# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY

In the Matter of:	
Valley Bank (National Association)	
Elk Point, South Dakota	Ś

#### CONSENT ORDER

The Comptroller of the Currency of the United States of America (Comptroller), through his National Bank Examiner, has examined Valley Bank (National Association), Elk Point, South Dakota (Bank), and his findings are contained in the Report of Examination, dated June 17, 2002 (ROE).

The Bank, by and through its duly elected and acting Board of Directors (Board), has executed a "Stipulation and Consent to the Issuance of a Consent Order," dated October 21, 2002, that is accepted by the Comptroller. By this Stipulation and Consent, which is incorporated by reference, the Bank has consented to the issuance of this Consent Order (Order) by the Comptroller.

Pursuant to the authority vested in him by the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, as amended, 12 U.S.C. § 1818, the Comptroller hereby orders that:

# ARTICLE I

# COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

- (1) Within thirty (30) days, the Board shall appoint a Compliance Committee consisting of at least three (3) directors. The Compliance Committee shall be responsible for monitoring and coordinating the Bank's adherence to the provisions of this Order.
  - (2) The Compliance Committee shall meet at least monthly.

- (3) Within thirty (30) days of the appointment of the Committee and every thirty (30) days thereafter, the Compliance Committee shall submit a written progress report to the Board setting forth in detail:
  - (a) actions taken to comply with each Article of this Order; and
  - (b) the results of those actions.
- (4) The Board shall forward a copy of the Compliance Committee's report, with any additional comments by the Board, to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

# **ARTICLE II**

# MANAGEMENT AND BOARD SUPERVISION STUDY

- (1) Within sixty (60) days the Board shall employ an independent outside management consultant. Prior to employment of the consultant, the name and the qualifications of the consultant considered for employment shall be submitted to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller, who shall have the power of veto over the employment of the proposed consultant. However, failure to exercise such veto power shall not constitute approval or endorsement of the consultant.
- (2) The requirement to submit information and the prior veto provisions of this Article are based on the authority of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b) and do not require the Comptroller to complete his review and act on any such information or authority within ninety (90) days.
- (3) Within sixty (60) days after the Comptroller completes his review, the Consultant shall complete a study of current management and Board supervision presently being provided to the Bank, the Bank's management structure, and its staffing requirements in light of the Bank's present condition. The findings and recommendations of the Consultant shall be set forth in a written report to the Board. At a minimum, the report shall contain:

- (a) the identification of present and future management and staffing requirements of each area of the Bank, with particular emphasis given to the President and Senior Lending Officer positions;
- (b) detailed written job descriptions for all executive officers;
- (c) an evaluation of each officer's qualifications and abilities and a determination of whether each of these individuals possesses the experience and other qualifications required to perform present and anticipated duties of his/her officer position;
- (d) recommendations as to whether management or staffing changes should be made, including the need for additions to or deletions from the current management team;
- (e) a training program to address identified weaknesses in the skills and abilities of the Bank's staff and management team;
- (f) a recommended organization chart that clearly reflects areas of responsibility and lines of authority for all officers, including the Bank's president and chief executive officer;
- (g) an assessment of the Board's strengths and weaknesses;
- (h) an evaluation of the extent of responsibility of current management and/or the Board for present weaknesses in the Bank's condition; and
- (i) recommendations to correct or eliminate any other deficiencies in the supervision or organizational structure of the Bank.

- (4) Within thirty (30) days of completion of this study, the Board shall develop, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a written plan, with specific time frames, that will correct any deficiencies that are noted in the study.
- (5) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the plan developed pursuant to this Article.
- (6) Copies of the Board's written plan and the Consultant's study shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller. The Assistant Deputy Comptroller shall retain the right to determine the adequacy of the report and its compliance with the terms of this Order. In the event the written plan, or any portion thereof, is not implemented, the Board shall immediately advise the Assistant Deputy Comptroller, in writing, of specific reasons for deviating from the plan.

