

SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

This Settlement and Release Agreement (“Agreement”) is made as of this 27th day of January, 2021, by, between, and among the following undersigned parties (collectively, “Parties,” and each a “Party”): the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”) as Receiver for United Western Bank (“FDIC-R”), on the one hand, and RBS Acceptance Inc., NatWest Markets Securities Inc. (f/k/a RBS Securities Inc.), and RBS Holdings USA Inc. (collectively, “RBS”), on the other.

WHEREAS:

United Western Bank was a depository institution organized and existing under the laws of the United States and the State of Colorado. When United Western Bank was closed, the FDIC was appointed Receiver pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1821(c).

In accordance with 12 U.S.C. § 1821(d), the FDIC-R succeeded to all rights, titles, powers and privileges of United Western Bank, including those with respect to its assets.

FDIC represents that among the assets of United Western Bank to which the FDIC-R succeeded were any and all of United Western Bank’s claims, demands, and causes of action arising from any action or inaction related to any loss incurred by United Western Bank.

FDIC-R is the plaintiff in a residential mortgage-backed securities (“RMBS”) lawsuit, *FDIC as Receiver for United Western Bank v. RBS Acceptance Inc., RBS Securities Inc., and RBS Holdings USA Inc.*, No. 14-cv-00418-PAB-NRN, pending in the District Court of Colorado, in which RBS is a defendant (the “RMBS Action”). The RMBS certificate at issue in the RMBS Action is HVMLT 2006-7 B2 (the “RBS Certificate”).

RBS denies all allegations of wrongdoing and liability with respect to all claims that the FDIC-R has brought against them in the RMBS Action.

The Parties deem it in their best interests to enter into this Agreement to avoid the uncertainty, trouble, and expense of further litigation of claims asserted against RBS in the RMBS Action.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises, undertakings, payments, and releases stated herein, the sufficiency of which consideration is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree, each with the other, as follows:

- 1. Payment of the Settlement Funds.** As an essential covenant and condition to this Agreement, and as consideration for the releases and dismissals contained herein, RBS shall pay or cause to be paid SIXTEEN MILLION FOUR HUNDRED-THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$16,400,000) to the FDIC-R (“Settlement Funds”) within 30 days of the effective date of this Agreement (“Payment Date”). No portion of the Settlement Funds is or will be designated or otherwise classified as a civil penalty or fine. The effective date of this Agreement shall be the later of the day upon which the FDIC-R provides RBS with a current W-9 and wire instructions, and the date upon which all Parties shall have executed this Agreement as evidenced by the latest date on the signature pages hereto. In

the event that the Settlement Funds are not delivered to the FDIC-R by the Payment Date, interest shall accrue on all unpaid amounts at the rate of 5 percent per annum from the Payment Date until the date the FDIC-R receives payment. Without waiving any other rights that the FDIC-R may have, in the event that all Settlement Funds are not received by the FDIC-R by the Payment Date, then the FDIC-R, in its sole discretion, shall have the right to declare this Agreement null and void, shall have the right to extend the terms of this Agreement for any period of time until it receives all Settlement Funds (including all accrued interest), and/or shall have the right to enforce this Agreement, in which event RBS agrees to jurisdiction in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. The non-prevailing party in any such litigation agrees to pay the other's reasonable attorney's fees. Any decision by the FDIC-R to extend the terms of this Agreement or to accept a portion of the Settlement Funds shall not prejudice its rights to declare this Agreement null and void at any time prior to receipt of all Settlement Funds (including all accrued interest) or to enforce the terms of this Settlement Agreement; provided, however, that in the event the FDIC-R declares this Agreement null and void, the FDIC-R will return to RBS any and all amounts paid to the FDIC-R under this Agreement.

2. **Dismissal.** No later than five business days after the Settlement Funds are received by the FDIC-R, the FDIC-R shall move for the entry of an order in the RMBS Action in the form of Exhibit A, dismissing with prejudice the claims asserted against RBS.
3. **FDIC-R Releases.** Upon receipt of the Settlement Funds, the FDIC-R hereby releases and discharges RBS and all of its current or former direct or indirect parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates, together with each of their respective successors and assigns, and each of their respective current or former shareholders, officers, directors, employees, representatives, attorneys and other agents, but solely in their capacities as such ("RBS Releasees"), from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, and liabilities of any type, whether known or unknown, whether asserted or unasserted, whether disclosed or undisclosed, whether accrued or unaccrued, whether fixed or contingent, whether direct or indirect, and whether at law or in equity, based upon or relating to United Western Bank's purchase, ownership, or sale of the RBS Certificate identified above, including the facts, transactions, representations, or omissions alleged in the complaint and amended complaints filed in the RMBS Action. For the avoidance of doubt, this release does not apply to any claims, demands, actions, causes of action, or liabilities of any type, whether known or unknown, whether asserted or unasserted, whether disclosed or undisclosed, whether accrued or unaccrued, whether fixed or contingent, whether direct or indirect, and whether at law or in equity based upon or relating to United Western Bank's purchase, ownership, or sale of any RMBS certificates other than the RBS Certificate.
4. **Reciprocal Releases.** Upon entry of the order of dismissal described in paragraph 2 above, RBS hereby releases and discharges the FDIC-R, and each of its current or former employees, officers, directors, representatives, successors, and assigns, from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, and liabilities of any type, whether known or unknown, whether asserted or unasserted, whether disclosed or undisclosed, whether accrued or unaccrued, whether fixed or contingent, whether direct or indirect, and whether at law or in equity, based upon or relating to United Western Bank's purchase, ownership, or sale of the RBS Certificate identified above, including the facts,

