

## DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

P.O. Box 690, Jefferson City, Mo. 65102-0690

IN RE: SOUTHERN MISSOURI LAND SERVICES LLC. P O Box 155 Houston, Missouri 65483 ID NUMBER 274808

## VOLUNTARY FORFEITURE AGREEMENT

It is hereby agreed by Southern Missouri Land Services LLC ("SMLS") and the Consumer Affairs Division of the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration, as follows:

WHEREAS, John M. Huff is the duly appointed Director of the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration, State of Missouri (hereinafter, "Director" of the "Department") whose duties, pursuant to Chapters 374, 375 and 381 RSMo, include the supervision and regulation of the business of insurance;

WHEREAS, the Consumer Affairs Division of the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration is charged with investigating producers and companies engaged in the business of insurance pursuant to Section 374.085, RSMo and is authorized by the Director to recommend enforcement action under the laws relating to insurance; WHEREAS, SMLS currently holds an active license as an business entity insurance producer with the Department, pursuant to Chapter 375, RSMo;

WHEREAS, an investigation has revealed that SMLTS:

1. Engaged in the business of title insurance without a qualified principal as required by Section 381.118.1 RSMo (Supp. 2013) between February 4, 2016 and July 25, 2016;

2. Assisted an individual without an active license to engage in the business of title insurance, an act constituting a violation of Chapter 381.045; and,

 Failed to file the Annual Financial Interest Report and Affiliated Business Arrangement Report by March 31, 2016 in violation of 20 CSR 500-7.070.

All subjecting SMLS to enforcement action by the Director;

WHEREAS, SMLS has been informed of the nature of its violations, of its right to counsel and of its right to contest any attempt by the Department to discipline its producer license, and states that it understands its rights to contest any such actions;

AND WHEREAS, SMLS acknowledges and admits for purposes of this Agreement and for purposes of any future action by the Director or the Consumer Affairs Division based on any additional violation of the insurance laws or regulations by SMLS, in which action the Director or the Consumer Affairs Division alleges that the violation described herein forms part of a course of conduct, a business practice, or other such series of similar violations, or that future violations by SMLS are committed knowingly, intentionally or in conscious disregard of the law, that it engaged in the business of title insurance without a qualified principal, through a person without an active insurance producer license, assisted that person to violate Chapter 381, and failed to file the Annual Financial Interest Report and Affiliated Business Arrangement Report by March 31, 2016, and that such conduct violated Sections 381.118.1, 381.045, RSMo (Supp.

## 2013), and 20 CSR 500-7.070 (2) respectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, in lieu of the institution by the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration of any action to impose any other penalties provided for by statute for the above-described violations, after being afforded the opportunity to consult legal counsel, SMLS does hereby voluntarily and knowingly surrender and forfeit the sum of one thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$1,450.00) such sum to be paid into the Missouri State School Fund pursuant to Sections 374.046 and 374.280, RSMo. SMLS shall submit this sum to the Department by cashier's check or money order made payable to the State School Moneys Fund no later than December 30, 2016.

The parties agree that, should the Director or the Division in the future allege an additional violation of the insurance laws or regulations by SMLS, nothing in this Agreement shall preclude the Director or the Consumer Affairs Division from introducing SMLS' admissions contained in this Agreement as evidence that the act described herein forms part of a course of conduct, a business practice, or other such series of similar violations, or for purposes of showing that such later alleged acts are committed knowingly, intentionally or in conscious disregard of the law.

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