STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Division of Financial Institutions

Consumer Finance

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In the matter of: Output Description: Des

LEXINGTON LENDING & MORTGAGE GROUP, INC.

124 Lafayette Road, Suite 04 Medina, OH 44256 <u>DIVISION ORDER</u> Mortgage Broker Registration Renewal Denial &

Notice of Appellate Rights

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Commerce, by and through the Superintendent of the Division of Financial Institutions ("Division") and charged with the responsibility of administering and enforcing the Ohio Mortgage Broker Act, as codified in Ohio Revised Code ("R.C.") Chapter 1322, the Division finds that this Order is necessary and appropriate, in the interest of the public, and is consistent with the purposes of the Ohio Mortgage Broker Act; and

WHEREAS, the Division issued Lexington Lending & Mortgage Group, Inc. ("Respondent") a mortgage broker certificate of registration on February 6, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Respondent's certificate of registration expired on April 30, 2008, Respondent filed an application to renew its certificate of registration, and the renewal application remains pending; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2008, the Division issued Respondent a Notice that informed it that the Division had conducted an investigation of Respondent and, as a result thereof, alleged that:

- 1. Respondent failed to disclose unpaid civil judgments entered against it and its owner on the renewal application in violation of R.C. 1322.07(A), (B) and (C).
- 2. Respondent submitted false or incomplete information on and/or omitted information from its renewal application in violation of Ohio Admin. Code 1301: 8-7-04(G).
- 3. Because Respondent violated R.C. 1322.07(A), (B) and (C) and Ohio Admin. Code 1301: 8-7-04(G), the Division is authorized under R.C. 1322.10(A)(1)(a) to refuse to renew Respondent's certificate of registration.

WHEREAS, the Notice informed Respondent of the Division's intent to deny its 2008 mortgage broker certificate of registration renewal application and of the opportunity for a hearing regarding the denial if requested within thirty days from the mailing of the Notice. The Notice further cautioned Respondent that "[i]f the Ohio Division of Financial Institutions d[id] not receive a written request for a hearing in its offices within thirty (30) days of the time of the mailing of th[e] Notice, the Superintendent w[ould] issue an order denying the application for renewal of Respondent's certificate of registration[;]"

WHEREAS, the Notice was sent by certified mail to Respondent on October 10, 2008 and service was perfected on October 14, 2008;

WHEREAS, Respondent failed to request a hearing by the statutory deadline and thereby failed to defend against the Division's allegations;

WHEREAS, the Division finds that the allegations contained in the Notice are true and that Respondent's loan officer license renewal application should be denied;

Respondent, Lexington Lending & Mortgage Group, Inc.'s certificate of registration renewal application is hereby DENIED.

It is so ordered.

NOTICE OF APPELLATE RIGHTS

Respondent is hereby notified that this Order may be appealed, pursuant to R.C. 119.12, by filing a notice of appeal with the Ohio Division of Financial Institutions, setting forth the order appealed from and the grounds for the appeal. A copy of such notice of appeal must also be filed with the court of common pleas of the county in which the place of business of the Respondent is located, or the county in which the Respondent is a resident. A notice of appeal must be filed within fifteen (15) days after the date of mailing of this Order.

Signed and sealed this 25th day of November, 2008.

LEIGH A. WILLIS

Deputy Superintendent for Consumer Finance Division of Financial Institutions Ohio Department of Commerce