UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY, AS CONSERVATOR FOR THE FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION AND THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

-against-

NOMURA HOLDING AMERICA INC., NOMURA ASSET ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, NOMURA HOME EQUITY LOAN, INC., NOMURA CREDIT & CAPITAL, INC., NOMURA SECURITIES INTERNATIONAL, INC., RBS SECURITIES INC. (f/k/a GREENWICH CAPITAL MARKETS, INC.), DAVID FINDLAY, JOHN MCCARTHY, JOHN P. GRAHAM, NATHAN GORIN, and N. DANTE LAROCCA,

Defendants.

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COMPLAINT

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Plaintiff Federal Housing Finance Agency ("FHFA"), as conservator of The Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae") and The Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac"), by its attorneys, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP, for its Complaint herein against Nomura Holding America Inc. ("Nomura Holding"), Nomura Asset Acceptance Corporation ("NAA"), Nomura Home Equity Loan, Inc. ("NHELI"), Nomura Credit & Capital, Inc. ("Nomura Credit"), Nomura Securities International, Inc. ("Nomura Securities") (collectively, "Nomura"), RBS Securities Inc. (f/k/a Greenwich Capital Markets, Inc.) ("RBS Securities"), and David Findlay, John McCarthy, John P. Graham, Nathan Gorin, and N. Dante Larocca (the "Individual Defendants") (together with Nomura and RBS Securities, "Defendants") alleges as follows:

NATURE OF ACTION

1. This action arises out of Defendants' actionable conduct in connection with the offer and sale of certain residential mortgage-backed securities to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (collectively, the "Government Sponsored Enterprises" or "GSEs"). These securities were sold pursuant to registration statements, including prospectuses and prospectus supplements that formed part of those registration statements, which contained materially false or misleading statements and omissions. Defendants falsely represented that the underlying mortgage loans complied with certain underwriting guidelines and standards, including representations that significantly overstated the ability of the borrowers to repay their mortgage loans. These representations were material to the GSEs, as reasonable investors, and their falsity violates Sections 11, 12(a)(2), and 15 of the Securities Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. § 77a et seq., Sections 13.1-522(A)(ii) and 13.1-522(C) of the Virginia Code, Sections 31-5606.05(a)(1)(B) and 31-5606.05(c) of the District of Columbia Code, and constitutes common law negligent misrepresentation.

- 2. Between November 30, 2005 and April 30, 2007, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac purchased over \$2 billion in residential mortgage-backed securities (the "GSE Certificates") issued in connection with seven Nomura-sponsored securitizations. The GSE Certificates purchased by Freddie Mac, along with date and amount of the purchases, are listed below in Table 10. The GSE Certificates purchased by Fannie Mae, along with date and amount of the purchases, are listed below in Table 11. The securitizations at issue are:
 - i. Nomura Asset Acceptance Corporation, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-AR6 ("NAA 2005-AR6");
 - ii. Nomura Home Equity Loan, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-FM1 ("NHELI 2006-FM1");
 - iii. Nomura Home Equity Loan, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-FM2 ("NHELI 2006-FM2");
 - iv. Nomura Home Equity Loan, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-HE3 ("NHELI 2006-HE3");
 - v. Nomura Home Equity Loan, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-1 ("NHELI 2007-1");
 - vi. Nomura Home Equity Loan, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-2 ("NHELI 2007-2"); and
 - vii. Nomura Home Equity Loan, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-3 ("NHELI 2007-3");

(collectively, the "Securitizations").

3. The Certificates were offered for sale pursuant to one of three shelf registration statements (the "Shelf Registration Statements") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Defendant NAA filed one Shelf Registration Statement that pertained

¹ For purposes of this Complaint, the securities issued under the Registration Statements (as defined in note 2, below) are referred to as "Certificates," while the particular Certificates that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac purchased are referred to as the "GSE Certificates." Holders of Certificates are referred to as "Certificateholders."

to one Securitization at issue in this action. Defendant NHELI filed two Shelf Registration Statements that pertained to the remaining six Securitizations at issue in this action. The Individual Defendants signed one or more of the Shelf Registration Statements and the amendments thereto.

- 4. For each Securitization, a prospectus ("Prospectus") and prospectus supplement ("Prospectus Supplement") were filed with the SEC as part of the Registration Statement.² The GSE Certificates were marketed and sold to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac pursuant to the Registration Statements, including the Shelf Registration Statements and the corresponding Prospectuses and Prospectus Supplements.
- 5. The Registration Statements contained statements about the characteristics and credit quality of the mortgage loans underlying the Securitizations, and the origination and underwriting practices used to make and approve the loans. These statements were material to a reasonable investor's decision to invest in mortgage-backed securities by purchasing the Certificates, and specifically to Fannie Mae's and Freddie Mac's investment decisions.

 Unbeknownst to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, these statements were materially false, as significant percentages of the underlying mortgage loans were not originated in accordance with the represented underwriting standards and origination practices, and had materially poorer credit quality than what was represented in the Registration Statements.
- 6. The Registration Statements also contained statistical summaries of the groups of mortgage loans in each Securitization, such as the percentage of loans secured by owner-occupied properties and the percentage of the loan group's aggregate principal balance with

² The term "Registration Statement" as used herein incorporates the Shelf Registration Statement, the Prospectus and the Prospectus Supplement for each referenced Securitization, except where otherwise indicated.

loan-to-value ratios within specified ranges. This information also was material to reasonable investors. However, a loan-level analysis of a sample of loans for each Securitization—a review that encompassed thousands of mortgages across all of the Securitizations—has revealed that these statistics also were false and omitted material facts due to inflated property values and misstatements of other key characteristics of the mortgage loans.

- 7. For example, the percentage of owner-occupied properties is a material risk factor to the purchasers of Certificates, such as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, since a borrower who lives in a mortgaged property is generally less likely to stop paying his or her mortgage and more likely to take better care of the property. The loan-level review reveals that the true percentage of owner-occupied properties for the loans supporting the GSE Certificates was materially lower than what was stated in the Prospectus Supplements. Likewise, the Prospectus Supplements misrepresented other material factors, including the true value of the mortgaged properties relative to the amount of the underlying loans.
- 8. Defendants Nomura Securities (which was the lead underwriter and sold some of the GSE Certificates to the GSEs), RBS Securities (which was the lead underwriter and sold some of the GSE Certificates to Freddie Mac), NAA (which acted as the depositor in one of the Securitizations), NHELI (which acted as the depositor in six of the Securitizations), and the Individual Defendants (who signed the Registration Statements) are directly responsible for the misstatements and omissions of material fact contained in the Registration Statements because they prepared, signed, filed and/or used these documents to market and sell the Certificates to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.
- 9. Defendants Nomura Holding and Nomura Credit also are responsible for the misstatements and omissions of material fact contained in the Registration Statements by virtue

of their direction and control over Defendants Nomura Securities, NAA, and NHELI. Nomura Holding directly participated in and exercised dominion and control over the business operations of its wholly owned subsidiaries, Defendants Nomura Securities, NAA, and NHELI. Nomura Credit (the seller or sponsor) directly participated in and exercised dominion and control over the business operations of the depositors, Defendants NAA and NHELI.

