

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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In the Matter of	)	
	)	ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST
PRIME ALLIANCE BANK	)	
WOODS CROSS, UTAH	)	FDIC-09-239b
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(INSURED STATE NONMEMBER BANK)	)	
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Prime Alliance Bank, Woods Cross, Utah ("Bank"), having been advised of its right to a NOTICE OF CHARGES AND OF HEARING detailing the unsafe or unsound banking practices alleged to have been committed by the Bank and of its right to a hearing on the alleged charges under section 8(b)(1) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act ("Act"), 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b)(1), and having waived those rights, entered into a STIPULATION AND CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF AN ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST ("CONSENT AGREEMENT") with counsel for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"), dated June 22, 2009, whereby solely for the purpose of this proceeding and without admitting or denying the alleged charges of unsafe or unsound banking practices and violations of law and/or regulations, the Bank consented to the issuance of an ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST ("ORDER") by the FDIC.

The FDIC considered the matter and determined that it had reason to believe that the Bank had engaged in unsafe or unsound banking practices. The FDIC, therefore, accepted the CONSENT AGREEMENT and issued the following:

ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the Bank, its institution-affiliated parties, as that term is defined in section 3(u) of the Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1813(u), and its successors and assigns, cease and desist from the following unsafe and unsound banking practices, as more fully set forth in the joint FDIC and Utah Department of Financial Institutions' ("UDFI") Report of Examination ("ROE") dated March 9, 2009:

- (a) operating with management whose policies and practices are detrimental to the Bank and jeopardize the safety of its deposits;
- (b) operating with inadequate capital in relation to the kind and quality of assets held by the Bank;
- (c) operating with an inadequate loan valuation reserve;
- (d) operating with a large volume of poor quality loans;
- (e) operating in such a manner as to produce operating losses;
- (f) operating in violation of Part 323 of the FDIC's Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. § 323, and Sections R331-7 and R331-23 of the Utah Administrative Code, as more fully set forth in the ROE dated March 9, 2009.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Bank, its institution-affiliated parties, and its successors and assigns, take affirmative action as follows:

1. The Bank shall have and retain qualified management.
  - (a) Each member of management shall have qualifications and experience commensurate with his or her duties and responsibilities at the Bank. Management shall include a chief executive officer with proven ability in managing a bank of comparable size, and

experience in upgrading a low quality loan portfolio, improving earnings, and other matters needing particular attention. Management shall also include a senior lending officer with significant appropriate lending, collection, and loan supervision experience and experience in upgrading a low quality loan portfolio. Each member of management shall be provided appropriate written authority from the Bank's Board to implement the provisions of this ORDER.

(b) The qualifications of management shall be assessed on its ability to:

- (i) comply with the requirements of this ORDER;
- (ii) operate the Bank in a safe and sound manner;
- (iii) comply with applicable laws and regulations; and
- (iv) restore all aspects of the Bank to a safe and sound condition,

including asset quality, capital adequacy, earnings, management effectiveness, liquidity, and sensitivity to market risk.

(c) During the life of this ORDER, the Bank shall notify the Regional Director of the FDIC's San Francisco Regional Office ("Regional Director") in writing when it proposes to add any individual to the Bank's Board or employ any individual as a senior executive officer. The notification must be received at least 30 days before such addition or employment is intended to become effective and should include a description of the background and experience of the individual or individuals to be added or employed.

2. (a) Within 90 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall increase and maintain Tier 1 capital in such an amount as to equal or exceed 12.0 percent of the Bank's total assets.

(b) Within 30 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall develop and adopt a plan to meet and thereafter maintain the capital requirements of Subparagraph 2(a) of this ORDER and the minimum risk-based capital requirements as described in the FDIC's Statement of Policy on Risk-Based Capital contained in Appendix A to Part 325 of the FDIC's Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. Part 325, Appendix A. The Plan shall be in a form and manner acceptable to the Regional Director as determined at subsequent examinations.

(c) The level of Tier 1 capital to be maintained during the life of this ORDER pursuant to Subparagraph 2(a) shall be in addition to a fully funded allowance for loan and lease losses, the adequacy of which shall be satisfactory to the Regional Director as determined at subsequent examinations and/or visitations.

(d) Any increase in Tier 1 capital necessary to meet the requirements of Paragraph 2 of this ORDER may be accomplished by the following:

- (i) the sale of common stock; or
- (ii) the sale of noncumulative perpetual preferred stock; or
- (iii) the direct contribution of cash by the Bank's Board and/or shareholders of the Bank; or
- (iv) any other means acceptable to the Regional Director; or
- (v) any combination of the above means.

Any increase in Tier 1 capital necessary to meet the requirements of Paragraph 2 of this ORDER that is accomplished through a deduction from the Bank's allowance for loan and lease losses may only be done subject to the provisions of Paragraph 3(b) of this ORDER.

