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RE: GREAT AMERICAN ASSURANCE COMPANY

Introduction of Mortgage Originators Errors & Omissions Insurance

Your File Number: PL-NC-00-04-MEO2-F

Other Professional Liability – Forms

OUR FILE NUMBER: PC031710

Dear Mr. Wise:

Ms. Jackie Darden of my staff contacted you in July about the Mortgage Originators program referenced above. She had been contacted by Old Republic Insurance Company after she disapproved a program that company filed. The company then asked if the disapproval would be reconsidered if its program was amended to become similar to yours.

After we received this inquiry, we requested an informal opinion from this Department's General Counsel and the opinion was prepared by Dan Johnson of the North Carolina Attorney General's Office. A copy of the opinion is attached for your review. As you can see, Mr. Johnson believes the Department was correct in disapproving the Old Republic Program and he indicates the Great American Program should have been disapproved as well on the basis of strong arguments found in pages 4, 5 and 6 of his opinion.

Therefore, we are withdrawing the approval of the Great American Mortgage Originators Errors & Omissions Insurance Program effective September 20, 2001. This letter should prohibit the writing of any policies from this date. The withdrawal of approval requires that you non-renew any policies that are in effect at this time.