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Trails Holdings, LLC and Arizona Valuation Company, LLC in Receivership. On May 12, 2010, the Court entered its Amended Order Appointing Permanent Receiver and Injunction (collectively "Receivership Order"). The Receivership Order appointed Thomas Giallanza as Deputy Receiver and authorized the Receiver to engage and employ Special Deputy Receivers to carry on the day to day business of Landmarc.

2. At the time of the appointment of the Receiver for Landmarc on June 24, 2009, Landmarc was servicing several hundred loans it had made and it was managing various real estate properties acquired through foreclosure of those loans. In most cases, other persons had acquired an interest in these loans from Landmarc through a participation agreement or a warehouse credit facility agreement, which interests were in some cases evidenced by the recordation of an assignment of a beneficial interest in the underlying deed of trust and note or the perfection of a security interest in the note.

## Order Nos. 4 and 8

- 3. In order to permit an economical and orderly transfer of clean loans to new servicing agents, the Court on October 5, 2009, entered its Order Approving Procedures for Disposing of Certain Loans Where Ownership by Third Parties is Not in Doubt, Re: Petition No. 4 ("Order No. 4"), which among other things, authorized the Receiver without further order of the Court to transfer to a new servicing agent any loan being serviced by Landmarc that meets the following criteria:
  - All of the beneficial owners of the loan must be evidenced by duly a. recorded Deeds of Trust identifying the beneficial owners or by duly recorded

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assignments of the beneficial interests under the Deed of Trust and Promissory Note or assignments of a participation interest under the Deed of Trust and Promissory Note (hereafter referred to as the "Beneficial Owners").

- b. All Beneficial Owners must agree on the terms of the transfer and the identity of the new servicing agent.
- c. The Receiver does not have actual knowledge of a failure or inadequacy of consideration by the Beneficial Owners or the existence of an adverse claim of ownership or security interest in the loan or promissory note.
- d. A trustee's sale foreclosing the lien under the Deed of Trust on the underlying security for the loan has not taken place.
- e. The Receiver does not have actual knowledge of claims by Landmarc against any of the Beneficial Owners.
- 4. Similarly, on February 17, 2010, the Court entered its Order Re: Petition No. 8. which, among other things, authorized the Receiver without further order of the Court to transfer to each beneficial owner of a loan that has been paid off the beneficial owner's respective percentage share of the net pay-off proceeds where the following criteria are met:
  - The beneficial owner of the loan that was paid-off must be evidenced by a. duly recorded deeds of trust identifying the beneficial owner or by duly recorded assignment to a beneficial interest under the deed of trust and promissory note or assignment of a participation interest under the deed of trust and promissory notes ("Beneficial Owner");

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- b. The Beneficial Owner agrees to the terms of the transfer of the loan payoff proceeds;
- The Receiver has no actual knowledge of an error in the percentage of c. beneficial interest owned by the Beneficial Owner;
- d. The Receiver has no actual knowledge of a failure or inadequacy of consideration to the Beneficial Owner or the existence of an adverse claim of ownership or security interest in the Beneficial Owner's share of the loan pay-off proceeds;
- The Receiver has no actual knowledge of claims by Landmarc against e. the Beneficial Owner who is to receive a share of the loan pay-off proceeds; and
- f. The Beneficial Owner executes an agreement in a form acceptable to the Receiver that contains the information deemed necessary by the Receiver, including a release of the Receiver and his agents from any liability to the beneficial owners of the loan; acknowledge that any claim against Landmarc shall be filed as provided for by the orders of the Court; and indemnify and hold harmless the Receiver, his agents and the estate of Landmarc from any liability arising from the transfer of the loan pay-off proceeds.

## REO to be Transferred to Beneficial Owners

5. At the time of the appointment of the Receiver, Landmarc held title to or had under its management or control approximately 107 real properties ("REO"). In nearly all cases, these properties had previously been the security under loans made or serviced by

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Landmarc which had been acquired as a result of the foreclosure of the deeds of trust securing those loans.

- 6. Approximately 33 of these REO are titled wholly in the name of a person other than Landmarc or one of the other receivership entities. In many but not all cases, the person holding title is entitled to the use and enjoyment of the property.
- 7. In the interests of the beneficial owners of these REO, the Receiver recommends that the Court approve the following procedures for the timely distribution of these REO without further order of the Court provided the titled owner is the beneficial owner of the loan and resulting REO and there are no adverse claims against the REO.
- 8. To date, the Receiver has identified the following six REO that are titled in the names of persons other than the Receivership Entities that meet the requirements set forth below and therefore should be released to the interested parties.<sup>1</sup>

# 860 City Lights, Prescott (Loan No. 07071164)

- 9. On or about July 27, 2007, Landmarc made a loan of \$300,000 secured by a single family residence located at 860 City Lights, Prescott, Arizona ("City Lights Property"). Pursuant to its Warehouse Credit Facility Agreement with Landmarc, Landmarc agreed to provide a security interest in this loan to TBM Associates, LLC ("TBM").
- 10. The borrower subsequently defaulted and a trustee sale was held resulting in the execution and recordation of a Trustee's Deed on March 14, 2008, conveying 100% of the fee

There are at least 28 additional REO which are titled in the names of non-receivership entities but which have issues that the Receiver is attempting to resolve.

