STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DIVISION OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS 77 South High Street, 21st Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215-6120

In the matter of:)
) Case No. 07-0083MBS
Mortgage Lenders Network)
USA, Inc.)
213 Court Street, 11th Floor)
Middletown CT 06457) Notice to Cease and Desist,
) Intent to Suspend
) Mortgage Broker Certificates of
) Registration & Notice of Opportunity for a
) Hearing
)

JURISDICTION

The Ohio Department of Commerce, by and through the Superintendent of the Division of Financial Institutions ("Division"), is charged with the responsibility of enforcing the Ohio Mortgage Broker Act, codified in Ohio Revised Code ("R.C.") Chapter 1322 and the rules adopted thereunder.

RESPONDENT

Respondent, Mortgage Lenders Network USA, Inc. ("Respondent") is a foreign corporation registered to conduct business in Ohio and holds an active mortgage broker certificate of registration issued by the Division pursuant to R.C. 1322. The business address of record for Respondent's main office is 213 Court Street, 11th Floor, Middletown, CT 06457. Respondent operates under the mortgage broker certificate of registration number MB 3791. In addition, Respondent operates four other branch offices authorized to conduct mortgage broker business in Ohio.

ALLEGATIONS

Pursuant to R.C. 1322.10(B), the Division conducted an investigation into the affairs of Respondent, and as a result thereof, alleges the following:

1. R.C. 1322.05(A) states: "No registrant shall conduct business in this state, unless the registrant has obtained and maintains in effect at all times a corporate surety bond issued by a bonding company or insurance company authorized to do business in this state. The bond shall be in favor of the superintendent of financial institutions and in the penal sum of at least fifty thousand dollars and an additional penal sum of ten thousand dollars for each location, in excess of

one, at which the registrant conducts business. The term of the bond shall coincide with the term of registration."

- 2. The bond coinciding with its May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007 term of registration for the Respondent issued by the Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America in accordance with the requirements of R.C. 1322.05(A) was cancelled on February 26, 2007.
- 3. Respondent's failure to maintain a bond puts it in violation of R.C. 1322.05 and makes it unable to continue to operate as a mortgage broker in the State of Ohio.

FINDINGS

Based upon the allegations above, the Division determines that Respondent violated R.C. 1322.05(A) of the Ohio Mortgage Broker Act by failing to maintain the required bond.

PROPOSED ACTION

Based upon the allegations and findings above, the Division intends to issue an ORDER TO CEASE & DESIST conducting mortgage broker business in Ohio without proper bond coverage and to SUSPEND Respondent's Mortgage Broker Certificate of Registration, MB 3791, for Mortgage Lenders Network USA, Inc. ("Respondent") and the registrations for each of its branches for a period of SIX (6) months for its failure to maintain the required bond in violation of R.C. 1322.05(A).

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING ON PROPOSED ACTION

Therefore, pursuant to R.C. Chapters 1322 and 119, Respondent is hereby notified that thirty-one (31) days from the date of the mailing of this Notice, the Superintendent intends to issue an ORDER TO CEASE & DESIST and SUSPENDING the mortgage broker certificate of registration MB 3791 for Mortgage Lenders Network USA, Inc. and the registrations for each of its branches for a period of SIX (6) months effective upon the issuance of this order for violation of R.C. 1322.05(A).

Respondent is further notified, pursuant to R.C. Chapter 119, that Respondent is entitled to a hearing on this matter. If Respondent desires to request a hearing, the request must be made in writing, and must be received in the offices of the Ohio Division of Financial Institutions within thirty (30) days of the time of the mailing of this Notice. Hearing requests should be addressed to:

State of Ohio
Department of Commerce
Division of Financial Institutions
Attn: Attorney Timothy C. Winslow
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At the hearing, Respondent may appear by attorney, or by such other representative as is permitted to practice before the Agency, or Respondent may present its position, arguments, or contentions in writing, and, at the hearing, may present evidence and examine witnesses appearing for and against Respondent.

If the Ohio Division of Financial Institutions does not receive a written request for a hearing in its offices within thirty (30) days of the time of the mailing of this Notice, the Superintendent will issue an ORDER TO CEASE & DESIST and SUSPENDING the mortgage broker certificate of registration MB 3791 for Mortgage Lenders Network USA, Inc. and the registrations for each of its branches for a period of SIX (6) months for violation of R.C. 1322.05(A).

Signed and Sealed this 28th day of FEBRUARY, 2007.

Richard F. Keck

Acting Deputy Superintendent of Financial

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