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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SOUTHERN DIVISION

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

AMERICAN MORTGAGE
CONSULTING GROUP, LLC, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. SACV12-01561 DOC (JPRx)

STIPULATED FINAL JUDGMENT
AND ORDER FOR PERMANENT
INJUNCTION AND EQUITABLE
RELIEF

Plaintiff Federal Trade Commission (“FTC” or “Commission”) commenced this civil action on September 18, 2012, pursuant to Sections 13(b) and 19 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (“FTC Act”), 15 U.S.C. §§ 53(b) and 57b, and the 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act, Pub. L. No. 111-8, § 626, 123 Stat. 524, 678 (Mar. 11, 2009) (“Omnibus Act”), as clarified by the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111-24, § 511, 123 Stat. 1734, 1763-64 (May 22, 2009) (“Credit Card Act”), and amended by the Dodd-

1 Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Financial Protection Act, Pub. L. No.
2 111-203, § 1097, 124 Stat. 1376, 2102-03 (July 21, 2010) (“Dodd-Frank Act”),
3 12 U.S.C. § 5538, to obtain preliminary and permanent injunctive and other
4 equitable relief for Defendants’ alleged violations of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act,
5 15 U.S.C. § 45(a), and the Mortgage Assistance Relief Services Rule (“MARS
6 Rule”), 16 C.F.R. Part 322, recodified as Mortgage Assistance Relief Services,
7 12 C.F.R. Part 1015 (“Regulation O”), in connection with the marketing and sale of
8 mortgage assistance relief services.

9 The FTC and Defendants American Mortgage Consulting Group, LLC,
10 Home Guardian Management Solutions, LLC, and Mark Nagy Atalla (collectively
11 “Defendants”) have stipulated to the entry of this Stipulated Final Judgment and
12 Order For Permanent Injunction and Equitable Relief (“Order”).

13 FINDINGS

14 By stipulation of the parties and being advised in the premises, the Court
15 finds:

16 1. This is an action by the FTC instituted under Sections 13(b) and 19 of
17 the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 53(b) and 57b, and Section 626 of the Omnibus Act as
18 clarified by Section 511 of the Credit Card Act. The Complaint seeks both
19 permanent injunctive relief and equitable monetary relief for Defendants’ alleged
20 deceptive acts or practices as alleged therein.

21 2. The FTC has authority under Sections 13(b) and 19 of the FTC Act to
22 seek the relief it has requested, and the Complaint states a claim upon which relief
23 may be granted against Defendants.

24 3. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this case and has
25 jurisdiction over Defendants. Venue in the Central District of California is proper.

26 4. The activities of Defendants, as alleged in the Complaint, are in or
27 affecting commerce, as defined in Section 4 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 44.
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1 5. Defendants waive: (a) any right to seek judicial review or otherwise
2 challenge or contest the validity of this Order; (b) any claim that they may have
3 against the Commission, its employees, representatives or agents; (c) any claim
4 under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S. C. § 2412, amended by Pub. L.
5 104-21, 110 Stat. 847, 863-64 (1996); and (d) any right to attorneys' fees that may
6 arise under said provision of law. The Commission and Defendants shall each bear
7 their own costs and attorneys' fees incurred in this action.

8 6. Defendants neither admit nor deny any of the allegations in the
9 Complaint, except as specifically stated in this Order. Only for purposes of this
10 action, Defendants admit the facts necessary to establish jurisdiction.

11 7. This action and the relief awarded herein are in addition to, and not in
12 lieu of, other remedies as may be provided by law, including both civil and
13 criminal remedies.

14 8. Entry of this Order is in the public interest.

15 9. This Order resolves all issues between the Commission and the
16 Defendants raised in the Commission's Complaint.

17 10. Defendants have entered into this Order freely and without coercion.
18 Defendants acknowledge that they have read the provisions of this Order,
19 understand them, and are prepared to abide by them.

