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

ı	Before the Commissioner of the Division of Mortgage Lending
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6	In the Matter of:
7	JUMBO, INC.,) Order No. <u>2015-019</u>
8	Covered Service Provider License No.: UNL,
9) Case No. 2015-019 and
10	IRA L. MELTZER,
11	Associated Covered Service Provider License No.: UNL,
12	Respondents.
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14	ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST,
15	ORDER TO MAKE RESTITUTION, ORDER IMPOSING AN ADMINISTRATIVE FINE AND INVESTIGATIVE COSTS,
	ORDER TO PRODUCE RECORDS,
16	AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING
17	NOTICE OF OFFORTUNITY FOR HEARING
18	Issued and Entered,
10	This 31 st day of August, 2016, By Nancy Corbin,
19	Acting Commissioner
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ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST,
ORDER TO MAKE RESTITUTION,
ORDER IMPOSING AN ADMINISTRATIVE FINE AND INVESTIGATIVE COSTS
AND
ORDER TO PRODUCE RECORDS

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 645F of the Nevada Revised Statutes, NRS 645F.010 et seq. ("NRS 645F" or "the Statute"), and Chapter 645F of the Nevada Administrative Code,

NAC 645F.005 *et seq*. ("NAC 645F" or "the Regulation"), governing the licensing and conduct of covered service providers in the State of Nevada; and,

The Commissioner having been vested with general supervisory power and control over all covered service providers doing business in the State of Nevada pursuant to NRS 645F; and,

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

The Division of Mortgage Lending (the "Division") having received information indicating that JUMBO, INC. ("JUMBO") and IRA L. MELTZER ("MELTZER") (collectively, the "RESPONDENTS") were engaged in activities requiring licensure as a covered service provider under the Statute and the Regulation; and,

The Division having received a complaint against RESPONDENTS on or about January 26, 2015 and commenced an investigation pursuant to NAC 645F.435 and NAC 645F.440 and determined, from that investigation, that RESPONDENTS were engaged in activities requiring licensure as a covered service provider under the Statute and the Regulation; and,

The Division staff having reported the results of its investigation to the Commissioner; and,

The Commissioner having reviewed the results of the investigation and makes the following FINDINGS OF FACT and CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

Findings of Fact

- 1. NAC 645F.200 and NAC 645F.800 prohibit any person from providing or offering to provide any of the services of a covered service provider, foreclosure consultant or loan modification consultant or otherwise engaging in, carrying on or holding himself or herself out as engaging in or carrying on the business of a covered service provider, foreclosure consultant or loan modification consultant without first obtaining the applicable license issued pursuant to this chapter and NRS 645F, unless the person is properly exempt from licensure.
- 2. NRS 645F.310(11) includes in its definition of "covered service," the provision of the services of a loan modification consultant, which NRS 645F.365 defines as follows:

"Loan modification consultant" means a person who, directly or indirectly, makes any solicitation, representation or offer to a homeowner to perform for compensation, or who, for compensation, performs any act that the person represents will adjust the terms of a mortgage loan in a manner not provided for in the original or previously modified mortgage loan. Such an adjustment includes, without limitation:

- 1. A change in the payment amount;
- 2. A change in the loan amount;
- 3. A loan forbearance;
- 4. A change in the loan maturity; and
- 5. A change in the interest rate.
- 3. The Division's investigation specifically found the following:
- a. JUMBO is an active, domestic corporation (NV Entity No. C14953-2000) whose registered agent is located at 112 North Curry Street, Carson City, NV, 89703.
 - b. MELTZER is the Director, President, and Treasurer of JUMBO.
- c. JUMBO and MELTZER are not currently and have at no time relevant to this matter been licensed as an independent or associated covered service provider in Nevada under the Statute and the Regulation.
- d. On or about December 14, 2012, R.S. met with MELTZER to obtain loan modification assistance from RESPONDENTS to adjust the terms of the mortgage loans on four Nevada residential properties owned by R.S. (including his primary residence at Prescott Way, Reno, Nevada 84509), as well as a California parcel owned by R.S. MELTZER informed R.S. of a required retainer payment of \$5,000.00 (\$2,500.00 for the Nevada properties and \$2,500.00 for the California property) with additional monies due on a monthly basis.
- e. On December 14, 2012, R.S. paid RESPONDENTS the \$5,000.00 retainer in the form of a Nevada State Bank check which was deposited into JUMBO'S Wells Fargo account on December 17, 2012.