- 10. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac purchased over \$2 billion of the Certificates pursuant to the Registration Statements filed with the SEC. The Registration Statements contained misstatements and omissions of material facts concerning the quality of the underlying mortgage loans, and the practices used to originate and underwrite such loans. As a result of Defendants' misstatements and omissions of material fact, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have suffered substantial losses as the value of their holdings has significantly deteriorated.
- 11. FHFA, as Conservator of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, brings this action against Defendants for violations of Sections 11, 12(a)(2), and 15 of the Securities Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. §§77k, 77*l*(a)(2), 77o, Sections 13.1-522(A)(ii) and 13.1-522(C) of the Virginia Code, Sections 31-5606.05(a)(1)(B) and 31-5606.05(c) of the District of Columbia Code, and for common law negligent misrepresentation.

PARTIES

The Plaintiff and the GSEs

12. The Federal Housing Finance Agency is a federal agency located at 1700 G Street, NW in Washington, D.C. FHFA was created on July 30, 2008 pursuant to the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 ("HERA"), Pub. L. No. 110-289, 122 Stat. 2654 (2008) (codified at 12 U.S.C. §4617), to oversee Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the Federal Home Loan Banks. On September 6, 2008, under HERA, the Director of FHFA placed Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac into conservatorship and appointed FHFA as conservator. In that capacity, FHFA

has the authority to exercise all rights and remedies of the GSEs, including but not limited to, the authority to bring suits on behalf of and/or for the benefit of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. 12 U.S.C. § 4617(b)(12).

13. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are government-sponsored enterprises chartered by Congress with a mission to provide liquidity, stability, and affordability to the United States housing and mortgage markets. As part of this mission, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac invested in residential mortgage-backed securities. Fannie Mae is located at 3900 Wisconsin Avenue, NW in Washington, D.C. Freddie Mac is located at 8200 Jones Branch Drive in McLean, Virginia.

The Defendants

- 14. Defendant Nomura Holding is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 2 World Financial Center, New York, New York 10281. Nomura Holding is the American branch of the Japanese investment banking and securities firm Nomura Securities Co., Ltd. Nomura Holding's wholly owned subsidiaries include Defendants Nomura Credit, NAA, NHELI, and Nomura Securities.
- 15. Defendant Nomura Credit is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 2 World Financial Center, New York, New York 10281. Nomura Credit is a wholly owned subsidiary of Nomura Holding. Nomura Credit acted as the seller/sponsor for all seven Securitizations.
- 16. Defendant NAA is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 2 World Financial Center, New York, New York 10281. NAA is a wholly owned subsidiary of Nomura Holding and an affiliate of Nomura Credit. NAA was the depositor for one Securitization. As depositor, NAA was responsible for preparing and filing reports required under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

- 17. Defendant NHELI is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 2 World Financial Center, New York, New York 10281. NHELI is a wholly owned subsidiary of Nomura Holding and an affiliate of Nomura Credit. NHELI was the depositor for the remaining six Securitizations. As depositor, NHELI was responsible for preparing and filing reports required under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 18. Defendant Nomura Securities is a New York corporation with its principal place of business at 2 World Financial Center, New York, New York 10281. It is registered with the SEC as a broker-dealer. Nomura Securities is a wholly owned subsidiary of Nomura Holding and an affiliate of NAA and NHELI. Nomura Securities was the lead or co-lead underwriter for three Securitizations (NAA 2005-AR6, NHELI 2006-FM1, and NHELI 2006-FM2), and was intimately involved in the offerings. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac purchased the GSE Certificates from Nomura Securities in its capacity as underwriter for two Securitizations.
- 19. Defendant RBS Securities is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 600 Washington Boulevard, Stanford, Connecticut 06901. It is registered with the SEC as a broker-dealer. Prior to April 2009, RBS Securities was known as Greenwich Capital Markets, Inc. ("Greenwich"). Operating as Greenwich, RBS Securities was the lead or co-lead underwriter for four Securitizations (NHELI 2006-FM2, NHELI 2006-HE3, NHELI 2007-1, and NHELI 2007-2), and was intimately involved in the offerings. Freddie Mac purchased the GSE Certificates from Greenwich (now RBS Securities) in its capacity as underwriter for these four Securitizations.
- 20. Defendant N. Dante Larocca is an individual residing in Manhasset, New York. From 2001 to 2008, he was a Managing Director at Nomura Securities. Mr. Larocca also was President and Chief Executive Officer of NHELI. Mr. Larocca signed two Shelf Registration

Statements (applicable to six Securitizations) and the amendments thereto, and, upon information and belief, did so in New York.

- 21. Defendant David Findlay is an individual residing in Greenwich, Connecticut and working in New York, New York. Mr. Findlay was a Senior Managing Director and the Chief Legal Officer of Nomura Holding and Nomura Securities. Mr. Findlay served as a Director of both NAA and NHELI. He signed or authorized another to sign on his behalf all three Shelf Registration Statements and the amendments thereto, and, upon information and belief, did so in New York.
- 22. Defendant Nathan Gorin is an individual residing in Syosset, New York and working in New York, New York. Mr. Gorin was Controller and Chief Financial Officer of Nomura Securities from 2004 to 2009. He also was the Controller and Chief Financial Officer of both NAA and NHELI. Mr. Gorin signed or authorized another to sign on his behalf all three Shelf Registration Statements and the amendments thereto, and, upon information and belief, did so in New York.
- 23. Defendant John P. Graham is an individual residing and working in New York, New York. Mr. Graham was a Managing Director at Nomura Credit. Mr. Graham also was the President and Chief Executive Officer of NAA. Mr. Graham signed or authorized another to sign on his behalf one Shelf Registration Statement (applicable to one Securitization) and the amendment thereto, and, upon information and belief, did so in New York.
- 24. Defendant John McCarthy was a Director of both NAA and NHELI. Mr.

 McCarthy signed or authorized another to sign on his behalf all three Shelf Registration

 Statements and the amendments thereto, and, upon information and belief, did so in New York.

The Non-Party Originators

25. For each Securitization, the loans underlying the Certificates were acquired by Nomura Credit (the sponsor) from non-party mortgage originators. The non-party originators principally responsible for the loans underlying the Certificates include Fremont Investment & Loan ("Fremont"), Ownit Mortgage Solutions, Inc. ("Ownit"), ResMAE Mortgage Corp. ("ResMAE"), People's Choice Home Loan, Inc. ("People's Choice"), and Silver State Mortgage and Silver State Financial Services (d/b/a Silver State Mortgage) ("Silver State").

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 26. Jurisdiction of this Court is founded upon 28 U.S.C. § 1345, which gives federal courts original jurisdiction over claims brought by FHFA in its capacity as conservator of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.
- 27. Jurisdiction of this Court also is founded upon 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because the Securities Act claims asserted herein arise under Sections 11, 12(a)(2), and 15 of the Securities Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. §§ 77k, 77l(a)(2), 77o. This Court further has jurisdiction over the Securities Act claims pursuant to Section 22 of the Securities Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. § 77v.
- 28. This Court has jurisdiction over the statutory claims of violations of Sections 13.1-522(A)(ii) and 13.1-522(C) of the Virginia Code and Sections 31-5606.05(a)(1)(B) and 31-5606.05(c) of the District of Columbia Code, pursuant to this Court's supplemental jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §1367(a). This Court also has jurisdiction over the common law claim of negligent misrepresentation pursuant to this Court's supplemental jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §1367(a).
- 29. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to Section 22 of the Securities Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. § 77v, and 28 U.S.C. §1391(b). The Nomura Defendants are all located in this district, most of the Individual Defendants reside and/or work in this district, and many of the

acts and transactions alleged herein, including the preparation and dissemination of the Registration Statements, occurred in substantial part within this district. Additionally, the GSE Certificates were actively marketed and sold from this district. Defendants also are subject to personal jurisdiction in this district.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

