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March 20, 2009

American Lenders Annex
Sheila Joseph, Designated Officer
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Re: Advance Fee Agreement

This letter will acknowledge our receipt of your advance fee agreement and accounting format on March 4, 2009.

The Department has no objection to your use of the advance fee agreement and accounting format as submitted.

Please note that any changes to the agreement or the accounting format must be submitted to the Department for review before it is used. Any promotional materials that you may subsequently wish to use will require our prior review, as well. This includes press releases and announcements related to your advance fee activities.

This letter does not constitute, nor may you make any representation that the Department of Real Estate has endorsed or approved any aspect of your business activities.

Sincerely,

Sylvia I. Yrigollen
Senior Deputy Commissioner
Advance Fee Review Section

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B. Agreement.

In consideration of the mutual promises and agreements exchanged, the Broker and the Principal agree as follows:

1. Amount and Payment of Advance Fee. The Principal agrees to pay an advance fee of ***Level 1-$995 for 1st Loan Modification, Level- 2 $1195 for 1st and 2nd Loan Modification (same lender) or Level 3-$1295.00 for 1st and 2nd Loan Modification (different lender)*** to the Broker on the date this agreement is signed by the Principal, or within _____ days of the execution of this agreement by all parties.

2. Deposit of Advance Fee and Accounting of Funds. The Broker will deposit the advance fee into ***Broker trust account # 23003022, located at Farmers & Merchants Bank, 501 N El Camino Real #100, San Clemente, CA 92672.*** The Broker will provide a verified accounting of these funds to the Principal at the end of each calendar quarter following the execution of this agreement by the Principal, and at the completion or termination of this agreement (whichever occurs first).

3. Scope and Completion of, and Payment for, Loan Modification Services. The Broker shall perform the following loan modification services (without limitation) for and on behalf of the Principal. It is understood by the parties that the list below is not exhaustive, and that not all of the services listed below may be relevant to the Principal's loan(s) on the subject property.

Phase I:
a. Interview the Principal, gather and review information about the current loan(s) and terms to include:

1. Mortgage loan(s) principal balance, monthly payment amount, mortgage statements, loan documents, current interest rate, expected rate and/or payment adjustments, equity, loan(s) payment history and correspondence from the lender(s).

2. Information about the Principal's income and assets, including:

   Paystubs, W2s, 1099s, benefit award letters, retirement and pension benefit statements, annuity statements, child support/alimony, tax returns, profit and loss statements, schedules of real estate owned, stock and mutual fund portfolio statements, bank statements, proof of any other income.

3. Information about the Subject Property, including:

   Property profile, comparable sales, active listings, current property listing information and other applicable documents.

4. Information about the Principal's ability to repay the loan(s), including:

   a. Credit history, hardship circumstances, financial profile (assessment of income, assets, expenses and housing debt to income ratio).

   b. Assist the Principal in preparing a hardship summary/letter.

   c. Prepare and submit loan modification request and package of supporting documents to lender(s).

Completion of Phase I Services. The Broker will complete these Phase I services by (_____) and in no case later than 30 calendar days from the date this agreement is made, as first above written.

Payment for Phase I Services. The Broker shall be entitled to ***25 percent*** (but in no event more than 25 percent) of the advance fee (which entitlement percentage for Phase I services equals ***$$248.75 Level One, $298.75 Level Two, $323.75 Level Three*** for the performance of the applicable and relevant services described in Phase I (and others as may be necessary and/or appropriate).

Phase II:

Phase II services are focused on the Broker's efforts to vigorously and successfully seek through the Lender(s) an offer to the Principals (which offer shall be assessed by the Broker and clearly explained to the Principals) of proactive loan modification solutions which will provide the Principals with the opportunity to remain in the Subject Property while making affordable loan payments.

a. Contact the Lender(s) to discuss/negotiate the loan modification request(s) and package of supporting documents.

b. Communicate regularly with the Lender(s) to attempt to negotiate new, and more favorable, loan terms on behalf of Principal.

c. Assist the Principal in understanding and deciding about the modification terms offered by the Lender(s).

d. Successfully negotiate and/or accomplish a loan modification for the Principal. "Successful loan modification performance" by the Broker shall have occurred if the Principal accepts one or more of the loan modifications set forth below:

Change adjustable interest rate to a fixed interest rate
Reduce fixed interest rate to a lower fixed interest rate
Reduce balance of the principal amount of the loan
Reduce adjustable interest rate / reduce CAPS of adjustable interest rate
Stop upward adjustment of adjustable interest rate
Arrange for the delinquent payment amounts to be added to the end of loan
Arrange for the delinquent payment amounts to be added to a longer loan period
Arrange for the delinquent payment amounts to be accepted in an alternative payment plan
Eliminate or reduce the delinquent payment amounts
Arrange for the lender to accept a discounted pay-off or forbearance

Completion of Phase II Services. The Broker will complete these services by (_____insert date), and in no event later than 90 calendar days from the date this agreement is made, as first above written.

Payment for Phase II Services. The Broker shall be entitled to ***75*** percent of the advance fee (the remainder of the advance fee not earned and paid for Phase I services (which entitlement percentage for Phase II services equals 100 %) of which balance is ***$746.25 Level One, $896.25 Level Two, $971.25 Level Three,*** only for the "successful loan modification performance" of these Phase II services as described in Phase II (section d above).

