

AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN  
Noble Bank and Trust, National Association  
Anniston, Alabama  
and  
The Comptroller of the Currency

Noble Bank and Trust, National Association, Anniston, Alabama (“Bank”) and the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States of America (“Comptroller”) wish to protect the interests of the depositors, other customers, and shareholders of the Bank, and, toward that end, wish the Bank to operate safely and soundly and in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

The Comptroller has found unsafe and unsound banking practices relating to credit risk management practices at the Bank.

In consideration of the above premises, it is agreed, between the Bank, by and through its duly elected and acting Board of Directors (“Board”), and the Comptroller, through his authorized representative, that the Bank shall operate at all times in compliance with the articles of this Agreement.

ARTICLE I

JURISDICTION

(1) This Agreement shall be construed to be a “written agreement entered into with the agency” within the meaning of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b)(1).

(2) This Agreement shall be construed to be a “written agreement between such depository institution and such agency” within the meaning of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e)(1) and 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i)(2).

(3) This Agreement shall be construed to be a “formal written agreement” within the meaning of 12 C.F.R. § 5.51(c)(6)(ii). See 12 U.S.C. § 1831i.

(4) This Agreement shall be construed to be a “written agreement” within the meaning of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(u)(1)(A).

(5) This Agreement shall cause the Bank to be designated as in “troubled condition,” as set forth in 12 C.F.R. § 5.51(c)(6), unless otherwise informed in writing by the Comptroller. In addition, this Agreement shall cause the Bank not to be designated as an “eligible bank” for purposes of 12 C.F.R. § 5.3(g), unless otherwise informed in writing by the Comptroller.

(6) All reports or plans which the Bank or Board has agreed to submit to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller pursuant to this Agreement shall be forwarded to the:

Assistant Deputy Comptroller  
Birmingham Field Office  
100 North Concourse  
Birmingham, AL 35244

## ARTICLE II

### COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

(1) Within thirty (30) days of the date of this Agreement, the Board shall appoint a Compliance Committee of at least three (3) directors, of which no more than one (1) shall be an employee or controlling shareholder of the Bank or any of its affiliates (as the term “affiliate” is defined in 12 U.S.C. § 371c(b)(1)), or a family member of any such person. Upon appointment, the names of the members of the Compliance Committee and, in the event of a change of the membership, the name of any new member shall be submitted in writing to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller. The Compliance Committee shall be responsible for monitoring and coordinating the Bank's adherence to the provisions of this Agreement.

(2) The Compliance Committee shall meet at least monthly.

(3) Within sixty (60) days of the date of this Agreement and quarterly thereafter, the Compliance Committee shall submit a written progress report to the Board setting forth in detail:

- (a) a description of the action needed to achieve full compliance with each Article of this Agreement;
- (b) actions taken to comply with each Article of this Agreement; and
- (c) the results and status of those actions.

(4) The Board shall forward a copy of the Compliance Committee's report, with any additional comments by the Board, to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller within ten (10) days of receiving such report.

### ARTICLE III

#### CREDIT RISK

(1) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall develop, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a written program to reduce the high level of credit risk in the Bank. The program shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) procedures to strengthen credit underwriting, particularly in the real estate portfolio;
- (b) procedures to strengthen management of loan operations and to maintain an adequate, qualified staff in all lending functional areas;
- (c) procedures for strengthening collections; and
- (d) an action plan to ensure the Bank will grow its loan portfolio only after ensuring that appropriate risk management policies and procedures are in place.
- (e) The Board shall submit a copy of the program to the Assistant Deputy

Comptroller.

- (f) At least quarterly, the Board shall prepare a written assessment of the bank's credit risk, which shall evaluate the Bank's progress under the aforementioned program. The Board shall submit a copy of this assessment to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

(2) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the program developed pursuant to this Article.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### CRITICIZED ASSETS

(1) The Bank shall take immediate and continuing action to protect its interest in those assets criticized in the ROE, in any subsequent Report of Examination, by internal or external loan review, or in any list provided to management by the National Bank Examiners during any examination.

(2) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall adopt, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a written program designed to eliminate the basis of criticism of assets criticized in the ROE, in any subsequent Report of Examination, or by any internal or external loan review, or in any list provided to management by the National Bank Examiners during any examination as "doubtful," "substandard," or "special mention." This program shall include, at a minimum:

- (a) an identification of the expected sources of repayment;
- (b) the appraised value of supporting collateral and the position of the Bank's lien on such collateral where applicable;

- (c) an analysis of current and satisfactory credit information, including cash flow analysis where loans are to be repaid from operations; and
- (d) the proposed action to eliminate the basis of criticism and the time frame for its accomplishment.