#### **ARTICLE III**

# **CREDIT RISK**

- (1) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall develop, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a written program to reduce the high level of credit risk in the Bank. The program shall include, but not be limited to:
  - a comprehensive loan policy that sets forth prudent credit underwriting,
     particularly in the commercial loan portfolio;
  - (b) assurance of adequate, qualified staff for all lending operations;
  - (c) procedures for strengthening collections of past due, nonaccrual, and charged-off loans; and

- (d) a commitment to limit loan growth until credit administration and asset quality are improved.
- (2) The Board shall submit a copy of the program to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.
- (3) At least quarterly, the Board shall prepare a written assessment of the Bank's credit risk, which shall evaluate the Bank's progress under the aforementioned program. The Board shall submit a copy of this assessment to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.
- (4) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the program developed pursuant to this Article

#### ARTICLE IV

#### LOAN REVIEW CONSULTANT

- (1) Within thirty (30) days, the Board shall employ a qualified consultant to perform an ongoing loan review of the Bank. The consultant shall be utilized until such time as an ongoing internal loan review system is developed by the Board, implemented and demonstrated to be effective.
- (2) Within thirty (30) days after the Comptroller completes the review required by Paragraph (4) of this Article, the consultant shall perform a comprehensive loan review of loans not reviewed by the Bank's previous consultant and provide a written report to the Board. Thereafter, the consultant shall perform ongoing loan reviews on at least a quarterly basis, focusing on areas of concern identified in the comprehensive loan review and including a review of new, renewed, and extended loans, and provide a written report to the Board. At a minimum, the report to the Board shall include conclusions regarding:

- (a) the overall quality of the loan and lease portfolios;
- (b) the identification, type, rating, and amount of problem loans and leases;
- (c) the identification and amount of delinquent loans and leases;
- (d) credit and collateral documentation exceptions;
- (e) the identification and status of credit related violations of law and regulation;
- (f) loans and leases not in conformance with the Bank's lending policy; and
- (g) the identity of the loan officer who originated each loan reported in accordance with subparagraphs (b) through (f) of this Article.
- (3) Copies of the comprehensive and quarterly loan reviews shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.
- (4) Prior to hiring a consultant or entering into any contract with a consultant, the Bank shall submit the proposed terms of employment and the qualifications of the consultant to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller who shall have the power of veto. However, the failure to exercise such veto power shall not constitute an approval or endorsement of the proposed consultant.
- (5) Before terminating the consultant's loan review services, the Board shall both certify the effectiveness of the internal loan review system, and receive prior determination of no supervisory objection from the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.
- (6) The requirement to submit information and the prior veto provisions of this Article are based on the authority of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b) and do not require the Comptroller to complete his review and act on any such information or authority within ninety (90) days.

## ARTICLE V

# CRITICIZED ASSETS

- (1) The Bank shall continue to take immediate and continuing action to protect its interest in those assets criticized in the ROE, in any subsequent Report of Examination, by internal or external loan review, or in any list provided to management by the National Bank Examiners during any examination.
- (2) Within thirty (30) days, the Board shall adopt, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a written program designed to eliminate the basis of criticism of assets criticized in the ROE, in any subsequent Report of Examination, or by any internal or external loan review, or in any list provided to management by the National Bank Examiners during any examination as "doubtful," "substandard," or "special mention." This program shall include, at a minimum:
  - (a) an identification of the expected sources of repayment;
  - (b) the appraised value of supporting collateral and the position of the Bank's lien on such collateral where applicable;
  - (c) an analysis of current and satisfactory credit information, including cash flow analysis where loans are to be repaid from operations; and
  - (d) the proposed action to eliminate the basis of criticism and the time frame for its accomplishment.
- (3) Upon adoption, a copy of the program for all criticized assets equal to or exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

