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

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DIVISION OF MORTGAGE LENDING

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| 4   | In the Matter of:                 | )                   |
| 5   |                                   | ) Case No. 2022-005 |
| _   | ALLRISE DIRECT LENDING LLC        | )                   |
| 6   | D/B/A ALLRISE FINANCIAL           | )                   |
| 7   | GROUP, INC.,                      | ?                   |
| 528 | Mortgage Broker License No. 4818, | ?                   |
| 8   | NMLS ID No. 1710040,              | ?                   |
| 9   | and                               | )                   |
|     | and                               | )                   |
| 10  | ROYAL DEVELOPMENT INC.            | )                   |
| 11  | Mortgage Broker License No. UNL,  | )                   |
| -   |                                   | )                   |
| 12  | and                               | )                   |
| 13  |                                   | )                   |
| 10  | VLADIMIR NIKOLAYEVICH             | )                   |
| 14  | EVSEEV,                           | )                   |
|     | NMLS ID No. 1729027,              | )                   |
| 15  | D 1                               | )                   |
| 16  | Respondents.                      | )                   |

ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

AND

NOTICE OF ORDER IMPOSING ADMINISTRATIVE FINE

AND

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

Issued and Entered,
This Honor day of Lunc, 2022,
By Cathy Sheehy,
Commissioner

The Commissioner of the State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Division of Mortgage Lending (the "Commissioner") is statutorily charged with the responsibility and authority to administer and enforce Chapter 645B of the Nevada Revised

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Statutes, NRS 645B.010 et seq. (hereinafter, "NRS 645B" or "the Statutes"), and Chapter 645B of the Nevada Administrative Code, NAC 645B.001 et seq. (hereinafter, "NAC 645B" or "the Regulations") (the Statutes and Regulations are collectively, the "Act"), governing the licensing and conduct of mortgage companies and mortgage loan originators doing business in the State of Nevada; and,

The Commissioner is required to conduct investigations as may be necessary to determine whether any person has violated any provision of the Act.

Pursuant to that statutory authority and responsibility vested in the Commissioner, and in accordance with provisions of the Act and other applicable law, notice is hereby provided to ALLRISE DIRECT LENDING LCC D/B/A ALLRISE FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., ROYAL DEVELOPMENT INC., and VLADIMIR NIKOLAYEVICH EVSEEV and/or their affiliates and/or assignees (collectively "RESPONDENTS"), to cease any and all activity as set forth herein and for which licensure is required under the Act until such time as they have obtained a license or exemption from the Nevada Division of Mortgage Lending ("the Division").

# I. FACTUAL AND LEGAL BASIS FOR CEASE AND DESIST ORDER AND ORDER IMPOSING ADMINISTRATIVE FINE

The Commissioner finds that there is sufficient factual basis and legal authority to warrant this order as follows:

- 1. On or around June 9, 2019, the Division entered a Consent Order Requiring Compliance, Imposing an Administrative Fine and Assessing Administrative Costs ("Consent Order") against RESPONDENTS, determining that RESPONDENTS engaged in activity requiring licensure as a mortgage broker under the Statute.
- 2. The Consent Order, among other things, required that RESPONDENTS cease and desist from any and all violations of the Act.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This reference is intended to include NRS 645E which provided for a mortgage banker license. In 2017, the Nevada Legislature passed AB 468 (2017) which combined the mortgage banker license with the mortgage broker (changed to mortgage company) license in NRS 645E. NRS 645E expired as of December 31, 2019.

- 3. The Consent Order further provided that RESPONDENTS' failure to abide by the Consent Order would render its terms voidable at the discretion of the Commissioner, subjecting RESPONDENTS to all disciplinary measures authorized under the Act.
- 4. On or around May 10, 2010, RESPONDENTS executed a Voluntary Consent, agreeing to be bound by the Division's Consent Order.
- 5. On or around May 25, 2022, the Division received a complaint from Filipino Flash, LLC that RESPONDENTS and/or their assignees had loaned it money (the "Loan") secured by a deed of trust on real property located at 3730 Topaz Street, Las Vegas, NV 89121 ("Property").
- 6. The complaint alleged that RESPONDENTS were unlicensed when they made the Loan and were attempting to foreclose on a promissory note for the Loan secured by a deed of trust on the Property.
  - 7. The Division commenced an investigation.
- 8. The Division's investigation substantiated that RESPONDENTS violated the Consent Order by engaging in mortgage broker activities with respect to the Loan and foreclosing and/or attempting to foreclose on it without holding the proper licensure from the Division.
- 9. RESPONDENTS engaged in unlicensed activity by making the Loan that was secured by the Property while not holding the proper licensure from the Division as required by NRS Chapter 645B, and then by foreclosing and/or attempting to foreclose on it.
  - 10. NRS 645B.0127 defines "mortgage company" and states:
  - 1. "Mortgage company" means a person who, directly or indirectly:
  - (a) Holds himself or herself out for hire to serve as an agent for any person in an attempt to obtain a loan which will be secured by a lien on real property;
  - (b) Holds himself or herself out for hire to serve as an agent for any person who has money to lend, if the loan is or will be secured by a lien on real property;
    - (c) Holds himself or herself out as being able to make loans secured by liens on real property;
  - (d) Holds himself or herself out as being able to buy or sell notes secured by liens on real property; or