(3) Upon adoption, a copy of the program for all criticized assets equal to or exceeding two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

(4) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the program developed pursuant to this Article.

(5) The Board, or a designated committee, shall conduct a review, on at least a quarterly basis, to determine:

- (a) the status of each criticized asset or criticized portion thereof that equals or exceeds two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000);
- (b) management's adherence to the program adopted pursuant to this Article;
- (c) the status and effectiveness of the written program; and
- (d) the need to revise the program or take alternative action.

(6) A copy of each review shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller on a quarterly basis in a format similar to Appendix A, attached hereto).

(7) The Bank may extend credit, directly or indirectly, including renewals, extensions or capitalization of accrued interest, to a borrower whose loans or other extensions of credit are criticized in the ROE, in any subsequent Report of Examination, in any internal or external loan review, or in any list provided to management by the National Bank Examiners during any

examination and whose aggregate loans or other extensions exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) only if each of the following conditions is met:

- (a) the Board or designated committee finds that the extension of additional credit is necessary to promote the best interests of the Bank and that prior to renewing, extending or capitalizing any additional credit, a majority of the full Board (or designated committee) approves the credit extension and records, in writing, why such extension is necessary to promote the best interests of the Bank; and
- (b) a comparison to the written program adopted pursuant to this Article shows that the Board's formal plan to collect or strengthen the criticized asset will not be compromised.

(8) A copy of the approval of the Board or of the designated committee shall be maintained in the file of the affected borrower.

## ARTICLE V

### APPRAISALS OF REAL PROPERTY

(1) Within thirty (30) days, the Board shall engage the services of an independent, professionally certified, or licensed appraiser(s) to provide:

- (a) a written or updated appraisal, in accordance with 12 C.F.R. Part 34, for each parcel of real property that represents primary collateral behind any extension of credit where:
  - (i) the loan was criticized in the ROE or by the Bank's internal loan review, and the most recent independent appraisal is more than twelve (12) months old; or

- (ii) accrued interest or loan fees have been or will be added to the outstanding principal balance, and the most recent independent appraisal is more than twelve (12) months old; or
- (iii) the loan exceeds two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), and the most recent independent appraisal is more than twelve (12) months old, with the updated appraisal being obtained at the next renewal of the loan (excludes residential real estate).

(b) a written appraisal on each parcel of Other Real Estate Owned where it is needed to bring the Bank into conformity with the provisions of 12 C.F.R. Part 34.

(2) The Bank shall instruct the appraiser(s) to comply with the requirements of 12 C.F.R. Part 34 in writing and a copy shall be provided to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

(3) All such appraisals shall be completed within ninety (90) days, and certification by the Board attesting to the completion of the appraisals shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller within one hundred twenty (120) days.

## ARTICLE VI

### CAPITAL PLAN AND HIGHER MINIMUMS

(1) The Bank shall achieve by December 31, 2010 and thereafter maintain the following capital levels (as defined in 12 C.F.R. Part 3):

- (a) Total risk based capital at least equal to twelve percent (12%) of risk-weighted assets;
- (b) Tier 1 capital at least equal to eight percent (8%) of adjusted total assets<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Adjusted total assets is defined in 12 C.F.R. § 3.2(a) as the average total asset figure used for Call Report purposes.

(2) The requirement in this Agreement to meet and maintain a specific capital level means that the Bank may not be deemed to be “well capitalized” for purposes of 12 U.S.C. § 1831o and 12 C.F.R. Part 6 pursuant to 12 C.F.R. § 6.4(b)(1)(iv).

(3) Within ninety (90) days, the Board shall develop, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a three year capital program. The program shall include:

- (a) specific plans for the maintenance of adequate capital that may in no event be less than the requirements of paragraph (1);
- (b) projections for growth and capital requirements based upon a detailed analysis of the Bank's assets, liabilities, earnings, fixed assets, and off-balance sheet activities;
- (c) projections of the sources and timing of additional capital to meet the Bank's current and future needs;
- (d) the primary source(s) from which the Bank will strengthen its capital structure to meet the Bank's needs;
- (e) contingency plans that identify alternative methods should the primary source(s) under (d) above not be available; and
- (f) a dividend policy that permits the declaration of a dividend only:
  - (i) when the Bank is in compliance with its approved capital program;
  - (ii) when the Bank is in compliance with 12 U.S.C. §§ 56 and 60; and
  - (iii) with the prior written determination of no supervisory objection by the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

Upon receiving a determination of no supervisory objection, the Bank shall implement and adhere to the dividend policy.