- (4) The Board, or a designated committee, shall conduct a review, on at least a monthly basis, to determine:
  - (a) the status of each criticized asset or criticized portion thereof that equals or exceeds fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000);
  - (b) management's adherence to the program adopted pursuant to this Article;
  - (c) the status and effectiveness of the written program; and
  - (d) the need to revise the program or take alternative action.
- (5) A copy of each review shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller on a monthly basis.
- (6) The Bank may extend credit, directly or indirectly, including renewals, extensions or capitalization of accrued interest, to a borrower whose loans or other extensions of credit are criticized in the ROE, in any subsequent Report of Examination, in any internal or external loan review, or in any list provided to management by the National Bank Examiners during any examination and whose aggregate loans or other extensions exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) only if each of the following conditions is met:
  - (a) the Board or designated committee finds that the extension of additional credit is necessary to promote the best interests of the Bank and that prior to renewing, extending or capitalizing any additional credit, a majority of the full Board (or designated committee) approves the credit extension and records, in writing, why such extension is necessary to promote the best interests of the Bank; and

- (b) a comparison to the written program adopted pursuant to this Article shows that the Board's formal plan to collect or strengthen the criticized asset will not be compromised.
- (7) A copy of the approval of the Board or of the designated committee shall be maintained in the file of the affected borrower.
- (8) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the program developed pursuant to this Article.

# ARTICLE VI

# **CREDIT AND COLLATERAL EXCEPTIONS**

- (1) The Board shall use its best efforts to obtain, within thirty (30) days, current and satisfactory credit information on all loans lacking such information, including those listed in the ROE, in any subsequent Report of Examination, in any internal or external loan review, or in any listings of loans lacking such information provided to management by the National Bank Examiners at the conclusion of an examination.
- (2) The Board shall use its best efforts to correct, within thirty (30) days, each collateral exception listed in the ROE, in any subsequent Report of Examination, in any internal or external loan review, or in any listings of loans lacking such information provided to management by the National Bank Examiners at the conclusion of an examination, and ensure proper collateral documentation is maintained on all loans.

#### ARTICLE VII

# **CREDIT UNDERWRITING**

- (1) Effective immediately, the Bank may grant, extend, renew, alter or restructure any loan or other extension of credit only after:
  - (a) documenting the specific reason or purpose for the extension of credit;
  - (b) identifying the expected source of repayment in writing;
  - (c) structuring the repayment terms to coincide with the expected source of repayment;
  - (d) obtaining and analyzing current and satisfactory credit information, including cash flow analysis, where loans are to be repaid from operations;
    - (i) Failure to obtain the information in (1)(d) shall require a majority of the full Board (or a delegated committee thereof) to certify in writing the specific reasons why obtaining and analyzing the information in (1)(d) would be detrimental to the best interests of the Bank.
    - (ii) A copy of the Board certification shall be maintained in the credit file of the affected borrower(s). The certification will be reviewed by this Office in subsequent examinations of the Bank;
  - (e) documenting, with adequate supporting material, the value of collateral and properly perfecting the Bank's lien on it where applicable;
  - (f) documenting the risk rating or recommended risk rating is consistent with the guidelines set forth in the Rating Credit Risk booklet, A-RCR, of the Comptroller's Handbook; and

(g) documenting the loan is either in conformity with the Bank's loan policies and procedures or in compliance with the Bank's written provisions for exceptions to loan policies and procedures.

# ARTICLE VIII

# ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN AND LEASE LOSSES

- (1) The Board shall review the adequacy of the Bank's Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses (Allowance) and shall establish a program for the maintenance of an adequate Allowance within sixty (60) days. This review and program shall be designed in light of the comments on maintaining a proper Allowance found in the Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses booklet, A-ALLL, of the Comptroller's Handbook, and shall focus particular attention on the following factors:
  - (a) results of the Bank's internal loan review;
  - (b) results of the Bank's external loan review;
  - (c) an estimate of inherent loss exposure on each credit in excess of dollars (\$50,000);
  - (d) loan loss experience;
  - (e) trends of delinquent and nonaccrual loans;
  - (f) concentrations of credit in the Bank; and
  - (g) present and prospective economic conditions.
- (2) The program shall provide for a review of the Allowance by the Board at least once each calendar quarter. Any deficiency in the Allowance shall be remedied in the quarter it is discovered, prior to the filing of the Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income, by additional provisions from earnings. Written documentation shall be maintained indicating the

factors considered and conclusions reached by the Board in determining the adequacy of the Allowance.