transactions, representations, or omissions alleged in the complaint and amended complaints filed in the RMBS Action. For the avoidance of doubt, this release does not apply to any claims, demands, actions, causes of action, or liabilities of any type, whether known or unknown, whether asserted or unasserted, whether disclosed or undisclosed, whether accrued or unaccrued, whether fixed or contingent, whether direct or indirect, and whether at law or in equity based upon or relating to United Western Bank's purchase, ownership, or sale of any RMBS certificates other than the RBS Certificate.

- 5. Release of Unknown Claims.** Each of the FDIC-R and RBS acknowledges that it has been advised by its attorneys concerning, and is familiar with, California Civil Code Section 1542 and expressly waives any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by California Civil Code Section 1542 or any law of any other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to the provisions of the California Civil Code Section 1542, including that provision itself, which reads as follows:

“A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.”

The Parties acknowledge that inclusion of the provisions of this Paragraph 5 of this Agreement was a material and separately bargained-for element of this Agreement. The Parties further acknowledge that the releases granted herein are specific releases, not general releases.

- 6. Authority.** The FDIC-R represents that under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, the FDIC is authorized to be appointed as receiver for failed depository institutions and that it succeeded to all rights, titles, powers, and privileges of United Western Bank, and any shareholder, member, accountholder, depositor, officer, and director of United Western Bank with respect to United Western Bank and the assets of United Western Bank, including, but not limited to, United Western Bank's claims against RBS. The FDIC-R further represents that it is empowered to sue and complain in any court of law to pursue, *inter alia*, the claims against RBS asserted in the RMBS Action and that no other person or entity has such right. Notwithstanding the foregoing, subject to Paragraph 7, the FDIC-R represents that it has the authority to release all of the claims based upon or relating to the purchase, ownership, or sale of the RBS Certificate identified above by United Western Bank to the full extent set forth in paragraph 3. Each Party represents that it has full authority to enter into this Agreement and that it has the full power and authority to bind such Party to each and every provision of the Agreement.
- 7. Certain FDIC Claims Not Released.** Notwithstanding the releases in Paragraph 3 above, the FDIC, in any capacity, shall not release, and expressly preserve fully and to the same extent as if the Agreement had not been executed (provided, that this provision shall not be construed as an acknowledgment that any such claims or causes of action exist or are valid):

- a. any claims or causes of action against RBS or any other person or entity for

liability, if any, incurred as the maker, endorser or guarantor of any promissory note or indebtedness payable or owed by them to the FDIC, to any financial institutions in receivership, to other financial institutions, or to any other person or entity (including without limitation any claims acquired by the FDIC as successor in interest to any financial institutions in receivership or any person or entity, excluding for avoidance of doubt any claims or causes of action expressly released in the Agreement);

- b. any claims or causes of action against RBS or any other person or entity relating in any way to the London Interbank Offered Rate;
 - c. any claims or causes of action against RBS or any other person or entity by or on behalf of the FDIC, in any capacity, as a class member in any actions that are, are part of, or are related to the consolidated actions, centralized actions, or multi-district litigations (i) *In re Treasury Securities Auction Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 2673 (S.D.N.Y.); (ii) *In re Foreign Exchange Benchmark Rates Antitrust Litigation*, No. 1:13-cv-07789 (S.D.N.Y.); (iii) *In re Interest Rate Swaps Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 2704 (S.D.N.Y.); (iv) *Alaska Electrical Pension Fund v. Bank of America*, No. 1:14-cv-07126 (S.D.N.Y.); (v) *In re SSA Bonds Antitrust Litigation*, No. 1:16-cv-03711 (S.D.N.Y.); and (vi) *Sullivan v. Barclays PLC*, No. 1:13-cv-02811 (S.D.N.Y.); including any successor actions, or in the event the FDIC, in any capacity, elects to opt out of any class in any of those actions, to any opt-out claim brought by the FDIC, in any capacity, on the same subject;
 - d. any claims or causes of action by the FDIC against RBS or any other person or entity relating in any way to RBS's performance of duties or obligations as trustee for structured finance securities, including but not limited to RMBS, purchased by any failed financial institution;
 - e. any claims or causes of action by the FDIC in any capacity other than as Receiver for United Western Bank;
 - f. any claims or causes of action relating to RMBS certificates other than the RBS Certificate identified above; and
 - g. any claims or causes of action against any person or entity, including, but not limited to, RBS, not expressly released in this Agreement.
 - h. RBS fully reserves all of its rights, claims and defenses relating to any claim or causes of action that is not expressly released in this Agreement.
- 8. Enforcement.** Except as otherwise expressly stated herein, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed or interpreted as limiting, waiving, releasing or compromising the jurisdiction and authority of the FDIC in the exercise of its supervisory or regulatory authority or to diminish its ability to institute administrative enforcement proceedings seeking removal, prohibition, or any other administrative enforcement action which may arise by operation of law, rule, or regulation.

