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APPROXIMATELY 22,965 CHECKS AVERAGING \$1,480 COMING TO COLORADO BORROWERS THROUGH NATIONAL MORTGAGE SETTLEMENT

DENVER- Colorado borrowers who submitted a valid foreclosure payment claim through the National Mortgage Settlement will receive a check this month for an average of \$1,480. To date, the total cash payments for mortgage servicing abuse in Colorado is \$32,882,672. This relief is [in addition to \\$405.3 million](#) already provided to more than 7,000 borrowers for principal reductions, mortgage modifications and other forms of relief.

Borrowers receiving this cash payment had their mortgage serviced by one of the settlement's five participating mortgage servicers, lost their home to foreclosure between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2011, and submitted a valid claim form. The participating servicers include Ally (formerly GMAC), Bank of America, Citi, JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo.

"These checks come from a \$1.5 billion payment pool we negotiated and set aside as part of the National Mortgage Settlement," Attorney General John W. Suthers said. "These payments help compensate borrowers for the mortgage servicing abuse that they likely endured. And I'm pleased that the final amount of \$1,480 is much higher than the minimum amount we first announced, which was \$840." Suthers added that the payment does not limit a borrower from seeking relief through a separate lawsuit or other claims.

Nationally, the settlement administrator, Rust Consulting, will mail 962,278 valid claim payments from June 10 through June 17, 2013.

"These payments are part of our efforts to hold the banks accountable through the National Mortgage Settlement," continued Suthers. "In addition to compensating borrowers for the servicing abuse that happened in the past, we're trying to stop these practices through the settlement's tough new mortgage servicing standards."

In February 2012, 49 state attorneys general and the federal government announced the historic joint state-federal National Mortgage Settlement with the country's five largest

mortgage servicers. Preliminary data shows that, so far, the servicers have provided more than \$50 billion in direct settlement relief to borrowers nationwide.

A relatively small number of borrowers will not receive a check in the initial mailing or will receive a split payment.

- Some borrowers will receive a check for less than the approximate \$1,480 payment in situations where borrowers are divorced or separated and no longer live at the same address. The full per-loan amount will be paid on these loans, but the payment will be evenly split between the borrowers.
- A small number of borrowers who submitted a claim form but do not have a valid Social Security number on file will be delayed in receiving their payments while tax-related issues are addressed.
- Two servicers recently provided information on an additional 31,000 borrowers, and thus they could not be included in this distribution. Later this summer, these consumers will receive a notice and will have the opportunity to submit a payment application.

Every borrower who filed a claim will receive a letter regarding their outcome. The total number of checks being mailed differs from the number of loans being paid since some loan payments are split between borrowers who are divorced or separated. Borrowers with questions about their National Mortgage Settlement payment should call settlement administrator Rust Consulting at 1-866-430-8358.

National Mortgage Settlement, Independent Foreclosure Review Payments are Separate

Rust Consulting is also the settlement administrator for the Independent Foreclosure Review (IFR) payment agreement through the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) and the Federal Reserve Board. The IFR settlement is unrelated and separate from the National Mortgage Settlement and does not include the same governmental agencies. The IFR payments began in mid-April of 2013, and the OCC announced that final payments will be mailed in mid-July. For more information on the OCC Independent Foreclosure Review settlement, go to www.OCC.gov and click on Independent Foreclosure Review.

Homeowners facing foreclosure are urged to contact the Colorado Foreclosure Hotline at 1-877-601-4673 (HOPE) or visit www.coloradoforeclosurehotline.org. The free hotline works with homeowners in or facing foreclosure. Homeowners who call the hotline may speak with a housing counselor about their options.

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