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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of

US LENDER HOME LOANS INC., ROBERT MICHAEL PETERS, individually and as designated officer and control affiliate of US Lender Home Loans Inc.

Respondents.

No. H-41973 LA

STATEMENT OF ISSUES

Mortgage Loan Originator (MLO) License Endorsement

The Complainant, Ruth Corral, a Supervising Special Investigator for the Department of Real Estate[†] ("Department" or "DRE") of the State of California, for cause of Statement of Issues against US LENDER HOME LOANS INC. ("USLHLI") and ROBERT MICHAEL PETERS ("PETERS"), also known as Robert Peters and Robert M. Peters, collectively "Respondents," alleges as follows.

- 1. The Complainant, Ruth Corral, acting in her official capacity as a Supervising Special Investigator, makes this Statement of Issues against Respondents regarding their applications for Mortgage Loan Originator ("MLO") Endorsements.
- 2. Unless otherwise noted, all references to the "Code" are to the California Business and Professions Code, all references to the "Real Estate Law" are to Part 1 of Division 4 of the Code, and all references to "Regulations" are to the Regulations of the Real Estate Commissioner, Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations.

DRE LICENSE HISTORY

- 3. Respondent USLHLI has been licensed by the DRE as a real estate corporation ("REC"), License ID 02126277, from on or about October 23, 2020 through the present, with USLHLI's license scheduled to expire on October 22, 2024, unless renewed. USLHLI is licensed through PETERS's real estate broker ("REB") license, ID 01932021, and PETERS is the designated officer ("D.O.") and sole owner of USLHLI. USLHLI employs no salespersons, has no fictitious business names, and has no branch offices.
- 4. Respondent PETERS has been licensed by the Department as a REB from on or about May 3, 2013 through the present. PETERS's license was originally scheduled to expire on May 2, 2021, however, pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-83-20, the expiration date has been extended to June 30, 2021, unless renewed. PETERS employs no salespersons, has no fictitious business names, and has no branch offices.

PETERS'S MLO ENDORSEMENT HISTORY

- 5. On or about March 14, 2014, PETERS applied through the National Mortgage Licensing System ("NMLS") for a REB MLO license endorsement with the DRE.
- 6. On April 24, 2014, PETERS was approved for a MLO REB license endorsement, individual MLO, also known as an MU4, NMLS ID 1064352.
- 7. On or about December 23, 2014, the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services issued an Order to Cease and Desist against PETERS for, among other things, engaging in residential mortgage transactions and debt management services in Oregon without a license. The Oregon Cease and Desist Order against PETERS is discussed more fully below.
- 8. On or about December 29, 2014, PETERS renewed his REB MLO license endorsement in NMLS for calendar year 2015, and made no changes to his original disclosure questionnaire for his March 14, 2014 application, thus failing to disclose the December 23, 2014 Oregon Cease and Desist Order.
- 9. On or about November 13, 2015, PETERS renewed his REB MLO license endorsement in NMLS for calendar year 2016, and made no changes to his disclosure question answers, again failing to disclose the December 23, 2014 Oregon Cease and Desist Order.

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organization, has any State or federal regulatory agency or foreign financial regulatory authority or self-regulatory organization (SRO) ever taken any of the actions listed in (K) through (L)?
PETERS's MU4 Application
15. On or about December 3, 2020, PETERS applied in NMLS for a REB MLO
License Endorsement with the DRE. On PETERS's individual MLO MU4 application in NMLS
Peters answered "No" to each of the following questions:
(D) Do you have any unsatisfied judgments or liens against you?
(K) Has any State or federal regulatory agency or foreign financial regulatory authority or self-regulatory organization (SRO) ever:
(2) found you to have been involved in a violation of a financial services-related business regulation(s) or statute(s)?
(4) entered an order against you in connection with a financial services-related activity?
(6) denied or suspended your registration or license or application for
licensure, disciplined you, or otherwise by order, prevents you from associating with a financial services-related business or restricted your
activities?
(M) Based upon activities that occurred while you exercised control over an organization, has any State or federal regulatory agency or foreign financial
regulatory authority or self-regulatory organization (SRO) ever taken any of the actions listed in (K) through (L)?
Amended MU1 and MU2 Applications
16. On or about February 26, 2021, after a telephone interview of PETERS conducted
by a DRE Special Investigator, PETERS amended his disclosure answers in NMLS on the
company MU1 application for USLHLI and the accompanying individual MU2 for PETERS as
the control affiliate of USLHLI, disclosing the December 23, 2014 Oregon Cease and Desist Order
on these applications.

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DISCIPLINE BY OTHER STATE AND CIVIL JUDGMENTS

<u>Discipline by Other State: Violation of Financial Services-Related Business Statute: Oregon</u> <u>Cease and Desist Order</u>