20 **ORDER**

21 **DEFINITIONS**

22 For the purposes of this Order, the following definitions shall apply:

23 11. "Asset" or "Assets" means any legal or equitable interest in, right to,
24 or claim to any real, personal, or intellectual property of any Defendant, or held for
25 the benefit of any Defendant, wherever located, whether in the United States or
26 abroad, including, but not limited to, chattel, goods, instruments, equipment,
27 fixtures, general intangibles, effects, leaseholds, contracts, mail or other deliveries,
28 shares of stock, commodities, futures, inventory, checks, notes, accounts, credits,

1 receivables (as those terms are defined in the Uniform Commercial Code), cash,
2 and trusts, including, but not limited to, any trust held for the benefit of any
3 Defendant, the Individual Defendant's minor children, if any, or the Individual
4 Defendant's spouse, if any, and shall include both existing assets and assets
5 acquired after the date of entry of this Order.

6 12. "Assisting others" includes, but is not limited to:

- 7 a. Performing customer service functions, including, but not
8 limited to, receiving or responding to consumer complaints;
- 9 b. Formulating or providing, or arranging for the formulation or
10 provision of, any advertising or marketing material, including,
11 but not limited to, any telephone sales script, direct mail
12 solicitation, or the design, text, or use of images of any Internet
13 website, email, or other electronic communication;
- 14 c. Formulating or providing, or arranging for the formulation or
15 provision of, any marketing support material or service,
16 including, but not limited to, web or Internet protocol addresses
17 or domain name registration for any Internet websites, affiliate
18 marketing services, or media placement services;
- 19 d. Providing names of, or assisting in the generation of, potential
20 customers;
- 21 e. Performing marketing, billing, or payment services of any kind;
22 and
- 23 f. Acting or serving as an owner, officer, director, manager, or
24 principal of any entity.

25 13. "Competent and reliable evidence" means tests, analyses, research,
26 studies, or other evidence based on the expertise of professionals in the relevant
27 area, that have been conducted and evaluated in an objective manner by individuals
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1 qualified to do so, using procedures generally accepted in the profession to yield
2 accurate and reliable results.

3 14. "Consumer" means any natural person.

4 15. "Customer" means any person who has paid, or may be required to
5 pay, for products, services, plans, or programs offered for sale or sold by any other
6 person.

7 16. "Debt relief product or service" means any product, service, plan, or
8 program represented, expressly or by implication, to renegotiate, settle, or in any
9 way alter the terms of payment or other terms of the debt or obligation, between a
10 person and one or more unsecured creditors or debt collectors, including, but not
11 limited to, a reduction in the balance, interest rate, or fees owed by a person to an
12 unsecured creditor or debt collector.

13 17. "Defendants" means the Individual Defendant and all of the Corporate
14 Defendants, individually, collectively, or in any combination.

15 a. "Corporate Defendants" means American Mortgage Consulting
16 Group, LLC, also d.b.a. American Mortgage Group and d.b.a.
17 American Mortgage Consulting; and Home Guardian
18 Management Solutions, LLC, also d.b.a. Home Guardian
19 Solutions, and their successors, assigns, affiliates, or
20 subsidiaries, and each of them by whatever names each might
21 be known.

22 b. "Individual Defendant" means Mark Nagy Atalla, also d.b.a.
23 Home Guardian Solutions, Home G Solutions Firm, and Home
24 G Solutions Group, and any other names by which he might be
25 known.

26 18. "Document" is synonymous in meaning and scope to the usage of the
27 terms in Rule 34(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and includes writings,
28 drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, audio and video recordings, computer

1 records, and other data compilations from which the information can be obtained
2 and translated, if necessary, through detection devices into reasonably usable form.

3 A draft or non-identical copy is a separate copy within the meaning of the term.

4 19. "Federal homeowner relief or financial stability program" means any
5 program (including its sponsoring agencies, telephone numbers, and Internet
6 websites) operated or endorsed by the United States government to provide relief
7 to homeowners or stabilize the economy, including, but not limited to:

- 8 a. The Making Home Affordable Program;
- 9 b. The Financial Stability Plan;
- 10 c. The Troubled Asset Relief Program and any other program
11 sponsored or operated by the United States Department of
12 Treasury;
- 13 d. The HOPE for Homeowners Program, any program operated or
14 created pursuant to the Helping Families Save Their Homes
15 Act, and any other program sponsored or operated by the
16 Federal Housing Administration; and
- 17 e. Any program sponsored or operated by the United States
18 Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), the
19 HOPE NOW Alliance, the Homeownership Preservation
20 Foundation, or any other HUD-approved housing counseling
21 agency.