- (e) Offers for sale in this State any security which is exempt from registration under state or federal law and purports to make investments in promissory notes secured by liens on real property.
  - 2. The term includes a wholesale lender.
- 11. Pursuant to NRS 645B.900, unless a person is exempt, it is unlawful for any person to offer or provide any of the services of a mortgage company or mortgage loan originator or otherwise to engage in, carry on or hold himself or herself out as engaging in or carrying on the business of a mortgage company or mortgage loan originator without first obtaining the applicable license pursuant to NRS 645B.
- 12. Pursuant to NAC 645B.515, the Commission is authorized to order a person engaging in activity in violation of NRS 645B to immediately cease and desist from engaging in the activity.
- 13. Further, the Consent Order previously issued by the Commissioner specifically provides that RESPONDENTS' failure to abide by the Consent Order would render its terms voidable at the discretion of the Commissioner, subjecting RESPONDENTS to all disciplinary measures authorized under the Act.
- 14. In addition, NRS 645B.690 authorizes the Commissioner to impose an administrative fine of not more than \$50,000.00 for each violation if a person offers or provides any of the services of a mortgage company or mortgage loan originator or otherwise engages in, carries on or holds himself or herself out as engaging in or carrying on the business of a mortgage company or mortgage originator, and at the time, was required to have a license pursuant to NRS Chapter 645B and the person did not have such a license.
- 15. The Commissioner may also assess and collect costs, including attorney fees, against RESPONDENTS in accordance with NRS 645B.070(3).

### II. ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST AND ORDER IMPOSING ADMINISTRATIVE FINE

The Commissioner having formed the opinion based upon the foregoing that RESPONDENTS have been and are engaged in unlicensed activities in violation of the Act,

and concluded and determined that RESPONDENTS should be ordered to: 1) cease and desist from engaging in any and all activity requiring licensure under NRS 645B; and 2) pay an administrative fine.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that RESPONDENTS shall immediately CEASE AND DESIST from holding themselves out as, engaging in, or carrying on any activities that require licensure as a mortgage company under the Act, until such time as they have been granted a license to do so.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an ADMINISTRATIVE FINE in the total amount of \$50,000.00 shall be and hereby is imposed in accordance with NRS 645B.690.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an administrative hearing shall be scheduled in this matter only if RESPONDENTS timely request an administrative hearing in accordance with the instructions set forth in the Section III and IV below. If no administrative hearing is requested timely, RESPONDENTS shall be deemed to have waived and relinquished the right to an administrative hearing in this matter and a FINAL ORDER shall be issued in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall be and is effective and enforceable on the date that it is issued and entered, as shown in the caption hereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall remain effective and enforceable until terminated, modified, set aside, or suspended in writing by the Commissioner.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that 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

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### III. NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ON CEASE AND DESIST ORDER AND ASSESSMENT OF FINE

NAC 645B.515 authorizes the Commissioner to issue a cease and desist order, subject to the right of RESPONDENTS to request a hearing, as follows:

- 1. If a person engages in an activity in violation of the provisions of this chapter or chapter 645B of NRS, the Commissioner may issue an order to the person directing the person to cease and desist from engaging in the activity.
- 2. The order to cease and desist must be in writing and must state that, in the opinion of the Commissioner, the person has engaged in an activity:
- (a) For which the person has not received a license or certificate of exemption as required by chapter 645B of NRS; or
- (b) In a manner that violates the provisions of this chapter or chapter 645B of NRS.
- 3. A person who receives an order to cease and desist pursuant to this section shall not engage in any activity governed by chapter 645B of NRS after receiving the order unless the order is suspended or rescinded.
- 4. Not later than 30 calendar days after receiving an order pursuant to this section, the person who receives the order may file a verified petition with the Commissioner to request a hearing. Upon receipt of the verified petition, the Commissioner may, for good cause shown, suspend the order pending the hearing. The Commissioner will hold the hearing on a date not later than 30 calendar days after the date the petition is filed unless the Commissioner and the person agree to another date. The order to cease and desist is rescinded if the Commissioner fails to:
  - (a) Hold a hearing:
- (1) Not later than 30 calendar days after the date the petition is filed; or
  - (2) On a date agreed to by the Commissioner and the person; or
- (b) Render a written decision within 45 days after the date the hearing is concluded.
- 5. The decision of the Commissioner after a hearing is a final decision of the Division for the purposes of judicial review.

NRS 645B.750 Duty of Commissioner to provide written notice of disciplinary action or denial of license; right to administrative hearing; entry of final order; appeals.

1. If the Commissioner enters an order taking any disciplinary action against a person or denying a person's application for a license, the Commissioner shall cause a written notice of the order to be served personally or sent by certified mail or telegram to the person.

2. Unless a hearing has already been conducted concerning the matter, the person, upon application, is entitled to a hearing. If the person does not make such an application within 20 days after the date of the initial order, the Commissioner shall enter a final order concerning the matter.

3. A person may appeal a final order of the Commissioner in accordance with the provisions of chapter 233B of NRS that apply to a contested case.

In addition to the Act, NRS 233B is relevant to the hearing in this matter.

#### IV. REQUESTING A HEARING

If you wish to exercise your right to an opportunity for administrative hearing, within 20 calendar days (for the administrative fine) or 30 calendar days (for the cease and desist) after receiving this Notice, you must file a verified petition with the Commissioner to request a hearing. A form for such request is provided below. The verified petition must be delivered to:

Division of Mortgage Lending Attn. Kelley Pacheco 3300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite #285 Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

If you fail to timely file a verified petition to request a hearing, your right to a hearing to contest this matter will be deemed waived and relinquished and a final order will be issued and entered in this matter.