

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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In the Matter of	)	
	)	CONSENT ORDER
PINELAND STATE BANK	)	
METTER, GEORGIA	)	FDIC-10-211b
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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 the Pineland State Bank, Metter, Georgia (“Bank”), under 12 U.S.C. § 1813(q).

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 May 25, 2010, that is accepted by the FDIC and the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance (“Department”). The Department may issue an order pursuant to section 7-1-91 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, GA Code Ann. Section 7-1-91 (1985).

With this Stipulation, the Bank has consented, without admitting or denying any charges of unsafe or unsound banking practices or violations of law or regulation relating to weaknesses in asset quality, capital adequacy, earnings, and management effectiveness, to the issuance of this Consent Order (“ORDER”) by the FDIC and the Department.

Having determined that the requirements for issuance of an order under 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b) and section 7-1-91 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, GA Code Ann. Section 7-1-91 (1985) have been satisfied, the FDIC and the Department hereby order that:

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. (a) Beginning with the effective date of this ORDER, the Board shall increase its participation in the affairs of the Bank, assuming full responsibility for the approval of sound policies and objectives and for the supervision of all of the Bank's activities, consistent with the role and expertise commonly expected for directors of banks of comparable size. The Board shall prepare in advance and follow a detailed written agenda for each meeting, including consideration of the actions of any committees. Nothing in the foregoing sentences shall preclude the Board from considering matters other than those contained in the agenda. This participation shall include meetings to be held no less frequently than monthly at which, at a minimum, the following areas shall be reviewed and approved: reports of income and expenses; new, overdue, renewal, insider, charged-off, and recovered loans; investment activity; operating policies; and individual committee actions. Board minutes shall document these reviews and approvals, including the names of any dissenting directors.

(b) Within 30 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Board shall establish a Board committee ("Directors' Committee"), consisting of at least four members, to oversee the Bank's compliance with the ORDER. Three of the members of the Directors' Committee shall not be officers of the Bank. The Directors' Committee shall receive from Bank management monthly reports detailing the Bank's actions with

respect to compliance with the ORDER. The Directors' Committee shall present a report detailing the Bank's adherence to the ORDER to the Board at each regularly scheduled Board meeting. Such report shall be recorded in the appropriate minutes of the Board's meeting and shall be retained in the Bank's records. Establishment of this committee does not in any way diminish the responsibility of the entire Board to ensure compliance with the provisions of this ORDER.

### **MANAGEMENT**

2. Effective immediately, 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, chief credit officer, and a chief financial officer with supervisory experience levels for the Bank's risk profile. 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 Atlanta's Regional Office ("Regional Director") and the

Commissioner of the Department (collectively, “Supervisory Authorities”) 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. The Bank may not add any individual to its Board or employ any individual as a senior executive officer if the Regional Director issues a notice of disapproval pursuant to section 32 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1831i.

(d) During the life of this Order, the Bank shall notify the Supervisory Authorities in writing within ten days when any Board member or executive officer resigns or is terminated.

### **CAPITAL**

3. (a) Within 120 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall have Tier 1 Capital in such an amount as to equal or exceed eight percent (8.0%) of the Bank’s total assets and the Bank shall have a Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio of at least ten percent (10.0%) as that Risk Based Capital Ratio is described in the FDIC Statement of Policy on Risk-Based Capital contained in Appendix A to Part 325 of the FDIC Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. Part 325, Appendix A.

(b) Within 60 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall develop and adopt a plan for maintaining the capital levels required by paragraph 3(a) during the life of this ORDER. The plan shall be submitted to the Supervisory Authorities for review.

(c) The level of Tier 1 Capital to be maintained during the life of this ORDER pursuant to paragraph 3(a) shall be in addition to a fully funded allowance for loan and lease losses (“ALLL”), the adequacy of which shall be satisfactory to the Supervisory Authorities as determined at subsequent examinations and/or visitations.

(d) Any increase in Tier 1 Capital necessary to meet the requirements of paragraph 3(a) of this ORDER may be accomplished by the following:

- (i) sale of common stock; or
- (ii) sale of noncumulative perpetual preferred stock; or
- (iii) direct contribution of cash by the Board, shareholders, and/or parent holding company; or
- (iv) any other means that has been approved as acceptable to the Supervisory Authorities; or
- (v) any combination of the above means.

