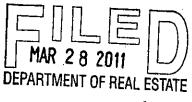
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#### BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of )

SOUTHCOAST MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC.;)
DIONETTE MONE FERGUSON; and )
LYNETTE MONEE ADAMS, individually )
and doing business as SouthCoast )
Mortgage Company, Essential )
Escrow Company, and Exclusive )
Homes and Estates Realty )

Respondents.

NO. H-36503 LA L-2010060235

# STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

It is hereby stipulated by and between LYNETTE MONEE ADAMS ("Respondent") and her attorney of record, Frank M. Buda, and the Complainant, acting by and through Lissete Garcia, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing of the Accusation filed on March 9, 2010, in this matter:

1. All issues which were to be contested and all evidence which was to be presented by Complainant and Respondent

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at a formal hearing on the Accusation, which hearing was to be 1 held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative 3 Procedure Act (APA), shall instead and in place thereof be submitted solely on the basis of the provisions of this 5 Stipulation and Agreement. 6 Respondent has received, read and understands the 2. 7 Statement to Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the APA and 8 the Accusation filed by the Department of Real Estate in this 9 proceeding. 10 3. On April 7, 2010, Respondent filed a Notice of 11 Defense pursuant to Section 11506 of the Government Code for the 12 purpose of requesting a hearing on the allegations in the 13 Accusation. Respondent hereby freely and voluntarily withdraws 14 said Notice of Defense. Respondent acknowledges that she 15 understands that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense she will 16 thereby waive her right to require the Commissioner to prove the 17 allegations in the Accusation at a contested hearing held in 18 accordance with the provisions of the APA and that she will 19 waive other rights afforded to her in connection with the 20 hearing such as the right to present evidence in defense of the 21 allegations in the Accusation and the right to cross-examine 22 witnesses. 23 This Stipulation is based on the factual 24 allegations contained in the Accusation filed in this 25 In the interest of expedience and economy, proceeding. 26 Respondent chooses not to contest these factual allegations, but 27 to remain silent and understands that, as a result thereof,

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these factual statements, will serve as a prima facie basis for the disciplinary action stipulated to herein. The Real Estate Commissioner shall not be required to provide further evidence to prove the allegations.

- 5. This Stipulation and Respondent's decision not to contest the Accusation are made for the purpose of reaching an agreed disposition of this proceeding and are expressly limited to this proceeding and any other proceeding or case in which the Department of Real Estate ("Department"), or another licensing agency of this state, another state or if the federal government is involved and otherwise shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceedings.
- 6. It is understood by the parties that the Real Estate Commissioner may adopt the Stipulation and Agreement as his Decision in this matter, thereby imposing the penalty and sanctions on Respondent's real estate license and license rights as set forth in the below "Order". In the event that the Commissioner in his discretion does not adopt the Stipulation and Agreement, it shall be void and of no effect, and Respondent shall retain the right to a hearing and proceeding on the Accusation under all the provisions of the APA and shall not be bound by any admission or waiver made herein.
- 7. The Order or any subsequent Order of the Real Estate Commissioner made pursuant to this Stipulation and Agreement shall not constitute an estoppel, merger or bar to any further administrative or civil proceedings by the Department of Real Estate with respect to any matters which were not

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specifically alleged to be causes for accusation in this proceeding.

## DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

By reason of the foregoing stipulations, admissions and waivers and solely for the purpose of settlement of the pending Accusation without a hearing, it is stipulated and agreed that the following determination of issues shall be made:

The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondent LYNETTE MONEE ADAMS, as set forth in the Accusation constitute grounds for suspension or revocation of all of the real estate licenses and license rights of Respondent LYNETTE MONEE ADAMS under the provisions of Sections 10137, 10148, 10177(d) and 10177(h) of the Business and Professions Code.

# ORDER

WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent

LYNETTE MONEE ADAMS, under the Real Estate Law are revoked;

provided, however, a restricted real estate salesperson license shall be issued to Respondent pursuant to Section 10156.5 of the Business and Professions Code if Respondent makes application therefor and pays to the Department of Real Estate the appropriate fee for the restricted license within 90 days from the effective date of this Decision.

