#### STATE OF ILLINOIS

# DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION DIVISION OF BANKING

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	
CHICAGOLAND MORTGAGE GROUP, LLC	)	No. 2024-MBR-03
License No. MB. 6761407; NMLS 1840657	)	
Attention: Raquel Santiago	)	
3351 North Harlem Avenue	)	
Chicago, IL 60634	)	
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## ORDER REVOKING LICENSE

The DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION, DIVISION OF BANKING ("Department"), having reviewed the activities of **CHICAGOLAND MORTGAGE GROUP, LLC** ("CMG"), 3351 North Harlem Avenue, Chicago, IL 60634 and making findings under the Residential Mortgage License Act of 1987 ("Act") [205 ILCS 635], the Rules promulgated thereunder ("Rules") [38 Ill. Adm. Code 1050], and the Residential Real Property Disclosure Act ("RRPDA") [765 ILCS 77], hereby issues this **ORDER REVOKING LICENSE**.

#### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 1. Section 2-4 of the Act lists prohibited acts and practices for licensees. It is a violation of the Act for a licensee subject to the Act to (c) fail to maintain records, (d) fail to file with the Secretary when due any report or reports which it is required to file under any of the provisions of the Act, (t) fail to comply with the provisions of the Act and Rules, or (u) fail to submit to periodic examination by the Secretary as required.
- 2. Section 2-6 of the Act provides that an Illinois Residential Mortgage License shall be renewed on the common renewal date of the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System ("NMLS") upon a licensee submitting a properly completed renewal application form and paying the appropriate fee. It is the responsibility of each licensee to timely accomplish renewal of its license. A licensee ceasing an activity or activities regulated by the Act and desiring to no longer be licensed must inform the Department in writing, convey the license and all other symbols or indicia of licensure, provide a plan for withdrawal from the regulated business, including a timetable for the disposition of the business, and comply with the Department's surrender guidelines.
- 3. Section 3-2 of the Act requires a licensee to file its most recent audit report, or, for a mortgage broker, unaudited financial statements, with the Director of the Department's Division of Banking ("Director") or NMLS within 90 days after the end of the licensee's fiscal year.

- 4. Section 3-5 of the Act requires a broker licensee to have and maintain a net worth of not less than \$50,000.
- 5. Section 4-5 of the Act provides that when the Department finds any person in violation of the grounds set forth in subsection (i), the Department may enter an order revoking a license as authorized by subsection (h)(1). A licensee violates Section 4-5(i) of the Act due to (11) failure to comply with any order of the Director or rule made or issued under the provisions of the Act, (13) failure to pay in a timely manner any fee, charge or fine under this Act; (14) failure to maintain, preserve, and keep available for examination, all books, accounts or other documents required by the provisions of the Act and the rules of the Commissioner, (15) refusing, obstructing, evading, or unreasonably delaying an investigation, information request, or examination authorized under this Act; and (17) failure to comply with or violation of any provision of this Act.
- 6. Section 4-8.3 of the Act requires that on or before March 1 of each year or the date selected for Mortgage Call Reports under Section 4-9.1 of the Act, each licensee shall file a report with the Secretary that discloses such information as the Secretary requires. A licensee filing a Mortgage Call Report is not required to file an annual report.
- 7. Section 1050.430 of the Rules provides that all audit reports not delivered within 90 days after the date specified in Section 3-2 of the Act, unless extended for cause by the Director, shall cause the licensee to pay a fee at the rate of \$50 per calendar day for up to three months.
- 8. Section 1050.1175 of the Rules requires a licensee engaged in loan brokerage or loan origination to maintain a Loan Log for each residential mortgage loan application. The loan log shall contain the loan originator name for each loan.
- 9. Section 1050.1176(a) of the Rules requires a licensee to retain all records prepared or received in the course of business for 36 months; failure to maintain such records is a violation of the Act.
- 10. Section 1050.1177 of the Rules state that all licensees engaged in loan brokering or originating shall maintain a loan application file for each loan application that contains certain information such as the Loan Brokerage Agreement and appraisal and all other documents in or related to the loan file.
- 11. Section 77/70(c) of the RRPDA requires each licensee to enter the required loan data within 10 days of application into the Anti-Predatory Lending Database ("APLD").

