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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

To:

No. H-38005 LA

RICARDO L. RAMIREZ,

dba Elite Home Solutions; and
ELITE HOME SOLUTIONS LLC.

(B&P Code Section 10086)

The Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California ("Commissioner") has caused an investigation to be made of the activities of RICARDO L. RAMIREZ, dba Elite Home Solutions; and ELITE HOME SOLUTIONS LLC. Based on that investigation, the Commissioner has determined that RICARDO L. RAMIREZ and ELITE HOME SOLUTIONS LLC have engaged in, are engaging in, or are attempting to engage in, acts or practices constituting violations of the California Business and Professions Code ("Code"), including acting in the capacity of, advertising and/or assuming to act as a real estate broker in the State of California within the meaning of Code Sections 10131(d) (advertising, soliciting borrowers for, and offering to perform loan modification services for distressed homeowners) and 10131.2 (collecting advance fees in connection with those services). Based on that investigation, the

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Refrain Order under the authority of Section 10086 of the Code.

Whenever acts referred to below are attributed to RICARDO L. RAMIREZ, dba Elite Home Solutions, and/or ELITE HOME SOLUTIONS LLC, those acts are alleged to have been done by those individuals and entities using those fictitious business names, acting by themselves, or by and /or through one or more agents, associates, affiliates and/or coconspirators, including but not limited to the individuals herein named.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. RICARDO L. RAMIREZ, dba Elite Home Solutions, and Elite Solutions

 Center ("RAMIREZ"), is not now, and at all times relevant herein was not, licensed by the

 Department of Real Estate of the State of California ("Department") as a real estate broker or as
 a salesperson employed by a real estate broker.
- 2. ELITE HOME SOLUTIONS LLC ("ELITE HOME") is a California Limited Liability Company. RAMIREZ is the owner and managing principal of ELITE HOME. ELITE HOME is not now and has never been licensed by the Department in any capacity.
- 3. Beginning on or before September 1, 2008 and continuing through the present time, RAMIREZ has operated mortgage lending and related loan service business under the following companies and/or fictitious business names and locations:
 - a) Elite Home Solutions
 10222 Rosecrans Ave.
 Bellflower, CA 90706
 - b) Elite Solutions Center 10222 Rosecrans Ave. Bellflower, CA 90706
 - c) J&R America Home Loans
 10222 Rosecrans Ave., Suite A
 Bellflower, CA 90706

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 Solutions and J&R America Home Loans, entered into an agreement with Franklin and Maria G. pursuant to which Elite Home Solutions would provide the Gs with loan modification services in exchange for payment of a total fee of \$2250.00. RAMIREZ' agent, Victor Casas, signed the agreement on behalf of Elite Home Solutions.

5. The Gs paid Elite Home Solutions \$1,800.00 up front. Over the next 17

4. On or about September 15, 2008, RAMIREZ, doing business as Elite Home

- 5. The Gs paid Elite Home Solutions \$1,800.00 up front. Over the next 17 months, the Gs spoke with RAMIREZ several times, but did not receive loan modification assistance. On or about March 1, 2010, the loan modification agreement was cancelled. RAMIREZ refused to refund the \$1,800.00 that they had paid to Elite Home Solutions and RAMIREZ.
- 6. On or about August 1, 2008, Julio M. entered into an agreement with RAMIREZ, doing business as Elite Home Solution, pursuant to which Elite Home Solution would provide Julio M. with loan modification services in exchange for payment of a total fee of \$2,500.00. Julio M. paid the fee in full over the next few months. On January 9, 2009, Julio M. went to RAMIREZ's office to inquire about the status of the loan modification. RAMIREZ provided Julio M. with a written assurance that Elite Home Solutions would obtain a loan modification in 30 days, or provide a full refund. An additional written assurance was provided by RAMIREZ on February 11, 2009. On September 20, 2009, when no modification had been obtained, RAMIREZ provided Julio M. with another written statement, this time indicating that if a loan modification was not received within 15 days, Elite Home Solutions would refund Julio M.'s money. Finally, on or about December 1, 2009, RAMIREZ gave Julio M. a check for \$2,500.00, which was post dated to February 1, 2010. When Julio M. deposited the check in February of 2010, the check was returned as RAMIREZ had placed a stop payment on it. Julio M. never received loan modification services and never received a refund of his money.

7. At the time that RAMIREZ and ELITE HOME SOLUTIONS solicited borrowers and collected advance fees from them, promising to provide loan modification services, neither RAMIREZ nor ELITE HOME SOLUTIONS was licensed by the Department in any capacity. They were therefore engaging in unlicensed activities.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The conduct, acts and/or omissions of RICARDO L. RAMIREZ and ELITE HOME SOLUTIONS LLC, as set forth in the Findings of Fact above, when not licensed by the Department as real estate brokers or as salespersons employed by a real estate broker licensed by the Department, was in violation of Code Section 10130.

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DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER

Based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated herein,
RICARDO L. RAMIREZ and ELITE HOME SOLUTIONS LLC, whether doing business
under your own names, or any other names, or fictitious names, ARE HEREBY ORDERED to
immediately desist and refrain from performing any acts which require a real estate broker
license until they are properly licensed. Such acts include, but are not limited to:

- (i) soliciting borrowers and/or performing services for borrowers or lenders in connection with loans secured directly or collaterally by one or more liens on real property, and
- (ii) charging, demanding, or collecting a fee for any of the services you offer to others, unless and until you obtain a real estate broker license issued by the Department, 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 Commissioner's Regulations relating to charging, collecting, and accounting for fees.

DATED: 3/I, 2012

BARBARA J. BIGBY
Acting Real Estate Commissioner

Notice: Business and Professions Code Section 10139 provides that "Any person acting as a real estate broker or real estate salesperson without a license or who advertises using words indicating that he or she is a real estate broker without being so licensed shall be guilty of a public offense punishable by a fine not exceeding twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed six months, or by both fine and imprisonment; or if a corporation, be punished by a fine not exceeding sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000)."

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