- f. On or about December 15, 2012, R.S. entered into a written agreement entitled "Retainer agreement" with MELTZER (as operating through JUMBO). R.S. agreed to pay JUMBO an upfront \$2,500.00 fee with respect to the services to be performed concerning the loan on R.S.'s "Reno, Nevada property," and commencing on January 15, 2012 [sic], agreed to make monthly \$1,000.00 payments (until terminated by Claimant) to JUMBO as the work progressed.
- g. At or about the time that Complainant R.S. met with MELTZER, or entered into the "Retainer agreement" with RESPONDENTS, MELTZER provided Complainant with a written description of his abilities, skills and accomplishments, dated December 10, 2012, in which among other things, represented that he had formed a company to successfully assist "hundreds of homeowners save their homes primarily through mortgage modifications," which additionally "provided advise [sic] that kept homeowners in their homes for many months with reduced or no monthly mortgage payments."
- h. In an e-mail directed to R.S. by MELTZER in the express capacity of "Lending Consultant" on January 31, 2013, MELTZER stated that he, MELTZER, had assured Chase (the lender on the Prescott Way property) that R.S.'s loan modification package would be "in their hands by tomorrow" and requested that the Complainant review for signature some attached documents.
- i. From approximately December 14, 2012 through November 12, 2013, RESPONDENTS engaged in, carried on, or held themselves out as engaging in or carrying on the business of a covered service provider, when in exchange for compensation, on behalf of R.S., they directly communicated with, or represented to R.S. that they had directly communicated with, R.S.'s creditors or lenders in arranging or attempting to arrange for R.S., a reduction of the principal, interest, or payment amounts due on his Nevada mortgage loans.
- j. In connection with the foregoing described services with respect to R.S.'s Nevada properties, R.S. paid to RESPONDENTS a total of approximately \$25,000.00 in fees (including the \$2,500.00 retainer), tendered either in the form of checks drawn from R.S's bank account, or directly deposited from R.S.'s account into JUMBO'S Wells Fargo account.
- k. R.S. did not obtain a modification of any loan for which R.S. paid RESPONDENTS to negotiate on his behalf.

- 1. As a result of the unlicensed activity of RESPONDENTS in violation of the Statute and the Regulation, R.S. suffered direct economic harm in the approximate amount of \$25,000.00.
- m. RESPONDENTS engaged in activities and conduct which required licensure as an independent and associated covered service provider.
- 4. NAC 645F.850 vests in the Commissioner the authority to order a person engaging in activity in violation of NRS 645F or NAC 645F to immediately cease and desist from engaging in the activity.
- 5. NAC 645F.835(2) vests in the Commissioner the authority to order a person who engages in an activity for which licensure is required under the Act, to pay restitution to any person who has suffered an economic loss as a result of the provisions of the Act.
- 6. NRS 645F.410(1) grants the Commissioner the authority to impose an administrative penalty of not more than \$25,000 on any person licensed or required to be licensed pursuant to provisions of NRS 645F who violates any provisions of this chapter or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto or any other applicable law.
- 7. NRS 645F.396(3) grants the Commissioner the authority to inspect the records of a covered service provider, foreclosure consultant, or loan modification consultant.
- 8. The Commissioner is authorized pursuant to NRS 645F.291 and NRS 645F.396(3) to order a covered service provider to make a special report to the Commissioner that the Commissioner considers necessary for the proper supervision and enforcement of NRS 645F.
 - 9. Any finding of fact that may be deemed a conclusion of law shall be so construed.

Conclusions of Law

10. Unless otherwise exempt, it is a violation of NAC 645F.200 and NAC 645F.800 for any person to provide or offer to provide any of the services of a covered service provider, foreclosure consultant, or loan modification consultant or otherwise to engage in, carry on or hold himself or herself out as engaging in or carrying on the business of a covered service provider, foreclosure consultant or loan modification consultant without first obtaining the applicable license issued pursuant to the Statute and the Regulation.