22 20. "Financial institution" means any bank, savings and loan institution,
23 credit union, or any financial depository of any kind, including, but not limited to,
24 any brokerage house, trustee, broker-dealer, escrow agent, title company,
25 commodity trading company, or precious metal dealer.

26 21. "Financial related product or service" means any product, service,
27 plan, or program represented, expressly or by implication, to:
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- 1 a. Provide any consumer, arrange for any consumer to receive, or
- 2 assist any consumer in receiving, credit, debt, or stored value
- 3 cards;
- 4 b. Improve, or arrange to improve, any consumer's credit records,
- 5 credit history, or credit rating;
- 6 c. Provide advice or assistance to any consumer with regard to
- 7 any activity or service the purpose of which is to improve a
- 8 consumer's credit record, credit history, or credit rating;
- 9 d. Provide any consumer, arrange for any consumer to receive, or
- 10 assist any consumer in receiving a loan or other extension of
- 11 credit; or
- 12 e. Provide any consumer, arrange for any consumer to receive, or
- 13 assist any consumer in receiving any service represented,
- 14 expressly or by implication, to renegotiate, settle, or in any way
- 15 alter the terms of payment or other terms of any debt or
- 16 obligation (other than a debt or obligation secured by a
- 17 mortgage on a consumer's dwelling), including, but not limited
- 18 to, a tax debt or obligation, between a consumer and one or
- 19 more secured creditors, servicers, or debt collectors.

20 22. "Material fact" means any fact that is likely to affect a person's choice
21 of, or conduct regarding, goods or services.

22 23. "Mortgage assistance relief service" means any product, service, plan,
23 or program, offered or provided to the consumer in exchange for consideration,
24 that is represented, expressly or by implication, to assist or attempt to assist the
25 consumer with any of the following:

- 26 a. Stopping, preventing, or postponing any mortgage or deed of
- 27 trust foreclosure sale for the consumer's dwelling, any
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- 1 repossession of the consumer's dwelling, or otherwise saving
2 the consumer's dwelling from foreclosure or repossession;
- 3 b. Negotiating, obtaining, or arranging a modification of any term
4 of a dwelling loan, including a reduction in the amount of
5 interest, principal balance, monthly payments, or fees;
- 6 c. Obtaining any forbearance or modification in the timing of
7 payments from any dwelling loan holder or servicer on any
8 dwelling loan;
- 9 d. Negotiating, obtaining, or arranging any extension of the period
10 of time within which the consumer may (i) cure his or her
11 default on a dwelling loan, (ii) reinstate his or her dwelling
12 loan, (iii) redeem a dwelling, or (iv) exercise any right to
13 reinstate a dwelling loan or redeem a dwelling;
- 14 e. Obtaining any waiver of an acceleration clause or balloon
15 payment contained in any promissory note or contract secured
16 by any dwelling; or
- 17 f. Negotiating, obtaining, or arranging (i) a short sale of a
18 dwelling, (ii) a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure, or (iii) any other
19 disposition of a dwelling other than a sale to a third party who
20 is not the dwelling loan holder.

21 The foregoing shall include any manner of claimed assistance, including, but not
22 limited to, auditing or examining a consumer's mortgage or home loan application.

23 24. "Person" means any natural person, an organization or other legal
24 entity, including a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, limited liability
25 company, association, cooperative, or any other group or combination acting as an
26 entity.

1 **I. BAN ON MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE RELIEF PRODUCTS AND**
2 **SERVICES**

3 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that Defendants, whether acting directly
4 or through any other person, are permanently restrained and enjoined from:

5 A. Advertising, marketing, promoting, offering for sale, or selling any
6 mortgage assistance relief product or service; and

7 B. Assisting others engaged in advertising, marketing, promoting,
8 offering for sale, or selling any mortgage assistance relief product or
9 service.

10 **II. BAN ON DEBT RELIEF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES**

11 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants, whether acting directly or
12 through any other person, are permanently restrained and enjoined from:

13 A. Advertising, marketing, promoting, offering for sale, or selling any
14 debt relief product or service; and

15 B. Assisting others engaged in advertising, marketing, promoting,
16 offering for sale, or selling any debt relief product or service.

