

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

IN THE MATTER OF

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No. 2008-MBR-29

Mortgage First Limited, L.L.C.
ATTN: Kristin Stergakos
25884 E. Route 83
Long Grove, IL 60060

ORDER REVOKING 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 **Mortgage First Limited, L.L.C.**, (the “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 Mortgage First Limited, L.L.C. is an Illinois residential mortgage licensee holding license number MB.0004458 (the “License”), and located at 25884 E. Route 83, Long Grove, Illinois 60060;
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);
 - b. Failure of Licensee to notify the Department of an address change (38 Ill. Adm. Code 1050.480); and
 - c. Failure of Licensee to properly surrender the License (205 ILCS 635/2-6(e)).
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 10, 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 on October 1, 2007, Licensee informed the Department that Licensee will no longer be doing business in the State of Illinois as of August 3, 2007 and referencing surrender of the license;
- d. That on October 16, 2007, the Department sent Licensee notice of further documentation needed for completion of license surrender with a response due date of November 16, 2007;
- e. That a Potential Disciplinary Letter was sent to Licensee for failure to maintain surety bond coverage on November 15, 2007 via U.S. first-class mail service and certified mail;
- f. That said letter sent by certified mail was returned to the Department on December 3, 2007 by the U.S. Postal Service with the following message: "Return To Sender; Attempted-Not Known; Unable to Forward;" and
- g. That Licensee has not submitted to the Department any of the requested and required documentation.

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 properly surrender its License; and
2. That Licensee is in violation of Sections 2-6(e) and 3-1 of the Act and Sections 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 **Mortgage First Limited, L.L.C.**, License No. MB.0004458 is revoked by Order of the Department pursuant to Section 4-5(h)(1) 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 5TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2008

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
DEAN MARTINEZ, SECRETARY

DIVISION OF BANKING
JORGE A. SOLIS, DIRECTOR

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.].