# #2012-229

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY

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In the Matter of:	
Interamerican Bank, A FSB	
Miami, Florida	

## **CONSENT ORDER**

WHEREAS, the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States of America ("Comptroller"), through his Federal Thrift Examiner, has supervisory authority over Interamerican Bank, A FSB, Miami, Florida ("Bank").

WHEREAS, the Bank, by and through its duly elected and acting Board of Directors

("Board"), has executed a "Stipulation and Consent to the Issuance of a Consent Order," dated

<u>September 19, 2012</u>, that is accepted by the Comptroller. By this Stipulation and Consent,

which is incorporated by reference, the Bank has consented to the issuance of this Consent Order

("Order") by the Comptroller.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in it by the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, as amended, 12 U.S.C. § 1818, the Comptroller hereby orders that:

### ARTICLE I

### **COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE**

(1) Within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order, 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 Order.

- (2) The Compliance Committee shall meet at least monthly.
- (3) Within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order and quarterly thereafter, the

Compliance Committee shall submit a written progress report to the Board setting forth in detail:

- (a) a description of the actions needed to achieve full compliance with eachArticle of this Order and the time frames for completion;
- (b) actions taken to comply with each Article of this Order; 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.

(5) All reports or plans that the Bank or Board has agreed to submit to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller pursuant to this Order shall be forwarded to:

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Assistant Deputy Comptroller Miami Field Office 9800 Northwest 41<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 120 Miami, Florida 33178

# ARTICLE II

# MANAGEMENT AND BOARD SUPERVISION STUDY

(1) Within thirty (30) days the Board shall employ an independent outside

management consultant ("Consultant").

(2) Prior to the appointment or employment of any consultant or entering into any contract with a consultant, the Board shall submit the name and qualifications of the proposed consultant and the proposed terms of employment to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for a prior written determination of no supervisory objection.

(3) The requirement to submit information and the provision for a prior written determination of no supervisory objection in this Article are based on the authority of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b) and do not require the Comptroller or the Assistant Deputy Comptroller to complete his review and act on any such information or authority within ninety (90) days.

(4) Within ninety (90) days of the employment of the Consultant, the Consultant shall complete a study of current management and Board supervision presently being provided to the Bank, the Bank's management structure, and its staffing requirements in light of the Bank's present condition. The findings and recommendations of the Consultant shall be set forth in a written report to the Board. At a minimum, the report shall contain:

- (a) the identification of present and future management and staffing requirements of each area of the Bank, including the Bank's president and chief executive officer;
- (b) detailed written job descriptions for all executive officers;
- (c) an evaluation of each officer's qualifications and abilities and a determination of whether each of these individuals possesses the experience and other qualifications required to perform present and anticipated duties of his/her officer position;

- (d) recommendations as to whether management or staffing changes should be made, including the need for additions to or deletions from the current management team, including the addition of a Chief Credit Officer;
- (e) objectives by which management's effectiveness will be measured;
- (f) a training program to address identified weaknesses in the skills and abilities of the Bank's staff and management team;
- (g) an evaluation of current lines of authority, reporting responsibilities and delegation of duties for all officers, including identification of any overlapping duties or responsibilities;
- (h) a recommended organization chart that clearly reflects areas of responsibility and lines of authority for all officers, including the Bank's president and chief executive officer;
- (i) an assessment of the Board's strengths and weaknesses along with a director education program designed to strengthen identified weaknesses;
- (j) an assessment of whether Board members are receiving adequate information on the operation of the Bank to enable them to fulfill their fiduciary responsibilities and other responsibilities under law;
- (k) recommendations to expand the scope, frequency and sufficiency of information provided to the Board by management;
- an evaluation of the extent of responsibility of current management and the Board for present weaknesses in the Bank's condition; and
- (m) recommendations to correct or eliminate any other deficiencies in the supervision or organizational structure of the Bank.

(5) Within sixty (60) days of completion of this study, the Board shall develop, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a written plan, with specific time frames, that will correct any deficiencies which are noted in the study.

(6) 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.

