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CITIMORTGAGE INC. CitiMortgage Inc. 1000 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE MS 314 O'FALLON, MO 63368

NAME, ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER OF TRUSTEE: (as of recording of Notice of Sale) CR TITLE SERVICES INC. 1000 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE MS 314. OFALLON, MO 63368 877-576-0472 SALES LINE: PRIORITY POSTING AND PUBLISHING at (714) 573-1965 or WWW.PRIORITYPOSTING.COM REINSTATEMENT LINE: 877-576-0472

Dated: July 08, 2010

CR Title Services, Inc. SHARON SAMS, TRUSTEE SPECIALIST

State of AZ]ss County of PIMA }

On-July 03:2010 before me, Stephanie G. Abcede Notary Public, personally appeared SHARON SAMS, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/arc subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the state of Arizona that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature

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Stephanie G. Abcede Notary Public

Federal Law requires us to notify you that we are acting as a debt collector. If you are currently in a bankruptcy or have received a discharge in bankruptcy as to this obligation, this communication is intended for informational purposes only and is not an attempt to collect a debt in violation of the automatic stay or the discharge injunction.



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September 21, 2011

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CERTIFIED MAIL Stephanie G. Abcede

Re: Notary Stephanie G. Abcede, Complainant Steve K. Zinnel

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Sincerely

Holly Textor, Notary Unit Supervisor Business Services Division

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This office's action on this complaint does not preclude you from taking any further legal action against the notary. Accordingly, you are advised to consult an attorney concerning any legal remedies you may have.

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TOM HORNE ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFICE OF THE ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL AGENCY COUNSEL & CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION AGENCY COUNSEL SECTION

August 5, 2011

Certified Mail Stephanie G. Abcede

Re: Complaint against Stephanie G. Abcede, Complainant Steve K. Zinnel

Dear Ms. Abcede:

On or about July 6, 2011, this office requested via certified mail that you provide a written response to a complaint regarding your notary services. We asked you to respond in writing to the allegations of the complaint within ten (10) business days of receiving our letter and provide a copy of your notary journal for the date of May 21, 2010.

On July 22, we the certified mail receipt indicating you or someone in your behalf signed for and received our letter on or about July 21. As of the present date, we have not received your written response to the allegations of the complaint or a copy of your notary journal as we requested.

This is our final request for a written response to the complaint and a copy of your notary journal. Please submit your written response to the allegations of the complaint and enclose a copy of your notary journal as we requested in our July 6 letter to the following:

Arizona Attorney General's Office Attn: Shawn L. Stanford, Ph.D./AC&CivRtsDiv-ACS 1275 W. Washington Phoenix, Arizona 85007

If you fail to provide this information within five (5) business days of receiving this request, the Office of the Secretary of State may revoke your notary public commission.