# STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SECURITIES DIVISION

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IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING whether there has been a violation of the Securities Act of Washington by:

Pacific Coast Investment Co. and Raymundo Salgado

Respondents.

Order Number S-06-121-06-CO02

CONSENT ORDER DENYING SALESPERSON RE-REGISTRATION, SUSPENDING LICENSE, BANNING AS PRINCIPAL. AND IMPOSING A FINE

#### INTRODUCTION

On June 26, 2006, the Securities Division, Department of Financial Institutions, State of Washington ("Securities Division), issued Statement of Charges S-06-121-06-TO01 against Respondents Pacific Coast Investment Co. ("PCIC") and Raymundo Salgado ("Salgado"). On November 9, 2006, the Securities Division issued Amended Statement of Charges S-06-121-06-TO02 against Respondents PCIC and Salgado. Pursuant to the Securities Act of Washington, RCW 21.20, the Securities Division and Respondent Raymundo Salgado do hereby enter into this CONSENT ORDER in settlement of the matters alleged herein. Respondent Salgado neither admits nor denies the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated below.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

#### RESPONDENTS AND THEIR REGISTRATION STATUS

1. Pacific Coast Investment Co. ("PCIC") is a Washington corporation with its principal place of business at 401 Columbia Avenue, Suite 410, Seattle, WA 98104.

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- 2. PCIC had been registered pursuant to RCW 21.20.210 and WAC 460-33A to sell mortgage paper securities as that term is defined in WAC 460-33A-015(4). The registration, number 70011404, was scheduled to expire on June 30, 2006.
- 3. PCIC had been registered as a broker-dealer under RCW 21.20.040 with registration number 10003976, which was scheduled to expire on June 30, 2006.
- 4. Raymundo Salgado ("Salgado") is currently a Director, CEO, President and Secretary at PCIC. Mr. Salgado is presently the sole corporate officer of PCIC. Mr. Salgado had been registered as a securities salesperson with registration number 20008043, which was scheduled to expire on June 30, 2006.
- 5. On May 19, 2006, PCIC filed an application for re-registration with the Securities Division ("Division"), as well as a copy of its General Offering Circular dated July 1, 2006.

#### **BACKGROUND**

- 6. PCIC originates or acquires notes secured by deeds of trusts on real property and then resells to investors fractionalized "participation" interests in those loans. PCIC registers these participation interests with the Securities Division as "mortgage paper securities" under RCW 21.20.210 and WAC 460-33A. Through the registration process in WAC 460-33A, PCIC becomes a "mortgage broker-dealer" as that term is defined in WAC 460-33A-005(1). To use this registration process, WAC 460-33A-020 generally requires that the registrant file a registration statement accompanied by a general offering circular, a sample specific offering circular, and certain other documents with the Securities Division.
- 7. WAC 460-33A also sets forth rules regarding trust accounting, disbursement of investor funds, timely recording the instrument securing the investors' participation interest, fiduciary duties and conflicts of interests, and other matters.
- 8. Since 2004, the Division has twice issued administrative orders against PCIC alleging failure to timely record investor interests, trust accounting violations, and other matters. In Consent Orders dated

May 7, 2004, and November 5, 2005, PCIC agreed to cease and desist from future violations of RCW 21.20.010 and WAC 460-33A-055, -060, -070. See Order Numbers S-03-209-04-CO01 and S-05-073-05-CO01.

## SECURITIES DIVISION COMMENT LETTER

9. The Division issued a comment letter dated June 15, 2006, addressing incomplete or misleading statements in PCIC's General Offering Circular. Some comments addressed incomplete disclosure about prior loan performance, stale financial information, incomplete disclosure concerning management and key employees, and incomplete information about conflicts of interest and related risks. As of the date of these Orders, PCIC has not responded to the Division's comment letter or otherwise supplemented its registration statement.

#### REAL ESTATE OWNED SALES RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PCIC

10. In connection with the mortgage paper securities that PCIC sells, PCIC serves as servicing agent and manager for the loans and underlying properties. For some mortgage paper securities sold by PCIC, borrowers have defaulted on the underlying notes. Through PCIC's efforts as manager, investors subsequently acquired the real properties that had secured the investors' participation interests in the notes. PCIC has recommended to investors that they sell these real estate owned ("REO") properties. Some of these recommended sales involved financing by the investors through loan transactions that were brokered by PCIC. Based on information provided by PCIC, it made at least three recommendations since May 2005 to sell properties that secured investor participation interests without providing investors all of the disclosures required by WAC 460-33A-037. Omitted disclosures include a current appraisal or broker's opinion of value when required by WAC 460-33A-037(2); tax assessed value; the right of investors to receive a list of other investors holding an interest in the property; the right of a majority of investors to

remove PCIC as servicing agent; and a loan application, credit report, and financial statements for the buyer. Despite investor complaints to PCIC, it continued to fail to disclose this information to investors.