(7) Copies of the Board's written plan and the Consultant's study shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller. The Assistant Deputy Comptroller shall retain the right to determine the adequacy of the report and its compliance with the terms of this Order. In the event the written plan, or any portion thereof, is not implemented, the Board shall immediately advise the Assistant Deputy Comptroller, in writing, of specific reasons for deviating from the plan.

#### ARTICLE III

#### STRATEGIC PLAN

(1) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall forward to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for his review, pursuant to paragraph (4) of this Article, a written Strategic Plan for the Bank that is acceptable to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller, 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 shall, at a minimum, include:

- (a) a mission statement that forms the framework for the establishment of strategic goals and objectives;
- (b) a description of the Bank's targeted market(s) and an assessment of the current and projected risks and competitive factors in its identified target market(s);
- (c) the strategic goals and objectives to be accomplished;
- (d) specific actions to improve Bank earnings and accomplish the identified strategic goals and objectives;
- (e) designated Bank personnel to be responsible and accountable for achieving each goal and objective of the Strategic Plan, including specific time frames;
- (f) a financial forecast, to include projections for major balance sheet and income statement accounts, targeted financial ratios, and growth projections over the period covered by the Strategic Plan;
- (g) a description of the assumptions used to determine financial projections and growth targets;
- (h) an identification and risk assessment of the Bank's present and planned future product lines (assets and liabilities) that will be utilized to accomplish the strategic goals and objectives established in the Strategic Plan, with the requirement that the risk assessment of new product lines must be completed prior to the offering of such product lines;
- standards for opening or renewing deposit accounts opened on behalf of account owners residing in foreign countries;

- (j) a description of control systems to mitigate risks associated with planned new products, growth, or any proposed changes in the Bank's markets;
- (k) 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 established in the Strategic Plan;
- a management employment and succession program to promote the retention and continuity of capable management;
- (m) assigned responsibilities and accountability for the strategic planning process, new products, growth goals, and proposed changes in the Bank's operating environment; and
- a description of systems to monitor the Bank's progress in meeting the
  Strategic Plan's goals and objectives.

(2) At least monthly, the Board shall review financial reports and earnings analyses prepared by Bank management that evaluate the Bank's performance against the goals and objectives established in the Strategic Plan for that month and year-to-date, as well as the Bank's written explanation of significant differences between actual and projected balance sheet, income statement, and expense accounts for those periods, including descriptions of extraordinary and/or nonrecurring items.

(3) At least quarterly, the Board shall prepare a written evaluation of the Bank's performance against the Strategic Plan, based on the Bank's monthly reports, analyses, and written explanations of any differences between actual performance and the Bank's strategic goals and objectives, and shall include a description of the actions the Board will require the Bank to take to

address any shortcomings, which shall be documented in the Board meeting minutes. Within ten (10) days of completing its evaluation, the Board shall submit a copy to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

(4) Prior to adoption by the Board, a copy of the Strategic Plan, and any subsequent amendments or revisions, shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for review and prior written determination of no supervisory objection. Within five (5) days of receiving a written determination of no supervisory objection from the Assistant Deputy Comptroller, the Board shall adopt and the Bank shall immediately implement and adhere to the Strategic Plan, and any subsequent amendments or revisions.

(5) The Bank shall not initiate any action that deviates significantly from the Boardapproved Strategic Plan without a written determination of no supervisory objection from the Assistant Deputy Comptroller. The Board must give the Assistant Deputy Comptroller advance, written notice of its intent to deviate significantly from the Strategic Plan, along with an assessment of the impact of such change on the Bank's condition, including a profitability analysis and an evaluation of the adequacy of the Bank's organizational structure, staffing, management information systems, internal controls, and written policies and procedures to identify, measure, monitor, and control the risks associated with the change in the Strategic Plan.