I. The Securitizations

A. Residential Mortgage-Backed Securitizations In General

- 30. Asset-backed securitization distributes risk by pooling cash-producing financial assets and issuing securities backed by those pools of assets. In residential mortgage-backed securitizations, the cash-producing financial assets are residential mortgage loans.
- 31. The most common form of securitization of mortgage loans involves a sponsor the entity that acquires or originates the mortgage loans and initiates the securitization and the creation of a trust, to which the sponsor directly or indirectly transfers a portfolio of mortgage loans. The trust is established pursuant to a Pooling and Servicing Agreement entered into by, among others, the depositor for that securitization. In many instances, the transfer of assets to a trust "is a two-step process: the financial assets are transferred by the sponsor first to an intermediate entity, often a limited purpose entity created by the sponsor . . . and commonly called a depositor, and then the depositor will transfer the assets to the [trust] for the particular asset-backed transactions." Asset-Backed Securities, Securities Act Release No. 33-8518, Exchange Act Release No. 34-50905, 84 SEC Docket 1624 (Dec. 22, 2004).
- 32. Residential mortgage-backed securities are backed by the underlying mortgage loans. Some residential mortgage-backed securitizations are created from more than one cohort of loans called collateral groups, in which case the trust issues securities backed by different groups. For example, a securitization may involve two groups of mortgages, with some

securities backed primarily by the first group, and others primarily by the second group.

Purchasers of the securities acquire an ownership interest in the assets of the trust, which in turn owns the loans. Within this framework, the purchasers of the securities acquire rights to the cashflows from the designated mortgage group, such as homeowners' payments of principal and interest on the mortgage loans, held by the related trust.

- 33. Residential mortgage-backed securities are issued pursuant to registration statements filed with the SEC. These registration statements include prospectuses, which explain the general structure of the investment, and prospectus supplements, which contain detailed descriptions of the mortgage groups underlying the certificates. Certificates are issued by the trust pursuant to the registration statement and the prospectus and prospectus supplement. Underwriters sell the certificates to investors.
- 34. A mortgage servicer is necessary to manage the collection of proceeds from the mortgage loans. The servicer is responsible for collecting homeowners' mortgage loan payments, which the servicer remits to the trustee after deducting a monthly servicing fee. The servicer's duties include making collection efforts on delinquent loans, initiating foreclosure proceedings, and determining when to charge off a loan by writing down its balance. The servicer is required to report key information about the loans to the trustee. The trustee (or trust administrator) administers the trust's funds and delivers payments due each month on the certificates to the investors.

B. The Securitizations At Issue In This Case

35. This case involves the seven Securitizations listed in Table 1 below. Nomura served as the depositor and therefore the issuer and offeror of the Certificates for the seven Securitizations. Nomura also served as the sponsor for the seven Securitizations. In two of the Securitizations, Nomura served as the lead underwriter and sold the GSE Certificates to the

GSEs. For each GSE Certificate, Table 1 identifies: (1) the sponsor; (2) the depositor; (3) the lead underwriter; (4) the principal amount issued for the tranches³ purchased by the GSEs; (5) the date of issuance; and (6) the loan group backing the GSE Certificate for that Securitization (referred to as the "Supporting Loan Groups").

Table 1

Transaction	Tranche	Sponsor	Depositor	Lead Underwriter	Principal Amount Issued (\$)	Date of Issuance	Supporting Loan Group
NAA 2005- AR6	IIIA1	Nomura Credit	NAA	Nomura Securities	\$64,943,000	11/30/2005	Group III
NHELI 2006- FM1	IA	Nomura Credit	NHELI.	Nomura Securities	\$309,550,000	1/30/2006	Group I
NHELI 2006- FM2	IA1	Nomura Credit	NHELI	Greenwich (now RBS Securities)	\$525,197,000	10/31/2006	Group I
NHELI 2006- HE3	IA1	Nomura Credit	NHELI	Greenwich (now RBS Securities), Nomura Securities	\$441,739,000	8/31/2006	Group I
NHELI 2007-1	II1A	Nomura Credit	NHELI	Greenwich (now RBS Securities)	\$100,548,000	1/31/2007	Group II-1
NHELI 2007-2	IA1	Nomura Credit	NHELI	Greenwich (now RBS Securities)	\$358,847,000	1/31/2007	Group I
NHELI 2007-3	IA1	Nomura Credit	NHELI	Lehman Brothers Inc.	\$245,105,000	4/30/2007	Group I

C. The Securitization Process

1. Nomura Credit Groups Mortgage Loans in Special Purpose Trusts

- 36. As the sponsor for the Securitizations, Nomura Credit purchased the mortgage loans underlying the Certificates after the loans were originated, either directly from the originators or through affiliates of the originators.
- 37. Nomura Credit then sold the mortgage loans to one of two depositors, both of which are Nomura-affiliated entities: NAA and NHELI.

³ A tranche is one of a series of certificates or interests created and issued as part of the same transaction.

- 38. NAA and NHELI were wholly owned, limited-purpose, indirect subsidiaries of Nomura Holding, and affiliates of Nomura Credit. The sole purpose of NAA and NHELI as depositors was to act as conduits through which loans acquired by the sponsor could be securitized and sold to investors.
- 39. As depositors for the Securitizations, NAA and NHELI transferred the relevant mortgage loans to the trusts, pursuant to Pooling and Servicing Agreements (the "PSAs") that contained various representations and warranties regarding the mortgage loans for the Securitizations.
- 40. As part of each of the Securitizations, the trustee, on behalf of the Certificateholders, executed the PSA with the relevant depositor and the parties responsible for monitoring and servicing the mortgage loans in that Securitization. The trust, administered by the trustee, held the mortgage loans pursuant to the related PSA and issued Certificates, including the GSE Certificates, backed by such loans. The GSEs purchased the GSE Certificates, through which they obtained an ownership interest in the assets of the trust, including the mortgage loans.

2. The Trusts Issue Securities Backed by the Loans

41. Once the mortgage loans were transferred to the trusts in accordance with the PSAs, each trust issued Certificates backed by the underlying mortgage loans. The Certificates were then sold to investors like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which thereby acquired an ownership interest in the assets of the corresponding trust. Each Certificate entitles its holder to a specified portion of the cashflows from the underlying mortgages in the Supporting Loan Group. The level of risk inherent in the Certificates was a function of the capital structure of the related transaction and the credit quality of the underlying mortgages.

42. The Certificates were issued pursuant to one of three Shelf Registration
Statements filed with the SEC on a Form S-3 and amended by one or more Forms S-3/A filed
with the SEC. Each Individual Defendant signed, or authorized another to sign on his behalf,
one or more of the Shelf Registration Statements, including any amendments thereto, which were
filed by NAA or NHELI. The SEC filing number, registrants, signatories, and filing dates for the
three Shelf Registration Statements and amendments thereto, as well as the Certificates covered
by each Shelf Registration Statement, are reflected in Table 2 below.