The restricted license issued to Respondent shall be subject to all of the provisions of Section 10156.7 of the Business and Professions Code and to the following limitations,

conditions and restrictions imposed under authority of the Section 10156.6 of that Code:

- 1. The restricted license issued to Respondent may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate

  Commissioner in the event of Respondent's conviction or plea of nolo contendere to a crime which is substantially related to Respondent's fitness or capacity as a real estate licensee.
- 2. The restricted license issued to Respondent may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate

  Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that Respondent has violated provisions of the California Real Estate Law, the Subdivided Lands Law, Regulations of the Real Estate Commissioner, or conditions attaching to the restricted license.
- 3. Respondent shall not be eligible to apply for the issuance of an unrestricted real estate license nor for the removal of any of the conditions, limitations or restrictions of a restricted license until five (5) years have elapsed from the date of issuance of any restricted real estate license.
- 4. Respondent shall submit with any application for license under an employing broker, or any application for transfer to a new employing broker, a statement signed by the prospective employing real estate broker on a form approved by the Department of Real Estate which shall certify:
- (a) That the employing broker has read the Order of the Commissioner which granted the right to a restricted license, and

(b) That the employing broker will exercise close supervision over the performance by the restricted licensee of the activities for which a real estate license is required.

5. Respondent shall, within nine (9) months from the effective date of this Decision, present evidence satisfactory to the Real Estate Commissioner that Respondent has, since the most recent issuance of an original or renewal real estate license, taken and successfully completed the continuing education requirements of Article 2.5 of Chapter 3 of the Real Estate Law for renewal of a real estate license. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order the suspension of the restricted license until the Respondent presents such evidence. The Commissioner shall afford Respondent the opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act to present such evidence.

- effective date of this Decision, take and pass the Professional Responsibility examination administered by the Department including the payment of the appropriate examination fee. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order the suspension of Respondent's license until Respondent passes the examination.
- 7. Respondent shall submit proof satisfactory to the Commissioner of payment of restitution in the amount of \$25,000 to Dennis P. Patterson. Respondent shall make monthly payments of \$416.67 by either personal check, cashier's check or money order directly to Dennis P. Patterson. Respondent shall report

in writing to the Department at the end of each calendar quarter ending March, June, September and December showing proof of ongoing payments including front and back copies of canceled checks if payment is made by personal check. The reports shall be verified as true and correct under penalty of perjury, should be post-marked no later than the 21st of each month following the appropriate quarter, and mailed to the Department of Real Estate, Attention: Crisis Response Team Manager, 320 West 4th Street, Room 350, Los Angeles, California 90013-1105. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order the suspension of Respondent's license until Respondent presents such evidence.

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Counsel for the

Department of Real Estate

I have read the Stipulation and Agreement, have discussed it with my counsel, and its terms are understood by me and are agreeable and acceptable to me. I understand that I am waiving rights given to me by the California Administrative Procedure Act (including but not limited to Sections 11506, 11508, 11509 and 11513 of the Government Code), and I willingly, intelligently and voluntarily waive those rights, including the right of requiring the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a hearing at which I would have the right to

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cross-examine witnesses against me and to present evidence in defense and mitigation of the charges.

Respondent can signify acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Agreement by faxing a copy of the signature page, as actually signed by Respondent, to the Department at fax number (213) 576-6917. Respondent agrees, acknowledges and understands that by electronically sending to the Department a fax copy of her actual signature as it appears on the Stipulation and Agreement, that receipt of the faxed copy by the Department shall be as binding on Respondent as if the Department had received the original signed

LYNSTTE MONEE ADAMS, Respondent

I have reviewed the Stipulation and Agreement as to form and content and have advised my client accordingly.

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RANK M. BUDA, Attorney for Respondent

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The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision in this matter and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on April 18, 2011. 2011. IT IS SO ORDERED \_\_\_ JEFF DAVI Real Estate Commissioner 

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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

### BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Accusation of

Homes and Estates Realty,

SOUTHCOAST MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC.; )
DIONETTE MONE FERGUSON; and )
LYNETTE MONEE ADAMS, individually )
and doing business as SouthCoast )
Mortgage Company, Essential )
Escrow Company, and Exclusive )

Respondents.

