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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE
BY:______

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of)	DRE No. H-38467 LA
)	OAH No. L-2012110421
CAPITAL BENEFIT MORTGAGE, INC.; and)	
)	STIPULATION
MARCEL PETER BRUETSCH,)	. <u>AND</u>
individually and as designated)	<u>AGREEMENT</u>
officer of Capital Benefit Mortgage, Inc.,)	
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Respondents.)	
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It is hereby stipulated by and between Respondents CAPITAL BENEFIT MORTGAGE, INC. and MARCEL PETER BRUETSCH, individually and as designated officer of Capital Benefit Mortgage, Inc. (sometimes collectively referred to as "Respondents"), represented by Mary E. Work, Esq. and the Complainant, acting by and through Elliott Mac Lennan, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing of the Accusation filed on October 12, 2012, in this matter:

1. All issues which were to be contested and all evidence which was to be presented by Complainant and Respondents at a formal hearing on the Accusation, which hearing was to be held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act ("APA"), shall instead, and in place thereof, be submitted solely on the basis of the provisions of this Stipulation and Agreement ("Stipulation").

- 2. Respondents have received, read and understand the Statement to Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the APA and the Accusation filed by the Department of Real Estate in this proceeding.
- 3. Respondents timely filed a Notice of Defense pursuant to Section 11506 of the Government Code for the purpose of requesting a hearing on the allegations in the Accusation. Respondents hereby freely and voluntarily withdraw said Notice of Defense. Respondents acknowledge that they understand that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense, they thereby waive their right to require the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a contested hearing held in accordance with the provisions of the APA, and that they will waive other rights afforded to them in connection with the hearing such as the right to present evidence in their defense and the right to cross-examine witnesses.
- 4. This Stipulation is based on the factual allegations contained in the Accusation. In the interest of expedience and economy, Respondents choose not to contest these allegations, but to remain silent and understand that, as a result thereof, these factual allegations, without being admitted or denied, 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 said factual allegations.
- 5. This Stipulation is made for the purpose of reaching an agreed disposition of this proceeding and is 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 proceeding.
- 6. It is understood by the parties that the Real Estate Commissioner may adopt this Stipulation as his Decision in this matter thereby imposing the penalty and sanctions on Respondents' real estate licenses and license rights as set forth in the below "Order". In the event that the Commissioner in the Commissioner's discretion does not adopt the Stipulation, the Stipulation shall be void and of no effect, and Respondents shall retain the right to a hearing

and proceeding on the Accusation under the provisions of the APA and shall not be bound by any stipulation or waiver made herein.

- 7. The Order or any subsequent Order of the Real Estate Commissioner made pursuant to this Stipulation 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 specifically alleged to be causes for accusation in this proceeding.
- 8. Respondents understand that by agreeing to this Stipulation, Respondents agree to pay, pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 10106, the cost of the investigation and enforcement of this matter. The amount of said cost is \$2,366.05.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

By reason of the foregoing, it is stipulated and agreed that the following determination of issues shall be made:

I.

The conduct of CAPITAL BENEFIT MORTGAGE, INC., as described in Paragraph 4 above, is in violation of Sections 10148, 10233, 10232.4, 10236.4, 10238(f) and,10240 of the Business and Professions Code ("Code") and Sections 2842.5, and 2846 of Title 10, Chapter 6 of the California Code of Regulations ("Regulations") and is a basis for the suspension or revocation of Respondents' license and license rights as a violation of the Real Estate Law pursuant to Code Sections 10177(d) and 10177(g).

II.

The conduct of MARCEL PETER BRUETSCH, as described in Paragraph 4 above, constitutes a failure to keep Capital Benefit Mortgage, Inc. in compliance with the Real Estate Law during the time that he was the officer designated by a corporate broker licensee in violation of Section 10159.2 of the Code. This conduct is a basis for the suspension or revocation of Respondent's license pursuant to Code Section 10177(h) and Regulation 2725.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

I.