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title to the City Lights Property to TBM. According to the records of Landmarc, TBM was the sole beneficial owner of this loan.

- 11. The Receiver has determined that on June 24, 2009, TBM held fee title to the City Lights Property. The Receiver has obtained a preliminary title commitment on the City Lights Property which confirms that TBM presently holds fee title and that there are no clouds on the title, other than for real estate taxes.
- 12. This property meets all of the requirements set forth in paragraphs 26 through 30 below and has already been transferred under terms agreeable to the Receiver and TBM. 2903 W. Madison St, Phoenix (Loan No. 07030984)
- 13. On or about April 17, 2007, Landmarc made a loan of \$113,750 secured by a single family residence located at 2903 West Madison Street, Phoenix, Arizona ("Madison Property"). Pursuant to a Participation Agreement with Landmarc, Landmarc agreed to assign beneficial interest in this loan to Victoria Cohen ("Cohen").
- 14. The borrower subsequently defaulted and a trustee sale was held resulting in the execution and recordation of a Trustee's Deed on May 22, 2008, conveying 100% of the fee title to the Landmarc. Subsequently on or about November 19, 2008, Landmarc executed and recorded a Quit Claim Deed conveying all of its interest in the Madison Property to H.R. Cohen Company, Inc. The grantee under the Quit Claim Deed should have been identified as H.R. Cohen, Inc., a Michigan corporation and this entity was designated by Cohen to take title to the Madison Property on her behalf. According to the records of Landmarc, Cohen was the sole beneficial owner of this loan.

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15. The Receiver has determined that on June 24, 2009, H.R. Cohen, Inc. held fee title to the Madison Property. The Receiver has obtained a preliminary title commitment on the Madison Property which confirms that H.R. Cohen, Inc. presently holds fee title and that there are no clouds on the title, other than for real estate taxes.

16. This property meets all of the requirements set forth in paragraphs 26 through 30 below, except with respect to a possible claim by Landmarc against Victoria Cohen regarding an interest in another property.

# 2815 West Echo Lane, Phoenix (Loan No. 06120859)

- 17. On or about January 29, 2007, Landmarc made a loan of \$139,300 secured by a single family residence located at 2815 West Echo Lane, Phoenix, Arizona ("Echo Lane Property"). Pursuant to a Participation Agreement with Landmarc, Landmarc agreed to assign beneficial interest in this loan to Victoria Cohen ("Cohen").
- 18. The borrower subsequently defaulted and a trustee sale was held resulting in the execution and recordation of a Trustee's Deed on June 25, 2008, conveying 100% of the fee title to the Victoria Cohen. Subsequently on or about January 23, 2009, Landmarc executed and recorded a Quit Claim Deed conveying all of its interest in the Echo Property to H.R. Cohen Company, Inc. even though Landmarc did not hold an interest in the property.
- 19. This property meets all of the requirements set forth in paragraphs 26 through 30 below, except with respect to a possible claim by Landmarc against Victoria Cohen regarding an interest in another property.

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# 3905 W. Grant Street, Phoenix (Loan No. 07051065)

- 20. On or about May 31, 2007, Landmarc made a loan of \$80,500 secured by a single family residence located at 3905 W. Grant Street, Phoenix, Arizona ("Grant Street Property"). Pursuant to a Participation Agreement with Landmarc, Landmarc agreed to assign beneficial interest in this loan to Victoria Cohen ("Cohen").
- 21. The borrower subsequently defaulted and a trustee sale was held resulting in the execution and recordation of a Trustee's Deed on October 23, 2008, conveying 100% of the fee title to the Landmarc. Subsequently on or about November 19, 2008, Landmarc executed and recorded a Quit Claim Deed conveying all of its interest in the Grant Property to H.R. Cohen Company, Inc. The grantee under the Quit Claim Deed should have been identified as H.R. Cohen, Inc., a Michigan corporation and this entity was designated by Cohen to take title to the Grant Property on her behalf. According to the records of Landmarc, Cohen was the sole beneficial owner of this loan.
- 22. This property meets all of the requirements set forth in paragraphs 26 through 30 below, except with respect to a possible claim by Landmarc against Victoria Cohen regarding an interest in another property.