NO. H-36503 LA

# DECISION

This Decision is being issued in accordance with the provisions of Section 11520 of the Government Code, on evidence of compliance with Section 11505 of the Government Code and pursuant to the Order of Default filed on May 26, 2010, and the findings of fact set forth herein are based on one or more of the following: (1) Respondent's express admissions; (2) affidavits; and (3) other evidence.

# FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

On March 2, 2010, Robin Trujillo made the Accusation in her official capacity as a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California. The Accusation, Statement to Respondent, and Notice of Defense were mailed, by certified mail, to Respondent SOUTHCOAST MORTGAGE, INC.'s last known mailing address on file with the Department ("Department") on March 9, 2010, and to Respondent DIONETTE MONE FERGUSON's last known mailing addresses on file with the Department on March 9, 2010, and April 13, 2010.

2.

On April 5, 2010, Respondent LYNETTE MONEE ADAMS returned a Notice of Defense on behalf of herself and Respondent SOUTHCOAST MORTGAGE, INC. On April 22, 2010, the Department received a different Notice of Defense on behalf of Respondent LYNETTE MONEE ADAMS only. On May 25, 2010, Frank M. Buda, counsel for Respondent LYNETTE MONEE ADAMS, confirmed that neither he, nor his client, LYNETTE MONEE ADAMS, were representing Respondent SOUTHCOAST MORTGAGE, INC. On May 26, 2010, Respondent SOUTHCOAST MORTGAGE, INC.'s default was entered herein. On May 26, 2010, Respondent DIONETTE MONE FERGUSON's default was entered herein.

3.

At all times herein mentioned, Respondent SOUTHCOAST MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. ("SOUTHCOAST") was licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the California Business and Professions Code) ("Code") as a corporate real estate broker. Respondent SOUTHCOAST was first licensed as a corporate real estate broker on January 7, 2005. Respondent SOUTHCOAST's license expired on January 6, 2009. Respondent has renewal rights under Section 10201 of the Code. The Department retains jurisdiction pursuant Code Section 10103.

4.

At all times herein mentioned, Respondent DIONETTE MONE FERGUSON ("FERGUSON") was licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Code) as a real estate broker. Respondent was first licensed as a real estate broker on July 16, 2007. Respondent FERGUSON is doing business as Essential Real Estate Providers and Essential Real Estate Services.

5.

At all times herein mentioned, Respondent LYNETTE MONEE ADAMS ("ADAMS") was licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Code) as a real estate broker. Respondent was first licensed as a real estate broker on September 28, 2002. Respondent ADAMS is doing business as SouthCoast Mortgage Company, Essential Escrow

Company and Exclusive Homes and Estates Realty.

6.

Beginning on January 7, 2005, and continuing through January 6, 2009, Respondent SOUTHCOAST was authorized to act by and through Respondent ADAMS as its broker and officer designated pursuant to Code Section 10159.2 to be responsible for ensuring compliance with the Real Estate Law. Beginning on September 17, 2007, and continuing through January 6, 2009, Respondent SOUTHCOAST was also authorized to act by and through Respondent FERGUSON as its broker and officer designated pursuant to Code Section 10159.2 to be responsible for ensuring compliance with the Real Estate Law.

7.

At all times herein mentioned, Respondent SOUTHCOAST, for or in expectation of compensation, engaged in the business of, acted in the capacity of, advertised or assumed to act as a real estate broker for others in the State of California within the meaning of Section 10131(a) and (d) of the Code. Respondent solicited, obtained listings of or negotiated the purchase, sale or exchange of real property and solicited and represented borrowers in negotiating and obtaining mortgage loans.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACCUSATION (Compensation to Unlicensed Person)

8.

At no time mentioned was Nichelle Mathis licensed by the Department as a real estate broker or as a real estate salesperson.

9.

