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8 STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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11 To:

12 HOME FUNDING SOLUTIONS INC.; and
13 CRAIG ROLAND DAHL, individually and as
14 designated officer of Home Funding Solutions Inc.
15 and/or any other names or fictitious names used by
16 Home Funding Solutions Inc.

) No. H- 36135 LA

) ORDER TO DESIST AND
) REFRAIN
) (B&P Code Section 10086)

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18 The Commissioner (Commissioner) of the California Department of Real Estate
19 (Department) caused an investigation to be made of the activities of HOME FUNDING
20 SOLUTIONS INC. (HFSI) and CRAIG ROLAND DAHL (DAHL). Based on that investigation,
21 the Commissioner has determined that HFSI and DAHL have engaged in, are engaging in, or are
22 attempting to engage in, acts or practices constituting violations of the California Business and
23 Professions Code (Code) and/or Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations
24 (Regulations), including the business of, acting in the capacity of, and/or advertising or assuming
25 to act as real estate brokers in the State of California within the meaning of Code Section
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1 10131(d) (performing loan modification services for borrowers) and 10131.2 (collecting advance
2 fees). Furthermore, based on the investigation, the Commissioner hereby issues the following
3 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Desist and Refrain Order under the authority of Code
4 Section 10086. HFSI and DAHL handled the following tabled loan modifications during the
5 audit period below:

Mortgage Loans	Loan Modifications	Advance Fees Collected
126	282	\$243,888.67

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10 Whenever acts referred to below are attributed to HFSI, those acts are alleged to have been
11 done by HFSI, acting by itself, or by and/or through one or more agents, associates, affiliates,
12 and/or co-conspirators, including, but not limited to DAHL or other names or fictitious names
13 unknown at this time.
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15 FINDINGS OF FACT

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- 17 1. HFSI has been licensed by the Department as a corporate real estate broker since
18 September 30, 2009, by and through DAHL as designated officer.
 - 19 2. DAHL has been licensed by the Department as a real estate broker since September
20 3, 2009.
 - 21 3. During the period of time covered by the audit of HFSI, below, HFSI and DAHL
22 engaged in the business of real estate brokers conducting licensed activities within the meaning
23 of Code Sections 10131(d) and 10131.2 engaging in an advanced fee and loan modification
24 service brokerage. On behalf of others, for compensation or in expectation of compensation and
25 for fees often collected in advance, Respondents HFSI and DAHL contacted lenders on behalf of
26 distressed homeowners seeking to modify or forebear the terms of their home loans secured
27 directly or collaterally by one or more liens on real property.

1 4. On April 8, 2009, the Department completed an audit examination of the books and
2 records of HFSI pertaining to the loan modification service activities which require a real estate
3 license. The audit examination covered a period of time beginning on December 1, 2007 to
4 February 28, 2009. The audit examination found that HFSI and DAHL, violated the Code and
5 the Regulations which are more fully discussed in Audit Report LA 080187 and the exhibits and
6 work papers attached to the audit report, as follows:

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8 (a) Commingled trust funds and personal funds by depositing trust funds in the form of
9 advance fees collected for loan modifications into HFSI's general operating account, in violation
10 of Code Sections 10145 and 10176(e) and Regulation 2832, for homeowner/borrowers E. Gavia,
11 L. McColluch, H. Mitchell, E. Espinoza, C. Flippen, F. Mendoza, W. Campbell,
12 H. Alamo, A. Robinette, K. Webb, R. Schultz and W. Arens.

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14 (b) Failed to maintain a control record in the form of a columnar record in chronological
15 order of all trust funds including advance fees collected in connection with loan modifications,
16 deposited and disbursed, in violation of Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831, for the
17 aforesaid homeowner/borrowers.

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19 (c) Failed to maintain a separate record for each beneficiary or transaction, thereby
20 failing to account for all advance fees collected, in violation of Code Section 10145 and
21 Regulation 2831.1, for the aforesaid homeowner/borrowers.

22 (d) Failed to perform a monthly reconciliation of the balance of all separate beneficiary
23 or transaction records maintained pursuant to Regulation 2831.1 with the record of all trust
24 funds received and disbursed from the general account for loan modification services, in
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1 violation of Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831.2, for the aforesaid

2 homeowner/borrowers.

3 (e) Permitted Craig Roland Dahl Jr. and Brett Dahl, unlicensed and unbonded persons, to
4 be authorized signatories on the trust account, in violation of Code Section 10145 and
5 Regulation 2834.

