

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

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In the Matter of)	
)	CONSENT ORDER
VIKING BANK)	
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON)	FDIC-09-364b
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(INSURED STATE NONMEMBER BANK))	
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The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”) is the appropriate Federal banking agency for Viking Bank, Seattle, Washington (“Bank”), under 12 U.S.C. § 1813(q). The Washington Department of Financial Institutions (“WDFI”) is the appropriate State banking agency for the Bank under Title 30 of the Revised Code of Washington.

The Bank, by and through its duly elected and acting Board of Directors (“Board”), has executed a “Stipulation to the Issuance of a Consent Order” (“Stipulation”), dated October 28, 2009, that is accepted by the FDIC and the WDFI. With the Stipulation, the Bank has consented, without admitting or denying any charges of unsafe or unsound banking practices relating to weaknesses in capital, asset quality, management and earnings, to the issuance of this Consent Order (“Order”) by the FDIC and the WDFI.

Having determined that the requirements for issuance of an order under 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b), and the Revised Code of Washington, Anno. § 30.04.450, have been satisfied, the FDIC and the WDFI hereby order that:

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 the following: (i) a chief executive officer with proven ability in managing a bank of comparable size and risk profile; (ii) a chief financial officer with proven ability in all aspects of financial management; and (iii) a senior lending officer with significant 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 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") and the Director of Banks of the Washington Department of Financial Institutions ("Director of Banks") in writing when it proposes to add or replace any individual on the Board of Directors, or employ any individual to serve as a senior executive officer, or change the responsibilities of any existing senior executive officer to include the responsibilities of another senior executive officer position. The term "senior executive officer" shall have the same meaning ascribed to it in Part 303 of the FDIC's

Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. § 303.102. The notification shall include a completed Interagency Biographical and Financial Report and Interagency Change in Director or Senior Executive Officer and must be received at least 30 days before the addition, employment or change of responsibilities is intended to become effective. The Regional Director and the Director of Banks shall have the power under the authority of this Order to disapprove the addition, employment or change of responsibilities of any proposed officer or director.

(d) The requirement to submit information and the prior disapproval provisions of this paragraph are based upon the authority of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b) and do not require the Regional Director and the Director of Banks to complete their review and act on any such information or authority within 30 days, or any other timeframe. The Bank shall not add, employ or change the responsibilities of any proposed director or senior executive officer until such time as the Regional Director and the Director of Banks have completed their review.

2. (a) Within 180 days from the effective date of this Order, the Bank shall increase and thereafter maintain its Tier 1 capital in such an amount to ensure that the Bank's leverage ratio equals or exceeds 10 percent.

(b) The level of Tier 1 capital to be maintained during the life of this Order 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 and Director of Banks as determined at subsequent examinations and/or visitations. Any increase in Tier 1 capital necessary to meet the requirements of this paragraph may not be accomplished through a deduction from the Bank's allowance for loan and lease losses.

(c) If all or part of the increase in Tier 1 capital required by this Order is accomplished by the sale of new securities, the Bank's Board shall 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 20 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, Disclosure and Securities Unit, 550 17th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20429, for review. Any changes requested by the FDIC shall be made prior to 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 and Director of Banks for prior approval.

(d) In complying with the provisions of this paragraph, 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.

(e) For the purposes of this Order, the terms "leverage ratio" and "Tier 1 capital" shall have, the meanings ascribed to them in Part 325 of the FDIC's Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. §§ 325.2(m) and 325.2(v).

3. (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” as of the FDIC's Report of Visitation dated May 18, 2009 (“Visitation Report”) 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 75 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall formulate a written plan to reduce the Bank’s risk exposure in each asset adversely classified “Substandard” as of the date of the Visitation Report. For purposes of this provision, “reduce” means to collect, charge off, or improve the quality of an asset so as to warrant its removal from adverse classification by the Regional Director and the Director of Banks. In developing the plan mandated by this paragraph, the Bank shall, at a minimum, and with respect to each adversely classified loan or lease, review, analyze, and document the financial position of the borrower, including source of repayment, repayment ability, and alternative repayment sources, as well as the value and accessibility of any pledged or assigned collateral, and any possible actions to improve the Bank’s collateral position.

(c) In addition, the plan mandated by this provision shall also include, but not be limited to the following:

(i) A schedule for reducing the outstanding dollar amount of each adversely classified asset in excess of \$100,000, including timeframe for achieving the reduced dollar amounts (at a minimum, the schedule for each adversely classified asset must show its expected dollar balance on a quarterly basis);

(ii) Specific action plans intended to reduce the Bank’s risk exposure in each classified asset:

(iii) A schedule showing, on a quarterly basis, the expected consolidated balance of all adversely classified assets, and the ratio of the consolidated balance to the Bank's projected Tier 1 capital plus the allowance for loan and lease losses;

(iv) A provision for the Bank's submission of monthly written progress reports to its board of directors; and

(v) A provision mandating board review of the progress reports, with a notation of the review recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the board of directors.

(d) The plan mandated by this provision shall further require a reduction in the aggregate balance of assets classified "Substandard" as of the date of the Visitation Report.

(e) The requirements of this paragraph do not represent standards for future operations of the Bank. Following compliance with the above reduction schedule, the Bank shall continue to reduce the total volume of adversely classified assets. The plan may include a provision for increasing Tier 1 capital when necessary to achieve the prescribed ratio.

