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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of)	No. H-41150 LA OAH No. 2018090959
EQUITYMINE, VERZHINE TONOYAN, individually)	SECOND AMENDED
and as designated officer of Equitymine, and ELVIS ABRAMYAN,)	ACCUSATION
Respondents.)	

This Accusation amends the First Amended Accusation filed on December 18, 2018. The Complainant, Chika Sunquist, a Supervising Special Investigator of the State of California, for cause of Accusation against EQUITYMINE, a.k.a. First Capital Consulting, VERZHINE TONOYAN, individually and as designated officer of Equitymine, and ELVIS ABRAMYAN ("Respondents"), is informed and alleges as follows:

1.

The Complainant, Chika Sunquist, acting in her official capacity as a Supervising Special Investigator of the State of California, makes this Accusation against EQUITYMINE, VERZHINE TONOYAN, and ELVIS ABRAMYAN.

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All references to the "Code" are to the California Business and Professions Code and all references to "Regulations" are to Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations.

3.

Respondent EQUITYMINE presently has license rights as a corporate real estate broker. EQUITYMINE also has a company mortgage loan originator license endorsement ("MLO license endorsement").

4.

Respondent VERZHINE TONOYAN ("TONOYAN") presently has license rights as a real estate broker. TONOYAN also has an individual MLO license endorsement.

5.

Respondent EQUITYMINE is licensed by the Department of Real Estate ("Department") as a corporate real estate broker by and through Respondent TONOYAN, as the designated officer and broker responsible, pursuant to Code section 10159.2, for supervising the activities requiring a real estate license conducted on behalf of EQUITYMINE, or by EQUITYMINE'S officers, agents and employees.

6.

Respondent ELVIS ABRAMYAN ("ABRAMYAN") presently has license rights as a real estate salesperson.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(FAILURE TO REVEAL CONVICTIONS ON CORPORATE LICENSE APPLICATION AND FAILURE TO FILE CORPORATION BACKGROUND STATEMENT)

7.

On or about July 17, 2017, Respondent EQUITYMINE through Respondent TONOYAN certified and submitted EQUITYMINE'S Corporate License Application.

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On or about November 17, 2009, Respondent ABRAMYAN pled noto contendere and was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. GA075336, for violation of California Penal Code section 530.5(a) (Unauthorized Use of Personal Identifying Information), a misdemeanor, and Penal Code section 487(a) (Grand Theft), a misdemeanor. ABRAMYAN was placed on three years of summary probation, and ordered to serve one day in jail and pay restitution, fines and fees. Additionally, ABRAMYAN was ordered to complete 30 days of CalTrans or graffiti removal. On or about December 1, 2010, ABRAMYAN failed to complete the 30 days of CalTrans and was ordered to serve 30 days in jail.

9.

On or about January 12, 2010, Respondent ABRAMYAN pled nolo contendere and was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. 9GN04614, for violation of California Vehicle Code section 12500 (Unlawful to Drive Unless Licensed), a misdemeanor. ABRAMYAN was placed on 12 months of summary probation, and ordered to pay fines and fees.

10.

The convictions described in Paragraphs 8 and 9, and the conduct underlying the convictions, bear a substantial relationship under Regulations section 2910 to the qualifications, functions or duties of a real estate licensee.

11.

On or about June 28, 2017, Respondent ABRAMYAN filed a Statement of Information with the Secretary of State of the State of California for Respondent EQUITYMINE. ABRAMYAN was listed as the Secretary and Chief Financial Officer of EQUITYMINE.

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In response to "Section III – Regulation 2746" of Respondent EQUITYMINE'S Corporate License Application, to wit, "Corporate Real Estate Brokers, Officers, Directors and Shareholders (a) At the time of application for, or in the reinstatement of, an original real estate broker license, the designated officer shall file a background statement of information for each director, the chief executive officer, the president, first level vice presidents, secretary, chief financial officer, subordinate officers with responsibility for forming policy of the corporation and all natural persons owning or controlling more than ten percent of its shares, if such person has been the subject of any of the following: (1) Received an order or judgment issued by a court or governmental agency during the preceding 10 years temporarily or permanently restraining or enjoining any business conduct, practice or employment; (2) Has had a license to engage in or practice real estate or other regulated profession, occupation or vocation denied, suspended or revoked during the preceding 10 years; (3) Engaged in acts requiring a real estate license of any state without the benefit of a valid license or permit authorizing that conduct during the preceding 10 years which have been enjoined by a court of law or administrative tribunal; (4) Been convicted of a crime which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensee of the Department as specified in Section 2910 of these Regulations (excluding drunk driving, reckless driving and speeding violations)", EQUITYMINE and Respondent TONOYAN certified that, "I certify that I have read and understand the provisions described above", and checked the box that, "I also certify that a Corporation Background Statement (RE 212) is not needed for any officers or persons owning or controlling more than ten percent of the corporation shares including myself", and failed to file a Corporation Background Statement for Respondent ABRAMYAN and failed to disclose ABRAMYAN'S convictions described in Paragraphs 8 and 9 above. ///

16.

