

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & INSURANCE

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

IN RE: WELLS ABSTRACT COMPANY  
119 S. 10<sup>th</sup> ST.  
HANNIBAL, MO 63401

TRACKING ID# 440464

### VOLUNTARY FORFEITURE AGREEMENT

It is hereby agreed by Wells Abstract Company (“Wells”) and the Division of Consumer Affairs of the Department of Commerce and Insurance, as follows:

WHEREAS, Chlora Lindley-Myers, is the duly appointed Director of the Department of Commerce and Insurance, 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 Division of Consumer Affairs (“Division”) of the Department is charged with investigating producers and companies engaged in the business of insurance pursuant to Sections 374.085 and 374.190, RSMo and is authorized by the Director to recommend enforcement action under the laws relating to insurance;

WHEREAS, Wells currently holds an active license as a business entity producer

with the Department, pursuant to Chapter 375, RSMo;

WHEREAS, the Division has received information concerning Wells' failure to timely file the Annual Financial Interest Report and Affiliated Arrangement Report that were due March 31, 2024, which is a violation of Sections 381.029.3, 381.029.4, RSMo and Missouri regulation 20 CSR 500-7.070 and subjects Wells to enforcement action by the Director;

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


AND WHEREAS, Wells acknowledges and admits for purposes of this Agreement and for purposes of any future action by the Director or the Division based on any additional violation of the insurance laws or regulations by Wells in which action the Director or the Division alleges that the violations described herein form part of a course of conduct, a business practice, or other such series of similar violations, or that future violations by Wells are committed knowingly, intentionally or in conscious disregard of the law, that it failed to timely file the Annual Financial Interest Report and Affiliated Arrangement Report that were due March 31, 2024, which is a violation of Sections 381.029.3 and 381.029.4, RSMo and Missouri regulation 20 CSR 500-7.070.

NOW, THEREFORE, in lieu of any recommendation or initiation by the Division of any action based on the violations cited in this Agreement, and after being afforded the opportunity to consult legal counsel, Wells does hereby voluntarily and knowingly surrender and forfeit the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00), such sum to be paid into the State School Moneys Fund pursuant to Sections 374.046 and 374.280, RSMo.


Wells 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 May 15, 2024.

The parties agree that, should the Director or the Division in the future allege an additional violation of the insurance laws or regulations by Wells, nothing in this Agreement shall preclude the Director or the Division from introducing Wells' admissions contained in this Agreement as evidence that the acts described herein form 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.


DATED: 6-2-24

  
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Wells Abstract Company  
By: James Lemon  
Its: President  
NPN No. 7164504

DATED: 7-1-2024

  
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Jeana Thomas, Acting Director  
Division of Consumer Affairs

DATED: 07.01.2024

  
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Chlora Lindley-Myers, Director  
Department of Commerce and Insurance

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