Table 2

SEC File Number	Date Registration Statement Filed	Date(s) Amended Registration Statements Filed	Registrant(s)	Covered Certificates	Signatories of Registration Statement	Signatories of Amendments
333-126812	7/22/2005	8/8/2005	NAA	NAA 2005-AR6	David Findlay, Shunichi Ito, John McCarthy, John P. Graham, Nathan Gorin	David Findlay, Shunichi Ito, John McCarthy, John P. Graham, Nathan Gorin
333-126435	7/7/2005	7/8/2005	NHELI	NHELI 2006-FM1	David Findlay, Shunichi Ito, John McCarthy, N. Dante Larocca, Nathan Gorin	David Findlay, Shunichi Ito, John McCarthy, N. Dante Larocca, Nathan Gorin
333-132109	2/28/2006	4/6/2006; 4/13/2006	NHELI	NHELI 2006- FM2; NHELI 2006-HE3; NHELI 2007-1; NHELI 2007-2; NHELI 2007-3	David Findlay, Shunichi Ito, John McCarthy, N. Dante Larocca, Nathan Gorin	David Findlay, Shunichi Ito, John McCarthy, N. Dante Larocca, Nathan Gorin

43. The Prospectus Supplement for each Securitization describes the underwriting guidelines that purportedly were used in connection with the origination of the underlying mortgage loans. In addition, the Prospectus Supplement purports to provide accurate statistics regarding the mortgage loans in each group, including the ranges of and weighted average FICO credit scores of the borrowers, the ranges of and weighted average loan-to-value ratios of the loans, the ranges of and weighted average outstanding principal balances of the loans, the debt-

to-income ratios, the geographic distribution of the loans, the extent to which the loans were for purchase or refinance purposes, information concerning whether the loans were secured by a property to be used as a primary residence, second home, or investment property, and information concerning whether the loans were delinquent.

44. The Prospectus Supplement associated with each Securitization was filed with the SEC as part of the Registration Statement. A Form 8-K attaching the PSA for each Securitization also was filed with the SEC. The date on which the Prospectus Supplement and Form 8-K were filed for each Securitization, as well as the filing number of the Shelf Registration Statement related to each, are set forth in Table 3 below.

Table 3

Transaction	Date Prospectus Supplement Filed	Date Form 8-K Attaching PSA Filed	Filing No. of Related Registration Statement
NAA 2005-AR6	11/30/2005	12/20/2005	333-126812
NHELI 2006-FM1	1/31/2006	4/11/2006	333-126435
NHELI 2006-FM2	10/31/2006	12/8/2006	333-132109
NHELI 2006-HE3	8/30/2006	9/12/2006	333-132109
NHELI 2007-1	1/31/2007	3/9/2007	333-132109
NHELI 2007-2	2/1/2007	4/13/2007	333-132109
NHELI 2007-3	5/1/2007	5/31/2007	333-132109

45. The Certificates were issued pursuant to the PSAs, and Defendants Nomura Securities and Greenwich (now RBS Securities) offered and sold the GSE Certificates to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac pursuant to the Registration Statements, which, as noted previously, included the Prospectuses and Prospectus Supplements.⁴

⁴ Nomura Securities was the selling underwriter for two of the Securitizations, and Greenwich was the selling underwriter for four of the Securitizations. For the remaining Securitization, the selling underwriter was a non-party. The selling underwriter for each Securitization is reflected in Tables 10 and 11, below at paragraphs 129 and 130.

II. Defendants' Participation in the Securitization Process

A. The Role of Each of the Defendants

- 46. Each of the Defendants, including the Individual Defendants, had a role in the securitization process and the marketing for most or all of the Certificates, which included purchasing the mortgage loans from the originators, arranging the Securitizations, selling the mortgage loans to the depositor, transferring the mortgage loans to the trustee on behalf of the Certificateholders, underwriting the public offering of the Certificates, structuring and issuing the Certificates, and marketing and selling the Certificates to investors such as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.
- 47. With respect to each Securitization, the depositor, underwriters, and Individual Defendants who signed the Registration Statement, as well as the Defendants who exercised control over their activities, are liable, jointly and severally, as participants in the registration, issuance, and offering of the Certificates, including issuing, causing, or making materially misleading statements in the Registration Statement, and omitting material facts required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements contained therein not misleading.

1. Nomura Credit

- 48. Defendant Nomura Credit was formed in June 1998 as a subsidiary of Nomura Holding. As stated in the Prospectus Supplement for the NHELI 2007-3 Securitization, Nomura Credit began purchasing residential loans in 2002 and began actively securitizing residential mortgage loans in April 2003. According to the Prospectus Supplement for the NHELI 2007-3 Securitization, as of February 2007, Nomura Credit had purchased in excess of \$33.35 billion in residential mortgage loans.
- 49. Defendant Nomura Credit was the sponsor for each of the Securitizations. In that capacity, Nomura Credit determined the structure of the Securitizations, initiated the

Securitizations, purchased the mortgage loans to be securitized, determined distribution of principal and interest, and provided data to the credit rating agencies to secure ratings for the GSE Certificates. Nomura Credit also selected NAA or NHELI as the special purpose vehicles that would be used to transfer the mortgage loans from Nomura Credit to the trusts, and selected Nomura Securities or Greenwich (now RBS Securities) as the underwriter for the Securitizations. In its role as sponsor, Nomura Credit knew and intended that the mortgage loans it purchased would be sold in connection with the securitization process, and that certificates representing such loans would be issued by the relevant trusts.

50. Nomura Credit also conveyed the mortgage loans to NAA or NHELI, to serve as depositor, pursuant to a Mortgage Loan Purchase Agreement. In these agreements, Nomura Credit made certain representations and warranties to NAA and NHELI regarding the groups of loans collateralizing the Certificates. These representations and warranties were assigned by NAA and NHELI to the trustees for the benefit of the Certificateholders.

2. NAA

- 51. Defendant NAA has been engaged in the purchase of mortgage loans since its incorporation in 1992. It is a special purpose entity formed solely for the purposes of purchasing mortgage loans, filing registration statements with the SEC, forming issuing trusts, assigning mortgage loans and all of its rights and interests in such mortgage loans to the trustee for the benefit of the certificateholders, and depositing the underlying mortgage loans into the issuing trusts. It is an affiliate of Nomura Credit.
- 52. NAA was the depositor for the NAA 2005-AR6 Securitization. In its capacity as depositor, NAA purchased the mortgage loans collateralizing that Securitization from Nomura Credit (as sponsor) pursuant to a Mortgage Loan Purchase Agreement. NAA then sold, transferred, or otherwise conveyed the mortgage loans to be securitized to the trust. NAA,

together with the other Defendants, also was responsible for preparing and filing the Registration Statement pursuant to which the Certificates were offered for sale. The trust in turn held the mortgage loans for the benefit of the Certificateholders, and issued the Certificates in public offerings for sale to investors such as Fannie Mae.

3. NHELI

- 53. Defendant NHELI has been engaged in the purchase of mortgage loans since its incorporation in 2005. Like NAA, NHELI is a special-purpose entity formed for the sole purposes of purchasing mortgage loans, filing registration statements with the SEC, forming issuing trusts, assigning mortgage loans and all of its rights and interests in such mortgage loans to the trustee for the benefit of the certificateholders, and depositing the underlying mortgage loans into the issuing trusts. It is an affiliate of Nomura Credit.
- 54. NHELI was the depositor for six of the seven Securitizations. In its capacity as depositor, NHELI purchased the mortgage loans from Nomura Credit (as sponsor) pursuant to a Mortgage Loan Purchase Agreement. NHELI then sold, transferred, or otherwise conveyed the mortgage loans to be securitized to the trusts. NHELI, together with the other Defendants, also was responsible for preparing and filing the Registration Statements pursuant to which the Certificates were offered for sale. The trusts in turn held the mortgage loans for the sole benefit of the Certificateholders, and issued the Certificates in public offerings for sale to investors such as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

4. Nomura Securities

- 55. Defendant Nomura Securities was founded in 1969 and is a subsidiary of Nomura Holding. Nomura Securities is an SEC-registered broker-dealer.
- 56. Defendant Nomura Securities was the lead or co-lead underwriter for three of the Securitizations, and the selling underwriter for two of those Securitizations. It was responsible

for underwriting and managing the offer and sale of the Certificates to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and other investors. Nomura Securities also was obligated to conduct meaningful due diligence to ensure that the Registration Statements did not contain any material misstatements or omissions, including as to the manner in which the underlying mortgage loans were originated, transferred, and underwritten.