In or around April, 2007, Nichelle Mathis, for or in expectation of compensation, and while she was employed or acting as an agent of Respondents, solicited, represented, and acted in the capacity of a loan officer for borrower, Dennis P. Patterson. Mr. Patterson was interested in refinancing the mortgage of his residential property located at 2637 W. Caldwell Street, Compton, California 90220 ("Caldwell property"). Mr. Patterson sought assistance with refinancing his mortgage from Nichelle Mathis who represented herself as a loan officer for Respondent SOUTHCOAST. Instead of refinancing the Caldwell

property, Nichelle Mathis and Respondents persuaded Mr. Patterson to sell the Caldwell property to Renita Allen. 10.

On or about April 11, 2007, Respondent FERGUSON signed the Residential Purchase Agreement and Joint Escrow Instructions for the Caldwell property on behalf of Exclusive Homes and Estates Realty as both the listing and selling broker for the transaction. Respondent FERGUSON was not the designated broker-officer for Exclusive Homes and Estates Realty and was also not yet licensed as a real estate broker at the time. Escrow was done through Essential Escrow Company. Escrow closed on or about May 9, 2007. Both Exclusive Homes and Estates Realty and Essential Escrow Company are dbas of Respondent ADAMS.

11.

On or about February 27, 2008, Respondent FERGUSON faxed a transmittal sheet to Dennis Patterson which listed a breakdown of the monies from the sale of the Caldwell property. The list included a commission fee paid to Nichelle Mathis for 1.5 per cent of the sales price of the Caldwell property which totaled \$6,450.00.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACCUSATION
(Making Any Substantial Misrepresentation)

12.

On or about April 23, 2008, Dennis P. Patterson submitted to the Department a Licensee Complaint against Respondents SOUTHCOAST and FERGUSON, and also against unlicensed individual, Nichelle Mathis.

13.

In his complaint, Mr. Patterson claimed that various misrepresentations had been made by Respondents and Mathis during the course of the sale of the Caldwell property. The misrepresentations included that the HUD-1 Settlement Statement listed a private lien to "J.T. Enterprises" for the amount of \$94,612.00. No lien was recorded on the Caldwell property by "J.T. Enterprises". This "private lien" was meant to mislead the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as to

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the actual disbursement of the settlement funds from the sale of the Caldwell property. The \$94,612.00 lien sum equaled the sum on the fax transmittal which Respondent FERGUSON faxed to Mr. Patterson on February 27, 2008. The fax transmittal listed the following payments:

- a. down payment in the amount of \$43,000,
- b. Renita Allen for the amount of \$25,530.89,
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The total sum of the above payments is \$94,612.

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In addition, the loan application for the purchase of the Caldwell property by buyer Renita Allen, contained misrepresentations regarding her intention to occupy the Caldwell property as her primary residence. Respondents negotiated an agreement between Mr. Patterson and Renita Allen, whereby Mr. Patterson sold the Caldwell property to Renita Allen; however, Mr. Patterson would remain living in the Caldwell property and continue paying the mortgage which would be in Renita Allen's name from funds placed in a general bank by Essential Escrow Company. This agreement between Mr. Patterson and Renita Allen was not disclosed to HUD or the lender.

# THIRD CAUSE OF ACCUSATION (Failure to Maintain Business Records) (Code Section 10148)

15.

There is hereby incorporated in this third, separate and distinct Cause of Accusation, all of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 14, with the same force and effect as if herein fully set forth.

16.

Code Section 10148 requires a real estate broker to retain for three years copies of all listings, deposit receipts, canceled checks, trust records, and other documents executed by him or her or obtained by him or her in connection with any transaction for which a real estate broker license is required.

The retention period shall run from the date of the closing of the transaction.

17.

On July 20, 2009, the Department served a Subpoena Duces Tecum to Respondent SOUTHCOAST through Respondent FERGUSON for all records pertaining to the transaction regarding the Caldwell property which closed escrow on or about May 9, 2007. Respondents SOUTHCOAST and FERGUSON failed to retain a copy of all of the documents requested by the Department's Subpoena for the records.

## DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

1.

Cause for disciplinary action against Respondents SOUTHCOAST MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. and DIONETTE MONE FERGUSON exists pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 10137, 10148, 10177(d), 10176(a) and 10177(g).

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The standard of proof applied was clear and convincing proof to a reasonable certainty.

#### ORDER

The licenses and license rights of Respondents
SOUTHCOAST MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. and DIONETTE MONE FERGUSON
under the provisions of Part I of Division 4 of the Business and
Professions Code are revoked.

This Decision shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon July 13, 2010.

DATED: 6/17 700

JEFF DAVI Real Estate Commissioner Department of Real Estate 320 West Fourth Street, Suite 350 Los Angeles, California 90013-1105



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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

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In the Matter of the Accusation of

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Mortgage Company, Essential Escrow Company, and Exclusive Homes and Estates Realty,

Respondents.

NO. H-36503 LA

DEFAULT ORDER

Respondents, SOUTHCOAST MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. and DIONETTE MONE FERGUSON, having failed to file a Notice of Defense within the time required by Section 11506 of the Government Code, are now in default. It is, therefore, ordered that a default be entered on the record in this matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED

JEFF DAVI

Real Estate Commissioner

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business as SouthCoast Mortgage Company, Essential Escrow
Company, and Exclusive Homes and Estates Realty ("Respondents"),
is informed and alleges as follows:

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The Complainant, Robin Trujillo, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, makes this Accusation in her official capacity.

2.

At all times herein mentioned, Respondent SOUTHCOAST MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. ("SMCI") was licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the California Business and Professions Code) ("Code") as a corporate real estate broker. Respondent SMCI was first licensed as a corporate real estate broker on January 7, 2005. Respondent SMCI's license expired on January 6, 2009. Respondent has renewal rights under Section 10201 of the Code. The Department of Real Estate ("Department") retains jurisdiction pursuant Code Section 10103.

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The acts, conduct and omissions of Respondents SMCI, FERGUSON, and ADAMS, in employing or compensating Nichelle Mathis to conduct activities requiring a real estate license when she was not licensed by the Department is cause to revoke or suspend the licenses and/or license rights of Respondents pursuant to Section 10137, 10177(d) and/or 10177(g) of the Code.

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16.

The conduct, acts and/or omissions by Respondents SMCI, FERGUSON, and ADAMS, of making false and/or misleading misrepresentations, as set forth in Paragraphs 13 through 15 above, constitute grounds to discipline the licenses and/or license rights of Respondents pursuant to Sections 10176(a) and/or 10177(g) of the Code.

17.

The conduct, acts and/or omissions as set forth in Paragraphs 8 through 15 above, in failing to adequately supervise the activities of Respondent SCMI, is in violation of Section 10159.2 of the Code and is grounds to discipline the licenses and/or license rights of Respondents ADAMS and FERGUSON pursuant to Sections 10177(d), 10177(g) and/or 10177(h) of the Code.

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Respondents SCMI, ADAMS, and FERGUSON failed to produce a copy of all of the documents requested by the Department's Subpoena for the records.

21.

The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondents .

SCMI, FERGUSON, and ADAMS, as set forth in Paragraph 20 above, is in violation of Section 10148 of the Code and constitutes

grounds to discipline the licenses and/or license rights of Respondents pursuant to Sections 10177(d) and/or 10177(g) of the Code.

WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a hearing be conducted on the allegations of this Accusation and that upon proof thereof, a decision be rendered imposing disciplinary action against all licenses and/or license rights of Respondents, SOUTHCOAST MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC.; DIONETTE MONE FERGUSON; and LYNETTE MONEE ADAMS, individually and doing business as SouthCoast Mortgage Company, Essential Escrow Company, and Exclusive Homes and Estates Realty, under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code) and for such other and further relief as may be proper under other applicable provisions of law. Dated at Los Angeles, California

this 2\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201

SouthCoast Mortgage Company, Inc.

Dionette Mone Ferguson

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ROBIN TRUDILLO
Deputy Real Estate Commissioner

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