17 **III. PROHIBITED MISREPRESENTATIONS REGARDING FINANCIAL**
18 **RELATED PRODUCTS OR SERVICES**

19 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants and their officers, agents,
20 servants, employees, and attorneys, and those persons or entities in active concert
21 or participation with any of them who receive actual notice of this Order by
22 personal service, facsimile transmission, email, or otherwise, whether acting
23 directly or through any corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, in
24 connection with the advertising, marketing, promotion, offering for sale, or sale of
25 any financial related product or service, are permanently restrained and enjoined
26 from:

27 A. Misrepresenting, or assisting others in misrepresenting, expressly or
28 by implication, any material fact, including, but not limited to:

- 1 1. The terms or rates that are available for any loan or other
2 extension of credit, including, but not limited to:
 - 3 a. Closing costs or other fees;
 - 4 b. The payment schedule, the monthly payment amount(s),
5 or other payment terms, or whether there is a balloon
6 payment; interest rate(s), annual percentage rate(s), or
7 finance charge; the loan amount, the amount of credit, the
8 draw amount, or outstanding balance; the loan term, the
9 draw period, or maturity; or any other term of credit;
 - 10 c. The savings associated with the credit;
 - 11 d. The amount of cash to be disbursed to the borrower out
12 of the proceeds, or the amount of cash to be disbursed on
13 behalf of the borrower to any third parties;
 - 14 e. Whether the payment of the minimum amount specified
15 each month covers both interest and principal, and
16 whether the credit has or can result in negative
17 amortization;
 - 18 f. That the credit does not have a prepayment penalty or
19 that no prepayment penalty and/or other fees or costs will
20 be incurred if the consumer subsequently refinances;
21 and
 - 22 g. That the interest rate(s) or annual percentage rate(s) are
23 fixed rather than adjustable or adjustable rather than
24 fixed;
- 25 2. Any person's ability to improve or otherwise affect a
26 consumer's credit record, credit history, or credit rating or
27 ability to obtain credit;
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1 3. That any person can improve any consumer's credit record,
2 credit history, or credit rating by permanently removing
3 negative information from the consumer's credit record, credit
4 history, or credit rating, even where such information is
5 accurate and not obsolete; and

6 4. That a consumer will receive legal representation; and

7 **B.** Advertising or assisting others in advertising credit terms other than
8 those terms that actually are or will be arranged or offered by a
9 creditor or lender.

10 **IV. PROHIBITED MISREPRESENTATIONS REGARDING ANY**
11 **PRODUCT OR SERVICE**

12 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants and their officers, agents,
13 servants, employees, and attorneys, and those persons or entities in active concert
14 or participation with any of them who receive actual notice of this Order by
15 personal service, facsimile transmission, email, or otherwise, whether acting
16 directly or through any corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, in
17 connection with the advertising, marketing, promotion, offering for sale, or sale of
18 any product or service are permanently restrained and enjoined from
19 misrepresenting or assisting others in misrepresenting, expressly or by implication,
20 any material fact, including, but not limited to:

21 A. Any material aspect of the nature or terms of any refund, cancellation,
22 exchange, or repurchase policy, including, but not limited to, the
23 likelihood of a consumer obtaining a full or partial refund, or the
24 circumstances in which a full or partial refund will be granted to the
25 consumer;

26 B. That any person is affiliated with, endorsed or approved by, or
27 otherwise connected to any other person; government entity; federal
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1 homeowner relief or financial stability program; public, nonprofit, or
2 other noncommercial program; or any other program;

3 C. The total costs to purchase, receive, or use, or the quantity of, the
4 product or service;

5 D. Any material restriction, limitation, or condition on purchasing,
6 receiving, or using the product or service; and

7 E. Any material aspect of the performance, efficacy, nature, or
8 characteristics of the product or service.

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10 **V. SUBSTANTIATION FOR BENEFIT, PERFORMANCE, AND EFFICACY CLAIMS**

11 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants and their officers, agents,
12 servants, employees, and attorneys, and those persons or entities in active concert
13 or participation with any of them who receive actual notice of this Order by
14 personal service, facsimile transmission, email, or otherwise, whether acting
15 directly or through any corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, in
16 connection with the advertising, marketing, promotion, offering for sale, or sale of
17 any product or service are permanently restrained and enjoined from making any
18 representation or assisting others in making any representation, expressly or by
19 implication, about the benefits, performance, or efficacy of any product or service,
20 unless, at the time such representation is made, Defendants possess and rely upon
21 competent and reliable evidence that substantiates that the representation is true.