Respondents EQUITYMINE and TONOYAN'S failure to file a Corporation Background Statement for Respondent ABRAMYAN and failure to disclose ABRAMYAN'S convictions, as set forth in Paragraphs 7 through 12 above, in EQUITYMINE'S Corporate License Application constitutes procurement of a real estate license by fraud, misrepresentation, or deceit, or by making a false statement of material fact required to be revealed in said application, and constitutes cause under sections 10177(a) and 10177(j) of the Code for the suspension or revocation of all the licenses, license rights, and license endorsements of EQUITYMINE and TONOYAN under the Real Estate Law.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(MATERIAL MISSTATEMENT ON MLO ENDORSEMENT LICENSE APPLICATION)

14.

On or about August 21, 2017, Respondent EQUITYMINE through Respondent TONOYAN made application to the Department for a company MLO license endorsement.

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On or about August 29, 2017, Respondent EQUITYMINE through Respondent TONOYAN made another application to the Department for a company MLO license endorsement.

16.

On or about September 11, 2017, Respondent EQUITYMINE through Respondent TONOYAN made another application to the Department for a company MLO license endorsement.

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On or about November 7, 2017, Respondent EQUITYMINE through Respondent ABRAMYAN made another application to the Department for a company MLO license endorsement.

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On or about June 11, 2018, Respondent EQUITYMINE through Respondent ABRAMYAN made another application to the Department for a company MLO license endorsement.

19.

In response to the Direct Owners and Executive Officers section of Respondent EQUITYMINE'S applications, EQUITYMINE through Respondent TONOYAN only disclosed TONOYAN'S officer status as President, and failed to disclose Respondent ABRAMYAN'S status as Secretary and Chief Financial Officer of EQUITYMINE described in Paragraph 11 above. TONOYAN attested to the applications as "PRESIDENT" of EQUITYMINE.

20.

In response to the Direct Owners and Executive Officers section of Respondent EQUITYMINE'S applications, EQUITYMINE through Respondent ABRAMYAN only disclosed TONOYAN'S officer status as President, and failed to disclose ABRAMYAN'S status as Secretary and Chief Financial Officer of EQUITYMINE described in Paragraph 11 above. ABRAMYAN attested to the applications as "EMPLOYEE" of EQUITYMINE.

21.

By failing to disclose Respondent ABRAMYAN'S status as Secretary and Chief Financial Officer of Respondent EQUITYMINE in the applications set forth in Paragraphs 14 through 20, above, Respondents EQUITYMINE, TONOYAN, and ABRAMYAN withheld information and made a material misstatement.

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The instructions for the Direct Owners and Executive Officers section of company MLO license endorsement application provide, "Identify all direct owners and executive officers. If the direct owner or executive officer is a natural person (individual), list their full legal name as first, middle, last, suffix, provide their title and the percentage of ownership. All natural persons listed in the Direct Owners and Executive Officers section of the Company (MU1) Form are required to complete and submit the Individual (MU2) Form."

Question (H)(1) under the Disclosure Questions section of Individual (MU2) Form asks, "Have you ever been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere ("no contest") in a domestic, foreign, or military court to committing or conspiring to commit a misdemeanor involving:

(i) financial services or a financial services-related business, (ii) fraud, (iii) false statements or omissions, (iv) theft or wrongful taking of property, (v) bribery, (vi) perjury, (vii) forgery, (viii) counterfeiting, or (ix) extortion?" Respondent ABRAMYAN failed to file an Individual (MU2) Form and failed to disclose in the Individual (MU2) Form ABRAMYAN'S convictions described in Paragraphs 8 and 9 above.

23.

By Respondent ABRAMYAN failing to file an Individual (MU2) Form and failing to disclose in the Individual (MU2) Form ABRAMYAN'S convictions described in Paragraphs 8 and 9 above, Respondents EQUITYMINE, TONOYAN, and ABRAMYAN withheld information.

24.

The facts alleged in Paragraphs 14 through 23 above constitute cause under sections 10166.051(b) and 10177(j) of the Code for the suspension or revocation of all the licenses, license rights, and license endorsements of Respondents EQUITYMINE, TONOYAN, and ABRAMYAN under the Real Estate Law.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(FAILURE TO SUPERVISE)

25.

The conduct, acts, or omissions of Respondent TONOYAN, as described in Paragraphs 7 through 24 above, in failing to ensure compliance of the Real Estate Law by Respondents EQUITYMINE and ABRAMYAN, are in violation of Code section 10159.2 and Regulations section 2725 and constitute cause under sections 10177(d), 10177(g), and/or 10177(h) of the Code for the suspension or revocation of all the licenses, license rights, and license endorsements of TONOYAN.

26.

Code section 10106 provides, in pertinent part, that in any order issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before the Department of Real Estate, the Commissioner may request the administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation of this part to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

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