- (3) A copy of the Board's program shall be submitted to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for review and prior determination of no supervisory objection.
- (4) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the program developed pursuant to this Article.

# ARTICLE IX

## INTERNAL AUDIT

- (1) The Board shall ensure the Bank's implementation of and adherence to a Board approved independent, internal audit program that is designed to ensure that the Bank is operating in a safe and sound manner. This program shall include procedures to:
  - (a) detect irregularities in the Bank's operations;
  - (b) determine the Bank's level of compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations;
  - evaluate the Bank's adherence to established policies and procedures, with particular emphasis directed to the Bank's adherence to its loan policies concerning underwriting standards and problem loan identification and classification;
  - (d) ensure adequate audit coverage in all areas; and
  - (e) establish an annual audit plan using a risk based approach sufficient to achieve these objectives.

- (2) As part of this audit program, the Board shall evaluate the audit reports of any party providing services to the Bank, and shall assess the impact on the Bank of any audit deficiencies cited in such reports.
- (3) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the independent, internal audit program.
- (4) The Board shall ensure that the audit function is supported by an adequately staffed department or outside firm, with respect to both the experience level and number of the individuals employed.
- (5) The Board shall ensure that the audit program is independent. The persons responsible for implementing the internal audit program described above shall report directly to the Board, which shall have the sole power to direct their activities. All reports prepared by the audit staff shall be filed directly with the Board and not through any intervening party.
- (6) All audit reports shall be in writing. The Board shall ensure that immediate actions are undertaken to remedy deficiencies cited in audit reports, and that auditors maintain a written record describing those actions.
- (7) The audit staff shall have access to any records necessary for the proper conduct of its activities. National Bank Examiners shall have access to all reports and work papers of the audit staff and any other parties working on its behalf.

#### ARTICLE X

# **VIOLATIONS OF LAW**

(1) The Board shall immediately take all necessary steps to ensure that Bank management corrects each violation of law, rule or regulation cited in the ROE and in any

subsequent Report of Examination. The monthly progress reports required by Article XV of this Order shall include the date and manner in which each correction has been effected during that reporting period.

- (2) Within thirty (30) days, the Board shall adopt, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to specific procedures to prevent future violations as cited in the ROE and shall adopt, implement, and ensure Bank adherence to general procedures addressing compliance management which incorporate internal control systems and education of employees regarding laws, rules and regulations applicable to their areas of responsibility.
- (3) Upon adoption, a copy of these procedures shall be promptly forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.
- (4) Within thirty (30) days of receipt of any subsequent Report of Examination which cites violations of law, rule, or regulation, the Board shall adopt, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to specific procedures to prevent future violations as cited in the ROE and shall adopt, implement, and ensure Bank adherence to general procedures addressing compliance management which incorporate internal control systems and education of employees regarding laws, rules and regulations applicable to their areas of responsibility.
- (5) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has policies, processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the procedures developed pursuant to this Article

#### ARTICLE XI

#### CAPITAL PLAN AND REQUIRED MINIMUM CAPITAL

(1) The Bank shall at all times maintain the following capital levels (as defined in 12 C.F.R. Part 3):