6 (f) Collected advance fees within the meaning of Code Section 10026 from homeowners
7 seeking loan modification services wherein HFSI failed to provide homeowner Ruben Ramirez
8 a pre-approved advance fee agreement from the Department in the form of a no objection letter,
9 in violation of Code Section 10085 and Regulation 2970, for the aforesaid
10 homeowner/borrowers.
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12 (g) Failed to establish and maintain a trust account at a bank or other recognized
13 financial institution in the name of the broker for deposit of advance fees collected by HFSI, in
14 violation of Code Section 10146, for the aforesaid homeowner/borrowers.
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16 (h) With reference to the lack of an advance fee agreement, HFSI failed to provide a
17 complete description of services to be rendered provided to each prospective tenant in 10 point
18 type font and failed to provide an allocation and disbursement of the amount collected as the
19 advance fee, in violation of Code Section 10146 and Regulation 2972, for the aforesaid
20 homeowner/borrowers.
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22 (i) Failed to provide or retain a true and correct copy of a Good Faith Estimate that
23 satisfies the requirements of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 (12 U.S.C.A
24 2601 et seq.), that (1) sets forth the broker's real estate license number; and (2) whether or not a
25 balloon payment was due, for borrower Marcia Daley in violation of Code Section 10240(c).
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27 (j) Failed to maintain a signed broker salesperson agreement with salespersons David

1 Elliott Connelly and Eloisa Fabio Estanislao, in violation of Regulation 2726.

2 (k) Used the fictitious name of "Home Funding Solutions", on the Residential Loan
3 Mitigation/Modification Agreements, business cards and other business correspondence, to
4 conduct licensed activities including a loan modification and advanced fee brokerage, without
5 first obtaining from the Department a license bearing said fictitious business name, in violation
6 of Code Section 10159.5 and Regulation 2731.

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8 (l) On or about August 29, 2003, HFSI's corporate status was suspended by the
9 California Franchise Tax Board, yet HFSI continued to conduct operations to date, in violations
10 of Code Section 10177(f) and Regulation 2742(c).

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12 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

13 5. Based on the findings of fact contained in findings 1 through 4, HFSI, acting by
14 itself, or by and/or through one or more agents, associates, affiliates, and/or co-conspirators,
15 including, but not limited to DAHL, or other names or fictitious names unknown at this time,
16 performed loan modification services for distressed homeowners and/or those homeowners'
17 lenders in connection with loans secured directly or collaterally by one or more liens on real
18 property, and charged, demanded or collected advance fees for the loan modification services to
19 be provided, which acts require inter alia an advance fee agreement in the form of a no objection
20 letter from the Department and a trust account for deposit of advance fees pursuant to Code
21 Section 10146.

22 6. Based on the findings of fact contained in findings 3 and 4, as determined by the
23 Department audit, HFSI and DAHL, violated Code Sections 10085, 10176(e), 10145, 10146,
24 10159.5, 10177(f) and 10240(c) and Regulations 2726, 2731, 2742(c), 2831., 2831.1, 2831.2,
25 2832, 2834, 2970 and 2972.

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DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER

Based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated herein, you, HOME FUNDING SOLUTIONS INC. and CRAIG ROLAND DAHL, whether doing business under your own names, or any other names or fictitious names, ARE HEREBY ORDERED to

1. Immediately desist and refrain from performing any acts requiring a real estate license in California unless and until you are in compliance with Code Sections 10085, 10176(e), 10145, 10146, 10159.5, 10177(f) and 10240(c) and Regulations 2726, 2731, 2742(c), 2831,, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832, 2834, 2970 and 2972. In particular, you are ordered to desist and refrain from:

(i) Soliciting borrowers and/or performing loan modification services for borrowers or lenders in connection with loans secured directly or collaterally by one or more liens on real property, and (ii) from charging, demanding, or collecting an advance fee for any of the services you offer to others, unless and until you demonstrate and provide evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that you are in full compliance with all of the requirements of the Code and Regulations relating to charging, collecting, and accounting for advance fees.

2. Charging or collecting advance fees, as that term is defined in Code 10026, in any form and particularly with respect to loan modification , forbearance agreements loan refinance, principal/interest reduction, foreclosure abatement or short sale services, unless and until you demonstrate and provide evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that you have:

(i) an advance fee agreement which has been submitted to the Department and which is in compliance with Code Section 10085 and Regulations 2970 and 2972.

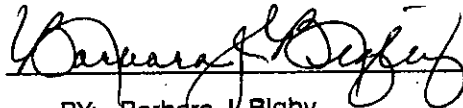
(ii) placed all previously collected advance fees into a trust account for that purpose and are in compliance with Code Section 10146; and

(iii) provided an accounting to trust fund owner-beneficiaries pursuant to Regulation

2972.

DATED: 7/20, 2009

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