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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

 In the Matter of the Application of) NO. H-32657 LA

ABC LENDING INC. and PETER MICHAEL DOWNING, Broker-officer,

Respondent.

ORDER DENYING APPLICATION FOR A REAL ESTATE LICENSE

The Real Estate Commissioner, in conformity with Section 10152, Division 4, Business and Professions Code of the State of California, required further proof of the honesty and truthfulness of ABC LENDING INC. and PETER MICHAEL DOWNING, (hereinafter Respondents), in connection with Respondents application for a real estate corporate broker license filed on April 29, 2005, and in relation thereto, filed a Statement of Issues on April 6, 2006.

Said Statement of Issues was properly served on Respondents on or about April 6, 2006, and Respondents have, to

date, failed to file a Notice of Defense, request a hearing or otherwise establish that they are entitled to the license sought. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, pursuant to the authority granted under Section 11520 of the Government Code of the State of California, that the application of ABC LENDING, INC. and PETER MICHAEL DOWNING, for a real estate corporate broker license is hereby denied. This Order is effective immediately. JEFF DAVI Real Estate Commissioner

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STATEMENT OF ISSUES

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The Complainant, Maria Suarez, a Deputy Real Estate
Commissioner of the State of California, for Statement of
Issues against ABC LENDING INC. AND PETER MICHAEL DOWNING,
broker-officer ("Respondents") alleges as follows:

Respondent.

Respondents made application to the Department of Real Estate of the State of California for a corporate real estate broker license on or about April 29, 2005.

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Complainant, Maria Suarez, a Deputy Real Estate

Commissioner of the State of California, makes this Statement

of Issues in her official capacity.

(PRIOR LICENSE DISCIPLINE)

FIRST CAUSE FOR DENIAL

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On or about October 31, 2002, the Department of Real Estate, State of California, filed an Accusation, Case No. H-29760, entitled In the Matter of the Accusation Against CTC Funding Inc. dba Coast to Coast Funding; and PETER MICHAEL DOWNING, individually and as designated officer of CTC Funding Inc. (hereinafter CTC and DOWNING)

On or about July 18, 2003, Respondents CTC and DOWNING entered into a Stipulation and Agreement with an effective date of August 7, 2003. Said Stipulation suspended the Respondent's broker's license for ninety (90 days), with sixty (60) days stayed for two (2) years. Respondent CTC also paid a monetary penalty of seven thousand (\$7,000.00) dollars, while Respondent DOWNING paid a monetary penalty of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars.

IV

The CTC and DOWNING's real estate brokers licenses were suspended on the following grounds:

1) CTC and DOWNING were subject to disciplinary action under Business and Professions Code (Code) Section 10137 in that between June 10, 2000 and July 16, 2001, CTC employed George Habib Saddic ("Saddic") and allowed him to solicit and negotiate four (4) separate loans for four different borrowers.

Saddic engaged in these activities despite not having a valid real estate salesperson or broker license during this time period. Saddic violated Section 10131(d) of the code by soliciting and negotiating these four loans without holding a valid real estate license.

2) Because Saddic was employed by CTC FUNDING INC. and PETER MICHAEL DOWNING, both CTC Funding and DOWNING were found to have violated Sections 10137 and 10177(d) of the Code for allowing Saddic to engaged in the unlicensed real estate activity.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DENIAL

V

On or about March 14, 2005, the Department of Real Estate, State of California, filed an Accusation, entitled In The Matter Of The Accusation Against FIDELITY NATIONAL MORTGAGE INC, dba FNMC; and PETER MICHAEL DOWNING, individually and as designated officer of FNMC (hereinafter FNMC and DOWNING), Case No. H-31751 LA.

The filing of the Accusation resulted because a

Department audit completed May 7, 2003 determined that Respondent

was in violation of the Real Estate Law. The audit revealed the

following violations:

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1) FNMC and DOWNING ("Respondents) violated

Code Section 10145 and Real Estate Regulation ("Regulations")

2832.1 by maintaining a the Trust Account had a shortage in the amount of approximately \$1,029.60.

- 2) Respondents violated Code Section 10159.5 and Regulations 2731 by using the unlicensed name of Fidelity National Mortgage during the audit period.
- 3) Respondents violated Regulation <u>2726</u> as the Broker did not have a broker-salesperson relationship agreement for the one (1) licensee that was employed by the broker.
- 4) Respondents violated Code Sections 10159.2 and 10177(h) and Regulations 2725 in that Respondents failed to have policies in place to maintain a record of all trust funds received and disbursed or maintain separate records for each beneficiary or transaction. Respondent DOWNING failed to supervise withdrawals from the trust fund account, and allowed unlicensed employees access to this account without fidelity bond coverage. Respondent DOWNING failed to reasonably supervise the Broker's non-licensed employees.

VII

Respondent DOWNING'S conduct above constitutes cause for denial of the license of ABC Lending, and his own license, individually, and as a designated officer of ABC Lending pursuant to Sections 10145 and 10177(f), 10177(j) and/or 10177(g).

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Respondent DOWNING's conduct which led to the prior

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suspension of his real estate license and the licenses of FNMC and CTC, is cause to deny Respondent ABC LENDING INC, and PETER MICHAEL DOWNING's corporate real estate broker's license application pursuant to Code Section 10177(f). These proceedings are brought under the provisions of

Section 10100, Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California and Sections 11500 through 11528 of the Government Code. WHEREFORE, the Complainant prays that the above-

entitled matter be set for hearing and, upon proof of the charges contained herein, that the Commissioner refuse to authorize the issuance of, and deny the issuance of, a real estate salesperson license to Respondent, ABC LENDING INC. AND PETER MICHAEL DOWNING, broker-officer, and for such other and further relief as may be proper in the premises.

Dated at Los Angeles, California

this 3H day of

Deputy Real Estate Commissioner

ABC Lending Inc. cc: Peter Michael Downing Maria Suarez Sacto.