- (a) A total risk-based capital to risk-weighted assets ratio of not less than fourteen percent (14%);
- (b) A tier 1 risk-based capital to risk-weighted assets ratio of not less than eleven and one-half percent (11.50%); and
- (c) A tier 1 leverage capital to average total assets ratio of not less than ten percent (10%).
- (2) Within ninety (90) days, the Board shall develop, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a written three year capital program. The program shall include:
  - (a) specific plans for the maintenance of adequate capital that may in no event be less than the requirements of paragraph (1);
  - (b) projections for growth and capital requirements based upon a detailed analysis of the Bank's assets, liabilities, earnings, fixed assets, and off-balance sheet activities;
  - (c) projections of the sources and timing of additional capital to meet the Bank's current and future needs;
  - (d) the primary source(s) from which the Bank will strengthen its capital structure to meet the Bank's needs;
  - (e) contingency plans that identify alternative methods should the primary source(s) under (d) above not be available; and
  - (f) a dividend policy that permits the declaration of a dividend only:
    - (i) when the Bank is in compliance with its approved capital program;
    - (ii) when the Bank is in compliance with 12 U.S.C. §§ 56 and 60; and

- (iii) with the prior determination of no supervisory objection by the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.
- (3) Upon completion, the Bank's capital program shall be submitted to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for prior determination of no supervisory objection. Upon receiving a determination of no supervisory objection from the Assistant Deputy Comptroller, the Bank shall implement and adhere to the capital program. The Board shall review and update the Bank's capital program on an annual basis, or more frequently if necessary. Copies of the reviews and updates shall be submitted to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.
- (4) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the program developed pursuant to this Article.
- (5) The Bank shall immediately enter into a Capital Assurance and Liquidity

  Maintenance Agreement with its parent holding company, Haugo Bancshares, Inc. (Parent).
- (6) The terms of the Capital Assurance and Liquidity Maintenance Agreement referenced in Paragraph (5) shall provide that the Parent commits to provide capital contributions to the Bank sufficient to:
  - (a) ensure the Bank maintains each of the capital levels set forth in Paragraph(1) of this Article; and
  - (b) ensure the Bank's liquidity is sufficient to meet the needs of the Bank.
- (7) The Bank shall not modify, amend, or terminate the Capital Assurance and Liquidity Maintenance Agreement without first receiving a determination of no supervisory objection from the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

(8) If the Bank's capital falls below the minimum capital ratios required by Paragraph (1) of this Article, then within ten (10) days of receiving written notice from the OCC of such fact, the Bank shall develop and shall submit to the OCC for its review and prior determination of no supervisory objection a capital contingency plan, which shall detail the Board's proposal to sell or merge the Bank, or liquidate the Bank under 12 U.S.C. § 181 in a manner that will result in no loss or cost to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. After the OCC has advised the Bank that it does not take supervisory objection to the capital contingency plan, the Board shall immediately implement, and shall thereafter ensure adherence to, the terms of the contingency plan. Failure to submit a timely, acceptable contingency plan may be deemed a violation of this Order, in the exercise of the OCC's sole discretion.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

#### **BUDGET/BUSINESS PLAN**

- (1) Within ninety (90) days, the Board shall prepare, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a written three-year business plan that shall include a projection of major balance sheet and income statement components, and shall provide for injections of equity capital, as necessary. The business plan shall also include a written profit plan and a detailed budget. Specifically, the plan shall describe the Bank's objectives for improving Bank earnings, contemplated strategies and major capital expenditures required to achieve those objectives. Procedures shall also be established to monitor the Bank's actual results against these projections and to provide for appropriate adjustments to the budget and profit plan. The plan shall set forth specific time frames for the accomplishment of these objectives.
- (2) A copy of the plan shall be submitted to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for review and prior determination of no supervisory objection.

(3) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the plan developed pursuant to this Article.

# ARTICLE XIII

# CONSUMER COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

- (1) The Board shall ensure Bank adherence to a written consumer compliance program designed to ensure that the Bank is operating in compliance with all applicable consumer protection laws, rules and regulations. This program shall include, but not be limited to:
  - (a) a written description of the duties and responsibilities of the compliance officer;
  - (b) adequate internal controls to ensure compliance with consumer protection laws, rules, and regulations;
  - (c) the preparation of a policies and procedures manual covering all consumer protection laws, rules and regulations for use by appropriate Bank personnel in the performance of their duties and responsibilities;
  - (d) annual updates of the written policies and procedures manual to ensure it remains current;
  - (e) an audit program to test for compliance with consumer protection laws,rules and regulations;
  - (f) procedures to ensure that exceptions noted in the audit reports are corrected and responded to by the appropriate Bank personnel;

- (g) the education and training of all appropriate Bank personnel in the requirements of all federal and state consumer protection laws, rules and regulations; and
- (h) periodic reporting of the results of the consumer compliance audit to the Board or a committee thereof.
- (2) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the program developed pursuant to this Article.

#### ARTICLE XIV

# **INTEREST RATE RISK POLICY**

- (1) Within ninety (90) days, the Board shall adopt, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a written interest rate risk policy. In formulating this policy, the Board shall refer to the Interest Rate Risk booklet, L-IRR, of the <u>Comptroller's Handbook</u>. The policy shall provide for a coordinated interest rate risk strategy and, at a minimum, address:
  - (a) the establishment of adequate management reports on which to base sound interest rate risk management decisions;
  - (b) implementation of effective tools to measure and monitor the Bank's performance and overall interest rate risk profile;
  - (c) prudent limits on the nature and amount of interest rate risk that can be taken; and
  - (d) periodic review of the Bank's adherence to the policy.
- (2) Upon adoption, a copy of the written policy shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for review.

(3) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the policy developed pursuant to this Article.

#### ARTICLE XV

# PROGRESS REPORTING - MONTHLY

- (1) The Board shall submit monthly progress reports to the Assistant Deputy

  Comptroller, Sioux Falls Field Office, 4900 South Minnesota Avenue, Suite 300, Sioux Falls,

  South Dakota 57108. These reports shall set forth in detail:
  - (a) actions taken since the prior progress report to comply with each Article of the Order;
  - (b) results of those actions; and
  - (c) a description of the actions needed to achieve full compliance with each

    Article of this Order.
- (2) The progress reports should also include any actions initiated by the Board and the Bank pursuant to the criticisms and comments in the ROE or in any future Report of Examination.
- (3) The first progress report shall be submitted for the period ending November 30, 2002 and will be due within fifteen (15) days of that date. Thereafter, progress reports will be due within fifteen (15) days after the month end.

#### ARTICLE XVI

## **CLOSING**

- (1) Although the Board is by this Order required to submit certain proposed actions and programs for the review or approval of the Assistant Deputy Comptroller, the Board has the ultimate responsibility for proper and sound management of the Bank.
- (2) It is expressly and clearly understood that if, at any time, the Comptroller deems it appropriate in fulfilling the responsibilities placed upon him by the several laws of the United States of America to undertake any action affecting the Bank, nothing in this Order shall in any way inhibit, estop, bar or otherwise prevent the Comptroller from so doing.
- (3) Any time limitations imposed by this Order shall begin to run from the effective date of this Order. Such time limitations may be extended in writing by the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for good cause upon written application by the Board.
- (4) The provisions of this Order are effective upon issuance of this Order by the Comptroller, through his authorized representative whose hand appears below, and shall remain effective and enforceable, except to the extent that, and until such time as, any provisions of this Order shall have been amended, suspended, waived, or terminated in writing by the Comptroller.
- (5) In each instance in this Order in which the Board is required to ensure adherence to, and undertake to perform certain obligations of the Bank, it is intended to mean that the Board shall: (i) authorize and adopt such actions on behalf of the Bank as may be necessary for the Bank to perform its obligations and undertakings under the terms of the Order; (ii) require the timely reporting by Bank management of such actions directed by the Board to be taken under the terms of the Order; (iii) follow-up on any non-compliance with such actions in a timely and

appropriate manner; and (iv) require corrective action be taken in a timely manner of any noncompliance with such actions.

