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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Charles Thomason Southern Heritage Home Showcase, Inc. 4393 Highway 135 North Tifton, Georgia 31794

ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND FINANCE

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 7-1-1018(a), the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance ("Department") hereby orders you, Charles Thomason, to cease and desist from engaging in activities in violation of the Georgia Residential Mortgage Act, O.C.G.A. § 7-1-1000 et seq ("the GRMA"). O.C.G.A. § 7-1-1002(a) prohibits any person from transacting business as a residential mortgage loan originator, mortgage broker, or mortgage lender unless licensed or exempted from licensing requirements, while O.C.G.A. § 7-1-1002(b) prohibits any person from transacting business with a person who is unlicensed, unregistered, and not exempt from licensing and registration requirements. Further, O.C.G.A. § 7-1-1002(c) prohibits any person from directly or indirectly controlling a person in violation of O.C.G.A. § 7-1-1002(a) and/or O.C.G.A. § 7-1-1002(b) or acting as a general partner, executive officer, joint venture, or director of such person. The Department has documentation that Charles Thomason violated the GRMA, specifically O.C.G.A. § 7-1-1002, by conducting unlicensed activity, transacting business with a person in violation of O.C.G.A. § 7-1-1002(a) and/or (b), and/or directly or indirectly controlling a person in violation of O.C.G.A. § 7-1-1002(a) and/or (b) and/or acting as an officer or director thereof.

This Order shall be final thirty (30) days from the date of issuance. O.C.G.A. § 7-1-1018(a). The Department, however, may rescind the Order to Cease and Desist if, within this thirty-day period, you provide the Department with documentation showing that you are in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 7-1-1002. If the Department does not receive satisfactory documentation within the required time frame, the Order to Cease and Desist shall become a final order of the Department pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 7-1-1018(a). As a result, a licensed mortgage broker or mortgage lender will be prohibited from employing you for a period of five (5) years to perform any functions governed by the GRMA. O.C.G.A. § 7-1-1004.

Rod Carnes, CFE
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