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondents CAPITAL BENEFIT MORTGAGE, INC. and MARCEL PETER BRUETSCH, under the Real Estate Law are suspended for a period of forty-five (45) days from the effective date of this Decision:

- A. Provided, however, that if Respondents request, the initial fifteen (15) days of said suspension (or a portion thereof) shall be stayed for two (2) years upon condition that:
- 1. Respondents pay a monetary penalty pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the Business and Professions Code at the rate of \$100.00 per day for each day of the suspension for a monetary penalty of \$1,500 for each Respondent, or \$3,000 total.
- 2. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check or certified check made payable to the Recovery Account of the Real Estate Fund. Said check must be received by the Department prior to the effective date of the Decision in this matter.
- 3. No further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondents occur within two (2) years from the effective date of the Decision in this matter.
- 4. If Respondents fail to pay the monetary penalty in accordance with the terms of the Decision, the Commissioner may, without a hearing, order the immediate execution of all or any part of the stayed suspension, in which event the Respondents shall not be entitled to any repayment nor credit, prorated or otherwise, for money paid to the Department under the terms of this Decision.
- 5. If Respondents pay the monetary penalty, and if no further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondent occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of the Decision, the stay hereby granted shall become permanent.

B. The remaining thirty (30) days of the forty-five (45) day suspension shall be stayed for two (2) years upon the following terms and conditions:

1. Respondents shall obey all laws, rules and regulations governing the rights, duties and responsibilities of a real estate licensee in the State of California; and

2. That no final subsequent determination be made after hearing or upon stipulation, that cause for disciplinary action occurred within two (2) years from the effective date of this Decision. Should such a determination be made, the Commissioner may, in his discretion, vacate and set aside the stay order and reimpose all or a portion of the stayed suspension. Should no such determination be made, the stay imposed herein shall become permanent.

II.

Pursuant to Section 10106 of the Business and Professions Code, Respondents shall pay the Commissioner's reasonable cost for investigation and enforcement costs which led to this disciplinary action. The cost of the investigation and enforcement which led to this disciplinary action is \$2,366.05. In calculating the amount of the Commissioner's reasonable cost, the Commissioner may use the estimated average hourly salary for all persons performing investigation and enforcement of real estate brokers, and shall include an allocation for travel time to and from the special investigator and/or attorney's place of work. Respondents are jointly and severally liable for the cost of the investigation and enforcement costs. Respondents shall pay such cost within 60 days of receiving an invoice from the Commissioner detailing the activities performed during the audit and the amount of time spent performing those activities.

The Commissioner may suspend the license of Respondents pending a hearing held in accordance with Section 11500, et seq., of the Government Code, if payment is not timely made as provided for herein, or as provided for in a subsequent agreement between the Respondents and the Commissioner. The suspension shall remain in effect until payment is made in full or until a Respondent enters into an agreement satisfactory to the Commissioner to provide for payment, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.

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DATED: 6-14-13

ELLIOTT MAC LENNAN, Counsel for Department of Real Estate

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EXECUTION OF THE STIPULATION

We have read the Stipulation and have discussed it with our attorney. Its terms are understood by us and are agreeable and acceptable to us. We understand that we are waiving rights given to us by the California Administrative Procedure Act (including but not limited to Sections 11506, 11508, 11509 and 11513 of the Government Code), and we are 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 we would have the right to cross-examine witnesses against us and to present evidence in defense and mitigation of the charges.

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Respondents can signify acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation by faxing a copy of its signature page, as actually signed by Respondents, to the Department at the following facsimile number: Elliott Mac Lennan at (213) 576-6917. Respondents agree, acknowledge and understand that by electronically sending to the Department a fax copy of Respondents' actual signature as they appear on the Stipulation, that receipt of the faxed copy by the Department shall be as binding on Respondents as if the Department had received the original signed Stipulation.

DATED: 6/6/2013

CAPITAL BENEFIT MORTGAGE, INC. BY: MARCEL PETER BRUETSCH, Respondent

DATED: 6/6/2013

MARCEL PETER BRUETSCH, individually and as designated officer of Capital Benefit Mortgage Inc., Respondent

DATED:

MARY E. WORK, ESQ. Attorney for Respondents

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Inc., Respondent

MARY E. WORK, ESO. Attorney for Respondents

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1	The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision as
2	to Respondents CAPITAL BENEFIT MORTGAGE, INC. and MARCEL PETER
3	BRUETSCH, individually and as designated officer of Capital Benefit Mortgage, Inc. and shall
4	become effective at 12 o'clock noon on August 19 , 2013.
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6	IT IS SO ORDERED July 19, 2013.
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12	By: JEFFREY MASON Chief Deputy Commissioner
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