

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**  
**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**  
**DIVISION OF BANKING**

IN THE MATTER OF

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**Challenge Financial Investors Corporation**

ATTN: Tricia Conwell

360 Central Avenue Suite 600

St. Petersburg, FL 33701

**ORDER SUSPENDING LICENSE**

The DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION, Division of Banking (the “Department”), having conducted a review of activities related to licensed activities conducted by **Challenge Financial Investors Corporation**, “Licensee”) and having documented violations of the Residential Mortgage License Act of 1987 (the “Act”) [205 ILCS 635] and the rules promulgated under the Act (the “Rules”) [38 Ill. Adm. Code 1050], hereby issues this ORDER pursuant to the authority provided under Section 4-5 of the Act. The Department makes the following:

**FINDINGS**

1. That Challenge Financial Investors Corporation, is an Illinois residential mortgage licensee holding license number MB.0006510 (the “License”), and located at Challenge Financial Investors Corporation, 360 Central Avenue Suite 600, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701;
2. That Licensee has failed to perform one or more of the requirements of the Act and Rules described below:
  - a. Failure of Licensee to maintain Surety Bond (205 ILCS 635/3-1) and (38 Ill Admin. Code 1050.490)
3. That the Department made efforts as described below to advise Licensee of these unfulfilled requirements so that Licensee can comply with the Act and Rules:
  - a. That on August 10, 2007, the Department received a Notice of Cancellation letter from Licensee’s Insurance Company indicating that the surety bond coverage shall be cancelled effective September 16, 2007;

- b. That on August 10, 2007, the Department sent to Licensee a letter via U.S. mail service advising Licensee that the surety bond on file with the Department has been cancelled and that a current bond must be submitted to the Department within 10 days;
- c. That a Potential Disciplinary Letter was sent to Licensee on November 15, 2007 via U.S. first-class mail service and certified mail; A signed receipt card evidencing receipt of such delivery was received by the Department on December 3, 2007; and
- d. That Licensee has not submitted to the Department a current surety bond by the due date.

### **CONCLUSIONS**

BASED UPON THE ABOVE FINDINGS THE DEPARTMENT IS OF THE OPINION AND CONCLUDES:

1. That notwithstanding notices and other efforts by the Department, Licensee failed to maintain a current surety bond; and
2. That Licensee is in violation of Section 3-1 of the Act and Section and 1050.490 of the Rules, and is in further violation of Section 4-5(i)(11) and (17) of the Act.

### **ORDER**

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the license of **Challenge Financial Investors Corporation**, License No. MB.0006510 is suspended by Order of the Department pursuant to Section 4-5(h)(2) of the Act for failure to comply with the provisions cited herein of the Act and rules, effective ten days after receipt of this Order, unless you request a hearing pursuant to the Act and Subpart N of the Rules, including remitting the hearing fee required by Section 1050.210 of the Rules.

ORDERED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2008

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
DEAN MARTINEZ, SECRETARY

DIVISION OF BANKING  
JORGE A. SOLIS, DIRECTOR

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REYNOLD M. BENJAMIN

Assistant Director, Bureau of Residential Finance

**You are hereby notified that this Order is an administrative decision. Pursuant to 205 ILCS 635/4-12 and 38 Ill. Adm. Code, 1050.1510 et seq. any party may file a request for a hearing on an administrative decision. The request for a hearing shall be filed within 10 days after the receipt of an administrative decision and, if so requested, a hearing shall be held on the administrative decision, by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Banking. Absent a request for a hearing, this Order shall constitute a final administrative Order subject to the Administrative Review Law [735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.].**