

**SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT**

This Settlement and Release Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as Receiver for Platinum Community Bank (“FDIC-R”) and Continental Casualty Company (“Continental”) (individually, the FDIC-R and Continental may be referred to herein as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”).

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS:

Prior to September 4, 2009, Platinum Community Bank (the “Bank”) was a depository institution organized and existing under the laws of Illinois;

On September 4, 2009, the Office of Thrift Supervision closed the Bank and pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1821(c), the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation was appointed receiver. In accordance with 12 U.S.C. § 1821(d), the FDIC-R succeeded to all rights, titles, powers and privileges of the Bank, including those with respect to its assets;

Among the assets to which FDIC-R succeeded were any and all claims, demands, and causes of action against the Bank’s financial institution bond insurer, including against Continental as issuer of the Bond, as that term is defined below;

On June 22, 2009, Continental issued a “Community Financial Institutions Bond,” Policy Number   (“Bond”).

The FDIC-R submitted a proof of loss, a supplemental proof of loss, and supporting documents to Continental seeking coverage under the Bond on the basis that Paul Allen acted dishonestly and induced the Bank to fund and/or purchase a series of loans using escrow funds deposited by Freddie Mac (“Claim”);

Continental disputed that the Claim was covered by the Bond; and

The undersigned Parties deem it in their best interests to enter into this Agreement to avoid the uncertainty and expense of litigation.

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

**SECTION I: Payment to FDIC-R**

A. As an essential covenant and condition of this Agreement and in consideration for the releases set forth in Section II, Continental agrees to pay to the FDIC-R the sum of SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS and ZERO CENTS (\$667,500.00) (the "Settlement Payment"). The Settlement Payment shall be paid to the FDIC-R within thirty (30) calendar days after both Parties sign the Agreement. The Parties agree that time is of the essence with respect to the obligation to make the Settlement Payment.

B. Continental shall deliver the Settlement Payment to the FDIC-R by direct check. The check shall be made payable to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as Receiver for Platinum Community Bank. The check shall be delivered to:

Christine P. Hsu  
Counsel, Professional Liability Unit  
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation  
3501 Fairfax Drive, VS-B-7054  
Arlington, Virginia 22226

C. If the FDIC-R does not receive the Settlement Payment in full on or before the date determined by Section I.A. above or any extension granted in accordance with Section I.C.1 below, then the FDIC-R, in its sole discretion, shall have the right at any time prior to receipt of the Settlement Payment in full to:

1. Extend the period of time for the Settlement Payment, including interest accruing from the date determined by subsection A above, through the date of payment at a rate calculated in accordance with 26 U.S.C. §6621 (a)(2);

2. Enforce this Agreement, in which event Continental agrees to jurisdiction in United States District Court for the District of Illinois and to pay all of the FDIC-R's reasonable attorney's fees and costs expended in enforcing the terms of this Agreement;

3. Terminate the Agreement; or
4. Seek any relief available to it in law or equity.

In the event the FDIC-R extends the period of time in accordance with Section I.C.1, the actions set forth in Sections I.C.2 through I.C.4 shall only be available if the FDIC-R does not receive the Settlement Payment (including all accrued interest) in full on or before the date set out in the extension.

## **SECTION II: Releases**

### **A. Release of Continental by FDIC-R**

Effective upon receipt in full of the Settlement Payment, plus any accrued interest due under Section I.C.1, and except as provided in Section II.D below, the FDIC-R, for itself and its successors and assigns, hereby releases and discharges Continental, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates and reinsurers, and their respective employees, officers, directors, agents, representatives, successors and assigns (collectively the "Continental Released Parties"), from any and all claims, demands, obligations, damages, actions and causes of action, direct or indirect, in law or equity, that arise from or relate to the Claim, the Bond, any acts or omissions committed by Paul Allen, or Freddie Mac's escrow funds. As part of this release of Continental, the FDIC-R further agrees that any interest it has or may have under the Bond is extinguished and that it will not pursue any further claims under the Bond, whether or not related to the Claim.

### **B. Release of FDIC-R by Continental**

Effective simultaneously with the Release granted in Section II.A above, Continental, for itself and its successors and assigns, and on behalf of the Continental Released Parties hereby releases and discharges the FDIC-R and its employees, officers, directors, agents, representatives, successors and assigns, from any and all claims, demands, obligations, damages, actions and causes of action, direct or indirect, in law or in equity, that arise from or relate to the Claim or the Bond.