(6) For the purposes of this Article, changes that may constitute a significant deviation from the Strategic Plan include, but are not limited to, a change in the Bank's products and services, marketing strategies, marketing partners, underwriting practices and standards, credit administration, accounting processes and practices, or funding strategy, any of which, alone or in aggregate, may have a material impact on the Bank's operations or financial performance; or any other changes in personnel, operations, or external factors that may have a material impact on the Bank's operations or financial performance. For purposes of this paragraph, "personnel" shall include the president, chief executive officer, chief operating officer, chief financial officer, chief credit officer, BSA officer, chief compliance officer, risk manager, in-house general counsel, member of the Bank's board of directors, or any other position subsequently identified in writing by the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

### ARTICLE IV

#### CAPITAL PLAN AND HIGHER MINIMUMS

(1) The Bank shall achieve by December 31, 2012 and thereafter maintain the following capital levels (as defined in 12 C.F.R. Part 167):

- (a) Tier 1 capital at least equal to eight percent (8%) of adjusted total assets; and
- (b) Total risk-based capital at least equal to eleven percent (11%) of risk weighted assets.

(2) Thereafter, the Bank shall achieve by March 31, 2013 and thereafter maintain the following capital levels (as defined in 12 C.F.R. Part 167):

- (a) Tier 1 capital at least equal to eight and one half percent (8.5%) of adjusted total assets; and
- (b) Total risk-based capital at least equal to twelve percent (12%) of risk weighted assets.

(3) The requirement in this Order 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. § 18310 and 12 C.F.R. Part 165 pursuant to 12 C.F.R. § 165.4(b)(1)(iv).

(4) Effective immediately, the Bank shall only declare dividends or make any other capital distributions:

- (a) when the Bank is in compliance with its Capital Plan, and the Bank would remain in compliance with its Capital Plan immediately following the payment of any dividend;
- (b) when the Bank is in compliance with 12 C.F.R. Part 163, Subpart E;
- (c) when the Bank is in compliance with the minimum capital ratios set forth in paragraph (1) or (2), as applicable, of this Article; and
- (d) following the prior written determination of no supervisory objection to the Bank's proposed dividend or capital distribution by the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

(5) Within thirty (30) days, the Board shall develop, implement, and thereafter take all necessary steps to 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) or (2), as applicable, of this Article;
- (b) projections for growth and capital requirements based upon a detailed analysis of the Bank's assets, liabilities, earnings, fixed assets, and offbalance sheet activities;

- (c) projections of the primary sources and timing of additional capital to meet the Bank's current and future needs;
- (d) identification of the primary and secondary sources 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.

(6) 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.

(7) If the OCC determines, in its sole judgment, that the Bank has failed to submit an acceptable capital program as required by paragraph (5) of this Article, or fails to implement or adhere to a capital program for which the OCC has taken no supervisory objection pursuant to paragraph (6) of this Article, then within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice from the OCC of such fact, the Bank shall develop and shall submit to the OCC for its review and prior determination of no supervisory objection a capital contingency plan, which shall detail the Board's proposal to sell or merge the Bank, or liquidate the Bank under 12 U.S.C. § 181. After the OCC has advised the Bank that it does not take supervisory objection to the capital contingency plan, the Board shall immediately implement, and shall thereafter ensure adherence to, the terms of the contingency plan. Failure to submit a timely, acceptable contingency plan may be deemed a violation of this Order, in the exercise of the OCC's sole discretion.

#### ARTICLE V

#### LIQUIDITY AND CONTINGENCY FUNDING PLAN

(1) On an on-going basis, the Board shall take all necessary steps to ensure adequate sources of liquidity in relation to the Bank's needs. Liquidity shall be maintained at a level that is sufficient to sustain the Bank's current operations and to withstand any anticipated or extraordinary demand against its funding base.

(2) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall review and revise the Bank's written Contingency Funding Plan ("CFP") so that it addresses the March 2010 Interagency Policy Statement on Funding and Liquidity Risk, which can be found in OCC Bulletin 2010-13. The CFP should sufficiently address potential adverse liquidity events and emergency cash flow requirements. The CFP should be commensurate with the complexity, risk profile, and scope of operations of your Bank. The CFP should incorporate, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

- (a) identification of stress events;
- (b) assessment of levels of severity and timing;
- (c) assessment of funding sources and needs including liquidity gap analyses and stress tests;
- (d) identification of potential funding sources;
- (e) establishment of liquidity event management processes; and
- (f) establishment of a monitoring framework for contingent events.