(e) Any increase in Tier 1 Capital necessary to meet the requirements of paragraph 3(a) of this ORDER may not be accomplished through a deduction from the Bank's ALLL.

(f) If all or part of any necessary increase in Tier 1 Capital required by paragraph 3(a) of this ORDER is accomplished by the sale of new securities, the 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 fifteen (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, Division of Supervision and Consumer Compliance, Accounting and Securities Disclosure Section, 550 17<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Room F-6066, Washington, D.C. 20429 and to the Commissioner, Georgia Department of Banking and Finance, 2990 Brandywine Rd., Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-5565, for review. Any changes requested to be made in the plan or materials by the Supervisory Authorities 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 Supervisory Authorities for prior approval.

(g) In complying with the provisions of paragraph 3(a) 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 ten (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.

(h) For the purposes of this ORDER, the terms “Tier 1 Capital” and “total assets” shall have the meanings ascribed to them in 12 C.F.R. Part 325.

#### **REDUCTION OF CLASSIFIED ASSETS**

4. (a) Within 60 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall submit to the Supervisory Authorities, for review and comment, a written plan to reduce the Bank’s risk position in each asset in excess of \$250,000 which is classified “Substandard” in the Joint Report of Examination dated January 11, 2010 (“Report”). Within 30 days from the receipt of any comment from the Supervisory Authorities, and after due consideration of any recommended changes, the Bank shall approve the plan, which approval shall be recorded in the minutes of a Board meeting. Thereafter, the Bank shall implement and follow this plan.

(b) The plan mandated by this paragraph shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (i) the dollar levels to which risk in each classified asset will be reduced;
- (ii) a description of the risk reduction methodology to be followed;
- (iii) provisions for the submission of monthly written progress reports to the Board;
- (iv) provisions mandating Board review of said progress reports, and
- (v) provisions for the mandated review to be recorded by notation in the minutes of the Board meetings.

(c) The written plan mandated by this provision shall further require a reduction in the aggregate balance of assets classified “Substandard” in the Report in accordance with the following schedule. For purposes of this paragraph, “number of days” means number of days from the effective date of this ORDER.

(i) Within 180 days, a reduction of twenty-five percent (25%) in the balance of assets classified “Substandard”;

(ii) Within 360 days, a reduction of forty-five percent (45%) in the balance of assets classified “Substandard”;

(iii) Within 540 days, a reduction of sixty percent (60%) in the balance of assets classified “Substandard”; and

(iv) Within 720 days, a reduction of seventy-five percent (75%) in the balance of assets classified “Substandard”.

(d) The requirements of this paragraph 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 paragraphs 4(a), 4(b) and 4(c) 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 Supervisory Authorities.



**NO ADDITIONAL CREDIT**

5. (a) As of 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" or "Doubtful" and is uncollected. The requirements of this paragraph shall not prohibit the Bank from renewing (after collection in cash of interest due from the borrower) any credit already extended to any borrower.

(b) Additionally, as of 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" and is uncollected.

(c) Paragraph 5(b) shall not apply if the Bank's failure to extend further credit to a particular borrower would be detrimental to the best interests of the Bank. Prior to the extending of any additional credit pursuant to this paragraph, either in the form of a renewal, extension, or further advance of funds, such additional credit shall be approved by a majority of the Board or a designated committee thereof, who shall certify in writing as follows:

- (i) why the failure of the Bank to extend such credit would be detrimental to the best interests of the Bank;
- (ii) that the Bank's position would be improved thereby including an explanatory statement of how the Bank's position would be improved; and
- (iii) an appropriate workout plan has been developed and will be implemented in conjunction with the additional credit to be extended.

(d) The signed certification shall be made a part of the minutes of the Board or its designated committee and a copy of the signed certification shall be retained in the borrower's credit file.