4. Refund of Advance Fee Until Earned. The advance fee paid by the Principal is fully refundable until earned by the Broker. If any of the agreed upon services are not completed by the Broker by the agreed upon completion date(s), the unearned portion of the advance fee will be refunded to the Principal within 5 business days. If this agreement is terminated by the Principal before the agreed upon completion date and before the agreed upon services are completed, the unearned advance fee will be refunded to the Principal within 5 business days.

5. Responsibilities and Obligations of the Principal. The Principal agrees to furnish the Broker with truthful and accurate information and any documents that will be required by the Broker and the Lender(s) to assess the Principal's financial status, including (without limitation) the following:

Mortgage Statements-past three months
Paystubs-past two pay periods
W2 forms, 1099 forms, and/or Tax Returns-past 2 years
Profit and Loss Statements-past 2 years (if self employed)
Bank Statements-past 2 months
Verification of any other income, Benefit Award Letters, Retirement Statements, Pension Benefit Statements, Annuity Statements, Child Support/Alimony
Schedules of Real Estate owned, Stock and Mutual Fund Portfolio Statements
Authorization for the Broker to obtain Principal information from Lender

The Principal also agrees to provide additional information or documentation within 5 days of the Broker's request.

The Principal further agrees to immediately notify the Broker of any change in the Principal's address.

6. Reasonable Efforts/No Guarantees. The Broker will make reasonable efforts to conclude a "successful loan modification performance" as described in Phase II above. However, the Principal acknowledges that the Broker cannot guarantee that the Principal's existing lender(s) will agree to a modification of the loan(s), and that Principal's existing lender(s) is not obligated to modify the terms of the loan(s) in any way and may not agree to any changes in the loan(s).

7. Governing Law. This agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of California.

8. Amendments. Except as set forth herein, this agreement may not be amended or modified orally and no provision of this Agreement may be waived or amended except in a writing signed by the Principal and the Broker.

9. Severability. If any provision in this agreement is determined to be invalid, illegal or otherwise unenforceable, the determination will not affect any other provision of this agreement. The invalid provision will be severed from this agreement and all remaining provisions will continue to be in full force and affect.

10. Termination of Agreement. Either the Principal or the Broker may terminate this agreement at any time for any reason upon written notice to the other party. At the time of termination, all earned but unpaid fees for completed services (as set forth and described in provision number 3 of this agreement) become due and payable. 11. Indemnification. The Principal agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the broker harmless from all damages, liabilities, claims, obligations, disputes, litigation and/or judgments (and reasonable attorneys fees and costs) which (i) arise from or are related to any incorrect material information and/or material omissions in information supplied by Principal to the Broker and/or (ii) arise from or are related to any material facts that the Principal knows but fails to disclose.

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12. Dispute Resolution. The parties to this agreement will endeavor to resolve any disputes or disagreements between them with respect to or concerning this agreement in a fair and amicable manner. However, if the parties are unable to resolve any such disputes between and/or among themselves (whether in law or equity), the parties expressly agree to binding, neutral arbitration in accordance with the California Code of Civil Procedure with any recognized California arbitration service. Said binding arbitration shall be the exclusive dispute resolution mechanism for seeking legal redress under this agreement. The arbitration hearing shall be conducted pursuant to the California rules of evidence and shall occur in the county where the Subject Property is located. The parties agree to share equally the costs of any such arbitration. Reasonable attorney's fees and costs shall be awarded to the prevailing party.

13. Time of Essence. Time is of the essence with respect to every provision of this agreement that specifies a time for performance.

14. Entire Agreement. Except as otherwise provided by section 2970 (b)(4) of Title 10 of the Code of Regulations, Chapter 6 (Real Estate Commissioner's Regulations), this agreement constitutes the entire agreement and a complete and exclusive expression of the parties' agreement respecting the loan modification services contemplated. Except as conditioned above, this agreement may not be contradicted by evidence of any prior agreement or contemporaneous oral agreement.

15. Successors and Assigns. This agreement shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the parties.

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VERIFIED ACCOUNTING FOR ADVANCE FEES

Broker (Corporation) Name: AMERICAN LENDERS ANNEX
Broker Address 700 S. EL CAMINO REAL #205 SAN CLEMENTE, CA 92672
Broker Trust Account #: 2300302
Depository: FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK 501 N. EL CAMINO REAL #100 SAN CLEMENTE, CA 92672

Principal Name:
Principal Address:
Lender Name:
Loan Account Number:
2nd Lender Name:
2nd Loan Account Number:

Advance Fee Accounting				
Advance Fee Amount Received	From (Principal)	Date Received	Date Deposited in trust account	Balance

Services Performed by Broker	Date Performed	Amount of Fee Allocated	Date Disbursed	Balance
[redacted]				
All Phase I services including: "SEE AGREEMENT" 75% Loan Modification Package submitted to Lender at (address): Loan Modification Package submitted to 2nd Lender at (address):				
[redacted]				
All Phase II services including Successful Loan Modification 15% "SEE AGREEMENT"				

I hereby represent and attest that this is a true and accurate accounting.

Signed Date

AMERICAN LENDERS ANNEX 01430812

Broker Name License Identification Number