(e) If all or part of the increase in Tier 1 capital required by Paragraph 2 of this ORDER is accomplished by the sale of new securities, the Bank's Board shall forthwith take all necessary steps to adopt and implement a plan for the sale of such additional securities, including the voting of any shares owned or proxies held or controlled by them in favor of the plan. Should the implementation of the plan involve a public distribution of the Bank's securities (including a distribution limited only to the Bank's existing shareholders), the Bank shall prepare offering materials fully describing the securities being offered, including an accurate description of the financial condition of the Bank and the circumstances giving rise to the offering, and any other material disclosures necessary to comply with the Federal securities laws. Prior to the implementation of the plan and, in any event, not less than 15 days prior to the dissemination of such materials, the plan and any materials used in the sale of the securities shall be submitted to the FDIC, Registration and Disclosure Unit, Washington, D.C. 20429, for review. Any changes requested to be made in the plan or materials by the FDIC shall be made prior to their dissemination. If the increase in Tier 1 capital is provided by the sale of noncumulative perpetual preferred stock, then all terms and conditions of the issue, including but not limited to those terms and conditions relative to interest rate and convertibility factor, shall be presented to the Regional Director for prior approval.

(f) In complying with the provisions of Paragraph 2 of this ORDER, the Bank shall provide to any subscriber and/or purchaser of the Bank's securities, a written notice of any planned or existing development or other changes which are materially different from the information reflected in any offering materials used in connection with the sale of Bank securities. The written notice required by this paragraph shall be furnished within 10 days from

the date such material development or change was planned or occurred, whichever is earlier, and shall be furnished to every subscriber and/or purchaser of the Bank's securities who received or was tendered the information contained in the Bank's original offering materials.

(g) For the purposes of this ORDER, the terms "Tier 1 capital" and "total assets" shall have, the meanings ascribed to them in Part 325 of the FDIC's Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. §§ 325.2(v) and 325.2(x).

3. (a) Within 10 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall increase the allowance for loan and lease losses by \$8,990,000 as specified in the ROE, and thereafter maintain an adequate allowance for loan and lease losses.

(b) Additionally, within 30 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank's Board shall develop or revise, adopt and implement a comprehensive policy for determining the adequacy of the allowance for loan and lease losses. For the purpose of this determination, the adequacy of the reserve shall be determined after the charge-off of all loans or other items classified "Loss." The policy shall provide for a review of the allowance at least once each calendar quarter. Said review should be completed at least 10 days prior to the end of each quarter, in order that the findings of the Bank's Board with respect to the loan and lease loss allowance may be properly reported in the quarterly Reports of Condition and Income. The review should focus on the results of the Bank's internal loan review, loan loss experience, trends of delinquent and non-accrual loans, an estimate of potential loss exposure of significant credits, concentrations of credit, and present and prospective economic conditions. A deficiency in the allowance shall be remedied in the calendar quarter it is discovered, prior to submitting the Report of Condition, by a charge to current operating earnings. The minutes of the Bank's Board

meeting at which such review is undertaken shall indicate the results of the review. Upon completion of the review, the Bank shall increase and maintain its allowance for loan and lease losses consistent with the allowance for loan and lease loss policy established. Such policy and its implementation shall be satisfactory to the Regional Director as determined at subsequent examinations and/or visitations.

4. (a) Within 10 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall eliminate from its books, by charge-off or collection, all assets classified "Loss" and one-half of the assets classified "Doubtful" in the ROE dated March 9, 2009 that have not been previously collected or charged off. Elimination of these assets through proceeds of other loans made by the Bank is not considered collection for the purpose of this paragraph.

(b) Within 180 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall have reduced the assets classified "Substandard" and "Doubtful" in the ROE dated March 9, 2009, that have not previously been charged off to not more than 95 percent of Tier 1 capital and allowance for loan and lease losses.

(c) Within 360 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall have reduced the assets classified "Substandard" and "Doubtful" in the ROE dated March 9, 2009, that have not previously been charged off to not more than 65 percent of Tier 1 capital and allowance for loan and lease losses.

(d) Within 540 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall have reduced the assets classified "Substandard" and "Doubtful" in the ROE dated March 9, 2009, that have not previously been charged off to not more than 40 percent of Tier 1 capital and allowance for loan and lease losses.

(e) The requirements of Subparagraphs 4(a), 4(b), 4(c), and 4(d) of this ORDER are not to be construed as standards for future operations and, in addition to the foregoing, the Bank shall eventually reduce the total of all adversely classified assets. Reduction of these assets through proceeds of other loans made by the Bank is not considered collection for the purpose of this paragraph. As used in Subparagraphs 4(b), 4(c), 4(d), and 4(e) the word "reduce" means:

- (i) to collect;
- (ii) to charge-off; or
- (iii) to sufficiently improve the quality of assets adversely classified to warrant removing any adverse classification, as determined by the FDIC.