- 11. By providing or offering to provide covered services and/or the services of a foreclosure consultant and/or loan modification consultant for compensation without having first obtained the applicable license under the Statute and the Regulation, and not being exempt from the licensure requirements, RESPONDENTS are in violation of NAC 645F.200 and NAC 645F.800.
- 12. In connection with the complaint investigated by the Division with respect to R.S.'s Nevada properties, RESPONDENTS received payments totaling approximately \$25,000.00 from R.S. RESPONDENTS' unlicensed activity, in violation of NAC 645F.200 and NAC 645F.800, resulted in direct economic loss to R.S. in the approximate amount of \$25,000.00.
 - 13. Any conclusion of law that may be deemed a finding of fact shall be so construed.

Order

The Commissioner having formed the opinion based upon the foregoing that RESPONDENTS have been or are engaged in unlicensed activities in violation of the Statute and the Regulation and concluded and determined that RESPONDENTS should be ordered to: 1) cease and desist from engaging in any activity requiring licensure under NRS 645F and NAC 645F; 2) make restitution; 3) pay an administrative fine; 4) pay the Division's investigative costs; and 5) produce and submit records to the Division:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that JUMBO, INC. and IRA L. MELTZER shall immediately CEASE AND DESIST from advertising, engaging in, or otherwise carrying on or holding themselves out as engaging in or carrying on any activities that require licensure as a covered service provider, foreclosure consultant, or loan modification consultant under the Statute and the Regulation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that RESPONDENTS make RESTITUTION to R.S. in the sum of \$25,000.00 no later than 30 days after the effective date of this Order. The RESTITUTION shall be and hereby is required, jointly and severally, by JUMBO, INC. and IRA L. MELTZER in accordance with NAC 645F.835(2). RESPONDENTS shall contact the Division within 21 days of the effective date of this Order to make arrangements for the delivery of the required restitution to R.S.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an ADMINISTRATIVE FINE in the amount of \$25,000.00 shall be and hereby is imposed, jointly and severally, on JUMBO, INC. and IRA L. MELTZER in accordance with NRS 645F.410(1). The ADMINISTRATIVE FINE shall be due and payable on the

 30th day following the effective date of this Order and shall be tendered to the Division in accordance with the attached wire transfer instructions.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that RESPONDENTS shall be and hereby are assessed, jointly and severally, on JUMBO, INC. and IRA L. MELTZER, the Division's INVESTIGATIVE COSTS in the amount of \$3,030.00 in accordance with NRS 622.400. The INVESTIGATIVE COSTS shall be due and payable on the 30th day following the effective date of this Order and shall be tendered to the Division in accordance with the attached wire transfer instructions.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within ten (10) calendar days of the effective date of this Order, RESPONDENTS shall produce and submit to the Division the records identifying each Nevada homeowner for whom RESPONDENTS have engaged in loss mitigation consulting, foreclosure prevention, mortgage loan modification, or similar services. The records produced shall, at a minimum, provide: 1) the name, address and home and mobile telephone numbers of each Nevada homeowner that paid RESPONDENTS a fee or entered into an Agreement with RESPONDENTS; 2) a copy of each Agreement entered into with each Nevada homeowner; 3) the date(s) that RESPONDENTS had contact with the Nevada homeowner and description of the nature of such contact(s); and 4) the amount of compensation that each Nevada homeowner paid to RESPONDENTS and the date upon which it was paid. The records shall be delivered to the Division at 7220 Bermuda Road, Suite A, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89119, attention Jessica Monsour, Chief Compliance Investigator, at jrmonsour@mld.nv.gov.

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 Section II of this Order entitled Notice of Opportunity for an Administrative Hearing. If no administrative hearing is requested within 20 calendar days of the effective date of this ORDER, 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.

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 she shall deem just, necessary, and appropriate to enforce NRS 645F and NAC 645F and protect the public.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DIVISION OF MORTGAGE LENDING

Nancy Corbin, Adting Commissioner

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

NAC 645F.850 provides as follows:

- 1. If a person engages in an activity in violation of the provisions of this chapter or chapter 645F of NRS or an order of the Commissioner, 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 as required by this chapter or chapter 645F of NRS; or
- (b) In a manner that violates the provisions of this chapter or chapter 645F of NRS or an order of the Commissioner.
- 3. A person who receives an order to cease and desist pursuant to this section shall not engage in any activity governed by this chapter or chapter 645F of NRS after receiving the order unless the order is suspended or rescinded.
- 4. Not later than 20 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 petition is filed; or
- (2) On a date agreed to by the Commissioner and the person; or