- 9. Actions of the United States.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this Agreement shall not be construed or interpreted as waiving, or intending to waive, any claims that could be brought by the United States or any department, agency, or instrumentality thereof (other than the FDIC-R), including, but not limited to, through the United States Department of Justice or any United States Attorney's Office.
- 10. No Confidentiality.** RBS and the FDIC-R acknowledge and agree that this Agreement shall not be confidential and will be disclosed pursuant to the FDIC's applicable policies, procedures, and other legal requirements and may be disclosed by RBS.
- 11. No Admission of Liability.** The Parties each acknowledge and agree that the matters set forth in this Agreement constitute the settlement and compromise of disputed claims and that the Agreement is not an admission or evidence of liability or the insufficiency of any defense by any of them regarding any claim, all of which are expressly disputed. The Parties further acknowledge that they may not base any claim of waiver or estoppel in any other matter upon the execution of the Agreement or payment of consideration described herein.

12. Representations and Acknowledgements.

- a. Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts by one or more of the Parties and all such counterparts when so executed shall together constitute the final Agreement, as if one document had been signed by all Parties hereto; and each such counterpart, upon execution and delivery, shall be deemed a complete original, binding the Party or Parties subscribed thereto upon the execution by all Parties to the Agreement.
- b. Binding Effect. Each of the signatories below represents and warrants that he or she is authorized to sign this Agreement on behalf of the Party for which he or she signs, and that he or she has the full power and authority to bind such Party to each and every provision of the Agreement. The Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, representatives, successors and assigns.
- c. Choice of Law. This Agreement shall be interpreted, construed and enforced according to applicable federal law, or in its absence, the laws of the State of New York, without regard to conflicts of law principles.
- d. Jurisdiction. All Parties hereto submit to the personal jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia for purposes of implementing and enforcing the settlement embodied in this Agreement.
- e. Entire Agreement and Amendments. Except as otherwise provided herein, this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between and among the Parties concerning the matters set forth herein and replaces all prior negotiations and terms proposed or discussed, whether in writing or orally, about such matters. The Agreement may not be amended or modified except by another written instrument signed by the Parties.

- f. Reasonable Cooperation. The Parties agree to cooperate in good faith to effectuate all the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including doing or causing their agents and attorneys to do whatever is reasonably necessary to effectuate the signing, delivery, and execution of any documents necessary to perform the terms of this Agreement.
- g. Advice of Counsel. Each Party hereby acknowledges that it has consulted with and obtained the advice of counsel prior to executing this Agreement, and that the Agreement has been explained to that Party by his or her counsel.
- h. Notices. Notices required or permitted by this Agreement shall be communicated by email and any form of overnight mail or in person to:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by each of them or their duly authorized representatives on the dates hereinafter subscribed.

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE
CORPORATION AS RECEIVER FOR UNITED
WESTERN BANK

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Date: 01/21/21

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RBS HOLDINGS USA INC. AND NATWEST
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BY: _____

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Defendants.

STIPULATION OF DISMISSAL

Plaintiff Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as Receiver for United Western Bank (“FDIC-R”) and Defendants RBS Acceptance Inc., NatWest Markets Securities Inc. (f/k/a RBS Securities Inc.), and RBS Holdings USA Inc. (collectively, “RBS”), hereby stipulate as follows, subject to approval by the Court:

1. The FDIC-R and RBS have settled all claims asserted by the FDIC-R against RBS in this action.
2. The settlement provides for dismissal with prejudice of the FDIC-R’s claims against RBS, with each party to bear its own costs and attorneys’ fees.

WHEREFORE, the FDIC-R and RBS stipulate, subject to the Court’s approval, to dismissal of all of the FDIC-R’s claims against RBS with prejudice, with each party to bear its own costs and attorneys’ fees.

Dated: [], 2021

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Defendants.

[PROPOSED] ORDER

Pursuant to the Stipulation of Dismissal filed by Plaintiff, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as Receiver for United Western Bank (“FDIC-R”) and Defendants RBS Acceptance Inc., NatWest Markets Securities Inc. (f/k/a RBS Securities Inc.), and RBS Holdings USA Inc. (collectively, “RBS”), it is ORDERED that the FDIC-R’s claims against RBS are DISMISSED with prejudice, with each party to bear its own costs and attorneys’ fees.

DONE this _____

BY THE COURT