(3) Upon adoption, the CFP shall be immediately implemented. The Board shall thereafter ensure Bank adherence to the policy.

(4) Upon adoption, the Board shall forward a copy of the CFP to the AssistantDeputy Comptroller for review.

### ARTICLE VI

### INTERNAL AUDIT

(1) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall adopt, implement, and thereafter take all necessary steps to ensure Bank adherence to an independent, internal audit program sufficient to:

- (a) detect irregularities and weak practices in the Bank's operations;
- (b) determine the Bank's level of compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations;
- (c) assess and report the effectiveness of policies, procedures, controls, and management oversight relating to accounting and financial reporting;
- (d) evaluate the Bank's adherence to established policies and procedures, with particular emphasis directed to the Bank's adherence to its loan policies concerning underwriting standards and problem loan identification and classification;
- (e) adequately cover all areas; and
- (f) establish an annual audit plan using a risk based approach sufficient to achieve these objectives.

(2) As part of this audit program, the Board shall evaluate the audit reports of any party providing services to the Bank, and shall assess the impact on the Bank of any audit deficiencies cited in such reports.

(3) The Board shall take all necessary steps to ensure that the audit program is independent. The persons responsible for implementing the internal audit program described

above shall report directly to the Board, which shall have the sole power to direct their activities. All reports prepared by the audit staff shall be filed directly with the Board and not through any intervening party.

(4) All audit reports shall be in writing. The Board shall take all necessary steps to ensure that immediate actions are undertaken to remedy deficiencies cited in audit reports, and that auditors maintain a written record describing those actions.

(5) The audit staff shall have access to any records necessary for the proper conduct of its activities. National bank and federal thrift examiners shall have access to all reports and work papers of the audit staff and any other parties working on its behalf.

(6) The Board or committee shall periodically reviewing the auditor's performance and ensure that any outside vendor maintains sufficient expertise to perform effectively; and

(7) The Board shall ensure that compliance audits contain a definitive conclusion as to the adequacy of the compliance program.

(8) Upon adoption, a copy of the internal audit program shall be promptly submitted to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### CREDIT RISK

(1) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall develop, implement, and thereafter take all necessary steps to 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;

- (b) procedures to strengthen management of loan portfolio management operations and to maintain an adequate, qualified staff in all credit functional areas;
- (c) procedures for strengthening collections; and
- (d) an action plan to control loan growth.

(2) The Board shall submit a copy of the program to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

(3) 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.

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### CRITICIZED ASSETS

(1) The Bank shall take immediate and continuing action to protect its interest in those assets criticized in the February 7, 2012 Report of Examination (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 take all necessary steps to 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 current 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 cashflow 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 three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) 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 three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000);
- (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 three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) 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 IX

### LOAN PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

(1) Within ninety (90) days, the Board shall review and revise the Bank's written loan policy and incorporate, at a minimum, the following:

- (a) a description of acceptable types of loans;
- (b) a provision that current and satisfactory credit information will be obtained on each borrower;

- (c) maturity scheduling related to the anticipated source of repayment, the purpose of the loan, and the useful life of the collateral;
- (d) measures to correct the deficiencies in the Bank's lending procedures noted in any ROE; and
- (e) guidelines for periodic review of the Bank's adherence to the revised lending policy.

(2) Upon adoption, the policy shall be implemented, the Board shall thereafter take all necessary steps to ensure Bank adherence to the policy, and a copy of the policy shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for review.