(4) Upon completion, the Bank's capital program shall be submitted to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for prior determination of no supervisory objection. Upon receiving a determination of no supervisory objection from the Assistant Deputy Comptroller, the Bank shall implement and adhere to the capital program. The Board shall review and update the Bank's capital program on an annual basis, or more frequently if necessary. Copies of the reviews and updates shall be submitted to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

(5) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the program developed pursuant to this Article.

## ARTICLE VII

### STRATEGIC PLAN

(1) Within one hundred eighty (180) days, the Board shall adopt, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a written strategic plan for the Bank covering at least a three-year period. The strategic plan shall establish objectives for the Bank's overall risk profile, earnings performance, growth, balance sheet mix, off-balance sheet activities, liability structure, capital adequacy, reduction in the volume of nonperforming assets, product line development and market segments that the Bank intends to promote or develop, together with strategies to achieve those objectives and, at a minimum, include:

- (a) a mission statement that forms the framework for the establishment of strategic goals and objectives;
- (b) an assessment of the Bank's present and future operating environment;
- (c) the development of strategic goals and objectives to be accomplished over the short and long term;

- (d) an identification of the Bank's present and future product lines (assets and liabilities) that will be utilized to accomplish the strategic goals and objectives established in (1)(c) of this Article;
- (e) an evaluation of the Bank's internal operations, staffing requirements, board and management information systems and policies and procedures for their adequacy and contribution to the accomplishment of the goals and objectives developed under (1)(c) of this Article;
- (f) a management employment and succession program to promote the retention and continuity of capable management;
- (g) product line development and market segments that the Bank intends to promote or develop;
- (h) an action plan to improve bank earnings and accomplish identified strategic goals and objectives, including individual responsibilities, accountability and specific time frames;
- (i) a financial forecast to include projections for major balance sheet and income statement accounts and desired financial ratios over the period covered by the strategic plan;
- (j) control systems to mitigate risks associated with planned new products, growth, or any proposed changes in the Bank's operating environment;
- (k) specific plans to establish responsibilities and accountability for the strategic planning process, new products, growth goals, or proposed changes in the Bank's operating environment; and
- (l) systems to monitor the Bank's progress in meeting the plan's goals and

objectives.

(m) Upon adoption, a copy of the plan shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for review and prior written determination of no supervisory objection. Upon receiving a determination of no supervisory objection from the Assistant Deputy Comptroller, the Bank shall implement and adhere to the strategic plan.

(2) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the plan developed pursuant to this Article.

## ARTICLE VIII

### STAFFING PLAN

(1) Within sixty (60) days of the completion of the Bank's strategic plan, the Board shall develop a staffing plan that is consistent with the goals and objectives established in the Bank's strategic plan and that accomplishes the overall risk profile established for the Bank. At a minimum, the plan will consist of the following:

- (a) identification of the skills and expertise needed to develop, market, and administer the products identified in the strategic plan;
- (b) identification of the skills and expertise of the Bank's current staff; and
- (c) comparison of the current staff's skills and expertise identified in (1) (b) of this Article to the skills and expertise identified in (1)(a) of this Article as necessary to develop, market, and administer the products that will be utilized in accomplishing the Bank's goals and objectives.

(2) Within thirty (30) days of the development of the staffing plan, the Board will implement the plan and direct any changes necessary to provide the Bank with a staff that possesses the skills and expertise identified in (1)(a) of this Article. Thereafter the Board will ensure that the Bank adheres to the staffing plan.

(3) Upon completion of the actions required by (1) and (2), the Board will provide a copy of its staffing plan to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for review.