# 510 S. 99th Street, Mesa (Loan No. LC050120)

23. On or about February 4, 2005, Landmarc made a loan of \$37,999.13 secured by a property located at 510 S. 99th Street, Mesa, Arizona ("99th Street Property"). Pursuant to a Participation Agreement with Landmarc, Landmarc agreed to assign beneficial interest in this loan to Victoria Cohen ("Cohen").

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- 24. The borrower subsequently defaulted and a trustee sale was held resulting in the execution and recordation of a Trustee's Deed on December 8, 2008, conveying 100% of the fee title to the Landmarc. Subsequently on or about January 23, 2009, Landmarc executed and recorded a Quit Claim Deed conveying all of its interest in the 99<sup>th</sup> Street Property to H.R. Cohen Company, Inc. The grantee under the Quit Claim Deed should have been identified as H.R. Cohen, Inc., a Michigan corporation and this entity was designated by Cohen to take title to the 99th Street Property on her behalf. According to the records of Landmarc, Cohen was the sole beneficial owner of this loan.
- 25. This property meets all of the requirements set forth in paragraphs 26 through 30 below, except with respect to a possible claim by Landmarc against Victoria Cohen regarding an interest in another property.

## Procedures for Transfer of REO without Further Court Order

- 26. The Receiver recommends that the Court authorize the Receiver to transfer to a Transferee any other real property that meets all of the following criteria ("Property") without further order of the Court:
  - Fee title to the Property must have been vested by a deed recorded prior a. to June 24, 2009 entirely in the name of:
    - (1) the beneficial owner(s) of the loan made by Landmarc for which the Property had previously been the security as reflected in the records of Landmarc (hereafter referred to as the "Beneficial Owners"); or

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- (2) an entity designated by the Beneficial Owners at the time of the vesting to take title on behalf of the Beneficial Owners.
- b. All persons holding fee title and all Beneficial Owners must agree on the terms of the transfer of control and of any interest of Landmarc and the identity of the Transferee;
- c. The Receiver does not have actual knowledge of a failure or inadequacy of consideration by the Beneficial Owners in acquiring their interests in the Property or the related loan or the existence of an adverse claim of ownership or security interest in the Property; and
- d. The Receiver does not have actual knowledge of claims by Landmarc against any of the Beneficial Owners.
- 27. The Receiver should be authorized to disburse any accumulated payments under the loan held in Landmarc's trust account to the Transferee or Beneficial Owners as they may agree, after obtaining satisfactory arrangements for the reimbursement of Landmarc for any unpaid servicing fees or reimbursable expenses to which Landmarc may be entitled.
- 28. The Transferee or Beneficial Owners shall reimburse Landmarc for any trust shortage and for all unpaid expenses incurred by Landmarc in connection with the loan or Property and the Receiver shall, upon receipt of such payments and the agreement described in paragraph 29 below, deliver the Transfer Documents to the Transferee designated by all of the Beneficial Owners.

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29. Before effectuating the transfer of Property as provided above, the Transferee and all Beneficial Owners shall execute a joint agreement in a form acceptable to the Receiver that contains the information deemed necessary by the Receiver including (a) an identification of the Transferee, (b) the repayment to the Receiver of any negative balance in the trust account for the loan, (c) a release of the Receiver and his agents from any liability to the Transferee and Beneficial Owners, (d) an acknowledgement that any claim against Landmarc by the Transferee or Beneficial Owners shall be filed as provided by the orders of this court, and (e) an indemnification and hold harmless of the Receiver, Landmarc and their agents from any liability arising from the transfer of the Property.

- 30. The Transfer Documents provided to the Transferee designated by the Beneficial Owners shall include:
  - A copy of any preliminary title report or commitment obtained by the a. Receiver together with related documents (the costs of which shall be repaid by the Beneficial Owners as part of the expenses incurred by Landmarc);
  - b. A Disclaimer of Interest in recordable form disclaiming any interest of Landmarc or the Receiver in the Property or a deed transferring to the Transferee designated by all of the Beneficial Owners any and all interest in the Property of Landmarc or the Receiver; and
  - An assignment of any lease for the Property in which Landmarc has an c. interest.
  - WHEREFORE, the Receiver respectfully requests that the Court enter an order:

- 1. Confirming the transfer of the City Lights Property to TBM.
- 2. Approving the transfer of the Madison Property, Echo Lane Property, Grant Street Property and 99<sup>th</sup> Street Property to the Transferee in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Petition and subject to the resolution of the Receiver's claims against Victoria Cohen.
- 3. Approving the procedures set forth in this Petition for the transfer of other real properties where the ownership by third parties is not in doubt.

Respectfully submitted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

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