STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Division of Financial Institutions Consumer Finance

) Case No. M2008-210
)
) <u>DIVISION ORDER</u>
) Order to Cease and Desist
) &
) 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, on December 11, 2008, the Division issued Respondent a Notice which informed him that the Division had conducted an investigation of Respondent and, as a result thereof, alleged that Respondent held himself out as a mortgage broker under the authority or name of a former registrant without having first obtained a certificate of registration from the Division for the transaction of business as a mortgage broker in this state in violation of R.C. 1322.02(A)(2).

WHEREAS, the Notice informed Respondent of the Division's intent to issue Respondent an Order to Cease and Desist and of the opportunity for a hearing regarding the Order to Cease and Desist 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 ordering Respondent to cease and desist from engaging in the activities described herein[;]"

WHEREAS, the Notice was mailed to Respondent, via certified mail, on December 11, 2008, and service was perfected;

WHEREAS, Respondent failed to request a hearing 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 should be ordered to cease and desist from holding himself out as a mortgage broker under the authority of the Ohio Division of Financial Institutions without having first obtained a certificate of registration in violation of R.C. 1322.02(A)(2);

Respondent, Scott D. Simpson shall CEASE and DESIST violating R.C. 1322.02(A)(2).

It is so ordered.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

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 21st day of January, 2009.

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