5. RBS Securities

- 57. Defendant RBS Securities, known as Greenwich prior to April 2009, was founded in 1981 and was acquired by The Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC in 2000. At all relevant times, Greenwich was a registered broker-dealer and one of the leading underwriters of mortgage and other asset-backed securities in the United States.
- 58. Greenwich was one of the nation's largest underwriters of asset-backed securities. In 2006, *Inside Mortgage Finance* ranked Greenwich as the fourth largest non-agency mortgage-backed securities underwriter, underwriting over \$102 billion of mortgage-backed securities. In 2007, Greenwich remained a strong force as the third largest subprime underwriter of non-agency mortgage-backed securities, underwriting over \$19 billion of mortgage-backed securities.
- 59. Greenwich was the lead or co-lead underwriter for four of the Securitizations, and the selling underwriter for those Securitizations. It was responsible for underwriting and managing the offer and sale of the Certificates to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and other investors. Greenwich also was obligated to conduct meaningful due diligence to ensure that the Registration Statements did not contain any material misstatements or omissions, including as to

⁵ "Agency" mortgage-backed securities are guaranteed by a government agency or government-sponsored enterprise such as Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac, while "non-agency" mortgage-backed securities are issued by banks and financial companies not associated with a government agency or government-sponsored enterprise.

the manner in which the underlying mortgage loans were originated, transferred, and underwritten.

6. Nomura Holding

- 60. Nomura Holding employed its wholly owned subsidiaries, Nomura Credit, NAA, NHELI, and Nomura Securities, in the key steps of the securitization process. Unlike typical arms' length transactions, the Securitizations here involved various Nomura subsidiaries and affiliates at virtually each step in the chain. For all seven Securitizations, the sponsor was Nomura Credit, and the depositor was NAA or NHELI. In addition, for three Securitizations, the lead or co-lead underwriter was Nomura Securities. Nomura Holding profited substantially from this vertically integrated approach to mortgage-backed securitization.
- 61. As the corporate parent of Nomura Credit, NAA, NHELI, and Nomura Securities, Nomura Holding had the practical ability to direct and control the actions of Nomura Credit, NAA, NHELI, and Nomura Securities related to the Securitizations, and in fact exercised such direction and control over the activities of these entities related to the issuance and sale of the Certificates.

7. The Individual Defendants

- 62. Defendant N. Dante Larocca was a Managing Director at Nomura Securities and the President and Chief Executive Officer of NHELI. Mr. Larocca signed or authorized another to sign on his behalf two Shelf Registration Statements (applicable to six Securitizations) and the amendments thereto.
- 63. Defendant David Findlay was a Senior Managing Director and the Chief Legal Officer of Nomura Holding and Nomura Securities. Mr. Findlay also served as a Director of both NAA and NHELI. Mr. Findlay signed or authorized another to sign on his behalf all three Shelf Registration Statements and the amendments thereto.

- 64. Defendant Nathan Gorin was Controller and Chief Financial Officer of Nomura Securities, NAA, and NHELI. Mr. Gorin signed or authorized another to sign on his behalf all three Shelf Registration Statements and the amendments thereto.
- 65. Defendant John P. Graham was a Managing Director at Nomura Credit and the President and Chief Executive Officer of NAA. Mr. Graham signed or authorized another to sign on his behalf one Shelf Registration Statement (applicable to one Securitization) and the amendment thereto.
- 66. Defendant John McCarthy was a Director of both NAA and NHELI. Mr. McCarthy signed or authorized another to sign on his behalf all three Shelf Registration Statements and the amendments thereto.

B. Defendants' Failure To Conduct Proper Due Diligence

- 67. The Defendants failed to conduct adequate and sufficient due diligence to ensure that the mortgage loans underlying the Securitizations complied with the representations in the Registration Statements.
- During the time period in which the Certificates were issued—approximately 2005 through 2007— Nomura's involvement in the mortgage-backed securitization market was rapidly expanding. In an effort to increase revenue and profits, Nomura vastly expanded the volume of mortgage-backed securities it issued as compared to prior years. According to the Prospectus Supplement for the NHELI 2007-2 Securitization, Nomura Credit initially securitized a relatively small volume of mortgage loans—about \$687 million in 2003. In 2004, however, the volume of mortgage loans that Nomura Credit securitized nearly tripled to \$2.4 billion. In 2005, the volume tripled again to \$7.2 billion. In 2006, Nomura Credit securitized its largest volume of mortgage loans—\$10 billion.

- 69. Defendants had enormous financial incentives to complete as many offerings as quickly as possible without regard to ensuring the accuracy or completeness of the Registration Statements, or conducting adequate and reasonable due diligence. For example, NAA and NHELI, as the depositors, were paid a percentage of the total dollar amount of the offerings upon completion of the Securitizations, and Nomura Securities and Greenwich (now RBS Securities), as the underwriters, were paid a commission based on the amount they received from the sale of the Certificates to the public.
- 70. The push to securitize large volumes of mortgage loans contributed to the absence of controls needed to prevent the inclusion of untrue statements of material facts and omissions of material facts in the Registration Statements. In particular, Defendants failed to conduct adequate diligence or otherwise to ensure the accuracy of the statements in the Registration Statements pertaining to the Securitizations.
- 71. For instance, Nomura retained third-parties, including Clayton Holdings, Inc. ("Clayton"), to analyze the loans it was considering placing in its securitizations, but waived a significant number of loans into the Securitizations that these firms had recommended for exclusion, and did so without taking adequate steps to ensure that these loans had in fact been underwritten in accordance with applicable guidelines or had compensating factors that excused the loans' non-compliance with those guidelines. On January 27, 2008, Clayton revealed that it had entered into an agreement with the New York Attorney General (the "NYAG") to provide documents and testimony regarding its due diligence reports, including copies of the actual reports provided to its clients. According to *The New York Times*, as reported on January 27, 2008, Clayton told the NYAG "that starting in 2005, it saw a significant deterioration of lending

standards and a parallel jump in lending expectations" and "some investment banks directed Clayton to halve the sample of loans it evaluated in each portfolio."

- 72. Nomura was negligent in allowing into the Securitizations a substantial number of mortgage loans that, as reported to Nomura by third-party due diligence firms, did not conform to the underwriting standards stated in the Registration Statements, including the Prospectuses and Prospectus Supplements. Even upon learning from the third-party due diligence firms that there were high percentages of defective or at least questionable loans in the sample of loans reviewed by the third-party due diligence firms, Nomura failed to take any additional steps to verify that the population of loans in the Securitizations did not include a similar percentage of defective and/or questionable loans.
- 73. Clayton's trending reports revealed that in the period from the first quarter of 2006 to the first quarter of 2007, 37.85 percent of the mortgage loans Nomura submitted to Clayton to review in residential mortgage-backed securities groups were rejected by Clayton as falling outside the applicable underwriting guidelines. Of the mortgage loans that Clayton found defective, 58 percent of the loans were subsequently waived in by Nomura without proper consideration and analysis of compensating factors and included in securitizations such as the ones in which Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac invested here. *See* Clayton Trending Reports, *available at* http://fcic.law.stanford.edu/hearings/testimony/the-impact-of-the-financial-crisis-sacramento#documents.
- 74. Defendant NHELI is presently defending an action in the U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas brought in June 2011 by the National Credit Union Administration Board, as Liquidating Agent of U.S. Central Federal Credit Union, against it and a number of other defendants. The plaintiffs have asserted claims under Sections 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities

Act of 1933 for misrepresentations made in connection with various securitizations, including the NHELI 2007-1 Securitization at issue here. *National Credit Union Administration Board v. RBS Securities, Inc.*, No. 11-cv-2340 (D. Kan.).