(3) The Board shall, within ninety (90) days, develop, implement, and thereafter take all necessary steps to ensure Bank adherence to a written program to improve the Bank's loan portfolio management. The program shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) procedures to ensure satisfactory and perfected collateral documentation;
- (b) procedures to ensure that extensions of credit are granted, by renewal or otherwise, to any borrower only after obtaining and analyzing current and satisfactory credit information;
- (c) procedures to ensure conformance with loan approval requirements;
- (d) a system to track and analyze exceptions;
- (e) procedures to ensure conformance with Thrift Financial Report or Call Report instructions;
- (f) procedures for properly recognizing, treating, and reporting Troubled Debt
  Restructures (TDRs) for commercial and retail loans, in accordance with
  Call Report instructions, the *Interagency Policy Statement on Commercial*

*Real Estate Loan Workouts* (OCC Bulletin 2009-128), and accounting guidance (including ASC 310-40 (formerly FAS 15) and ASC 310-10-35 (formerly FAS 114));

- (g) procedures to ensure the accuracy of internal management information systems;
- (h) a performance appraisal process, including performance appraisals, job descriptions, and incentive programs for loan officers, which adequately consider their performance relative to policy compliance, documentation standards, accuracy in credit grading, and other loan administration matters;
- (i) procedures to track and analyze concentrations of credit, significant
  economic factors, and general conditions and their impact on the credit
  quality of the Bank's loan and lease portfolios;
- (j) procedures to ensure proper credit risk ratings including specific guidelines for the identification and treatment of collateral dependent impaired loans.
- (k) procedures to ensure compliance with the appraisal regulation 12 C.F.R.
  164 Appraisals. The lending policy shall include procedures that ensure appraisals or evaluations are being performed at all renewals, extensions, or modifications in accordance with regulation; and
- procedures to ensure compliance with the: regulatory requirements in
  12 C.F.R. 160.172 Re-evaluation of Real Estate Owned; accounting
  requirements of ASC 360-20 Real Estate Sales (formerly FAS 66); and the

regulatory guidelines in OTS Examination Handbook section 251 - Real Estate Owned and Repossessed Assets.

(4) Upon completion, a copy of the program shall be forwarded to the AssistantDeputy Comptroller.

### ARTICLE X

#### LOAN REVIEW

(1) 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 12 C.F.R. § 160.160, Section 260 of the OTS Examination Handbook ("Classification of Assets"), OCC Bulletin 2006-47 ("Interagency Policy Statement on the Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses"), and all subsequently issued OCC regulations and guidance. Such reports shall include, at a minimum, conclusions regarding:

- (a) the overall quality of the loan and lease portfolios;
- (b) the identification, type, rating, and amount of problem loans and leases;
- (c) the identification and amount of delinquent loans and leases;
- (d) credit and collateral documentation exceptions;

- (e) the identification and status of credit related violations of law, rule or regulation;
- (f) the identity of the loan officer who originated each loan reported in accordance with subparagraphs (b) through (e) of the Article;
- (g) concentrations of credit;
- (h) loans and leases to executive officers, directors, principal shareholders(and their related interests) of the Bank; and
- 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) Within ninety (90) days, the Board shall develop, implement, and thereafter take all necessary steps to ensure Bank adherence to a written program providing for independent review of problem loans and leases in the Bank's loan and lease portfolios for the purpose of monitoring portfolio trends, on at least a quarterly basis. The program shall require a quarterly report to the Board. At a minimum the program shall provide for an independent reviewer's assessment of the Bank's:

- (a) monitoring systems for early problem loan identification to assure the timely identification and rating of loans and leases based on lending officer submissions;
- (b) statistical records that serve as a basis for identifying sources of problem loans and leases by industry, size, collateral, division, group, indirect dealer, and individual lending officer;
- (c) system for monitoring previously charged-off assets and their recovery potential;

- (d) system for monitoring compliance with the Bank's lending policies and laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to the Bank's lending function; and
- (e) system for monitoring the adequacy of credit and collateral documentation.

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

(5) 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).

(6) 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.