### **FACTUAL FINDINGS**

- 12. CMG is a residential mortgage licensee holding Illinois Residential Mortgage License No. MB.6761407 ("License"). This License expired on December 31, 2022.
- 13. On February 14, 2022, the Department notified CMG by a Pre-Examination Alert Requirements Letter ("PEARL") that a compliance examination of CMG was to be made

- in March 2022. The Department provided standard forms for such examination and requested pre-examination documents to be produced prior to the scheduled examination.
- 14. Despite numerous requests from the Examiners, CMG failed to submit any books or records for examination in conformance with the Act and the Rules, as required, and as requested in the PEARL on February 14, 2022.
- 15. An Examination was conducted of CMG and a Report of Examination ("ROE") was completed on March 1, 2022, noting the failure of CMG to submit pre-exam documents and assigning a Level 4 rating to CMG. Other violations cited in the ROE included the following:
  - a. failure to meet net worth requirements;
  - b. failure to comply with Prohibited Acts and Practices;
  - c. failure to file mortgage call reports;
  - d. failure to maintain loan logs;
  - e. failure to maintain loan application file documents; and
  - f. failure to timely file qualifying loans in the APLD.
- 16. CMG was informed on August 31, 2022, that it was required to attend a Supervision meeting with the Department, to file a response to the ROE and to pay the examination fee. A response was not filed, and no meeting occurred.
- 17. CMG was informed on September 6, 2022, that it was required to provide written responses to the violations in the ROE. CMG failed to file a response.
- 18. CMG was again informed on October 18, 2022, that it was required to provide written responses to the violations in the ROE. CMG failed to file a response.
- 19. CMG did not timely file its February 2022 audited financial statements and did not timely file a Mortgage Call Report for the second and third quarters of 2021.
- 20. CMG failed to renew its licensee for the year 2023.
- 21. CMG did not surrender the license any time after the license expired on December 31, 2022. CMG did not complete the surrender process and submitted no other information, books, or records.

# **LEGAL CONCLUSION**

- 22. The Department finds that CMG failed to apply for renewal or properly surrender its license as required by the Act.
- 23. The Department finds that CMG is in violation of Sections 2-4(c), (d), (t), & (u), 2-6, 3-2, 3-5, 4-1, 4-5(i)(11), (13), (14), (15), (17), and 4-8.3 of the Act, Sections 1050.430,

1050.1175, 1050.1176(a), and 1050.1177 of the Rules and Section 77/70(c) of the Residential Real Property Disclosure Act.

# NOW IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT,

The Department REVOKES CHICAGOLAND MORTGAGE GROUP, LLC's Illinois Residential Mortgage License No. MB. 6761407 pursuant to Section 4-5(h)(1) of the Act.

ORDERED THIS 8 DAY OF JULY 2024

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION DIVISION OF BANKING



ACTING DIRECTOR

You are hereby notified that this Order is an administrative decision. Pursuant to Section 4-12 of the Illinois Residential Mortgage License Act [205 ILCS 635/4-12] and the rules promulgated thereunder on Hearings Before the Division of Banking and Division of Financial Institutions [38 Ill. Adm. Code 100.5 et seq.], an affected party may file a petition for a hearing on an administrative decision by the Director. The petition for a hearing must be filed within 10 days after service of this Order by mail to the Department at 555 W. Monroe St., Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60201, Attn: Angela Alexandrakis with an electronic copy by email to Angela. Alexandrakis@illinois.gov. The petition for hearing must be in writing and set forth the petitioner's license number, docket number of the administrative decision that resulted in discipline, and date of the administrative decision, pursuant to 38 Ill. Adm. Code 100.30(c). Each party that requests a hearing shall pay a \$500 nonrefundable fee to the Department in accordance with 38 Ill. Adm. Code 100.20. After receipt of a properly completed and timely petition for hearing, a case will be docketed and notice sent to the petitioner setting forth the date, time, and place of the hearing. Absent a petition for a hearing, this Order shall constitute a final administrative decision subject to the Administrative Review Law [735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.].