## ARTICLE IX

### INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

(1) Within sixty (60) days, a committee of the Board shall conduct a review of all of the Bank's securities purchase and sale transactions during the period January 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, and shall develop or revise policies for the Bank's securities purchases and sales. The committee may retain an independent accounting firm or a qualified outside investment advisor to assist the committee in this review. The committee shall provide the Board with a written report based upon the results and conclusions of the review. The report shall address:

- (a) the consistency of such transactions with previously established and approved investment policies and strategies; and,
- (b) management's portfolio strategy and intention for purchases and sales;
- (c) whether the Bank's procedures on investment portfolio activity are consistent with OCC Bulletins 98-20 (Supervisory Policy Statement on Investment Securities and End-User Derivatives Activities) and 2002-19 (Unsafe and Unsound Investment Portfolio Practices: Supplemental Guidance).

(2) The Board shall promptly forward a copy of this report to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

## ARTICLE X

### LIQUIDITY

(1) The Board shall review the Bank's liquidity on a monthly basis. Such reviews shall consider:

- (a) a maturity schedule of certificates of deposit, including large uninsured deposits;
- (b) the volatility of demand, now, and money market deposits including escrow deposits;
- (c) the amount and type of loan commitments and standby letters of credit;
- (d) an analysis of the continuing availability and volatility of present funding sources;
- (e) an analysis of the impact of decreased cash flow from the Bank's loan portfolio resulting from delinquent and non-performing loans;
- (f) an analysis of the impact of decreased cash flow from the sale of loans or loan participations; and
- (g) geographic disbursement of and risk from brokered deposits.

(2) The Board shall take appropriate action to ensure adequate sources of liquidity in relation to the Bank's needs. Monthly reports shall set forth liquidity requirements and sources. Copies of these reports shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller in the Bank's quarterly report to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

## ARTICLE XI

### VIOLATIONS OF LAW

(1) The Board shall immediately take all necessary steps to ensure that Bank management corrects each violation of law, rule or regulation cited in the ROE and in any subsequent Report of Examination. The quarterly progress reports required by Article II of this Agreement shall include the date and manner in which each correction has been effected during that reporting period.

(2) Within thirty (30) days, the Board shall adopt, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to specific procedures to prevent future violations as cited in the ROE and shall adopt, implement, and ensure Bank adherence to general procedures addressing compliance management which incorporate internal control systems and education of employees regarding laws, rules and regulations applicable to their areas of responsibility.

(3) Within thirty (30) days of receipt of any subsequent Report of Examination which cites violations of law, rule, or regulation, the Board shall adopt, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to specific procedures to prevent future violations as cited in the ROE and shall adopt, implement, and ensure Bank adherence to general procedures addressing compliance management which incorporate internal control systems and education of employees regarding laws, rules and regulations applicable to their areas of responsibility.

(4) Upon adoption, a copy of these procedures shall be promptly forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

(5) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has policies, processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the procedures developed pursuant to this Article.

## ARTICLE XII

### LOAN REVIEW AND PROBLEM LOAN IDENTIFICATION

(1) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall develop and implement a written program to ensure that the Bank's officers and employees are timely identifying and accurately risk rating assets. At a minimum, the program implemented pursuant to this Article shall require the following:

- (a) accurate and timely risk rating of loans and other assets by bank officers and employees using a loan grading system that is based upon current facts and existing repayment terms, and that is consistent with the guidelines set forth in the Comptroller's Handbook - *Rating Credit Risk*;
- (b) timely placement of loans and other assets on a nonaccrual status by the lending officers in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the Reports of Condition and Income ("Call Report") Instructions; and,
- (c) establishment of training programs for affected personnel to ensure the accurate and timely identification of criticized loans.

(2) The Board shall within ninety (90) days employ or designate a sufficiently experienced and qualified person(s) or firm to ensure the timely and independent identification of problem loans and leases.

(2) Within ninety (90) days, the Board shall establish an effective, independent and on-going loan review system to review, at least quarterly, the Bank's loan and lease portfolios to assure the timely identification and categorization of problem credits. The system shall provide

for a written report to be filed with the Board after each review and shall use a loan and lease grading system consistent with the guidelines set forth in “Rating Credit Risk” and “Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses” booklets of the Comptroller’s Handbook. Such reports shall include, at a minimum, conclusion regarding:

- (a) the overall quality of the loan and lease portfolio;
- (b) monitoring systems for early problem loan identification;
- (c) the identification, type, rating, and amount of problem loans and leases;
- (d) the identification and amount of delinquent loans and leases;
- (e) credit and collateral documentation exceptions;
- (f) the identification and status of credit related violations of law, rule or regulation;
- (g) the identity of the loan officer who originated each loan reported in accordance with subparagraphs (c) through (f) of the Article;
- (h) concentrations of credit;
- (i) loans and leases to executive officers, directors, principal shareholders (and their related interests) of the Bank; and
- (j) loans and leases not in conformance with the Bank’s lending and leasing policies, and exceptions to the Bank’s lending and leasing policies.

(3) A written description of the program called for in this Article shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller upon implementation.

(4) The Board shall evaluate the internal loan and lease review report(s) and shall ensure that immediate, adequate, and continuing remedial action, if appropriate, is taken upon all findings noted in the report(s).



(5) A copy of the reports submitted to the Board, as well as documentation of the action taken by the Bank to collect or strengthen assets identified as problem credits, shall be preserved in the Bank.

(6) Within ninety (90) days, the Board shall develop, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to systems which provide for effective monitoring of early problem loan identification to assure the timely identification and rating of loans and leases, based on lending officer submissions.

(7) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the programs and systems developed pursuant to this Article.

### ARTICLE XIII

#### CONCLUSION

(1) Although the Board has agreed to submit certain programs and reports to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for review or prior written determination of no supervisory objection, the Board has the ultimate responsibility for proper and sound management of the Bank.

(2) It is expressly and clearly understood that if, at any time, the Comptroller deems it appropriate in fulfilling the responsibilities placed upon him/her by the several laws of the United States of America to undertake any action affecting the Bank, nothing in this Agreement shall in any way inhibit, estop, bar, or otherwise prevent the Comptroller from so doing.

(3) Any time limitations imposed by this Agreement shall begin to run from the effective date of this Agreement. Such time requirements may be extended in writing by the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for good cause upon written application by the Board.

(4) The provisions of this Agreement shall be effective upon execution by the parties hereto and its provisions shall continue in full force and effect unless or until such provisions are amended in writing by mutual consent of the parties to the Agreement or excepted, waived, or terminated in writing by the Comptroller.

(5) In each instance in this Agreement in which the Board is required to ensure adherence to, and undertake to perform certain obligations of the Bank, it is intended to mean that the Board shall:

- (a) authorize and adopt such actions on behalf of the Bank as may be necessary for the Bank to perform its obligations and undertakings under the terms of this Agreement;
- (b) require the timely reporting by Bank management of such actions directed by the Board to be taken under the terms of this Agreement;
- (c) follow-up on any non-compliance with such actions in a timely and appropriate manner; and
- (d) require corrective action be taken in a timely manner of any non-compliance with such actions.

(6) This Agreement is intended to be, and shall be construed to be, a supervisory “written agreement entered into with the agency” as contemplated by 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b)(1), and expressly does not form, and may not be construed to form, a contract binding on the Comptroller or the United States. Notwithstanding the absence of mutuality of obligation, or of consideration, or of a contract, the Comptroller may enforce any of the commitments or obligations herein undertaken by the Bank under his supervisory powers, including 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b)(1), and not as a matter of contract law. The Bank expressly acknowledges that neither

the Bank nor the Comptroller has any intention to enter into a contract. The Bank also expressly acknowledges that no officer or employee of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency has statutory or other authority to bind the United States, the U.S. Treasury Department, the Comptroller, or any other federal bank regulatory agency or entity, or any officer or employee of any of those entities to a contract affecting the Comptroller's exercise of his supervisory responsibilities. The terms of this Agreement, including this paragraph, are not subject to amendment or modification by any extraneous expression, prior agreements or prior arrangements between the parties, whether oral or written.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned, authorized by the Comptroller, has hereunto set her hand on behalf of the Comptroller.

/S/  
Julie Pleimling  
Assistant Deputy Comptroller  
Birmingham Field Office

11/10/10  
Date

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned, as the duly elected and acting Board of Directors of the Bank, have hereunto set their hands on behalf of the Bank.

/S/ _____ Aaron P. Acker	1/10/10 _____ Date
/S/ _____ Gregory D. Brown	1/10/10 _____ Date
/S/ _____ Michael D. Buford	1/10/10 _____ Date
/S/ _____ T. Anthony Humphries	1/10/10 _____ Date
_____ Patricia M. King	_____ Date
/S/ _____ Michael W. Lipscomb	1/10/10 _____ Date
/S/ _____ William R. Smith	1/10/10 _____ Date
/S/ _____ Kenneth L. Vandervoort	1/10/10 _____ Date
/S/ _____ Phillip M. Webb	1/10/10 _____ Date
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