C. Waiver of Subrogation by Continental

1. Effective simultaneously with the Release granted in Section II.A above, Continental agrees to and hereby does irrevocably waive any rights under Section 4 of the Bond (titled "Assignment-Subrogation-Recovery-Cooperation") and any rights of subrogation or recovery it may have relating to or arising out of the Claim or the Bond including, without limitation, any rights arising from Continental's payment of the Settlement Payment or involving any action, error or omission of Paul Allen (collectively, "Rights of Recovery"). Continental does hereby assign, transfer, and convey to the FDIC-R any of its rights, claims, title, and interest as to any Rights of Recovery. Continental agrees that the FDIC-R may retain, sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of such Rights of Recovery as it sees fit, in its sole and unfettered discretion, and retain the proceeds (if any) thereof. Any future recovery pursuant to such Rights of Recovery shall not modify or otherwise affect the amount of Settlement Payment due under this Agreement and required to be paid by Continental.

D. Express Reservations from Releases by FDIC-R

1. Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this Agreement, the FDIC-R does not release, and expressly preserves fully and to the same extent as if the Agreement had not been executed, any claims or causes of action:

a. against any 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-R, the Bank, other financial institutions, or any other person or entity, including without limitation any claims acquired by the FDIC-R as successor in interest to the Bank or any person or entity other than the Bank;

b. against any person or entity not expressly released in this Agreement;

c. under or relating to any policy of insurance issued by Continental (or any other insurer) other than the Bond; and

d. which are not expressly released in Section II.A above.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed or interpreted as limiting, waiving, releasing or compromising the jurisdiction and authority of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in the exercise of its supervisory or regulatory authority or to diminish its ability to institute administrative enforcement or other proceedings seeking removal, prohibition or any other relief it is authorized to seek pursuant to its supervisory or regulatory authority against any person.

3. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this Agreement does not waive, or intend to waive, any claims which could be brought by the United States through the Department of Justice, the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois or any other federal judicial district, or by any other department, agency or instrumentality of the United States as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 6. In addition, the FDIC-R specifically reserves the right to seek court ordered restitution pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Mandatory Victims Restitution Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3322 and § 3663, *et. seq.*, if appropriate.

### **SECTION III: Representations and Acknowledgements**

#### **A. Authorized Signatories**

All of the undersigned persons represent and warrant that they are authorized to sign this Agreement on behalf of the respective Party, and that they have the full power and authority to bind such Party to each and every provision of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the undersigned Parties and their respective heirs, executors, trustees, administrators, representatives, successors and assigns.

#### **B. Ownership of the Claim.**

The Parties hereby represent and warrant that they have not transferred, assigned, released, or otherwise compromised any rights or claims released herein. The FDIC-R represents and warrants that it is the sole owner of the Claim. The FDIC-R understands and agrees that this representation is a material portion of the consideration provided to Continental in this Agreement.

C. No Admission of Liability

The undersigned Parties each acknowledge and agree that the matters set forth in this Agreement constitute the settlement and compromise of disputed claims and defenses, and that this Agreement is not an admission or evidence of liability or infirmity by either Party regarding any claim or defense, and that the Agreement shall not be offered or received in evidence by, or against, any Party except to enforce its terms.

D. Execution in Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts by one or more of the Parties named herein and all such counterparts when so executed shall together constitute the final Agreement as if one document had been signed by all Parties; 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 this Agreement.

E. Choice of Law

This Agreement shall be interpreted, construed and enforced according to the applicable federal law, or in its absence, the laws of the state of Illinois.

F. Entire Agreement and Amendments

This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement and understanding between the Parties concerning the matters set forth herein and supersedes any prior agreements or understandings. This Agreement may not be amended or modified, nor may any of its provisions be waived, except in writing signed by the Parties to be bound thereby, or by their respective authorized attorney(s), or other representative(s).

G. Reasonable Cooperation

The undersigned Parties agree to cooperate in good faith to effectuate all of 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, execution, filing, recording and entry, of any documents necessary to perform the terms of this Agreement.

H. 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 this Agreement has been explained to that Party by his or her counsel.

I. No Confidentiality

The Parties acknowledge and agree that this Agreement is a public document that will need to be disclosed pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1821(s) and other applicable laws and regulations.


J. Titles and Captions

All section titles and captions contained in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

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

**FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION**

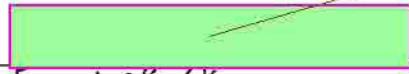
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BY:   
TITLE: Counsel  
PRINT NAME: Christine Pittson

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**CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY**

Date: 10/1/19

BY:   
TITLE: AVP Claim  
PRINT NAME: Karrilann Couture

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