- On or about December 23, 2014, in the Matter of ARS Financial Group, Inc. and Robert Peters, Case No. DM-14-0036, the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services for the State of Oregon ("Director") issued an Order to Cease and Desist, Order Assessing a Civil Penalty, and Consent to Entry of Order ("Cease and Desist Order"). In the Cease and Desist Order, the Director found that: PETERS has never been registered with the Oregon Secretary of State to do business in Oregon; PETERS has never held a license to engage in residential mortgage transactions as a mortgage broker in Oregon and has never been registered to provide debt management services in Oregon; PETERS was and is the owner of ARS Financial Group, Inc. ("ARS").
 - 18. The Director concluded that:
 - a. PETERS violated Oregon Revised Statutes ("ORS") 86A.103(1) by engaging in residential mortgage transactions in Oregon without first obtaining a license as a mortgage broker under ORS 86A.095 to 86A.198.
 - b. PETERS received money or expected to receive money for providing advice, assistance, instruction or instructional material concerning a debt management service, or modifying the terms and conditions of an existing loan under ORS 697.602(2)(c), in violation of ORS 697.612(1)(b)(E).
 - c. PETERS violated ORS 697.612(1)(a) by performing a debt management service without being registered with the Director to provide such a service.
 - d. PETERS aided and abetted ARS in violating ORS 697.692(1) by accepting or receiving an initial fee of more than \$50 from consumer "BZ," an Oregon resident who was a part to a home mortgage loan secured by real estate located in Oregon.

- 19. The Director ordered PETERS, and all entities owned or controlled by PETERS:
- a. To cease and desist from violating the Oregon statutes regulating mortgage lending, ORS 86A.100 et seq., and debt management service providers, ORS 697.602 to 697.842.
- b. Not to engage in any business activity, including soliciting or advertising the availability of such activity, in Oregon that requires registration or licensing by the Division of Finance and Corporate Securities without first obtaining the requisite registration or license.
- c. To pay full restitution in the amount of \$1,750 within 30 days from December 23, 2014.
- d. To pay a civil penalty of \$600 to the Division within 60 days of December 23, 2014.

Civil Judgments

- 20. On or about April 11, 2010, in the Riverside County Superior Court, Case No. RIC539764, the court entered a default judgment against PETERS in favor of American Express Centurion Bank in the amount of \$27,101.92 in damages, \$463.00 in costs, and \$772.21 in accrued interest, for a judgment total of \$28,337.13.
- On or about April 19, 2010, in the Riverside County Superior Court, Case No. BAC012728, the court entered a default judgment against PETERS in favor of Citibank (South Dakota) NA in the amount of \$4,068.04 and costs of \$285.00 for a judgment total of \$4,353.04.
- On or about September 14, 2010, in the Riverside County Superior Court, Case No. RIC10007357, the court entered a default judgment against PETERS in favor of Chase Bank USA in the amount of \$27,093.82 in damages, \$444.50 in costs, and \$475.07 in accrued interest, for a judgment total of \$28,013.39.
- On or about July 22, 2010, in the Riverside County Superior Court, Case No. BAC10000520, the court entered a default judgment against PETERS and Elizabeth A. Peters in favor of Target National Bank in the amount of \$4,796.29 and costs of \$360.00 for a judgment total of \$5,156.29.

1	The DRE has no evidence that PETERS satisfied any of the above four judgments
2	in full.
3	APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF THE REAL ESTATE LAW AND REGULATIONS
4	(Code Sections 10166.05(c) and 10166.051(b), and Regulation 2758.3(a))
5	25. Code Section 10166.05(c) provides:
6 7	[T]he commissioner shall not issue a license endorsement to act as a mortgage loan originator to an applicant unless the commissioner makes all of the following findings:
8	(c) The applicant has demonstrated such financial responsibility, character, and general fitness as to command the confidence of the community and warrant a determination that the mortgage loan originator will operate honestly, fairly, and efficiently within the purposes of the article.
10	26. Code Section 10166.051(b) provides in part:
11 12	[T]he commissioner may do one or more of the following, after appropriate notice and opportunity for hearing:
13 14	(b) Deny, suspend, revoke, condition, or decline to renew a mortgage loan originator license endorsement, if an applicant or endorsement holder fails at any time to meet the requirements of Section 10166.05 or 10166.09, or withholds information or makes a material misstatement in an application for a license endorsement or license endorsement renewal.
15 16	27. Regulation 2758.3(a) provides in relevant part:
17 18 19	The Commissioner's finding required by Section 10166.05(c) of the Business and Professions Code relates to any matter, personal or professional, that may impact upon an applicant's propensity to operate honestly, fairly, and efficiently when engaging in the fiduciary role of a mortgage loan originator.
20	(a) The applicant may be precluded from obtaining a mortgage loan originator license endorsement where his or her personal history includes:
21 22	(1) any liens or judgments for fraud, misrepresentation, dishonest dealing, and/or mishandling of trust funds, or
23	(2) other liens, judgments, or financial or professional conditions that indicate a pattern of dishonesty on the part of the applicant.
24	GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OF MLO LICENSE ENDORSEMENTS
25	28. The Complainant realleges and incorporates by reference all of the allegations
26	contained in paragraphs 1 through 27 above, with the same force and effect as though fully set
27	forth herein.
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1	WHEREFORE, the Complainant prays that the above-entitled matter be set for hearing
2	and, upon proof of the charges contained herein, that the Commissioner refuse to authorize the
3	issuance of, and deny the issuance of, a Mortgage Loan Originator real estate corporation license
4	endorsement to Respondent US LENDER HOME LOANS INC., and a Mortgage Loan Originator
5	real estate broker license endorsement to Respondent ROBERT MICHAEL PETERS and for such
6	other and further relief as may be proper under other applicable provisions of law.
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8	Dated at Sacramento, California this 154 day of June, 2021.
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11	Ruth Corral
12	Supervising Special Investigator
13	cc: US LENDER HOME LOANS INC.
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