### DELAYED RECORDING OF SECURITY INTERESTS

11. Prior Securities Division examinations and investigations of PCIC have revealed that PCIC fails to record property instruments in a timely manner, leaving the investors unsecured or vulnerable to prior recorded interests. In its role as manager, PCIC sells foreclosed properties for investors. Based on information provided by PCIC, in at least two transactions since May 2005, PCIC released investors' interests in foreclosed properties in consideration for a note without first perfecting investors' security interests in the note. PCIC states that investor interests are secured and does not disclose to investors that it has not perfected their interests in the note or the related risks. In conflict with the investors' interests, PCIC did not obtain consent of investors to release their property interests without having perfected their security interests.

## **EXAMPLE TRANSACTIONS**

#### Stambaugh

- 12. During 2005, PCIC solicited investor votes from a group of more than 50 investors to approve a bid for repairs to an REO property, a Youngstown, Ohio office building known as the Stambaugh building. PCIC and Salgado sent the investors a letter dated March 31, 2005. The letter lists three companies and their respective bids. The lowest bid came from Property Renovation Services, a company described as "an independent contractor PCIC has used in the past." PCIC and Salgado failed to disclose that Property Renovation Services was owned and/or controlled by Louis Gadini, a key employee and the REO manager for PCIC.
- 13. Later, PCIC and Salgado solicited investor votes to approve the sale of the Stambaugh building. In letters dated November 15, 2005 and December 6, 2005, PCIC and Salgado represented that Peter

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Pappas, a prospective purchaser of the Stambaugh building, was a qualified buyer who owned several commercial buildings in Youngstown, Ohio. PCIC said that it had received financial statements showing assets in excess of \$50 million and that PCIC had confirmed Mr. Pappas's net worth. Based on these representations, a majority of the investors voted to approve the sale of the Stambaugh building to Peter Pappas. The letter did not disclose whether Mr. Pappas had any liabilities and it did not disclose Mr. Pappas's net worth. The Securities Division has reviewed all of the files that PCIC produced relating to the transaction and has found no financial statements or other financial information pertaining to Peter Pappas.

14. After telling investors that the prospective purchaser for the Stambaugh building was Peter Pappas, PCIC and Salgado sold the Stambaugh building to a different buyer, without the knowledge or approval of the investors. PCIC and Salgado unilaterally approved the sale of the Stambaugh building to Platia Square, LLC, an Ohio LLC with a purported net worth of \$212,500. On March 29, 2006, when PCIC and Salgado sold the Stambaugh building, the purchaser, Platia Square, LLC, had no legal existence. In order to finance the sale, PCIC and Salgado approved a \$1,050,000 loan from the investors to Platia Square, LLC, a company that was organized on May 16, 2006. On March 29, 2006, PCIC recorded a mortgage to secure the note from Platia Square, LLC to PCIC. On May 14, 2006, PCIC recorded an assignment of mortgage to secure the investors' participation interests in the loan.

## Oaks Motel

During 2005, PCIC solicited investor votes from a group of more than 75 investors to approve the sale of a hotel and mobile home park in Longview, Washington, known as the Oaks Motel & Trailer Court ("Oaks Motel"). PCIC and Salgado sent the investors a letter dated April 20, 2005. In the letter, PCIC and Salgado represented that they had received a \$1,752,000 purchase offer for Oaks Motel from REO Property Management, "an independent contractor with whom we have worked in the past and currently help with distressed properties." PCIC and Salgado failed to disclose that REO Property

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Management, Inc. was owned and/or controlled by Louis Gadini, a key employee and the REO manager for PCIC. On June 30, 2005, PCIC sold the Oaks Motel property to REO Property Management. In order to finance the purchase, REO Property Management borrowed \$1,752,000 from the investors. On July 11, 2005, PCIC recorded an assignment of deed of trust to secure the investors' participation interests in the loan.

## Goldstar Development

- 16. During 2006, PCIC solicited investor votes from a group of approximately 10 investors to approve the sale of three lots in Longview, Washington, known as the Goldstar Development lots. In a letter dated January 23, 2006, PCIC and Salgado told investors that the Goldstar Development loan had originally been secured by 5 vacant lots that were appraised in 1997 at \$180,000. Two of the lots were sold, with three vacant lots remaining. The letter stated that there was no interest in buying the three remaining lots because they had a steep slope and the costs of developing the land had discouraged any potential developers. The letter said that the City of Longview had recently issued a citation because the ground was falling in and creating a public nuisance and that the potential buyer wanted to use the land as a dirt landfill site. The letter stated that in the opinion of the real estate agent the land was not saleable and had little or no commercial value. The letter said that PCIC had received a \$3,000 cash offer for the lots and PCIC and Salgado recommended that the investors accept the offer.
- 17. PCIC and Salgado failed to disclose that the proposed buyer of the land was REO Property Management, Inc., which was owned and/or controlled by Louis Gadini, a key employee and the REO manager for PCIC. PCIC and Salgado failed to disclose that the reason the City of Longview had issued a public nuisance citation to PCIC was for not clearing off the sidewalks. PCIC and Salgado failed to disclose that the combined tax assessed value of the three lots was approximately \$58,000 at the time of the offer. On January 29, 2006, PCIC and Salgado sold the lots to REO Property Management, Inc. for

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\$3,000. REO Property Management, Inc. made improvements to the lots and sold the lots for \$100,000 on April 19, 2006.

### FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED RECORDS

18. For transactions involving real estate owned properties, because PCIC did not maintain adequate books and records, PCIC and Salgado have been unable to provide ledgers or other records that itemize separately the account of each investor. For example, in 2006, the servicing of the "Tyee" loan was transferred from PCIC to a different company, Mallard Bay, LLC. PCIC and Salgado failed to provide Mallard Bay, LLC with records showing which investors contributed additional funds, through cash calls, over the life of the Tyee loan. PCIC and Salgado have also failed to provide the Securities Division with complete accounting records that itemize the funds that were collected from income-producing REO properties. In addition, PCIC and Salgado have failed to provide the Securities Division with complete records that support the expenses that have been charged to investors for real estate owned properties.

## <u>UNDISCLOSED LITIGATION</u>

19. During 2006, PCIC and Salgado failed to timely disclose to investors and to the Securities Division that Philip Chesterfield, a 1/3 shareholder of PCIC, had filed a lawsuit in February 2006 against PCIC and Salgado for alleged breach of contract, tortious interference with a business relationship, negligent misrepresentation, fraud and defamation and was seeking to dissolve the company.

Based upon the Findings of Fact, the following Conclusions of Law are made:

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The offer or sale of notes, notes and deeds of trust, and mortgage paper securities as described above constitutes the offer or sale of a security as defined in RCW 21.20.005(10) and (12).

- 2. As set forth above in the Findings of Fact, PCIC's general offering circular and other reregistration materials are materially incomplete, which constitutes a ground for the entry of a Stop Order under RCW 21.20.280(1).
- 3. As set forth above in the Findings of Fact, PCIC has willfully violated WAC 460-33A-037 because it recommended to investors that they sell real estate the investors owned without providing required disclosures, which constitutes grounds for a Stop Order under RCW 21.20.280(2), an order suspending and denying broker-dealer and salesperson registration under RCW 21.20.110(1), and an order revoking exemptions under RCW 21.20.325.
- 4. As set forth above in the Findings of Fact, PCIC and Salgado have each violated RCW 21.20.010 because, in connection with the offer or sale of a security, they made materially false or misleading statements or omissions regarding investor security interests, property values, borrower credit and financial information, material litigation against the company and its officers and directors, and other matters. Such conduct constitutes grounds for a Stop Order under RCW 21.20.280(2), an order suspending and denying or revoking broker-dealer and salesperson registration under RCW 21.20.110(1), and an order revoking exemptions under RCW 21.20.325.
- 5. As set forth in the Findings of Fact, PCIC has violated RCW 21.20.100 because PCIC has not made, kept, and preserved records as required under WAC 460-33A-115 and -120. Such conduct constitutes grounds for a Stop Order under RCW 21.20.280(2), an order suspending and denying or revoking broker-dealer registration under RCW 21.20.110(1), and an order revoking exemptions under RCW 21.20.325.

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#### CONSENT ORDER

IT IS AGREED AND ORDERED that Raymundo Salgado's salesperson registration was suspended on June 28, 2006, expired on June 30, 2006, and that his salesperson re-registration application submitted on May 19, 2006 is denied.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Raymundo Salgado shall not make application for nor be granted a securities salesperson, broker-dealer, investment adviser or investment adviser representative registration for nine months from the date of entry of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Raymundo Salgado shall be subject to a fine in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) and shall pay this amount on or before the date of entry of this Consent Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Raymundo Salgado shall not be an officer, or director, or partner, or managing member of an LLC, or an equity owner (10% or more), or otherwise be involved in the control, policy-making functions or supervision of individuals of a broker-dealer, investment adviser or mortgage paper securities issuer for a period four years from the date of entry of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the Securities Division has jurisdiction to enter this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that in consideration of the foregoing Raymundo Salgado waives his right to a hearing in this matter and to judicial review of this order pursuant to RCW 21.20.440 and Chapter 34.05 RCW.

WILLFUL VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

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6	Raymundo Salgado	
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9	Greg Cavagnaro, attorney for Raymundo Salgado	
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### **APPENDIX**

For the purposes of this Consent Order, the term "officer" shall mean an issuer's president, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer (or, if there is no such accounting officer, the controller), any vice-president of the issuer in charge of a principal business unit, division or function (such as sales, administration or finance), any other officer who performs a policy-making function, or any other person who performs similar policy-making functions for the issuer. Officers of the issuer's parent(s) or subsidiaries shall be deemed officers of the issuer if they perform such policy-making functions for the issuer. In addition, when the issuer is a limited partnership, officers or employees of the general partner(s) who perform policy-making functions for the limited partnership are deemed officers of the limited partnership. When the issuer is a trust, officers or employees of the trustee(s) who perform policy-making functions for the trust are deemed officers of the trust.

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