22 **VI. PROHIBITION ON DISCLOSING CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

23 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants, and their officers, agents,
24 servants, employees, and attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or
25 participation with any of them who receive actual notice of this Order by personal
26 service, facsimile transmission, email, or otherwise, whether acting directly or
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1 through any corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, are permanently
2 restrained and enjoined from:

- 3 A. Disclosing, using, or benefitting from consumer information,
4 including the name, address, telephone number, email address, Social
5 Security number, other identifying information, or any data that
6 enables access to a consumer's account (including a credit card, bank
7 account, or other financial account), of any person which any
8 Defendant obtained prior to entry of this Order in connection with the
9 marketing and sale of mortgage assistance relief services;
- 10 B. Failing to dispose of such customer information in all forms in their
11 possession, custody, or control within thirty (30) days after entry of
12 this Order. Disposal shall be by means that protect against the
13 unauthorized access to the customer information, such as by burning,
14 pulverizing, or shredding any papers, and by erasing or destroying any
15 electronic media, to ensure that the customer information cannot
16 practicably be read or reconstructed.

17 *Provided, however,* that customer information need not be disposed of, and may be
18 disclosed, to the extent requested by a government agency or required by law,
19 regulation, or court order.

20 **VII. MONETARY JUDGMENT AND SUSPENSION**

21 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that:

- 22 A. Judgment in the amount of \$514,910 is entered in favor of the
23 Commission and against Defendants, jointly and severally, as
24 equitable monetary relief.
- 25 B. The judgment is suspended, subject to the Subsections below.
- 26 C. Defendants shall relinquish and turn over to the Receiver, Robb
27 Evans & Associates, LLC, through the Deputy Receiver, Brick Kane,
28 within five (5) days of entry of this Order, all dominion, control, and

1 title to the following items referenced by Defendant Mark Nagy Atalla
2 on the Financial Statement of Individual Defendant, provided to
3 counsel for the Commission on or about November 21, 2012: (1) the
4 2012 Lance Cali Classic scooter (Item 21); and (2) the watch (Item
5 20).

6 D. All property listed in Paragraph VII.C is deemed to be, and is decreed
7 to be as of the date of this Final Order, assets of the Receivership
8 Estate, to be disposed of by the Receiver subject to the terms of this
9 Final Order. Effective as of the date of this Final Order, none of the
10 Defendants shall have any right, title or interest in any of such
11 property. Defendant Atalla and all other Defendants shall cooperate
12 with the Receiver by signing, upon the Receiver's request, any
13 documents deemed necessary by the Receiver or its counsel to
14 complete or confirm the transfers effectuated by this Paragraph.

15 E. Within a reasonable time, the Receiver shall sell or liquidate the
16 Receivership Estate and all assets transferred to the Receiver pursuant
17 to this section by public or private sale to any interested bona fide
18 third-party buyer for value, who is not a Defendant herein.

19 F. Defendants shall sell the 2005 Bentley Continental GT 2-Door Coupe
20 (Item 21 referenced by Defendant Mark Nagy Atalla on the financial
21 Statement of Individual Defendant, provided to counsel for the
22 Commission on or about November 21, 2012), and office furniture
23 and equipment (referenced by Defendant American Mortgage
24 Consulting Group in its supplemental documentation provided to
25 counsel for the Commission on or about January 18, 2013), and shall:

- 26 1. provide full details of the proposed transaction to the Receiver,
27 including the name and address of the prospective buyer, the
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1 full price to be paid, and, with respect to the Bentley, the payoff
2 amount to Wells Fargo Dealer Services;

- 3 2. obtain the Receiver's approval prior to completion of the sale;
4 3. with respect to the office furniture and equipment, turn over the
5 entire proceeds of the sale to the Receiver; and
6 4. with respect to the 2005 Bentley, turn over to the Receiver any
7 proceeds in excess of the amount owed and paid to Wells Fargo
8 Dealer Services.