75. On or about March 13, 2008, after a seven-month investigation requested by the President of the United States, a working group led by the Secretary of Treasury and including the chairmen of the Federal Reserve Board, the SEC, and the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, issued a report finding: (i) a significant erosion of market discipline by those involved in the securitization process, including originators, underwriters, and credit rating agencies, related in part to failures to provide or obtain adequate risk disclosures; and that (ii) the turmoil in financial markets clearly was triggered by a dramatic weakening of underwriting standards for United States subprime mortgages. *See* "Policy Statement on Financial Market Developments," The President's Working Group on Financial Markets, March 2008, *available at* http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/fin-

mkts/Documents/pwgpolicystatemktturmoil_03122008.pdf.

III. The Registration Statements and the Prospectus Supplements

A. Compliance With Underwriting Guidelines

- 76. The Prospectus Supplement for each Securitization describes the mortgage loan underwriting guidelines pursuant to which the mortgage loans underlying the related Securitization were to have been originated. These guidelines were intended to assess the creditworthiness of the borrower, the ability of the borrower to repay the loan, and the adequacy of the mortgaged property as security for the loan.
- 77. The statements made in the Prospectus Supplements, which, as discussed, formed part of the Registration Statement for each Securitization, were material to a reasonable investor's decision to purchase and invest in the Certificates because the failure to originate a

mortgage loan in accordance with the applicable guidelines creates a higher risk of delinquency and default by the borrower, as well as a risk that losses upon liquidation will be higher, thus resulting in a greater economic risk to an investor.

- 78. The Prospectus Supplements for the Securitizations contained several key statements with respect to the underwriting standards of the entities that originated the loans in the Securitizations. For example, the Prospectus Supplement for the NHELI 2006-FM1 Securitization, for which Fremont was the originator, Nomura Credit was the Sponsor, NHELI was the depositor, and Nomura Securities was the underwriter, stated that, "All of the mortgage loans were originated or acquired by Fremont, generally in accordance with the underwriting criteria described in this section," and that "Fremont's underwriting guidelines are primarily intended to assess the ability and willingness of the borrower to repay the debt and to evaluate the adequacy of the mortgaged property as collateral for the mortgage loan."
- 79. The NHELI 2006-FM1 Prospectus Supplement stated that "underwriting exception[s]" might be made "on a case by case basis," but emphasized that exceptions would be "based upon compensating factors," which included "low loan-to-value ratio, low debt to income ratio, substantial liquid assets, good credit history, stable employment and time in residence at the applicant's current address."
- 80. The Prospectus Supplement also emphasized Fremont's quality control procedures: "Fremont conducts a number of quality control procedures, including a cost-funding review as well as a full re-underwriting of a random selection of loans to assure asset quality. Under the funding review, all loans are reviewed to verify credit grading, documentation compliance and data accuracy. Under the asset quality procedure, a random selection of each month's originations is reviewed. The loan review confirms the existence and accuracy of legal

documents, credit documentation, appraisal analysis and underwriting decision. A report detailing review findings and level of error is sent monthly to each loan production office for response."

- 81. The Prospectus and Prospectus Supplement for each of the remaining

 Securitizations had similar representations to those quoted above. The relevant statements in the

 Prospectus and Prospectus Supplement pertaining to originating entity underwriting standards for
 each Securitization are reflected in Appendix A to this Complaint. As discussed below at
 paragraphs 110 through 128, in fact, the originators of the mortgage loans in the Supporting

 Loan Group for the Securitizations did not adhere to their stated underwriting guidelines, thus
 rendering the description of those guidelines in the Prospectuses and Prospectus Supplements
 false and misleading.
- 82. Further, the Prospectuses and Prospectus Supplements included additional representations by the sponsor regarding the purported quality of the mortgage loans that collateralized the Certificates.
- 83. For example, the NHELI 2006-FM2 Prospectus Supplement stated, "The sponsor will make certain representations and warranties as to the accuracy in all material respects of certain information furnished to the trustee with respect to each Mortgage Loan. In addition, the sponsor will represent and warrant, as of the Closing Date, that, among other things: (i) at the time of transfer to the depositor, the sponsor has transferred or assigned all of its right, title and interest in each Mortgage Loan and the Related Documents, free of any lien; (ii) each Mortgage Loan complied, at the time of origination, in all material respects with applicable local, state, and federal laws . . ." These representations are described for each Securitization in Appendix A.

84. The inclusion of these representations in the Prospectuses and Prospectus
Supplements had the purpose and effect of providing additional assurances to investors regarding
the quality of the mortgage collateral underlying the Securitizations and the compliance of that
collateral with the underwriting guidelines described in the Prospectuses and Prospectus
Supplements. These representations were material to a reasonable investor's decision to
purchase the Certificates.

B. Statements Regarding Occupancy Status of Borrower

85. The Prospectus Supplements contained collateral group-level information about the occupancy status of the borrowers of the loans in the Securitizations. Occupancy status refers to whether the property securing a mortgage is to be the primary residence of the borrower, a second home, or an investment property. The Prospectus Supplement for each of the Securitizations presented this information in tabular form, in a table entitled "Occupancy Status of the Mortgage Loans." This table divided all the loans in the collateral group by occupancy status into the following categories: (i) "Primary," or "Owner Occupied;" (ii) "Second Home"; and (iii) "Investor." For each category, the table stated the number of loans in that category. Occupancy statistics for the Supporting Loan Groups for each Securitization were reported in the Prospectus Supplements as follows:

Table 4

Transaction	Supporting Loan Group	Primary or Owner Occupied	Second Home	Investor
NAA 2005-AR6	Group III	50.00%	8.78%	41.22%
NHELI 2006-FM1	Group I	88.78%	0.95%	10.27%
NHELI 2006-FM2	Group I	93.24%	0.41%	6.35%

⁶ Each Prospectus Supplement provides the total number of loans and the number of loans in the following categories: owner occupied, investor, and second home. These numbers have been converted to percentages.

Transaction	Supporting Loan Group	Primary or Owner Occupied	Second Home	Investor
NHELI 2006-HE3	Group I	89.52%	1.22%	9.26%
NHELI 2007-1	Group II-1	45.78%	8.23%	45.99%
NHELI 2007-2	Group I	91.00%	1.40%	7.60%
NHELI 2007-3	Group I	90.03%	2.64%	7.33%

- 86. As Table 4 makes clear, the Prospectus Supplements for all of the Securitizations reported that 45 percent or more of the mortgage loans in the Supporting Loan Groups were owner occupied. Indeed, for all but two of the Securitizations, 85 percent or more of the mortgage loans in the Supporting Loan Groups were reported to be owner occupied, while only a small percentage of the loans were reported to be non-owner occupied (*i.e.* a second home or investment property).
- 87. The statements about occupancy status were material to a reasonable investor's decision to invest in the Certificates. Information about occupancy status is an important factor in determining the credit risk associated with a mortgage loan and, therefore, the securitization that it collateralizes. Because borrowers who reside in mortgaged properties are more likely to care for their primary residence and less likely to default than borrowers who purchase homes as second homes or investments and live elsewhere, the percentage of loans in the collateral group of a securitization that are secured by mortgage loans on owner-occupied residences is an important measure of the risk of the certificates sold in that securitization.
- 88. Other things being equal, the higher the percentage of loans not secured by owner-occupied residences, the greater the risk of loss to the certificateholders. Even small differences in the percentages of primary/owner-occupied, second home, and investment properties in the collateral group of a securitization can have a significant effect on the risk of each certificate sold in that securitization, and thus, are important to the decision of a reasonable

investor whether to purchase any such certificate. As discussed below at paragraphs 100 through 103, the Registration Statement for each Securitization materially *overstated* the percentage of loans in the Supporting Loan Groups that were owner occupied, thereby misrepresenting the degree of risk of the GSE Certificates.

