

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

In the Matter of: ) AA-EC-2009-10  
Silverton Bank, N.A. )  
Atlanta, Georgia )

**CONSENT ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States of America (“Comptroller”), through his National Bank Examiner, has supervisory authority over Silverton Bank, N.A., Atlanta, Georgia (“Bank”);

**WHEREAS**, in the interests of cooperation, 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 (“Stipulation and Consent”), dated 2/26/09, that is accepted by the Comptroller. By this Stipulation and Consent, which is incorporated by reference herein, the Bank, without admitting or denying any wrongdoing, has consented to the issuance of this Consent Order (“Order”) by the Comptroller; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Comptroller, acting by and through his designated representative and by virtue of the authority conferred by 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b), **HEREBY ORDERS THAT:**

**ARTICLE I**

COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

(1) Within ten (10) days, the Board shall appoint a Compliance Committee of at least three (3) directors, none of whom shall be an employee or controlling shareholder of the Bank or any of its affiliates (as the term “affiliate” is defined in 12 U.S.C. § 371c(b)(1)), or a family member of any such person. Upon appointment, the names of the members of the Compliance Committee and, in the event of a change of the membership, the name of any new member shall be submitted

in writing to the Director for Special Supervision (“Director”). 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 and monthly thereafter, the Compliance Committee shall submit a written progress report to the Board, setting forth in detail:

- (a) a description of the action needed to achieve full compliance with each Article of this Order;
- (b) actions taken to comply with each Article of this Order; and
- (c) the results and status 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 Director within ten (10) days of receiving such report.

(5) All reports or plans that the Bank or Board is required to submit to the Director pursuant to this Order shall be forwarded, by overnight delivery, to the following:

- (6) Director for Special Supervision  
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency  
Mail Stop 6-4  
250 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20219

A copy shall also be sent by overnight mail or hand delivery to:

Atlanta, Georgia, Field Office  
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency  
3 Ravinia Drive, Suite 550  
Atlanta, GA 30346

(7) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has sufficient processes, personnel, and control systems to effectively implement and adhere to all provisions of this Order, and that Bank personnel have sufficient training and authority to execute their duties and responsibilities under this Order.

**ARTICLE II**  
**STRATEGIC PLAN**

(1) Within forty-five (45) days, the Board shall forward to the Director for his review, pursuant to paragraph (4) of this Article, a written Strategic Plan for the Bank, covering at least a three-year period. At the next Board meeting following receipt of the Director's written determination of no supervisory objection, the Board shall adopt and the Bank (subject to Board review and ongoing monitoring) shall implement and thereafter ensure adherence to the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan shall establish objectives for the Bank's overall risk profile, earnings performance, growth, balance sheet mix, off-balance sheet activities, liability structure, capital adequacy, reduction in the volume of nonperforming assets, concentration management, and market segments that the Bank intends to promote or develop, together with strategies to achieve those objectives, and shall, at a minimum, include:

- (a) a mission statement that forms the framework for the establishment of strategic goals and objectives;
- (b) a description of the Bank's targeted market(s) and an assessment of the current and projected risks and competitive factors in its identified target market(s);
- (c) the strategic goals and objectives to be accomplished;
- (d) specific actions to improve Bank earnings and accomplish the identified strategic goals and objectives;
- (e) identification of Bank personnel to be responsible and accountable for achieving each goal and objective of the Strategic Plan, including specific time frames;

- (f) a financial forecast, to include projections for major balance sheet and income statement accounts, targeted financial ratios, and growth projections over the period covered by the Strategic Plan;
- (g) a description of the assumptions used to determine financial projections and growth targets;
- (h) an identification and risk assessment of the Bank's present and planned future product lines (assets and liabilities) that will be utilized to accomplish the strategic goals and objectives established in the Strategic Plan, with the requirement that the risk assessment of new product lines must be completed prior to the offering of such product lines;
- (i) a description of control systems to be implemented to mitigate risks associated with the Bank's products and services, and any planned new products, growth, or any proposed changes in the Bank's markets;
- (j) an evaluation of the Bank's internal operations, staffing requirements, board and management information systems, and policies and procedures for their adequacy and contribution to the accomplishment of the goals and objectives established in the Strategic Plan;
- (k) a management employment and succession program to promote the retention and continuity of capable management;
- (l) assigned responsibilities and accountability for the strategic planning process, new products, growth goals, and proposed changes in the Bank's operating environment; and
- (m) a description of systems to be implemented to monitor the Bank's progress in meeting the Strategic Plan's goals and objectives.

(2) At least monthly, the Board shall review financial reports and earnings analyses prepared by the Bank that evaluate the Bank's performance against the goals and objectives established in the Strategic Plan, as well as the Bank's written explanation of significant differences between actual and projected balance sheets, income statements, and expense accounts, including descriptions of extraordinary and/or nonrecurring items. Within ten (10) days of the completion of its review, the Board shall submit a copy of the reports and the Bank's written explanation of significant differences to the Director.

(3) At least quarterly, the Board shall prepare a written evaluation of the Bank's performance against the Strategic Plan, based on the Bank's monthly reports, analyses, and written explanations of any differences between actual performance and the Bank's strategic goals and objectives, and shall include a description of the actions the Board will require the Bank to take to address any shortcomings, which shall be documented in the Board meeting minutes. Within ten (10) days of completing its evaluation, the Board shall submit a copy to the Director.

(4) Prior to adoption by the Board, a copy of the Strategic Plan, and any subsequent amendments or revisions, shall be forwarded to the Director for review and prior written determination of no supervisory objection. Upon receiving a written determination of no supervisory objection from the Director, the Board shall adopt and the Bank shall immediately implement and adhere to the Strategic Plan.

(5) The Bank may not initiate any action that deviates significantly from the Board-approved Strategic Plan without a written determination of no supervisory objection from the Director. The Board must give the Director advance, written notice of its intent to deviate significantly from the Strategic Plan, along with an assessment of the impact of such change on the Bank's condition, including a profitability analysis and an evaluation of the adequacy of the Bank's organizational structure, staffing, management information systems, internal controls, and written

policies and procedures to identify, measure, monitor, and control the risks associated with the change in the Strategic Plan.

(6) For the purposes of this Article, changes that may constitute a significant deviation from the Strategic Plan include, but are not limited to, a change in the Bank's marketing strategies, marketing partners, underwriting practices and standards, credit administration, account management, collection strategies or operations, fee structure or pricing, accounting processes and practices, or funding strategy, any of which, alone or in aggregate, may have a material impact on the Bank's operations or financial performance; or any other changes in personnel, operations, or external factors that may have a material impact on the Bank's operations or financial performance. For purposes of this paragraph, "personnel" shall include the president, chief executive officer, chief operating officer, chief financial officer, chief credit officer, chief compliance officer, risk manager, auditor, member of the Bank's board of directors, or any other position subsequently identified in writing by the Director.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **CAPITAL PLAN AND HIGHER MINIMUMS**

(1) Within one hundred fifty (150) days, the Bank shall achieve and maintain, at a minimum, the following capital ratios (as defined in 12 C.F.R. Part 3)<sup>1</sup>:

- (a) Tier 1 capital at least equal to eleven percent (11%) of risk-weighted assets; and
- (b) Tier 1 capital at least equal to eight percent (8%) of adjusted total assets.<sup>2</sup>

(2) If the Bank fails to achieve or maintain the minimum level of capital required by paragraph (1) of this Article, then the Bank shall be deemed, at best, "undercapitalized," and the

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<sup>1</sup> The requirement in this Order to meet and maintain a specific capital level means that the Bank may not be deemed to be "well capitalized" for purposes of 12 U.S.C. § 1831o and 12 C.F.R. Part 6 pursuant to 12 C.F.R. § 6.4(b)(1)(iv).

<sup>2</sup> Adjusted total assets is defined in 12 C.F.R. § 3.2(a) as the average total asset figure used for Call Report purposes minus end-of-quarter intangible assets.

Bank shall take such corrective measures as the Director may direct from among the provisions applicable to undercapitalized depository institutions under 12 U.S.C. § 1831o(e) and 12 C.F.R. Part 6. For purposes of this requirement, an action “necessary to carry out the purpose of this section” under 12 U.S.C. § 1831o(e)(5) shall include restoration of the Bank’s Tier 1 capital to the minimum levels required by this Order, and any other action deemed appropriate by the Director to address the Bank’s capital deficiency or the safety and soundness of its operations, as determined in the sole discretion of the Director.

(3) Within forty-five (45) days, the Board shall forward to the Director for his review, pursuant to paragraph (2) of this Article, a written Capital Plan for the Bank, consistent with the Bank's Strategic Plan as required by Article II, covering at least a three-year period. At the next Board meeting following receipt of the Director’s written determination of no supervisory objection, the Board shall adopt and the Bank (subject to Board review and ongoing monitoring) shall implement and thereafter ensure adherence to the Capital Plan. The Capital Plan shall include:

- (a) specific plans for achieving and maintaining the minimum capital ratios required by paragraph (1) of this Article;
- (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 future needs, as set forth in the Strategic Plan;
- (d) identification of the primary sources from which the Bank will maintain an appropriate capital structure to meet the Bank's future needs, as set forth in the Strategic Plan; and

(e) contingency plans that identify alternative methods to strengthen capital, should the primary source(s) under paragraph (d) of this Article not be available; and

(4) The Bank may pay a dividend only:

(i) when the Bank is in compliance with its approved Capital Plan and would remain in compliance with its approved Capital Plan

immediately following the payment of any dividend;

(ii) when the Bank is in compliance with 12 U.S.C. §§ 56 and 60; and

(iii) following the prior written determination of no supervisory objection by the Director.

(5) Prior to adoption by the Board, a copy of the Capital Plan shall be submitted to the Director for a prior written determination of no supervisory objection. Upon receiving a written determination of no supervisory objection from the Director, the Board shall adopt and the Bank shall immediately implement and adhere to the Capital Plan. The Board shall review and update the Bank's Capital Plan at least annually and more frequently if necessary or if requested by the Director. Revisions to the Bank's Capital Plan shall be submitted to the Director for a prior written determination of no supervisory objection.

(6) If the Director determines, in his sole judgment, that the Bank has failed to maintain the minimum capital ratios as required by paragraph (1) of this Article, failed to submit an acceptable Capital Plan as required by paragraph (3) of this Article, or has failed to implement or adhere to a Capital Plan to which the Director has taken no supervisory objection pursuant to paragraph (5) of this Article; then within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice from the Director of such a determination, the Bank shall develop and shall submit to the Director for his review and prior written determination of no supervisory objection a Disposition Plan that shall

detail the Board's proposal to sell or merge the Bank, or liquidate the Bank pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 181.

(7) In the event that the Disposition Plan submitted by the Bank's Board outlines a sale or merger of the Bank, the Disposition Plan shall, at a minimum, address the steps that will be taken and the associated timeline to ensure that a definitive agreement for the sale or merger is executed not later than ninety (90) days after the receipt of the Director's written determination of no supervisory objection to the Disposition Plan. If the Disposition Plan outlines a liquidation of the Bank, the Disposition Plan shall detail the actions and steps necessary to accomplish the liquidation in conformance with 12 U.S.C. §§ 181 and 182, and the dates by which each step of the liquidation shall be completed, including the date by which the Bank will terminate the national bank charter. In the event of liquidation, the Bank shall hold a shareholder vote, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 181, and commence liquidation within thirty (30) days of receiving the Director's written determination of no supervisory objection to the Disposition Plan.

(8) After the Director has advised the Bank in writing that he does not take supervisory objection to the Disposition Plan, the Board shall immediately adopt and implement, and shall thereafter ensure adherence to, the terms of the Disposition Plan. Failure to submit a timely, acceptable Disposition Plan, or failure to implement and adhere to the Disposition Plan after the Board obtains a written determination of no supervisory objection from the Director, may be deemed a violation of this Order, in the exercise of the Director's sole discretion.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### **BOARD AND MANAGEMENT**

(1) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has capable management in place on a full-time basis in all executive officer positions with qualifications and experience commensurate with his or her duties necessary to carry out the Board's policies; ensure compliance with this

Order; ensure compliance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations; and manage the day-to-day operations of the Bank in a safe and sound manner.

(2) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall prepare a written assessment of the capabilities of the Bank's executive officers to perform present and anticipated duties, taking into account the findings contained in the Report of Examination, and factoring in the officer's past actual performance, experience, and qualifications, compared to their position description, duties and responsibilities, with particular emphasis on their proposed responsibilities to execute the Strategic Plan and correct the concerns raised in the Report of Examination. Upon completion, a copy of the written assessment shall be submitted to the Director.

(3) If the Board determines that an officer's performance, skills or abilities needs improvement, the Board will, within thirty (30) days following its determination, require the Bank to develop and implement a written program, with specific time frames, to improve the officer's performance, skills and abilities. Upon completion, a copy of the written program shall be submitted to the Director.

(4) If the Board determines that an officer will not continue in his/her position, the Board shall document the reasons for this decision in its assessment performed pursuant to paragraph (2) of this Article, and shall within sixty (60) days of such vacancy identify and provide notice to the Director, pursuant to paragraph (5) of this Article, of a qualified and capable candidate for the vacant position who shall be vested with sufficient executive authority to ensure the Bank's compliance with this Order and the safe and sound operation of functions within the scope of that position's responsibility.

(5) Prior to the appointment of any individual to an executive officer position, the Board shall submit to the Director written notice, as required by 12 C.F.R. § 5.51 and in accordance with the Comptroller's Licensing Manual. The Director shall have the power to disapprove the appointment of

the proposed executive officer. However, the failure to exercise such veto power shall not constitute an approval or endorsement of the proposed officer. The requirement to submit information and the prior disapproval provisions of this Article are based upon the authority of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b) and do not require the Comptroller or the Director to complete his review and act on any such information or authority within ninety (90) days.

(6) The Board shall perform, at least annually, a written performance appraisal for each Bank executive officer, that establishes objectives by which the officer's effectiveness will be measured, evaluates performance according to the position's description and responsibilities, and assesses accountability for action plans to remedy issues raised in Reports of Examination or audit reports. Upon completion, copies of the performance appraisals shall be submitted to the Director. The Board shall ensure that the Bank addresses any identified deficiencies in a manner consistent with paragraphs (3) and (4) of this Article.

(7) Within thirty (30) days, the Board shall review and revise its existing Conflict of Interest Policy applicable to the Bank's and the Bank's holding company's directors, principal shareholders, executive officers, employees and affiliates, and their related interests ("Covered Persons"). The revised policy shall:

- (a) define a conflict of interest consistent with the requirements of this Article;
- (b) prohibit, without exception, a Covered Person from putting his or her personal interests, including the interests of any other financial institution in which the Covered person has an interest, above the interests of the Bank; and
- (c) require that all conflicts of interest issues are appropriately addressed and fully resolved within a specified timeframe.

(8) Additionally, the revised Conflicts of Interest Policy shall, at a minimum, address the following:

- (a) the duty of care and loyalty owed to the Bank by Covered Persons;
- (b) avoidance of conflicts of interest and breaches of fiduciary duty, and the appearance of conflicts of interest;
- (c) involvement in the loan approval process of Covered Persons who may benefit directly or indirectly from the decision to grant credit;
- (d) disclosure of actual and potential conflicts of interest to the Board, and periodic disclosure of “related interests” as defined by 12 C.F.R. Part 215;
- (e) requirements for arms-length dealing in any transactions by Covered Persons, or their related organizations, involving the Bank's sale, purchase, or rental of property and services;
- (f) disclosure of any Covered Person’s material interest in the business of a borrower, an applicant, or other customer of the Bank; and
- (g) restrictions on and disclosure of receipt of anything of value by Covered Persons, directly or indirectly, from borrowers, loan applicants, other customers, or suppliers of the Bank.

(9) Prior to adoption by the Board, a copy of the revised Conflicts of Interest policy, and any subsequent amendments or revision, shall be forwarded to the Director for review and prior written determination of no supervisory objection. Upon receiving a written determination of no supervisory objection from the Director, the the Board shall adopt and the Bank shall immediately implement and adhere to the revised Conflicts of Interest Policy.

(10) Within forty-five (45) days, the Compliance Committee shall conduct a review of the Bank's existing relationships with it and its holding company’s Covered Persons for the purpose of

identifying relationships not in conformity with the policy. The Board shall ensure that any nonconforming relationships are brought into conformity with the policy within sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Order.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **LIQUIDITY RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

(1) Within thirty (30) days, the Board shall revise and maintain a comprehensive liquidity risk management program which assesses, on an ongoing basis, the Bank's current and projected funding needs, and ensures that sufficient funds or access to funds exist to meet those needs. Such a program must include effective methods to achieve and maintain sufficient liquidity and to measure and monitor liquidity risk, to include at a minimum:

- (a) strategies to maintain sufficient liquidity at reasonable costs including, but not limited to, the following:
  - (i) appropriate diversification of funding sources, reducing reliance on high cost providers;
  - (ii) reducing rollover risk;
  - (iii) increasing liquidity through such actions as obtaining additional capital, placing limits on asset growth, aggressive collection of problem loans and recovery of charged-off assets, and asset sales;  
and
  - (iv) monitoring the projected impact on reputation, economic and credit conditions in the Bank's market(s).
- (b) The preparation of liquidity reports which shall be reviewed by the Board on at least a monthly basis, to include, at a minimum, the following:

- (i) a certificate of deposit maturity schedule, including separate line items for brokered deposits and uninsured deposits, depicting maturities on a weekly basis for the next two months and monthly for the following four months, which schedule shall be updated at least weekly;
- (ii) a schedule of all funding obligations, including money market accounts, unfunded loan commitments, outstanding lines of credit and outstanding letters of credit, showing the obligations that can be drawn immediately, and on a weekly basis for the next two months and monthly for the following four months, which schedule shall be prepared and updated at least weekly;
- (iii) a listing of funding sources, prepared and updated on a weekly basis for the next two months and monthly for the following four months, including federal funds sold; unpledged assets and assets available for sale; and borrowing lines by lender, including original amount, remaining availability, type and book value of collateral pledged, terms, and maturity date, if applicable.
- (iv) a monthly sources and uses of funds report for a minimum period of six months, updated monthly, which reflects known and projected changes in asset and liability accounts, and the assumptions used in developing the projections. Such reports shall include, at a minimum:
  - 1. the funding obligations and sources required by (b) and (c) of this paragraph;

2. projected additional funding sources, including loan payments, loan sales/participations, or deposit increases; and
  3. projected additional funding requirements from a reduction in deposit accounts including uninsured and brokered deposits, inability to acquire federal funds purchased, or availability limitations or reductions associated with borrowing relationships.
- (c) A contingency funding plan that, on a monthly basis, forecasts funding needs, and funding sources under different stress scenarios which represent management's best estimate of balance sheet changes that may result from a liquidity or credit event. The contingency funding plan shall include:
- (i) specific plans detailing how the Bank will comply with restrictions or requirements set forth in this Order and 12 U.S.C. §1831o, including the restrictions against brokered deposits in 12 C.F.R. §337.6 (which plans may be subject to revision as may be appropriate upon the adoption, if any, of currently-proposed changes to 12 C.F.R.337.6);
  - (ii) the preparation of reports which identify and quantify all sources of funding and funding obligations under best case and worst case scenarios, including asset funding, liability funding and off-balance sheet funding; and

- (iii) written procedures which ensure that the Bank's contingency funding practices are consistent with the Board's guidance and risk tolerances.

(2) The Board shall submit a copy of the comprehensive liquidity risk management program, along with the reports required by this Article, to the Director for review.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT

(1) Within thirty (30) days, the Board shall adopt and the Bank (subject to Board review and ongoing monitoring) shall implement and thereafter ensure adherence to a written concentration management program (including appropriate revisions to policies and procedures), designed to identify and manage the Bank's concentration risk. The program shall include (but not be limited to) the following:

- (a) policy guidelines and an overall strategy which addresses the level and nature of exposures acceptable to the Bank and setting concentration limits;
- (b) a monthly detailed written analysis of any concentration of credit in order to identify and quantify the nature and level of risk (credit, liquidity, and interest rate), including review of reports describing changes in conditions in the Bank's markets;
- (c) aggregation of the results of stress testing individual borrowers into the concentration risk report and portfolio-level stress tests or sensitivity analysis to quantify the impact of changing economic conditions on asset quality, earnings, and capital;

- (d) procedures to periodically review and revise, as appropriate, risk exposure limits and sub-limits to conform to any changes in the Bank's strategies and to respond to changes in market conditions;
- (e) procedures and controls to monitor compliance with the Bank's lending policies and the Strategic Plan adopted pursuant to Article II of this Order;
- (f) appropriate strategies for managing concentration levels, including a contingency plan to reduce or mitigate concentrations due to adverse market conditions; and
- (g) periodic written reports to the Board, to include the following, as appropriate:
  - (i) a summary of concentration levels, by type and subtype;
  - (ii) a synopsis of the Bank's market analysis;
  - (iii) a discussion of recommended strategy (for example, revise limits or change underwriting criteria) when concentrations approach or exceed Board-approved limits;
  - (iv) a synopsis of changes in risk levels by concentration type and subtype, with discussion of recommended changes in credit administration procedures (for example, underwriting practices, risk rating, monitoring, and training).

(2) The Board shall forward a copy of the program required in paragraph (1) above, and any concentration reports, studies, or analyses to the Director.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **LOAN PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**

(1) Within sixty (60) days, Board shall adopt and the Bank (subject to Board review and ongoing monitoring) shall implement and thereafter ensure adherence to a written credit policy to improve the Bank's loan portfolio management. The credit policy shall include (but not be limited to):

- (a) a description of the types of credit information required from borrowers and guarantors, including (but not limited to) annual audited statements, interim financial statements, personal financial statements, and tax returns with supporting schedules;
- (b) procedures that require any extension of credit (new, maturity extension, or renewal) is made only after obtaining and validating current credit information about the borrower and any guarantor sufficient to fully assess and analyze the borrower's and guarantor's cash flow, debt service requirements, contingent liabilities, and global liquidity condition, and only after the credit officer prepares a documented credit analysis;
- (c) procedures that require any extension of credit (new, maturity extension, or renewal) is made only after obtaining and documenting the current valuation of any supporting collateral, and that reasonable limits are established on credit advances against collateral, based on a consideration of (but not limited to) a realistic assessment of the value of collateral, the ratio of loan to value, and overall debt service requirements;
- (d) procedures and controls to periodically verify the existence and lien position of collateral;

- (e) procedures to ensure that loans made for the purpose of constructing or developing real estate include (but are not limited to) requirements to:
  - (i) obtain and evaluate detailed project plans; detailed project budget; time frames for project completion; detailed market analysis; and sales projections, including projected absorption rates;
  - (ii) conduct stress testing of significant project and lending; and
  - (iii) obtain current documentation sufficient to support a detailed analysis of the financial condition of borrowers and significant guarantors.
- (f) a requirement that borrowers and/or guarantors maintain any collateral margins established in the credit approval process;
- (g) procedures that prohibit the capitalization of accrued interest on any loan renewal or extension;
- (h) procedures that prohibit, on any loan renewal, modification or extension of the maturity date, the establishment of an interest reserve using the proceeds of any Bank loan;
- (i) procedures to ensure that all exceptions to the credit policy shall be clearly documented on the loan offering sheet, problem loan report, and other MIS; and approved by the Board or a committee thereof before the loan is funded or renewed;
- (j) credit risk rating definitions consistent with applicable regulatory guidance;
- (k) procedures for early problem loan identification, to ensure that credits are accurately risk rated at least monthly; and

- (1) prudent lending and approval limits for lending officers that are commensurate with their experience and qualifications, and that prohibit combining individual lending officers' lending authority to increase limits.
- (2) The Board shall ensure that Bank personnel performing credit analyses are adequately trained in cash flow analysis, particularly analysis using information from tax returns, and that processes are in place to ensure that additional training is provided as needed.
- (3) Within sixty (60) days the Board shall establish a written performance appraisal process and incentive program for loan officers that adequately considers performance relative to job descriptions, policy compliance, documentation standards, accuracy in credit grading, and other loan administration matters.
- (4) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall ensure that the Bank's management information systems ("MIS") are improved to satisfy, at a minimum, the following requirements:
  - (a) a report aggregating customer liability relationships with the Bank;
  - (b) systems or procedures to identify, record, and track missing, incomplete, or imperfect loan and collateral documentation, including missing or outdated appraisals and operating statements;
  - (c) a record system and report to identify all real estate loans and projects that evidence one or more of the following characteristics: slower than anticipated sales, lease, or rental activity; slower than anticipated construction progress; cost overruns; or other impediments to orderly project completion; and
  - (d) monthly reporting to the Board of Directors regarding the status of the commercial real estate and construction loan portfolios, to include, at a minimum:

- (i) a list of completed construction projects and the status of sale of property or permanent financing;
- (ii) number and volume of loans that are over advanced;
- (iii) number and volume of loans requiring the advancement of additional funds and an explanation, for each loan, why additional funds are required; and
- (iv) list of loans with advances in excess of line item budget or percentage completed.

(5) Upon completion, a copy of the Bank's revised credit policy and associated written procedures shall be forwarded to the Director.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **CREDIT AND COLLATERAL EXCEPTIONS**

(1) The Board shall obtain current and complete credit information on all loans lacking such information, including those listed in the most recent Report of Examination (within sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Order), in any subsequent Report of Examination (within sixty (60) days from the issuance of such Report of Examination), in any internal or external loan review (within sixty (60) days from the completion of such review), or in any listings of loans lacking such information provided to management by the National Bank Examiners at the conclusion of an examination (within sixty (60) days from receipt of such listing). The Bank shall maintain a list of any credit exceptions that have not been corrected within the timeframe discussed above. This list shall include an explanation of the actions taken to correct the exception, the reasons why the exception has not yet been corrected, and a plan to correct the exception.

(2) The Board shall ensure proper collateral documentation is maintained on all loans and correct each collateral exception listed in the most recent Report of Examination (within sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Order), in any subsequent Report of Examination (within sixty (60) days from the issuance of such Report of Examination), in any internal or external loan review (within sixty (60) days from the completion of such review), or in any listings of loans lacking such information provided to management by the National Bank Examiners at the conclusion of an examination (within sixty (60) days from the receipt of such listing). The Bank shall maintain a list of any collateral exceptions that have not been corrected within the timeframe discussed above. This list shall include an explanation of the actions taken to correct the exception, the reasons why the exception has not yet been corrected, and a plan to correct the exception.

(3) 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) documenting, with adequate supporting material, the value of collateral and properly perfecting the Bank's lien on it where applicable; and
- (e) obtaining and analyzing current and complete credit information, including cash flow analysis, where loans are to be repaid from operations, and global cash flow analysis, where loan repayment is expected from other sources such as Guarantors;
  - (i) Failure to obtain the information in (3) (d) shall require a majority of the full Board (or a designated committee thereof) to certify in writing

the specific reasons why obtaining and analyzing the information in (3) (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).

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **CRITICIZED ASSETS**

(1) Within thirty (30) days, the Board shall adopt and the Bank (subject to Board review and ongoing monitoring) shall implement and thereafter ensure adherence to a written program designed to protect the Bank's interest in those assets criticized in the most recent Report of Examination ("ROE"), in any subsequent ROE, 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." The program shall include the development of Criticized Asset Reports ("CARs") identifying all credit relationships and other assets totaling in aggregate two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) or more, criticized as "doubtful," "substandard," or "special mention." The CARs must be updated and submitted to the Board and the Director monthly. Each CAR shall cover an entire credit relationship and include, at a minimum, analysis and documentation of the following:

- (a) the origination date and any renewal or extension dates, amount, purpose of the loan, and the originating and current loan officer(s);
- (b) the expected primary and secondary sources of repayment, and an analysis of the adequacy of the repayment source;
- (c) the appraised value of supporting collateral and the position of the Bank's lien on such collateral, where applicable, as well as other necessary documentation to support the current collateral valuation;

- (d) an analysis of current and complete credit information, including cash flow analysis where loans are to be repaid from operations;
- (e) results of any FAS 114 impairment analysis;
- (f) significant developments, including a discussion of changes since the prior CAR, if any; and
- (g) the proposed action to eliminate the basis of criticism and the time frame for its accomplishment, including an appropriate exit strategy.

(2) The Bank may not extend credit, directly or indirectly, including renewals, or extensions, to a borrower whose loans or other extensions of credit are criticized in any ROE, in any internal or external loan review, or in any list provided to management by the National Bank Examiners during any examination, unless and until each of the following conditions is met:

- (a) the Board, or a designated committee thereof, 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. A copy of the findings and approval of the Board or designated committee shall be maintained in the credit file of the affected borrower and made available for review by National Bank Examiners;
- (b) the Bank performs a written credit and collateral analysis as required by paragraph (1)(d) of this Article and, if necessary, the proposed action referred to in paragraph (1)(g) of this Article is revised, as appropriate; and

- (c) the Board's formal plan to collect or strengthen the criticized asset will not be compromised by the extension of additional credit.

## **ARTICLE X**

### ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN AND LEASE LOSSES

(1) The Board shall require the Bank to revise and maintain a program for the maintenance of an adequate Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses ("ALLL") that is consistent with the comments on maintaining a proper ALLL found in the FFIEC Interagency Policy Statement on the ALLL contained in OCC Bulletin 2006-47 dated December 13, 2006, and the "Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses" booklet of the *Comptroller's Handbook*, and shall incorporate the following:

- (a) internal risk ratings of loans;
- (b) results of the Bank's external loan review;
- (c) criteria for determining which loans will be reviewed under Financial Accounting Standard ("FAS") 114, how impairment will be determined, and procedures to ensure that the analysis of loans complies with FAS 114 requirements;
- (d) criteria for determining FAS 5 loan pools and an analysis of those loan pools;
- (e) recognition of non-accrual loans in conformance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") and the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council ("FFIEC") policy;
- (f) loan loss experience;
- (g) trends of delinquent and non-accrual loans;
- (h) concentrations of credit in the Bank; and
- (i) present and prospective economic and market conditions.

(2) The revised program shall provide for a review of the ALLL by the Board at least once each calendar quarter. Any deficiency in the ALLL 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 ALLL.

(3) Upon completion, a copy of the Board's revised program, and any subsequent revisions to the program, shall be submitted to the Director for review.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **VIOLATIONS OF LAW**

(1) The Board shall require and the Bank shall immediately take all necessary steps to correct each violation of law, rule, or regulation cited in the most recent Report of Examination, any subsequent Report of Examination, or brought to the Board's or Bank's attention in writing by management, National Bank Examiners, auditors, loan review, or other compliance efforts. Within ninety (90) days after the violation is cited or brought to the Board's attention, the Bank shall provide to the Board a list of any violations that have not been corrected. This list shall include an explanation of the actions taken to correct the violation, the reasons why the violation has not yet been corrected, and a plan to correct the violation by a specified time.

(2) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall adopt and the Bank (subject to Board review and ongoing monitoring) shall implement and thereafter ensure adherence to:

- (a) specific procedures to prevent future violations as cited in the most recent Report of Examination; and
- (b) general procedures addressing compliance management that incorporate internal control systems and education of employees regarding laws, rules, and regulations applicable to their areas of responsibility.

(3) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall adopt and the Bank (subject to Board review and ongoing monitoring) shall implement and thereafter ensure adherence to policies and procedures in accordance with the Instructions for Preparation of Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income, to ensure that all official and regulatory reports filed by the Bank accurately reflect the Bank's condition as of the date that such reports are submitted.

(4) Upon adoption, the Board shall forward a copy of these policies and procedures to the Director.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS AND EXTENSIONS OF TIME**

(1) If the Bank contends that compliance with any provision of this Order would cause undue hardship to the Bank, or requires an extension of any timeframe within this Order, the Board shall submit a written request to the Director asking for relief. Any written requests submitted pursuant to this Article shall include a statement setting forth in detail the special circumstances that prevent the Bank from complying with a provision, that require the Director to exempt the Bank from a provision, or that require an extension of a timeframe within this Order.

(2) All such requests shall be accompanied by relevant supporting documentation, and to the extent requested by the Director, a sworn affidavit or affidavits setting forth any other facts upon which the Bank relies.

(3) The Director's decision concerning a request is final and not subject to further review.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **CLOSING**

(1) Although the Bank is required to submit certain proposed actions and programs for the review or prior written determination of no supervisory objection of the Director, the Board has

the ultimate responsibility for proper and sound management of the Bank and the completeness and accuracy of the Bank's books and records.

(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) Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, any time limitations imposed by this Order shall begin to run from the effective date of this Order.

(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 Bank or the Board is required to ensure implementation of, adherence to, and undertake to perform certain obligations of the Bank, it is intended to mean that the Board shall:

- (a) 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 this Order;
- (b) Require the timely reporting by Bank management of such actions directed by the Board to be taken under the terms of this Order;
- (c) Follow-up on any non-compliance with such actions in a timely and appropriate manner; and
- (d) Require corrective action be taken in a timely manner of any non-compliance with such actions.

(6) This Order is intended to be, and shall be construed to be, a final order issued 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 Comptroller or the United States.

(7) The terms of this Order, including this paragraph, are not subject to amendment or modification by any extraneous expression, prior agreements or prior arrangements between the parties, whether oral or written.

**IT IS SO ORDERED**, this 26th day of February 2009.

*signed*  
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Ronald G. Schneck  
Director for Special Supervision  
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

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

In the Matter of: )  
Silverton Bank, N.A. )  
Atlanta, Georgia )

AA-EC-2009-10

**STIPULATION AND CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE  
OF A CONSENT ORDER**

The Comptroller of the Currency of the United States of America (“Comptroller”) may initiate cease and desist proceedings against Silverton Bank, N.A., Atlanta, Georgia (“Bank”) pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b)(1).

The Bank, in the interest of compliance and cooperation, consents to the issuance of a Consent Order, dated 2/26/09 (“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).

(4) As a result of this Order:

- (a) the Bank is not an “eligible bank” pursuant to 12 C.F.R. § 5.3(g)(4) for the purposes of 12 C.F.R. Part 5 regarding rules, policies and procedures for corporate activities, unless otherwise informed in writing by the OCC;
- (b) the Bank is subject to the limitation of 12 C.F.R. § 5.51(c)(6)(ii) for the purposes of 12 C.F.R. § 5.51 requiring OCC approval of a change in directors and senior executive officers, unless otherwise informed in writing by the OCC; and
- (c) the Bank is subject to the limitation on golden parachute and indemnification payments provided by 12 C.F.R. § 359.1(f)(1)(ii)(C) and 12 C.F.R. § 5.51(c)(6)(ii), unless otherwise informed in writing by the OCC.

## **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.

(2) 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). 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.

(3) The Bank also expressly acknowledges that no OCC officer or employee has statutory or other authority to bind the United States, the United States Department of the Treasury, 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.

**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 a hearing and a final agency decision pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i), 12 C.F.R. Part 19;
  - (d) all rights to seek any type of administrative or judicial review of the Order; and
  - (e) 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 America.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, the undersigned, authorized by the Comptroller as his representative, has hereunto set his hand on behalf of the Comptroller.

signed  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Ronald G. Schneck  
Director for Special Supervision  
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

2/26/09  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

signed \_\_\_\_\_ 2/26/09  
Paul T. Bennett \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

signed \_\_\_\_\_ 2/26/09  
Tom A. Bryan \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

signed \_\_\_\_\_ 2/26/09  
Michael Carlton \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

signed \_\_\_\_\_ 2/26/09  
W. Roger Crook \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

signed \_\_\_\_\_ 2/26/09  
J. Michael Ellenburg \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

signed \_\_\_\_\_ 2/26/09  
Brian R. Foster \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

signed \_\_\_\_\_ 2/26/09  
Charles F. Harper \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

signed \_\_\_\_\_ 2/26/09  
Christopher B. Maddox \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

signed \_\_\_\_\_ 2/26/09  
Ronald F. Miller \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

signed \_\_\_\_\_ 2/26/09  
J. Edward Norris, III \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

signed \_\_\_\_\_ 2/26/09  
James J. Penland \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

signed \_\_\_\_\_ 2/26/09  
Stephen L. Price \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

signed \_\_\_\_\_ 2/26/09  
Bobby Shepard \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

signed \_\_\_\_\_ 2/26/09  
R. Ronald Swanner \_\_\_\_\_  
Date