### **CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT**

6. Within 90 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall perform a risk segmentation analysis with respect to the concentrations of credit identified in the Report. Concentrations should be identified by product type, geographic distribution, underlying collateral or other asset groups, which are considered economically related and in the aggregate represent a large portion of the Bank's Tier 1 Capital. The Bank shall develop a written plan approved by its Board and acceptable to the Supervisory Authorities to systematically reduce the concentrations of credit identified in the Report. At a minimum the plan must provide for written procedures for the ongoing measurement and monitoring of the concentrations of credit, and a limit on concentrations commensurate with the Bank's capital position, safe and sound banking practices, and the overall risk profile of the Bank.

### **LENDING AND COLLECTION POLICIES**

7. Within 90 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. Such policy and its implementation shall be satisfactory to the Supervisory Authorities as determined at subsequent examinations and/or visitations and at a minimum shall:

- (a) eliminate and/or correct all loan policy deficiencies as more fully set forth in the Report; and

- (b) evaluate the Bank's loan review and grading system and implement changes which shall:
- (i) ensure that loans are appropriately graded;
  - (ii) ensure that loan grades are reviewed quarterly and changed if necessary;
  - (iii) ensure that problem loans are accurately identified on a timely basis;
  - (iv) ensure that collateral and credit documentation deficiencies and policy exceptions are identified; and
  - (v) ensure that the results of the loan review are communicated in writing to the Board and the Loan Committee.

**ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN AND LEASE LOSSES**

8. During the life of this ORDER, the Board shall continue to review the adequacy of the ALLL. Said review shall be completed in time to properly report the ALLL in the quarterly Reports of Condition and Income. The review shall focus on the results of the Bank's internal loan review, loan and lease 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 ALLL shall be remedied in the calendar quarter it is discovered, prior to submitting the Reports of Condition and Income, by a charge to current operating earnings. The minutes of the Board meeting at which such review is undertaken shall indicate the results of the review. The Bank's policy for computing the ALLL and for determining the adequacy of the ALLL shall be consistent with outstanding regulatory guidance and Generally Accepted

Accounting Principles (GAAP) and its implementation shall be satisfactory to the Supervisory Authorities as determined at subsequent examinations or visitations.

**CASH DIVIDENDS AND OTHER BANK PAYMENTS**

9. (a) While this ORDER is in effect, the Bank shall not declare or pay dividends or any other form of payment representing a reduction in capital without the prior written approval of the Supervisory Authorities. All requests for prior approval shall be received at least 30 days prior to the proposed dividend declaration date or proposed payment date (at least 5 days with respect to any request filed within the first 30 days after the date of this ORDER) and shall contain, but not be limited to, an analysis of the impact such dividend or other payment would have on the Bank's capital, income, and/or liquidity positions.

(b) During the term of this ORDER, the Bank shall not make any distributions of interest, principal or other sums on subordinated debentures, if any, without the prior written approval of the Supervisory Authorities.

**PLAN FOR EXPENSES/PROFITABILITY**

10. (a) Within 60 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall formulate and implement a written plan to improve and/or sustain Bank earnings. This plan shall be forwarded to the Supervisory Authorities for review and comment and shall address, at a minimum, the following:

- (i) goals and strategies for improving and sustaining the earnings of the Bank;
- (ii) the major areas in, and means by which the Bank will seek to improve the Bank's operating performance;

- (iii) realistic and comprehensive budgets;
- (iv) a budget review process to monitor the income and expenses of the Bank to compare actual figures with budgetary projections; and
- (v) the operating assumptions that form the basis for, and adequately support, major projected income and expense components.

(b) Following the end of each calendar quarter, the Board shall evaluate the Bank's actual performance in relation to the plan required by this paragraph and shall record the results of the evaluation, and any actions taken by the Bank in the minutes of the Board meeting at which such evaluation is undertaken.

(c) Thereafter, the Bank shall formulate such a plan and budget by November 30 of each subsequent year. These plans and budgets shall be submitted to the Supervisory Authorities for review and comment by December 15 of each subsequent year.