C. Statements Regarding Loan-to-Value Ratios

- 89. The loan-to-value ratio of a mortgage loan, or LTV ratio, is the ratio of the balance of the mortgage loan to the value of the mortgaged property when the loan is made.
- 90. The denominator in the LTV ratio is the value of the mortgaged property, and is generally the lower of the purchase price or the appraised value of the property. In a refinancing or home-equity loan, there is no purchase price to use as the denominator, so the denominator is often equal to the appraised value at the time of the origination of the refinanced loan.

 Accordingly, an accurate appraisal is essential to an accurate LTV ratio. In particular, an inflated appraisal will understate, sometimes greatly, the credit risk associated with a given loan.
- 91. The Prospectus Supplement for each Securitization also contained group-level information about the LTV ratio for the underlying group of loans as a whole. The percentage of loans with an LTV ratio at or less than 80 percent and the percentage of loans with an LTV ratio greater than 100 percent as reported in the Prospectus Supplements for the Supporting Loan Groups are reflected in Table 5 below.⁷

As used in this Complaint, "LTV" refers to the original loan-to-value ratio for first lien mortgages and for properties with second liens that are subordinate to the lien that was included in the securitization (*i.e.*, only the securitized lien is included in the numerator of the LTV calculation). However, for second lien mortgages, where the securitized lien is junior to another loan, the more senior lien has been added to the securitized one to determine the numerator in the LTV calculation (this latter calculation is sometimes referred to as the combined-loan-to-value ratio, or "CLTV").

Table 5

Transaction	Supporting Loan Group	Percentage of loans, by aggregate principal balance, with LTV less than or equal to 80%	Percentage of loans, by aggregate principal balance, with LTV greater than 100% as stated in Prospectus Supplement
NAA 2005-AR6	Group III	99.08%	0.00%
NHELI 2006-FM1	Group I	63.00%	0.00%
NHELI 2006-FM2	Group I	68.40%	0.00%
NHELI 2006-HE3	Group I	58.81%	0.00%
NHELI 2007-1	Group II-1	93.04%	0.00%
NHELI 2007-2	Group I	56.59%	0.00%
NHELI 2007-3	Group I	59.31%	0.00%

- 92. As Table 5 makes clear, the Prospectus Supplement for each Securitization reported that the majority of the mortgage loans in the Supporting Loan Groups had an LTV ratio of 80 percent or less and that *zero* mortgage loans in the Supporting Loan Group had an LTV ratio over 100 percent.
- 93. The LTV ratio is among the most important measures of the risk of a mortgage loan, and thus, it is one of the most important indicators of the default risk of the mortgage loans underlying the Certificates. The lower the ratio, the less likely that a decline in the value of the property will wipe out an owner's equity, and thereby give an owner an incentive to stop making mortgage payments and abandon the property. This ratio also predicts the severity of loss in the event of default. The lower the LTV ratio, the greater the "equity cushion," so the greater the likelihood that the proceeds of foreclosure will cover the unpaid balance of the mortgage loan.
- 94. Thus, LTV ratio is a material consideration to a reasonable investor in deciding whether to purchase a certificate in a securitization of mortgage loans. Even small differences in the LTV ratios of the mortgage loans in the collateral group of a securitization have a significant effect on the likelihood that the collateral groups will generate sufficient funds to pay

certificateholders in that securitization, and thus are material to the decision of a reasonable investor whether to purchase any such certificate. As discussed below at paragraphs 104 through 109, the Registration Statements for the Securitizations materially *overstated* the percentage of loans in the Supporting Loan Groups with an LTV ratio at or less than 80 percent, and/or materially *understated* the percentage of loans in the Supporting Loan Groups with an LTV ratio over 100 percent, thereby misrepresenting the degree of risk of the GSE Certificates.

D. Statements Regarding Credit Ratings

- 95. Credit ratings are assigned to the tranches of mortgage-backed securitizations by the credit rating agencies, including Moody's Investors Service, Standard & Poor's, and Fitch Ratings. Each credit rating agency uses its own scale with letter designations to describe various levels of risk. In general, AAA or its equivalent ratings are at the top of the credit rating scale and are intended to designate the safest investments. C and D ratings are at the bottom of the scale and refer to investments that are currently in default and exhibit little or no prospect for recovery. At the time the GSEs purchased the GSE Certificates, investments with AAA or its equivalent ratings historically experienced a loss rate of less than .05 percent. Investments with a BBB rating, or its equivalent, historically experienced a loss rate of less than one percent. As a result, securities with credit ratings between AAA or its equivalent through BBB- or its equivalent were generally referred to as "investment grade."
- 96. Rating agencies determine the credit rating for each tranche of a mortgage-backed securitization by comparing the likelihood of contractual principal and interest repayment to the "credit enhancements" available to protect investors. Rating agencies determine the likelihood of repayment by estimating cashflows based on the quality of the underlying mortgages by using sponsor-provided loan-level data. Credit enhancements, such as subordination, represent the

amount of "cushion" or protection from loss incorporated into a given securitization.⁸ This cushion is intended to improve the likelihood that holders of highly rated certificates receive the interest and principal to which they are contractually entitled. The level of credit enhancement offered is based on the make-up of the loans in the underlying collateral group and entire securitization. Riskier loans underlying the securitization necessitate higher levels of credit enhancement to insure payment to senior certificateholders. If the collateral within the deal is of a higher quality, then rating agencies require less credit enhancement for AAA or its equivalent rating.

- 97. Credit ratings have been an important tool to gauge risk when making investment decisions. For almost a hundred years, investors like pension funds, municipalities, insurance companies, and university endowments have relied heavily on credit ratings to assist them in distinguishing between safe and risky investments. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac's respective internal policies limited their purchases of private label residential mortgage-backed securities to those rated AAA (or its equivalent), and in very limited instances, AA or A bonds (or their equivalent).
- 98. Each tranche of the Securitizations received a credit rating upon issuance, which purported to describe the riskiness of that tranche. The Defendants reported the credit ratings for each tranche in the Prospectus Supplements. The credit rating provided for each of the GSE Certificates was "investment grade," always "AAA" or its equivalent. The accuracy of these ratings was material to a reasonable investor's decision to purchase the Certificates. As set forth

⁸ "Subordination" refers to the fact that the certificates for a mortgage-backed securitization are issued in a hierarchical structure, from senior to junior. The junior certificates are "subordinate" to the senior certificates in that, should the underlying mortgage loans become delinquent or default, the junior certificates suffer losses first. These subordinate securities thus

provide a degree of protection to the senior certificates from losses on the underlying loans.

in Table 8 below, the ratings for the Securitizations were inflated as a result of Defendants' provision of incorrect data concerning the attributes of the underlying mortgage collateral to the rating agencies, and, as a result, Defendants sold and marketed the GSE Certificates as AAA (or its equivalent) when, in fact, they were not.