(f) Within 60 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall develop written asset disposition plans for each classified asset greater than \$250,000. The plans shall be reviewed and approved by the Bank's Board and acceptable to the Regional Director as determined at subsequent examinations.

(g) Within 30 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall adopt and implement a written plan for the reduction and collection of delinquent loans. The plan shall be acceptable to the Regional Director as determined at subsequent examinations.

5. (a) Beginning with the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall not extend, directly or indirectly, any additional credit to, or for the benefit of, any borrower who has a loan or other extension of credit from the Bank that has been charged off or classified, in whole or in part, "Loss" and is uncollected. Subparagraph 5(a) of this ORDER shall not prohibit the



Bank from renewing or extending the maturity of any credit in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 15 ("FASB 15").

(b) Beginning with the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall not extend, directly or indirectly, any additional credit to, or for the benefit of, any borrower who has a loan or other extension of credit from the Bank that has been classified, in whole or part, "Doubtful" without the prior approval of a majority of the Bank's Board or the loan committee of the Bank.

(c) Beginning with the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall not extend, directly or indirectly, any additional credit to, or for the benefit of, any borrower who has a loan or other extension of credit from the Bank that has been classified, in whole or part, "Substandard" without the prior approval of a majority of the Bank's Board or the loan committee of the Bank.

(d) The loan committee or Bank's Board shall not approve any extension of credit, or additional credit to a borrower in Paragraphs (b) and (c) above without first collecting in cash all past due interest.

6. Within 30 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall revise, adopt, and implement written lending and collection policies to provide effective guidance and control over the Bank's lending function, which policies shall include all recommendations outlined on pages 2 through 5 of the ROE and obtain adequate and current documentation for all loans in the Bank's loan portfolio. Such policies and their implementation shall be in a form and manner acceptable to the Regional Director as determined at subsequent examinations and/or visitations.

7. Within 60 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall develop a plan to reduce its concentration risks to an acceptable level. In determining an acceptable level for each segment of concentration risk within the Bank's portfolio, the Bank shall consider the *Interagency Guidance on Concentrations in Commercial Real Estate Lending, Sound Risk Management Practices* and the Bank's current exposure in relation to capital. Such plan and its implementation shall be in a form and manner acceptable to the Regional Director as determined a subsequent examination and/or visitations.

8. Within 60 days of the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall develop and submit to the Regional Director a written three-year strategic plan. Such plan shall include specific goals for the dollar volume of total loans, total investment securities, and total deposits as of December 31, 2009, December 31, 2010, and December 31, 2011. The plan should also include an assessment of concentration risks that translates into capital and reserve sufficiency. The plan shall be in a form and manner acceptable to the Regional Director as determined at subsequent examinations and/or visitations.

9. Within 30 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall eliminate and/or correct all violations of law, as more fully set forth in the ROE dated March 9, 2009. In addition, the Bank shall take all necessary steps to ensure future compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

10. The Bank shall not pay cash dividends without the prior written consent of the Regional Director.

11. (a) During the life of this ORDER, the Bank shall not solicit, retain, or rollover brokered deposits unless it has applied for and been granted a waiver of this prohibition

by the FDIC in accordance with the provisions of section 337.6 of the FDIC's Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. § 337.6.

(b) For purposes of this ORDER, brokered deposits are defined as described in section 337.6(a)(2) of the FDIC's Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. § 337.6(a)(2).

12. Within 30 days of the end of the first quarter, following the effective date of this ORDER, and within 30 days of the end of each quarter thereafter, the Bank shall furnish written progress reports to the Regional Director detailing the form and manner of any actions taken to secure compliance with this ORDER and the results thereof. Such reports shall include a copy of the Bank's Report of Condition and the Bank's Report of Income. Such reports may be discontinued when the corrections required by this ORDER have been accomplished and the Regional Director has released the Bank in writing from making further reports.

13. Following the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall send to its shareholder(s) or otherwise furnish a description of this ORDER in conjunction with the Bank's next shareholder communication and also in conjunction with its notice or proxy statement preceding the Bank's next shareholder meeting. The description shall fully describe the ORDER in all material respects. The description and any accompanying communication, statement, or notice shall be sent to the FDIC, Accounting and Securities Section, Washington, D.C. 20429, at least 15 days prior to dissemination to shareholders. Any changes requested to be made by the FDIC shall be made prior to dissemination of the description, communication, notice, or statement.

This ORDER will become effective upon its issuance by the FDIC. The provisions of this ORDER shall remain effective and enforceable except to the extent that, and until such time

as, any provisions of this ORDER shall have been modified, terminated, suspended, or set aside by the FDIC.

Pursuant to delegated authority.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2009.

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Stan Ivie  
Regional Director  
Risk Management  
Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection  
San Francisco Region  
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation