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

In the Matter of:	)	AA-EC-09-112
Far East National Bank	)	
Los Angeles, California	)	

## CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States of America ("Comptroller"), through his National Bank Examiner, has supervisory authority over Far East National Bank, Los Angeles, California ("Bank");

**WHEREAS**, 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 <u>3-9-2010</u>, that is accepted by the Comptroller; and

**WHEREAS**, 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, 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 ten (10) days of this Order, the Board shall appoint and maintain an active Compliance Committee of at least three (3) directors of which at least one (1) shall not be employees 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 of 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) By March 31, 2010 and last day of every month thereafter, the Compliance Committee shall continue to ensure the submission of a written progress report to the Board setting forth in detail:
  - (a) a description of the actions 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 last day of preceding month.
- (5) All reports or plans which the Bank or Board has agreed to submit to the Director pursuant to this Order shall be forwarded, by overnight mail or via email, to the following:

Director for Special Supervision Comptroller of the Currency 250 E Street, S.W. Mail Stop 7-4 Washington, DC 20219 with a copy to:
Southern California Field Office
Comptroller of the Currency
550 North Brand Blvd., Suite 500
Glendale, California 91203

(6) 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 ninety (90) 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 that is acceptable to the Director, 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, methods to implement cash flow lending, earnings performance, growth, balance sheet mix, off-balance sheet activities, liability structure, capital and liquidity adequacy, 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) a projection of the Bank's capital needs, to include viable primary and alternative sources of capital and a restriction on dividends;
  - specific actions to improve Bank earnings and accomplish the identified strategic goals and objectives;

- (f) identification of Bank personnel to be responsible and accountable for achieving each goal and objective of the Strategic Plan, including specific time frames;
- (g) 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;
- (h) a description of the assumptions used to determine financial projections and growth targets;
- (i) 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;
- (j) a description of control systems to mitigate risks associated with planned new products, growth, or any proposed changes in the Bank's markets;
- (k) 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;
- 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 monitor the Bank's progress in meeting theStrategic 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 sheet, income statement, 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 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 Boardapproved 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 financial officer, chief credit officer, deputy chief credit officer, executive vice president/legal and compliance, 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) The Bank shall maintain the following minimum capital ratios (as defined in 12 C.F.R. Part 3)<sup>1</sup>:
  - (a) Total capital at least equal to twelve percent (12%) of risk-weighted assets;
  - (b) Tier 1 capital at least equal to nine percent (9%) of adjusted total assets.<sup>2</sup>
- (2) Within ninety (90) days, the Board shall forward to the Director for his review, pursuant to paragraph (4) of this Article, a written Capital Plan for the Bank, covering at least a

<sup>&</sup>lt;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. § 18310 and 12 C.F.R. Part 6, pursuant to 12 C.F.R. § 6.4(b)(1)(iv).

<sup>&</sup>lt;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 and other identified assets.

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 the maintenance of adequate capital, which may in no event be less than the requirements of 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;
- (e) specific plans detailing how the Bank will comply with restrictions or requirements set forth in this Order and with 12 U.S.C. § 1831o, including the restrictions against brokered deposits in 12 C.F.R. § 337.6;
- (f) contingency plans that identify alternative methods to strengthen capital should the primary source(s) under paragraph (d) of this Article not be available; and
- (g) a prohibition on the payment of director fees unless the Bank is"adequately capitalized" for purposes of 12 U.S.C. § 1831o and 12 C.F.R.Part 6.
- (3) The Bank shall not pay a dividend or make a capital distribution unless:

- (a) 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;
- (b) the Bank is in compliance with 12 U.S.C. §§ 56 and 60; and
- (c) the Bank receives a prior written determination of no supervisory objection by the Director.
- (4) 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.
- (5) If the Bank fails to submit an acceptable Capital Plan as required by paragraph (2) of this Article, fails to implement or adhere to a Capital Plan to which the Director has taken no supervisory objection pursuant to paragraph (4) of this Article, or fails to achieve and maintain the minimum capital ratios as required by paragraph (1) of this Article then in the sole discretion of the Director, the Bank shall, upon direction of the Director, within thirty (30) days 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 under 12 U.S.C. § 181.
- (6) 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 one hundred and twenty (120) 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.

(7) 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

# LOAN PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

- (1) Within sixty (60) days, Board shall revise and the Bank (subject to Board review and ongoing monitoring) shall continue to ensure implementation and 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 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, perfecting and verifying the Bank's lien position, and verifying 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) incorporate stress-testing requirements into underwriting guidance based on original underwriting and during life of the loan,
- (e) procedures that prohibit the capitalization of accrued interest on any loan renewal or extension;
- (f) procedures that prohibit, on any loan renewal, extension or modification, the establishment of a new interest reserve using the proceeds of any Bank loan to the same borrower or guarantor;
- (g) procedures to ensure that all exceptions to the credit policy shall be clearly documented on the loan offering sheet, problem loan report, and other management information systems ("MIS"); and approved by the Board or a committee thereof before the loan is funded or renewed;

- (h) credit risk rating definitions consistent with applicable regulatory guidance;
- (i) procedures for early problem loan identification to ensure that credits are accurately risk rated at least monthly;
- (j) procedures governing the identification and accounting for nonaccrual loans that are consistent with the requirements contained in the Call Report Instructions; and
- (k) 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 all Bank lenders or any other personnel performing credit analyses are adequately trained in cash flow analysis, particularly analysis using information on a global cash flow basis, evaluation of contingent liabilities, and verification of liquidity, 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 and salary administration process 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) Improve monitoring of loans exceeding supervisory loan to value limits on an aggregate basis and report to the Board on a quarterly basis.

## ARTICLE V

## **CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT**

(1) Within ninety (90) days, the Board shall enhance current policy and the Bank (subject to Board review and ongoing monitoring) shall continue to ensure implementation and

adherence to a written concentration management program consistent with the guidelines in OCC Bulletin 2006-46. The program shall include (but not be limited to) the following:

- (a) policy guidelines addressing the level and nature of exposures acceptable to the institution and setting concentration limits, including limits on commitments to individual borrowers and appropriate sub-limits;
- (b) procedures to identify and quantify the nature and level of risk presented by concentrations, including review of reports describing changes in conditions in the Bank's markets;
- (c) procedures to periodically review and revise, as appropriate, risk exposure limits and sub-limits to conform to any changes in the institution's strategies and to respond to changes in market conditions;
- (d) periodic portfolio-level stress tests or sensitivity analysis to quantify the impact of changing economic conditions on asset quality, earnings, and capital;
- (e) appropriate strategies for managing concentration levels, including a contingency plan to reduce or mitigate concentrations in the event of adverse market conditions; and
- (f) periodic 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 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 VI

## CREDIT AND COLLATERAL EXCEPTIONS

- (1) Except as otherwise provided herein, the Bank shall obtain current and complete credit information on all loans lacking such information, including those listed in the most recent Report of Examination ("ROE") (within sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Order), in any subsequent ROE (within sixty (60) days from the issuance of such ROE), 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) Except as otherwise provided herein, the Bank shall ensure proper collateral documentation is maintained on all loans and correct each collateral exception listed in the most recent ROE (within sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Order), in any subsequent ROE (within sixty (60) days from the issuance of such ROE), 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, unless
    - (i) For loans greater than \$250,000, a majority of the full Board (or a designated committee thereof) certifies in writing the specific reasons why obtaining and analyzing this information would be detrimental to the best interests of the Bank; and
    - (ii) a copy of the Board certification is maintained in the credit file of the affected borrower(s).

## ARTICLE VII

## ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN AND LEASE LOSSES

(1) The Board shall immediately require and the Bank shall improve and thereafter adhere to an appropriate program for the maintenance of an adequate Allowance for Loan and

Lease Losses ("ALLL"). The program shall be consistent with the comments on maintaining a proper ALLL found in the Interagency Policy Statement on the ALLL contained in OCC Bulletin 2006-47 (December 13, 2006) and with "Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses," booklet of the *Comptroller's Handbook*, and shall incorporate the following:

- (a) 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;
- (b) criteria for determining FAS 5 loan pools and an analysis of those loan pools; and
- (c) recognition of non-accrual loans in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and regulatory guidance..
- (2) Any deficiency in an impaired loan or loan pool shall be remedied in the quarter it is discovered, prior to filing the Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income, by additional provisions from earnings. FAS 114 analyses shall be documented in the loan files and with quarterly Criticized Assets Reports provided to the OCC and available for review by National Bank Examiners.

# ARTICLE VIII

## CRITICIZED ASSETS

(1) 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 written program designed to protect the Bank's interest in those assets criticized as "doubtful," "substandard," or "special mention" 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. The program shall include the development of Criticized Asset Reports ("CARs") identifying all credit relationships and other assets totaling in aggregate two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) or more, criticized as "doubtful," "substandard," or "special mention." The CARs must be updated monthly with reporting to the Board and Director at least quarterly. 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;
- significant developments, including a discussion of changes since the priorCAR, 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, modifications 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, modifying or extending 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 IX

# BANK SECRECY ACT

(1) Within ninety (90) days, the Board shall develop, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a written program of policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the Bank Secrecy Act, as amended (31 U.S.C. §§ 5311 - 5330), the regulations promulgated thereunder at 31 C.F.R. Part 103, as amended, and 12 C.F.R. Part 21, Subparts B and C (collectively referred to as the Bank Secrecy Act). At a minimum, this written program shall establish:

- (a) a system of internal controls and independent testing and auditing to ensure ongoing compliance with the Bank Secrecy Act;
- (b) operating procedures for both the opening of new accounts and the monitoring of high risk accounts;
- (c) adequate controls and procedures to ensure that all suspicious and large currency transactions are identified and reported. Procedures should be comprehensive as to all points of cash entry and exit;
- (d) procedures to ensure that records are maintained on monetary instrument transactions and funds transfers, as required by the Bank Secrecy Act;
- (e) comprehensive procedures to identify and report to appropriate management personnel:
  - (i) frequent or large volume cash deposits or wire transfers or book entry transfers to or from offshore or domestic entities or individuals;
  - (ii) wire transfers or book entry transfers that are deposited into several accounts;
  - (iii) receipt and disbursement of wire transfers or book entry transfers without an apparent business reason;
  - (iv) receipt and disbursement of wire transfers or book entry transfers when they are inconsistent with the customer's business; and
  - (v) receipt and disbursement of currency or monetary instrumentswhen they are inconsistent with the customer's business;
- (f) a comprehensive training program for all appropriate operational and supervisory personnel to ensure their awareness of and compliance with the requirements of the Bank Secrecy Act and the Office of Foreign Assets

Control (OFAC), including the currency reporting and monetary instrument and funds transfer recordkeeping requirements, and the reporting requirements associated with Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) pursuant to 12 C.F.R. Part 21, Subpart B;

- (g) an officer who will be responsible for filing Currency Transaction Reports(CTRs); and
- (h) comprehensive guidelines, procedures, and systems for compliance with the rules and regulations of the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).
- (2) Upon completion, a copy of this program shall be submitted to the Director for Special Supervision for review. In the event the Director recommends changes to the program, the Board shall immediately incorporate those changes into the program.

## ARTICLE X

# **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 ("ROE"), any subsequent ROE, or brought to the Board's or Bank's attention in writing by management, regulators, auditors, loan review, or other compliance efforts. Within ninety (90) days after the violation is cited or brought to the Board's or appropriate committee'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:

- specific procedures to prevent future violations as cited in the most recentROE; 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) Upon adoption, the Board shall forward a copy of these policies and procedures to the Director.

#### ARTICLE XI

## ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS AND EXTENSIONS OF TIME

- (1) If the Bank 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 require an extension of a timeframe within this Order.
- (2) All such requests shall be accompanied by relevant supporting documentation and any other facts upon which the Bank relies. The Director's decision concerning a request is final and not subject to further review.

#### ARTICLE XII

# OTHER PROVISIONS

- (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 signature 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 and/or the Board is required to

take action, the Board shall, at a minimum:

(a) authorize and direct measures necessary to take the required action;

(b) require Bank management to make timely reports to the Board on the

status of, and compliance with, the required action; and

(c) take appropriate corrective measures for any failure to carry out the

required action.

(6) This Order is intended to be, and shall be construed to be, a final order issued

pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818, 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 <u>9th</u> day of <u>March</u>, <u>2010</u>.

signed

Henry Fleming

Director for Special Supervision Division

22

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

In the Matter of:	)	AA-EC-09-112
Far East National Bank	)	
Los Angeles, California	)	

# STIPULATION AND CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF A CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States of America ("Comptroller" or "OCC") intends to initiate cease and desist proceedings against Far East National Bank, Los Angeles, California ("Bank"), pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b), through the issuance of a Notice of Charges, for unsafe and unsound banking practices relating to supervision of the Bank;

**WHEREAS**, the Bank, in the interest of compliance and cooperation, and without admitting or denying any wrongdoing, consents to the issuance of a Consent Order, dated \_3-9-2010 \_\_\_\_\_ ("Order") by executing this Stipulation and Consent to the Issuance of a Consent Order;

**NOW THEREFORE**, 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

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- (1) The Bank acknowledges 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 acknowledges 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. Notwithstanding the absence of mutuality of obligation, or of consideration, or of a contract, the Comptroller may enforce any of the commitments or obligations herein undertaken by the Bank under his supervisory powers, including 12 U.S.C. § 1818, and not as a matter of contract law. The Bank expressly acknowledges that neither the Bank nor the Comptroller has any intention to enter into a contract.
- (2) The Bank also expressly acknowledges that no officer or employee of the Comptroller has statutory or other authority to bind the United States, the U.S. Treasury Department, the Comptroller, or any other federal bank regulatory agency or entity, or any officer or employee of any of those entities to a contract affecting the Comptroller's exercise of his 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) or 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

# **CLOSING PROVISIONS**

- (1) 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.
- (2) 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, the Comptroller 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	3-9-2010	
Henry Fleming	Date	
Director, Special Supervision Division		

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	3-4-2010
Robert T. Chang	Date
signed	3-4-2010
David Wang	Date
signed	3-4-2010
Ralph Ming-Ting Ho	Date
signed	3-4-2010
Edward T. Kuo	Date
signed	3-4-2010
McKinney Y.T. Tsai	Date