9 G. Neither the Receiver nor any Defendant shall be required to seek or
10 obtain any further court order or approval with respect to the sale of
11 these assets. All proceeds recovered under the sales, net of reasonable
12 fees and expenses (including reasonable Receiver's and attorneys' fees
13 and expenses) incurred in connection with the sales and any other
14 liabilities required to be paid consistent with the terms of such sales,
15 shall be treated in the manner described below in this Section VII.
16 Proceeds from the Receiver's and the Defendants' sales of these assets
17 shall be paid to the Commission pursuant to this Order, and shall be
18 credited against the amount of the judgment owed by all Defendants
19 as set forth in Paragraph VII.A, *provided*, that the Receiver may
20 deduct and pay therefrom all Receivership administrative expenses
21 and its costs and fees, including attorneys' fees and costs, as approved
22 by the Court.

23 H. The Commission's agreement to the suspension of part of the
24 judgment is expressly premised upon the truthfulness, accuracy, and
25 completeness of Defendants' sworn financial statements and related
26 documents (collectively, "financial representations") submitted to the
27 Commission, namely:
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1. the Financial Statement of Individual Defendant Mark Nagy Atalla signed on November 21, 2012;
2. the Financial Statements of Corporate Defendants American Mortgage Consulting Group, LLC, and Home Guardian Management Solutions, LLC, signed by Defendant Mark Nagy Atalla on November 21, 2012; and
3. the additional documentation, revising and supplementing the prior Financial Statements, signed by Defendant Mark Nagy Atalla on January 18, 2013.

I. The suspension of the judgment will be lifted as to any Defendant if, upon motion by the Commission, the Court finds (1) that Defendant failed to disclose any material asset, materially misstated the value of any asset, or made any other material misstatement or omission in the financial representations identified above, or (2) that Defendant is in default on any obligation under this Section VII.

J. If the suspension of the judgment is lifted, the judgment becomes immediately due in the amount specified in Paragraph A above (which the parties stipulate only for purposes of this Section represents the consumer injury alleged in the Complaint), less any payment previously made pursuant to this Section, plus interest computed from the date of entry of this Order.

K. All money paid to the Commission pursuant to this Order may be deposited into a fund administered by the Commission or its designee to be used for equitable relief, including consumer redress and any attendant expenses for the administration of any redress fund. If a representative of the Commission decides that direct redress to consumers is wholly or partially impracticable or money remains after redress is completed, the Commission may apply any remaining

1 money for such other equitable relief (including consumer information
2 remedies) as it determines to be reasonably related to Defendants'
3 practices alleged in the Complaint. Any money not used for such
4 equitable relief is to be deposited to the U.S. Treasury as
5 disgorgement. Defendants have no right to challenge any actions the
6 Commission or its representatives may take pursuant to this
7 Paragraph.

8 L. Defendants relinquish dominion and all legal and equitable right, title,
9 and interest in all assets transferred pursuant to this Order and may not
10 seek the return of any assets.

11 M. The facts alleged in the Complaint will be taken as true, without
12 further proof, in any subsequent civil litigation by or on behalf of the
13 Commission, including in a proceeding to enforce its rights to any
14 payment or monetary judgment pursuant to this Order, such as a
15 nondischargeability complaint in any bankruptcy case.

16 N. The facts alleged in the Complaint establish all elements necessary to
17 sustain an action by the Commission pursuant to Section 523(a)(2)(A)
18 of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(2)(A), and this Order will
19 have collateral estoppel effect for such purposes.

20 O. Defendants acknowledge that their Taxpayer Identification Numbers
21 (Social Security Numbers or Employer Identification Numbers),
22 which Defendants must submit to the Commission, may be used for
23 collecting and reporting on any delinquent amount arising out of this
24 Order, in accordance with 31 U.S.C. § 7701.

25 **VIII. PROHIBITION ON COLLECTING ON ACCOUNTS**

26 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants, whether acting directly or
27 through any person, business entity, trust, corporation, partnership, limited
28 liability company, subsidiary, division, or other device, or any of them, are

1 permanently restrained and enjoined from attempting to collect, collecting, or
2 assigning any right to collect payment from any consumer who purchased or
3 agreed to purchase any Defendant's mortgage assistance relief service.