#### ARTICLE XI

### ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN AND LEASE LOSSES

(1) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall review the adequacy of the Bank's Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses ("Allowance") and shall establish a program for the maintenance of an adequate Allowance. This review and program shall be designed in light of the comments on maintaining a proper Allowance found in the Interagency Policy Statement contained in OCC Bulletin 2006-47 (December 13, 2006), and shall include the following:

- (a) procedures for determining whether a loan is impaired and measuring the amount of impairment, consistent with ASC 310-10;
- (b) procedures for segmenting the loan portfolio and estimating loss on groups of loans, consistent with ASC 310-10 and 450-20 (formerly known as FASB

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 5, Accounting for Contingencies);

- (c) further stratification of the loan portfolio into more loan pools, consistent with ASC 450-20;
- (d) procedures to ensure that loss histories on loans include all charge offs and specific valuation allowances, including the initial write down upon repossession;
- (e) procedures for validating the Allowance methodology;
- (f) procedures to ensure that the estimation of credit losses considers relevant qualitative and environmental factors, with particular focus on the following:
  - trends in the Bank's internal risk ratings, delinquent, and nonaccrual loans;
  - (ii) results of the Bank's external loan review;
  - (iii) the quality of credit risk management, including trends of credit and collateral exceptions;
  - (iv) concentrations of credit in the Bank;
  - (v) present and prospective economic conditions; and
  - (vi) experience of the Bank's lending staff; and
- (g) procedures to ensure that all calculations and decisions affecting the Bank'sAllowance determination are supported by documentation.

(2) The program shall provide for an independent review of the Allowance by the Board at least once each calendar quarter. Any deficiency in the Allowance shall be remedied in the quarter it is discovered, prior to the filing of the Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income, by additional provisions from earnings. Written documentation shall be maintained indicating the factors considered and conclusions reached by the Board in determining the adequacy of the Allowance.

(3) A copy of the Board's review of the adequacy of the Allowance shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller on a quarterly basis.

## ARTICLE XII

### OTHER REAL ESTATE OWNED

(1) Within ninety (90) days, the Board shall adopt, implement, and thereafter take all necessary steps to ensure Bank adherence to a policy to ensure that Other Real Estate Owned ("OREO") is managed in accordance with guidance in the OTS Examination Handbook: Asset Quality (section 251 Real Estate Owned and Repossessed Assets and section 252.2 – Office Premises and Land acquired for future use). The policy shall address:

- (a) responsibility and authority for OREO properties;
- (b) proper accounting procedures for OREO properties from transfer to the Bank and until and upon sale to a third party;
- (c) procedures to require timely appraisals pursuant to 12 C.F.R. § 160.172 and 12 C.F.R. Part 164;
- (d) diligent sales efforts; and
- (e) reporting systems.

Upon adoption, the Board shall submit a copy of the policy to the AssistantDeputy Comptroller for review.

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

#### ARTICLE XIII

#### 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 I of this Order shall include the date and manner in which each correction has been effected during that reporting period.

(2) Within sixty (60) 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 take all necessary steps to 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 sixty (60) 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.

#### ARTICLE XIV

#### **CLOSING**

(1) Although the Board is by this Order required to submit certain proposed actions and programs for the review or prior written determination of no supervisory objection of the Assistant Deputy Comptroller, 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 it by the several laws of the United States of America to undertake any action affecting the Bank, nothing in this Order shall in any way inhibit, estop, bar or otherwise prevent the Comptroller from so doing.

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

(4) The provisions of this Order are effective upon issuance of this Order by the Comptroller, through his authorized representative whose hand appears below, and shall remain effective and enforceable, except to the extent that, and until such time as, any provisions of this Order shall have been amended, suspended, waived, or terminated in writing by the Comptroller.

(5) In each instance in this Order 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 Order;

- (b) require the timely reporting by Bank management of such actions directed by the Board to be taken under the terms of this Order;
- (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 noncompliance with such actions.

(6) This Order is intended to be, and shall be construed to be, a final order issued pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b), and expressly does not form, and may not be construed to form, a contract binding on the Comptroller or the United States.

(7) The terms of this Order, 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.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this <u>19th</u> day of <u>September</u>, <u>2012</u>.