(f) The Bank shall, immediately upon completion, submit the plan to the Regional Director and the Director of Banks for review and comment. Within 30 days from receipt of any comment from the Regional Director and Director of Banks, and after due consideration of any recommended changes, the Bank shall approve the plan, which approval shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the board of directors. Thereafter, the Bank shall implement and fully comply with the plan.

4. (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 classified, in whole or part, "Doubtful" and "Substandard" without first collecting in cash all past due interest. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Bank may extend additional credit to such borrowers provided that: (i) the Bank

adopts a written plan for the extension of additional credit in workout situations to protect and improve the Bank's collateral position ("workout plan"); (ii) the workout plan specifically outlines the mechanics, safeguards, and controls required to approve the extension of additional credit; (iii) the Bank receives the approval of the Regional Director and the Director of Banks for adoption of the workout plan prior to its implementation; (iv) if the workout plan is approved by the Regional Director and the Director of Banks, the Bank shall submit quarterly reports to the Regional Director and the Director of Banks regarding all extensions of additional credit approved under the workout plan; and (v) the Bank's implementation of the workout plan shall be acceptable to the Regional Director and the Director of Banks as determined at subsequent examinations and/or visitations.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of this Order to the contrary, the Bank may make loan modifications to 1-4 family residential mortgage loans in accordance with loan modification programs and practices promoted, sponsored or approved by the FDIC or other governmental agencies.

5. Within 90 days from the effective date of this Order, the Bank shall develop or revise, adopt, and implement a written plan, approved by its Board and acceptable to the Regional Director and the Director of Banks for systematically reducing the amount of loans or other extensions of credit advanced, directly or indirectly, to or for the benefit of, any borrowers in the "Commercial Real Estate" Concentration. Such plan shall be in conformance with Appendix A of Part 365 of the FDIC's Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. Part 365, Appendix A; and Financial Institution Letter (FIL)-104-2006, Commercial Real Estate Lending Joint Guidance, dated December 12, 2006.

6. Within 90 days from the effective date of this Order, the Bank shall develop or revise, adopt, and implement a written three-year strategic plan. Such plan shall be submitted to

the Regional Director and the Director of Banks and shall include specific goals for the dollar volume of total loans, total investment securities, and total deposits as of year-end 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012. For each time frame, the plan will also specify:

- (a) the anticipated average maturity and average yield on loans and securities;
- (b) the average maturity and average cost of deposits;
- (c) the level of earning assets as a percentage of total assets;
- (d) the ratio of net interest income to average earning assets; and
- (e) the Tier 1 leverage capital ratio, Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio, and total risk-based capital ratio.

Such plan and its implementation shall be satisfactory to the Regional Director and Director of Banks as determined at subsequent examinations and/or visitations.

7. (a) Within 90 days from the effective date of this Order, the Bank shall develop or revise, adopt, and implement a written plan addressing retention of profits, reducing overhead expenses, and setting forth a comprehensive budget covering the period 2010 to 2012. The plan required by this paragraph shall contain formal goals, strategies and benchmarks which are consistent with sound banking practices to improve the Bank's net interest margin, increase interest income, reduce discretionary expenses, and improve and sustain earnings of the Bank. It shall also contain a thorough description of the operating assumptions that form the basis for, and adequately support, each major component of the plan. Such plan and its implementation shall be satisfactory to the Regional Director and Director of Banks as determined at subsequent examinations and/or visitations.

(b) Following the end of each calendar quarter, the Bank's Board shall evaluate the Bank's actual performance in relation to the plan and shall record the results of the

evaluation, and any actions taken by the Bank, in the minutes of the Bank's Board meeting at which such evaluation is undertaken.

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

9. (a) During the life of this Order, the Bank shall comply with the provisions of section 337.6 of the FDIC's Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. § 337.6.

(b) Within 90 days from the effective date of this Order the Bank shall submit to the Regional Director and Director of Banks a written plan for reducing its reliance on brokered deposits. The plan should contain details as to the current composition of brokered deposits by maturity and explain the means by which such deposits will be reduced. 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). Such plan and its implementation shall be satisfactory to the Regional Director and Director of Banks as determined at subsequent examinations and/or visitations.

10. 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 and Director of Banks 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 Reports of Condition and Income. Such reports may be discontinued when the corrections required by this Order have been accomplished and the Regional Director and Director of Banks have released the Bank in writing from making further reports.

11. Following the effective date of this Order, the Bank shall provide a copy of the Order or otherwise furnish a description of the Order to its shareholder(s) in conjunction with:

- (a) the Bank's next shareholder communication; and
- (b) the 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, Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection, Accounting and Securities Disclosure Section, 550 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20429, at least 20 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.

The provisions of this Order shall not bar, estop, or otherwise prevent the FDIC, the WDFI, or any other federal or state agency or department from taking any other action against the Bank or any of the Bank's current or former institution-affiliated parties.

This Order shall be effective on the date of issuance.

The provisions of this Order shall be binding upon the Bank, its institution-affiliated parties, and any successors and assigns thereof.

The provisions of this Order shall remain effective and enforceable except to the extent that and until such time as any provision has been modified, terminated, suspended, or set aside by the FDIC and the WDFI.

Issued Pursuant to Delegated Authority

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4th day of November, 2009.

/s/

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Deputy Regional Director
Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection
San Francisco Region
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

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Washington Department of Financial Institutions