4 **IX. RECEIVERSHIP**

5 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the appointment of Robb Evans &
6 Associates, LLC, as Receiver over the Corporate Defendants, pursuant to the
7 Temporary Restraining Order entered on September 18, 2012, and the Preliminary
8 Injunction entered on October 1, 2012, is continued in full force and effect except
9 as modified by this Section. The Receiver shall complete liquidation of all assets
10 of the Receivership Estate, including all assets of the Corporate Defendants. Upon
11 liquidation of the assets of the Receivership Estate, including assets of the
12 Corporate Defendants, the Receiver shall submit its final report and application for
13 fees and expenses, and upon approval of the same by the Court, shall pay any
14 remaining funds to the FTC after payment of all outstanding Receivership
15 expenses and approved Receiver's and attorneys' fees and costs. Upon the Court's
16 approval of the Receiver's final report, payment of Receivership expenses, and the
17 payment of any remaining funds to the FTC under this Section, the Receivership
18 over Corporate Defendants shall be terminated.

19 **X. DISSOLUTION OF ASSET FREEZE**

20 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the freeze on the assets of Defendants
21 shall remain in effect until the Defendants have taken all of the actions required by
22 Section VII above. Once Defendants have fully complied with the requirements of
23 Section VII, the freeze against the assets of Defendants shall be lifted permanently.

24 A financial institution shall be entitled to rely upon a letter from Plaintiff stating
25 that the freeze on the assets of Defendants has been lifted.

1 **XI. ORDER ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

2 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants obtain acknowledgments of
3 receipt of this Order:

4 A. Each Defendant, within seven (7) days of entry of this Order, must
5 submit to the Commission an acknowledgment of receipt of this Order
6 sworn under penalty of perjury;

7 B. For five (5) years after entry of this Order, Individual Defendant, for
8 any business that he individually or collectively with any Defendant,
9 is the majority owner or directly or indirectly controls, and each
10 Corporate Defendant, must deliver a copy of this Order to: (1) all
11 principals, officers, directors, and managers; (2) all employees,
12 agents, and representatives who participate in conduct related to the
13 subject matter of the Order; and (3) any business entity resulting from
14 any change in structure as set forth in the Section titled Compliance
15 Reporting. Delivery must occur with seven (7) days of entry of this
16 Order for current personnel. To all others, delivery must occur before
17 they assume their responsibilities; and

18 C. From each individual or entity to which a Defendant delivered a copy
19 of this Order, that Defendant must obtain, within thirty (30) days, a
20 signed and dated acknowledgment of receipt of this Order.

21 **XII. COMPLIANCE REPORTING**

22 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants make timely submissions to
23 the Commission:

24 A. One year after entry of this Order, each Defendant must submit a
25 compliance report, sworn under penalty of perjury:

26 1. Each Defendant must: (a) designate at least one telephone
27 number and an email, physical, and postal address as points of
28 contact, which representatives of the Commission may use to

1 communicate with Defendant; (b) identify all of that
2 Defendant's businesses by all of their names, telephone
3 numbers, and physical, postal, email, and Internet addresses;
4 (c) describe the activities of each business, including the
5 products and services offered, the means of advertising,
6 marketing, and sales, and the involvement of any other
7 Defendant (which Individual Defendant must describe if he
8 knows or should know due to his own involvement);
9 (d) describe in detail whether and how that Defendant is in
10 compliance with each Section of this Order; and (e) provide a
11 copy of each Order Acknowledgment obtained pursuant to this
12 Order, unless previously submitted to the Commission; and

13 2. Additionally, Individual Defendant must: (a) identify all
14 telephone numbers and all email, Internet, physical, and postal
15 addresses, including all residences; (b) identify all titles and
16 roles in all business activities, including any businesses for
17 which such Defendant performs services whether as an
18 employee or otherwise and any entity in which such Defendant
19 has any ownership interest; and (c) describe in detail
20 Defendant's involvement in each such business, including title,
21 role, responsibilities, participation, authority, control, and any
22 ownership;

23 B. For ten (10) years following entry of this Order, each Defendant must
24 submit a compliance notice, sworn under penalty of perjury, within
25 fourteen (14) days of any change in the following:

26 1. Each Defendant must report any change in: (a) any designated
27 point of contact; (b) the structure of any Corporate Defendant or
28 any entity that Defendant has any ownership interest in or

1 directly or indirectly controls that may affect compliance
2 obligations arising under this Order, including: creation,
3 merger, sale, or dissolution of the entity or any subsidiary,
4 parent, or affiliate that engages in any acts or practices subject
5 to this Order;

6 2. Additionally, Individual Defendant must report any change in:
7 (a) name, including aliases or fictitious names, or residence
8 address; or (b) title or role in any business activity, including
9 any business for which such Defendant performs services
10 whether as an employee or otherwise and any entity in which
11 such Defendant has an ownership interest, and identify its
12 name, physical address, and Internet address, if any;

13 C. Each Defendant must submit to the Commission notice of the filing of
14 any bankruptcy petition, insolvency proceeding, or any similar
15 proceeding by or against such Defendant within fourteen (14) days of
16 its filing;

17 D. Any submission to the Commission required by this Order to be
18 sworn to under penalty of perjury must be true and accurate and
19 comply with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, such as by concluding: "I declare
20 under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of
21 America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on: ___" and
22 supplying the date, signatory's full name, title (if applicable), and
23 signature; and

24 E. Unless otherwise directed by a Commission representative in writing,
25 all submissions to the Commission pursuant to this Order must be
26 emailed to Debrief@ftc.gov or sent by overnight courier (not U.S.
27 Postal Service) to: Associate Director for Enforcement, Bureau of
28 Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania

1 Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. The subject line must begin:
2 *FTC v. American Mortgage Consulting Group, LLC, et al.*,
3 No. X120052.

4 **XIII. RECORD KEEPING**

5 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants must create certain records
6 for ten (10) years after entry of this Order, and retain each such record for five (5)
7 years. Specifically, each Corporate Defendant and each Individual Defendant for
8 any business of which that Defendant, individually or collectively with any other
9 Defendant, is a majority owner or directly or indirectly controls, must maintain the
10 following records:

- 11 A. Accounting records showing the revenues from all goods or services
12 sold, all costs incurred in generating those revenues, and the resulting
13 net profit or loss;
- 14 B. Personnel records showing, for each person providing services,
15 whether as an employee or otherwise, that person's: name, address,
16 and telephone numbers; job title or position; the dates of service; and,
17 if applicable, reason for termination;
- 18 C. Complaints and refund requests, whether received directly or
19 indirectly, such as through a third party, and any response;
- 20 D. All records necessary to demonstrate full compliance with each
21 provision of this Order, including all submissions to the Commission;
22 and
- 23 E. A copy of each advertisement or other marketing material related to
24 the marketing of any financial good or service.

25 **XIV. COMPLIANCE MONITORING**

26 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, for the purpose of monitoring
27 Defendants' compliance with this Order, including the financial representations
28 upon which the judgment was suspended:


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- A. Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of a written request from a representative of the Commission, each Defendant must: submit additional compliance reports or other requested information, which must be sworn under penalty of perjury; appear for depositions; and produce documents for inspection and copying. The Commission is also authorized to obtain discovery, without further leave of court, using any of the procedures prescribed by Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 29, 30 (including telephonic depositions), 31, 33, 34, 36, 45, and 69, provided that Defendants, after attempting to resolve a dispute without court action and for good cause shown, may file a motion with this Court seeking an order including one or more of the protections set forth in Rule 26(c).
- B. For matters concerning this Order, the Commission is authorized to communicate directly with each Defendant. Defendant must permit representatives of the Commission to interview any employee or other person affiliated with any Defendant who has agreed to such an interview. The person interviewed may have counsel present.
- C. The FTC may use all other lawful means, including posing, through its representatives, as consumers, suppliers, or other individuals or entities, to Defendants or any individual or entity affiliated with Defendants, without the necessity of identification or prior notice. Nothing in this Order limits the Commission's lawful use of compulsory process, pursuant to Sections 9 and 20 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 49, 57b-1.

1 **XV. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION**

2 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Court retains jurisdiction of this
3 matter for all purposes of construction, modification, and enforcement of this
4 Order.

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6 DATED: September 18, 2013



The Honorable David O. Carter
United States District Judge

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