/S/

Ronald A. Lindhart Assistant Deputy Comptroller Miami Field Office

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY

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In the Matter of:
Interamerican Bank, A FSB
Miami, Florida

# STIPULATION AND CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF A CONSENT ORDER

The Comptroller of the Currency of the United States of America ("Comptroller") intends to initiate cease and desist proceedings against Interamerican Bank, A FSB, Miami, Florida ("Bank"), pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b), through the issuance of a Notice of Charges for unsafe and unsound banking practices relating to the Bank's Board and Management oversight, capital and strategic planning, credit risk management and administration, and liquidity risk management, and for violations of 12 C.F.R. §§ 160.160, 163.180(b), 164.3, and 170.

The Bank, in the interest of compliance and cooperation, consents to the issuance of a Consent Order, dated <u>September 19, 2012</u> ("Order");

In consideration of the above premises, the Comptroller, through his authorized representative, and the Bank, through its duly elected and acting Board of Directors, hereby stipulate and agree to the following:

# ARTICLE I

# **Jurisdiction**

(1) The Bank is a Federal savings association examined by the Comptroller pursuant to the Home Owners' Loan Act, as amended, 12 U.S.C. § 1461 *et seq*.

(2) The Comptroller is "the appropriate Federal banking agency" regarding the Bank pursuant to 12 U.S.C. §§ 1813(q) and 1818(b).

(3) The Bank is an "insured depository institution" within the meaning of 12 U.S.C.§§ 1813(c) and 1818(b)(1).

- (4) Upon the issuance of this Order:
  - (a) the Bank will not be eligible for "expedited treatment" pursuant to 12
    C.F.R. § 116.5 for the purposes of 12 C.F.R. Part 159 regarding subordinate organizations, unless otherwise informed in writing by the OCC;
  - (b) the Bank will be subject to the limitations of 12 C.F.R. § 163.555 for the purposes of 12 C.F.R. § 163.560 requiring OCC approval of a change in directors and senior executive officers, unless otherwise informed in writing by the OCC; and
  - (c) the Bank will be subject to the limitations on golden parachute and indemnification payments provided by 12 C.F.R. § 359.1(f)(1)(ii)(C) and 12 C.F.R. § 163.555, unless otherwise informed in writing by the OCC.

#### ARTICLE II

#### Agreement

(1) The Bank, without admitting or denying any wrongdoing, hereby consents and agrees to the issuance of the Order by the Comptroller.

(2) The Bank further agrees that said Order shall be deemed an "order issued with the consent of the depository institution" as defined in 12 U.S.C. § 1818(h)(2), and consents and agrees that said Order shall become effective upon its issuance and shall be fully enforceable by the Comptroller under the provisions of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i). 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(i), 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.

(3) The Bank also expressly acknowledges that no officer or employee of the Comptroller 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.

#### ARTICLE III

# Waivers

- (1) The Bank, by signing this Stipulation and Consent, hereby waives:
  - (a) the issuance of a Notice of Charges pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b);
  - (b) any and all procedural rights available in connection with the issuance of the Order;
  - (c) all rights to a hearing and a final agency decision pursuant to 12 U.S.C.
    § 1818(i) or 12 C.F.R. Part 109;
  - (d) all rights to seek any type of administrative or judicial review of the Order; and
  - (e) any and all rights to challenge or contest the validity of the Order;

(f) any and all claims for fees, costs, or expenses against the Comptroller, or any of his agents or employees, related in any way to this enforcement matter or this Order, whether arising under common law or the terms of any statute, including but not limited to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 5 U.S.C. § 504 and 28 U.S.C. § 2412.

# ARTICLE IV

# Other Action

(1) The Bank agrees that the provisions of this Stipulation and Consent shall not inhibit, estop, bar, or otherwise prevent the Comptroller from taking any other action affecting the Bank if, at any time, it deems it appropriate to do so to fulfill the responsibilities placed upon it by the several laws of the United States of America.

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

/S/

9/19/2012 Date

Ronald A. Lindhart Assistant Deputy Comptroller Miami Field Office 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.

Henry Castro	Date
/S/	9-19-12
Manuel Feijoo	Date
/S/	9-19-12
Ibrahim Pacheco	Date
/S/	9-19-12
John R. Tomas	Date
/S/	9-19-12
Agustin Velasco	Date
	Date