#### **WRITTEN STRATEGIC/BUSINESS PLAN**

11. (a) Within 90 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall prepare and submit to the Supervisory Authorities for review and comment a written business/strategic plan covering the overall operation of the Bank. At a minimum the plan shall establish objectives for the Bank's earnings performance, growth, balance sheet mix, liability structure, capital adequacy, and reduction of nonperforming and underperforming assets, together with strategies for achieving those objectives. The plan shall also identify capital, funding, managerial, and other resources needed to accomplish its objectives.

(b) Within 30 days from the receipt of any comments from the Supervisory Authorities, and after due consideration of any recommended changes, the Board shall approve the business/strategic plan, which approval shall be recorded in the minutes of a Board meeting.

### **LIQUIDITY AND FUNDS MANAGEMENT**

12. (a) Within 60 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall review and revise its written plan addressing liquidity, contingent funding, and asset liability management, which plan shall include, at a minimum, revisions to address all items of criticism in the Report.

(b) The plan shall incorporate the guidance contained in Financial Institution Letter (“FIL”) 84-2008, dated August 26, 2008, entitled *Liquidity Risk Management*. The plan shall provide restrictions on the use of brokered and internet deposits consistent with safe and sound banking practices.

(c) A copy of the plan shall be submitted to the Supervisory Authorities upon its completion for review and comment. Within 30 days from the receipt of any comments from the Supervisory Authorities, the Bank shall incorporate those recommended changes. Thereafter, the Bank shall implement and follow the plan, and implementation shall be in a form and manner acceptable to the Supervisory Authorities as determined at subsequent examinations and/or visitations.

(d) Beginning with the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank’s management shall review its liquidity position to ensure that the Bank has sufficient liquid assets or sources of liquidity to meet current and anticipated liquidity needs. This review shall include an analysis of the Bank’s sources and uses of funds (cash flow analysis). The

results of this review shall be presented to the Board for review each month, with the review noted in the minutes of the Board meeting.

### **BROKERED DEPOSITS**

13. (a) Throughout the effective life of this ORDER, the Bank shall not accept, renew, or rollover any brokered deposit, as defined by 12 C.F.R. § 337.6(a)(2), unless it is in compliance with the requirements of 12 C.F.R. § 337.6(b), governing solicitation and acceptance of brokered deposits by insured depository institutions.

(b) The Bank shall comply with the restrictions on the effective yields on deposits as described in 12 CFR § 337.6.

### **VIOLATIONS OF LAW**

14. Within 60 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall eliminate and/or correct all violations of law and regulation, which are more fully set out in the Report. In addition, the Bank shall take all necessary steps to ensure future compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

### **NO MATERIAL GROWTH WITHOUT NOTICE**

15. While this ORDER is in effect, the Bank shall notify the Supervisory Authorities at least 60 days prior to undertaking asset growth to ten percent (10.0%) or more per annum or initiating material changes in asset or liability composition. In no event shall asset growth result in noncompliance with the capital maintenance provisions of this ORDER unless the Bank receives prior written approval from the Supervisory Authorities.

### **WIRE TRANSFER CONTROLS**

16. Within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Order, the Board shall institute procedures to ensure the Bank's wire transfer function is adequately controlled through the proper segregation of origination and approval duties; the development and implementation of prudent wire limits based on historical volumes and amounts; and the addition of a requirement for supervisors to approve large wire transfers.

### **PROGRESS REPORTS**

17. Within 30 days from 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 Supervisory Authorities 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 Supervisory Authorities have released the Bank in writing from making further reports. All progress reports and other written responses to this ORDER shall be reviewed by the Board and made a part of the minutes of the appropriate Board meeting.

### **DISCLOSURE**

18. Following the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall send to its shareholders 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, Division of Supervision and Consumer Compliance, Accounting and Securities Disclosure Section, 550 17<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W. Room F-6066, Washington, D.C. 20429, and the Commissioner, Georgia Department of Banking and Finance, 2990 Brandywine Rd., Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-5565, at least fifteen (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.

The provisions of this ORDER shall not bar, estop, or otherwise prevent the FDIC, the Department, 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.

Issued Pursuant to Delegated Authority.

Dated this 27th day of May, 2010.

/s/

By:

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Thomas J. Dujenski  
Regional Director  
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Atlanta Region  
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