of Nevada pursuant to the Act; and,

The Commissioner has the specific authority and responsibility under NRS 645B to review and evaluate an applicant's qualifications and suitability for the issuance, renewal, or retention of a license as a mortgage agent under the provisions of NRS 645B.410 and NRS 645B.430; and,

The Commissioner having been further vested with broad authority to conduct investigations to determine whether any person has violated any provision of the Act; and,

NRS 645B.670(1)(a) and NRS 645B.670(1)(c)(4) authorize disciplinary action against an applicant and a mortgage loan originator, respectively, for knowingly making or causing to be made to the Commissioner any false representation of material fact or suppressing or withholding from the Commissioner any information which the mortgage loan originator possesses and which, if submitted, would have rendered the mortgage loan originator ineligible to be licensed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter; and

The National Multistate Licensing System (NMLS), as instructed in both its website and policy guidebooks, sets forth the requirements with which all applicants for initial licensure as a mortgage loan originator, as well as those seeking to renew existing licensure, must comply in their efforts to obtain or maintain such licensure. Regardless of what jurisdiction-specific requirements may be applicable for such purposes, among the universal obligations mandated by the NMLS, is that the applicant or licensee provide and keep current the individual's identifying and contact information, as well as update and correct any answers as may have changed since the time of prior submissions, including those made in response to specific NMLS disclosure questions related to finances and the existence of any criminal charges/convictions/activities, civil litigation/judgments, or state or federal regulatory/administrative agency orders or decisions rendered against, or concerning the applicant/licensee; and

The Division of Mortgage Lending ("the Division") having received information indicating that ADAM YOUNGMIN RHO ("RESPONDENT") violated NRS 645B.670(1)(a), NRS 645B.670(1)(c)(4) and the NMLS policy requirements when he failed to disclose certain financial information at the time he applied for this license in Nevada through the NMLS; and

Division staff having conducted and completed an investigation of RESPONDENT'S application process and updates thereto, and based upon the findings of that investigation, determined that, in violation of NRS 645B.670(1)(a) and NRS 645B.670(1)(c)(4), RESPONDENT failed to disclose certain financial information when he applied for his license and failed to update his responses to certain financial questions after receiving his license in Nevada; and

RESPONDENT also failed to properly disclose disciplinary action taken against him in Idaho for his failure to disclose financial information in Idaho's licensing process; and

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The Division issued to RESPONDENT a Notice of Intent to Issue and Enter Final Order Imposing Administrative Fines, and Requiring Payment of Investigation Costs and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing ("NOTICE OF INTENT"); and

The Division and RESPONDENT having conferred concerning this matter and determined to resolve this matter pursuant to the following terms:

- RESPONDENT agrees to pay to the Division an ADMINISTRATIVE FINE in the amount of \$7,500.00 to resolve claims of violations identified in the NOTICE OF INTENT; and,
- RESPONDENT agrees to pay to the Division its INVESTIGATIVE COSTS in the amount of \$1,980.00 in accordance with NRS 622.400 to reimburse the Division for such costs associated with the NOTICE OF INTENT; and,
- 3. RESPONDENT understands and agrees that failure to strictly comply with each and every provision of this Consent Order is a violation of the Act and is grounds for any further discipline authorized under the Act; and,
- 4. RESPONDENT, having knowingly and voluntarily affixed his signature to the attached VOLUNTARY CONSENT TO ENTRY OF COMMISSIONER'S CONSENT ORDER IMPOSING AN ADMINISTRATIVE FINE AND ASSESSING INVESTIGATIVE COSTS ("VOLUNTARY CONSENT"), incorporated herein by this reference, has consented to the issuance of this Consent Order with the intent to be legally bound hereby, and having waived and relinquished any and all rights that RESPONDENT may now or hereafter have to be served with a notice of charges and an administrative hearing in this matter or to judicial review of, or otherwise challenge or contest, the entry of this Consent Order; and,

RESPONDENT having had opportunity to consult with legal counsel of his choosing concerning this matter; and,

The Commissioner having made the following FINDINGS and CONCLUSIONS based upon the foregoing and the books and records of the Division:

The Commissioner has jurisdiction and authority to issue this Consent Order in this matter, pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Procedures Act ("NAPA"), NRS 233B.010 et seq., and the Mortgage Companies and Mortgage Loan Originators Act, NRS 645B.010, et seq.

All required notices have been issued in this matter, and the notices and service thereof were appropriate and lawful in all respects.

The terms of this Consent Order are a reasonable resolution of this matter and in the public interest.

All applicable provisions of NAPA and NRS 622 have been met.

RESPONDENT violated NRS 645B.670(1)(a) and NRS 645B.670(1)(c)(4).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- RESPONDENT shall pay to the Division an ADMINISTRATIVE FINE in the amount of \$7,500.00. The administrative fine shall be and is due to the Division no later than July 22, 2021 in payments detailed below.
- 2. RESPONDENT shall pay to the Division its INVESTIGATIVE COSTS in the amount of \$1,980.00. The investigative costs shall be and are due to the Division no later than **July 22, 2021** in payments detailed below.
- 3. RESPONDENT shall sign and have notarized the VOLUNTARY CONSENT attached hereto no later than **September 22, 2020**.
- 4. Payment of the administrative fine and investigative costs shall be paid as follows: no less than \$500 monthly for the first six months beginning on **September 22, 2020** in accordance with invoices provided by the Division; and no less than \$1,620 monthly until the due date of **July 22, 2021** in accordance with invoices to be provided by the Division. RESPONDENT may pay in advance for any required monthly payment which would reduce the minimum monthly payment due after the first six months.
- 5. Failure to abide with the foregoing terms as set forth in this Consent Order shall render the terms of this Consent Order NULL AND VOID, thereby subjecting RESPONDENT to the disciplinary measures described in the NOTICE OF INTENT, of which RESPONDENT was previously notified in this matter.
- This Consent Order shall be and is effective and enforceable on the date that it is issued,
   as shown in the caption hereof.

- 7. This Consent Order shall remain effective and enforceable until terminated, modified, set aside, or suspended in writing by the Commissioner.
- 8. The Commissioner specifically retains jurisdiction over the matters contained herein and has the authority to issue such further order(s) as the Commissioner shall deem just, necessary, and appropriate to enforce the Act and protect the public.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

## DIVISION OF MORTGAGE LENDING

By: CATHY SHEEHY, COMMISSIONER

Dated: 9/28/2020