This Order is intended to be, and shall be construed to be, a final order issued (6)pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b), and expressly does not form, and may not be construed to form, a contract binding on the OCC or the United States. Notwithstanding the absence of mutuality of obligation, or of consideration, or of a contract, the OCC may enforce any of the commitments or obligations herein undertaken by the Bank under its supervisory powers, including 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i), and not as a matter of contract law. The Bank expressly acknowledges that neither the Bank nor the OCC has any intention to enter into a contract. The Bank also expressly acknowledges that no OCC officer or employee has statutory or other authority to bind the United States, the U.S. Treasury Department, the OCC, or any other federal bank regulatory agency or entity, or any officer or employee of any of those entities to a contract affecting the OCC's exercise of its supervisory responsibilities. The terms of this Order, including this paragraph, are not subject to amendment or modification by any extraneous expression, prior agreements or arrangements, or negotiations between the parties, whether oral or written.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 21st day of October , 2002

/s/ Christine A. Hartman

10/21/02

Christine A. Hartman Assistant Deputy Comptroller

Sioux Falls Field Office

Date

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY

In the Matter of:	
Valley Bank (National Association)	`
Elk Point, South Dakota	(

# STIPULATION AND CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF A CONSENT ORDER

The Comptroller of the Currency of the United States of America (Comptroller) has initiated cease and desist proceedings against Valley Bank (National Association), Elk Point, South Dakota (Bank) pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b).

The Bank, in the interest of compliance and cooperation, consents to the issuance of a Consent Order, dated October 21, 2002 (Order);

In consideration of the above premises, the Comptroller, through his authorized representative, and the Bank, through its duly elected and acting Board of Directors, hereby stipulate and agree to the following:

#### ARTICLE I

#### Jurisdiction

- (1) The Bank is a national banking association chartered and examined by the Comptroller pursuant to the National Bank Act of 1864, as amended, 12 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq*.
- (2) The Comptroller is "the appropriate Federal banking agency" regarding the Bank pursuant to 12 U.S.C. §§ 1813(q) and 1818(b).
- (3) The Bank is an "insured depository institution" within the meaning of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b)(1).

#### ARTICLE II

## Agreement

(1) The Bank, without admitting or denying any wrongdoing, hereby consents and agrees to the issuance of the Order by the Comptroller. The Bank further agrees that said Order shall be deemed an "order issued with the consent of the depository institution" as defined in 12 U.S.C. § 1818(h)(2), and consents and agrees that said Order shall become effective upon its issuance and shall be fully enforceable by the Comptroller under the provisions of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i).

# ARTICLE III

# Waivers

- (1) The Bank, by signing this Stipulation and Consent, hereby waives:
  - (a) the issuance of a Notice of Charges pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b);
  - (b) any and all procedural rights available in connection with the issuance of the Order;
  - (c) all rights to seek any type of administrative or judicial review of the

    Order; and
  - (d) any and all rights to challenge or contest the validity of the Order.

#### ARTICLE IV

# Other Action

(1) The Bank agrees that the provisions of this Stipulation and Consent shall not inhibit, estop, bar, or otherwise prevent the Comptroller from taking any other action affecting

the Bank if, at any time, he deems it appropriate to do	so to fulfill the responsibilities placed
upon him by the several laws of the United States of A	merica.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned	l, authorized by the Comptroller as his
representative, has hereunto set her hand on behalf of t	he Comptroller.
/s/ Christine A. Hartman	10/21/02
Christine A. Hartman	Date
Assistant Deputy Comptroller	
Sioux Falls Field Office	

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned, as the duly elected and acting Board of Directors of Valley Bank (National Association), have hereunto set their hands on behalf of the Bank.

Signed	10/21/02
Robert Fylling	Date
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Signed	10/21/02
Alison Haugo	Date
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Signed	10/22/02
Christian Haugo	Date
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Signed	10/21/02
Houston Haugo	Date
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Signed	10/21/02
Judith Haugo	Date
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Signed	10/24/02
Robert Laird	Date