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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

| In the Matter of: |) | |
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| |) | No. 01A- ₀₈₈ - INS |
| AMERMEX INSURANCE AGENCY, LLC |) | |
| 1.00 |) | CONSENT ORDER |
| Respondent. |) | |
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The State of Arizona Department of Insurance (Department) has received evidence that AmerMex Insurance Agency, L.L.C. ("AmerMex") violated provisions of Title 20, Arizona Revised Statutes. Respondent wishes to resolve this matter without the commencement of formal proceedings, and admits the following Findings of Fact are true and consents to entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. AmerMex Insurance Agency, L.L.C. is an Arizona limited liability company. AmerMex was licensed to transact property and casualty insurance as an agency from September 18, 1997 through September 30, 1998 and from March 24, 2000 forward. AmerMex is currently and was at all material times, licensed to transact life and disability insurance, Arizona license number 54630, which license expires September 30, 2001.
- 2. American Financial Insurance Agency, L.L.C. ("AFIA") was formed as an Arizona limited liability company on July 24, 1997.
- 3. AFIA was licensed effective September 18, 1997 to transact property and casualty and life and disability insurance as an agency in Arizona, Arizona license number 54630.

- 4. On or about March 31, 1998, AFIA filed an Amendment to its Articles of Organization with the Arizona Corporation Commission changing its name from AFIA to AmerMex Insurance Agency, L.L.C.
- 5. On or about March 31, 1998, AFIA notified the Department that its name had been changed to AmerMex.
- 6. On or about August 23, 1999, AmerMex submitted an application to renew its life and disability insurance agency license that was due to expire effective September 30, 1999.
- 7. AmerMex represents that it inadvertently failed to renew its property and casualty insurance agency license. The license expired effective September 30, 1998.
- 8. On or about March 24, 2000, AmerMex submitted a new application for a property and casualty insurance agency license that was subsequently issued by the Department effective March 24, 2000.
- 9. AmerMex was not licensed to transact property and casualty insurance in Arizona from October 1, 1998 through March 23, 2000. During that period, AmerMex wrote 2,207 policies with a premium of \$1,079,905.28 and commissions of \$158,141.33.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Director has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Respondent's conduct constitutes acting as or holding itself out to be an agent, within the meaning of A.R.S. §20-287(A).
- 3. Respondent's conduct constitutes the receipt of compensation, fee or commission in connection with insurance transacted in this state without being licensed at the time of the transaction, within the meaning of A.R.S. §20-311(A).

4. Grounds exist to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew Respondent's license and/or 1 2 impose a civil penalty upon him pursuant to A.R.S. §§20-316(A) and 20-316(C) 3 **ORDER** 4 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of one 5 thousand dollars (\$1,000) to the Director payable upon the entry of this Order for remission to the State 6 Treasurer for deposit in the State General Fund. DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 29 day of March, 2001. 7 8 9 CHARLES R. COHEN 10 Director of Insurance CONSENT TO ORDER 11 1. 12 Respondent has reviewed the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order. 13 2. 14 Respondent admits the jurisdiction of the Director of Insurance, State of Arizona, and 15 admits the foregoing Findings of Fact and consents to the entry of the foregoing Conclusions of Law and Order. 16 1. Respondent is aware of its right to notice and a hearing at which it may be represented 17 by counsel, present evidence and examine witnesses. Respondent irrevocably waives its right to such 18 19 notice and hearing and to any court appeals relating to this Consent Order. 20 2. Respondent states that no promise of any kind or nature whatsoever, except as expressly contained in this Consent Order, was made to it to induce it to enter into this Consent Order and that it 21 has entered into this Consent Order voluntarily. 22 23 24

| 1 | 3. Respondent acknowledges that the acceptance of this Consent Order by the Director is |
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| 2 | solely to settle this matter against it and does not preclude any other agency, officer, or subdivision of |
| 3 | this state from instituting civil or criminal proceedings as may be appropriate now or in the future. |
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| 9 | COPIES of the foregoing mailed/delivered this 29th day of March, 2001, to: |
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| 11 | 3620 E. Thomas Road, #C-135 Phoenix, Arizona AZ 85018 |
| 12 | American International South Insurance Company |
| 13 | 70 Pine Street New York, NY 10270 |
| 14 | American Summit Insurance Company |
| 15 | 7301 Ohms Lane, Suite 355 Minneapolis, MN 55439-2336 |
| 16 | Hartford Casualty Insurance Company |
| 17 | Hartford Plaza Hartford, CT 06115 |
| 18 | National Flood Insurance Program |
| 19 | P. O. Box 6464 Rockville, MD 20849 |
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| 21 | Progressive Casualty Insurance Company Box W33, 6300 Wilson Mills Road Mayfield Village, OH 44143-2128 |
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| 23 | Scottsdale Insurance Company P. O. Box 4110 Scottsdale, AZ 85261 |
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| 1 | Valley Forge Life Insurance Company CNA Plaza |
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| 2 | Chicago, IL 60685 |
| 3 | Victoria Automobile Insurance Company |
| 4 | Attn: Assunta Rossi 5915 Landerbrook Drive, Suite 210 Cleveland, OH 44124-4058 |
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