STATE OF NEBRASKA Department of Banking & Finance

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
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RockLoans Marketplace LLC)	CONSENT AGREEMENT
1050 Woodward Avenue)	
Detroit, Michigan)	

NMLS No. 1399530

THIS MATTER comes before the Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance ("Department"), by and through its Director, pursuant to its authority under the Nebraska Installment Loan Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 45-1001 to 45-1070 (Reissue 2021; Supp. 2023, LB1074, 2024) ("the Act"). The Department has examined the records of RockLoans Marketplace LLC, 1050 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan ("RockLoans"). As a result of such examination, and being duly advised and informed in the matter, the Director of the Department and RockLoans enter into the following Consent Agreement.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. As of the date of execution of this Consent Agreement, RockLoans does not make or originate loans, nor does it assess additional fees, charges, or interest directly to customers located in Nebraska.
 - 2. RockLoans applied for a Nebraska Installment Loan License on September 7, 2023.
- 3. In RockLoans' application for a Nebraska Installment Loan license, RockLoans stated that it had conducted Nebraska license-required activity without a license.

4. RockLoans reported a total number of forty-two (42) installment loans in Nebraska during the period of June 7, 2023 to September 5, 2023. The total dollar volume of the installment loans was reported as four hundred thirty-two thousand dollars (\$432,000.00). The total fees were reported as thirty-four thousand fifty-nine dollars and sixty cents (\$34,059.60).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 45-1004(1)(b) (Reissue 2021) states a license shall be required for "any person that holds or acquires any rights of ownership, servicing, or other forms of participation in a loan under the Nebraska Installment Loan Act…"
- 2. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 45-1019 (Reissue 2021) provides that the Department may issue a cease and desist order against any person whenever the Department determines that such person has violated any provision of the Nebraska Installment Loan Act.
- 3. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 45-1016 (Reissue 2021) provides that the Director may issue orders, rulings, demands, and findings to carry out the purposes of the Nebraska Installment Loan Act.
- 4. Based upon Findings of Fact Nos. 1 through 4, inclusive, the Director concludes that RockLoans has violated Section 45-1004(1)(b).
- 5. The facts listed in the above Findings of Fact constitute a sufficient basis for the Director to have determined that RockLoans has violated the Act, and that an administrative fine of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and the costs of investigation should be imposed in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 45-1016 (Reissue 2021).
- 6. Under the Act's statutory framework, the Director has the legal and equitable authority to fashion significant remedies.
- 7. It is in the best interests of RockLoans, and it is in the best interests of the public, for RockLoans and the Department to resolve the issues included herein.

CONSENT AGREEMENT

<u>Stipulations</u>: In connection with this Consent Agreement, RockLoans and the Director stipulate to the following:

- 1. The Department has jurisdiction as to all matters herein.
- 2. This Consent Agreement shall resolve all matters raised by the Department relating to the failure of RockLoans to obtain a Nebraska Installment Loan License before engaging in license-required activity. Should future circumstances warrant, the facts from this matter may be considered in a future administrative action by the Department.
- 3. This Consent Agreement shall be in lieu of all other proceedings available to the Department, except as specifically referenced in this Consent Agreement.
- 4. This Consent Agreement does not constitute a finding by any court or adjudicatory body as to any issue of fact or law and does not constitute a final order of any court or governmental authority, including the Department. This Consent Agreement waives any disqualification in the Nebraska laws, or rules or regulations thereunder, including any disqualification from relying upon the registration exemptions or safe harbor provisions to which RockLoans or any of its affiliates may be subject. This Consent Agreement is not a final order based upon violations of any statute or rule that prohibits fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct. This Consent Agreement is not intended to form the basis of any disqualifications contained under the federal securities laws or the Commodity Exchange Act, or the rules and regulations thereunder (including, without limitation, Section 3(a)(39) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; or Rules 504(b)(3) and 506(d)(1) of Regulation D, Rule 262(a) of Regulation A and Rule 503(a) of Regulation CF under the Securities Act of 1933), or any state's laws (including, without limitation, securities laws), or rules or regulations thereunder, including any disqualifications from relying upon registration

exemptions or safe harbor provisions. Except in an action by the Department to enforce the obligations this Consent Agreement, any acts performed or documents executed in furtherance of this Consent Agreement: (a) may not be deemed or used as an admission of, or evidence of, the validity of any alleged wrongdoing, liability, or lack of any wrongdoing or liability; or (b) may not be deemed or used as an admission of, or evidence of, any such alleged fault or omission of RockLoans in any civil, criminal, arbitration, or administrative proceeding in any court, administrative agency, or tribunal.

RockLoans further represents as follows:

- 1. RockLoans is aware of its right to a hearing on these matters at which it may be represented by counsel, present evidence, and cross-examine witnesses. The right to such a hearing, and any related appeal, is irrevocably waived.
 - 2. RockLoans is acting free from any duress or coercion of any kind or nature.
- 3. This Consent Agreement is executed to avoid further proceedings and does not constitute an admission of violations of or liability under the Act.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED as follows:

- 1. Within ten (10) days after the effective date of this Consent Agreement, RockLoans shall pay a total fine in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the violations of the Act, as noted in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of this Consent Agreement.
- 2. Within ten (10) days after the effective date of this Consent Agreement, RockLoans shall pay investigation costs incurred by the Department in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).
- 3. The total amount of the fine, Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), plus the total amount of investigation costs, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), shall be payable in one sum in the amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) to the Department within ten (10) days after the

effective date of this Consent Agreement. An invoice will be created within NMLS and placed on

the NMLS record of RockLoans. A corresponding license item will also be set on the NMLS

record, indicating that there is an outstanding invoice to be paid. If RockLoans prefers to pay the

fine and costs outside of the NMLS, it may inform the Department of this preference and then

make the payment by check, money order, or electronically to the Department via ACH. The

Department will provide ACH payment instructions upon request.

4. Within ten (10) days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement, RockLoans will

disclose this Consent Agreement in the Disclosure Questions and Disclosure Explanation sections

of its NMLS record.

5. If RockLoans fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Consent Agreement,

following notice of such failure to comply and a reasonable opportunity to cure such failure to

comply, the Department may commence such action regarding RockLoans as it deems necessary

and appropriate in the public interest.

6. If at any time, the Department determines that RockLoans has committed any other

violations of the Act, the Department may take any action available to it under the Act.

7. The effective date of this Consent Agreement will be the date of the Director's

signature.

DATED this 1st day of November , 2024.

RockLoans Marketplace LLC

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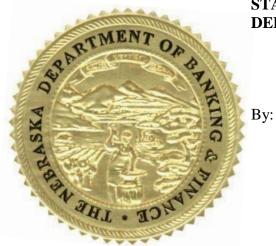
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Lisa Roitman, General Counsel

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DATED this 4th day of November , 2024.



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