IV. Falsity of Statements in the Registration Statements and Prospectus Supplements

- A. The Statistical Data Provided in the Prospectus Supplements Concerning Owner Occupancy and LTV Ratios Was Materially False
- 99. A review of loan-level data was conducted in order to assess whether the statistical information provided in the Prospectus Supplements was true and accurate. For each Securitization, the sample consisted of 1,000 randomly selected loans per Supporting Loan Group, or all of the loans in the group if there were fewer than 1,000 loans in the Supporting Loan Group. The sample data confirms, on a statistically significant basis, material misrepresentations of underwriting standards and of certain key characteristics of the mortgage loans across the Securitizations. The data review demonstrates that the data concerning owner occupancy and LTV ratios was materially false and misleading.

1. Owner-Occupancy Data Was Materially False

- 100. The data review has revealed that the owner-occupancy statistics reported in the Prospectus Supplements were materially false and inflated. In fact, far fewer underlying properties were occupied by their owners than disclosed in the Prospectus Supplements, and more correspondingly were held as second homes or investment properties.
- 101. To determine whether a given borrower actually occupied the property as claimed, a number of tests were conducted, including, *inter alia*, whether, months after the loan closed, the borrower's tax bill was being mailed to the property or to a different address; whether the borrower had claimed a tax exemption on the property; and whether the mailing address of

the property was reflected in the borrower's credit reports, tax records, or lien records. Failing two or more of these tests is a strong indication that the borrower did not live at the mortgaged property and instead used it as a second home or an investment property, both of which make it much more likely that a borrower will not repay the loan.

- 102. A significant number of the loans failed two or more of these tests, indicating that the owner-occupancy statistics provided to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were materially false and misleading. For example, for the NHELI 2006-FM2 Securitization, for which Nomura Credit was the sponsor, Greenwich (now RBS Securities) the underwriter, and NHELI the depositor, the Prospectus Supplement stated that 6.76 percent of the underlying properties by loan count in the Supporting Loan Group were not owner occupied. But the data review revealed that, for 12.55 percent of the properties represented as owner occupied, the owners lived elsewhere, indicating that the true percentage of non-owner-occupied properties was 18.46 percent, nearly triple the percentage reported in the Prospectus Supplement.
- 103. The data review revealed that for each Securitization, the Prospectus Supplement misrepresented the percentage of non-owner-occupied properties. The true percentage of non-owner-occupied properties, as determined by the data review, versus the percentage stated in the Prospectus Supplement for each Securitization, is reflected in Table 6 below. Table 6 demonstrates that the Prospectus Supplements for each Securitization understated the percentage of non-owner-occupied properties by more than 5 percent, and for some Securitizations by more than 10 percent.

⁹ This conclusion is arrived at by summing (a) the stated non-owner-occupied percentage in the Prospectus Supplement (here, 6.76 percent), and (b) the product of (i) the stated owner-occupied percentage (here, 93.24 percent) and (ii) the percentage of the properties represented as owner occupied in the sample that showed strong indications that their owners in fact lived elsewhere (here, 12.55 percent).

Table 6

Transaction	Supporting Loan Group(s)	Reported Percentage of Non- Owner Occupied	Percentage of Properties Reported as Owner Occupied With Strong Indication of Non-Owner Occupancy ¹⁰	Actual Percentage of Non-Owner- Occupied Properties	Prospectus Understatement of Non-Owner- Occupied Properties
NAA 2005-AR6	Group III	50.00%	14.49%	57.25%	7.25%
NHELI 2006-FM1	Group I	11.22%	15.76%	25.21%	13.99%
NHELI 2006-FM2	Group I	6.76%	12.55%	18.46%	11.70%
NHELI 2006-HE3	Group I	10.48%	12.45%	21.62%	11.14%
NHELI 2007-1	Group II-1	54.22%	12.92%	60.13%	5.92%
NHELI 2007-2	Group I	9.00%	10.21%	18.29%	9.29%
NHELI 2007-3	Group I	9.97%	9.15%	18.20%	8.23%

2. Loan-to-Value Data Was Materially False

104. The data review has further revealed that the LTV ratios disclosed in the Prospectus Supplements were materially false and understated, as more specifically set out below. For each of the sampled loans, an industry standard automated valuation model ("AVM") was used to calculate the value of the underlying property at the time the mortgage loan was originated. AVMs are routinely used in the industry as a way of valuing properties during prequalification, origination, portfolio review and servicing. AVMs rely upon similar data as appraisers—primarily county assessor records, tax rolls, and data on comparable properties. AVMs produce independent, statistically-derived valuation estimates by applying modeling techniques to this data.

As described more fully in paragraph 101, failing two or more tests of owner occupancy is a strong indication that the borrower did not live at the mortgaged property and instead used it as a second home or an investment property.

- loans shows that the appraised value given to such properties was significantly higher than the actual value of such properties. The result of this overstatement of property values is a material understatement of LTV. That is, if a property's true value is significantly less than the value used in the loan underwriting, then the loan represents a significantly higher percentage of the property's value. This, of course, increases the risk a borrower will not repay the loan and the risk of greater losses in the event of a default.
- Nomura Credit and underwritten by Greenwich (now RBS Securities), with NHELI as the depositor, the Prospectus Supplement stated that no LTV ratios for the Supporting Loan Group were above 100 percent. In fact, 12.19 percent of the sample of loans included in the data review had LTV ratios above 100 percent. In addition, the Prospectus Supplement stated that 93.04 percent of the loans had LTV ratios at or below 80 percent. The data review indicated, however, that only 46.94 percent of the loans had LTV ratios at or below 80 percent.
- 107. The data review revealed that for each Securitization, the Prospectus Supplement misrepresented the percentage of loans with an LTV ratio that was above 100 percent and the percentage of loans that had an LTV ratio at or below 80 percent. Table 7 reflects (i) the true percentage of mortgages in each Supporting Loan Group with an LTV ratio above 100 percent, versus the percentage reported in the Prospectus Supplement; and (ii) the true percentage of mortgages in each Supporting Loan Group with an LTV ratio at or below 80 percent, versus the percentage reported in the Prospectus Supplement. The percentages listed in Table 7 were calculated by aggregated principal balance.

Table 7

		PROSPECTUS	DATA REVIEW	PROSPECTUS	DATA REVIEW
Transaction	Supporting Loan Group(s)	Percentage of Loans Reported to Have LTV Ratio At Or Under 80%	True Percentage of Loans With LTV Ratio At Or Under 80%	Percentage of Loans Reported to Have LTV Ratio Over 100%	True Percentage of Loans With LTV Ratio Over 100%
NAA 2005-AR6	Group III	99.08%	63.83%	0.00%	3.84%
NHELI 2006-FM1	Group I	63.00%	40.32%	0.00%	15.26%
NHELI 2006-FM2	Group I	68.40%	38.73%	0.00%	18.23%
NHELI 2006-HE3	Group I	58.81%	40.02%	0.00%	15.36%
NHELI 2007-1	Group II-1	93.04%	46.94%	0.00%	12.19%
NHELI 2007-2	Group I	56.59%	33.83%	0.00%	19.58%
NHELI 2007-3	Group I	59.31%	37.62%	0.00%	20.16%

- 108. As Table 7 demonstrates, the Prospectus Supplements for all of the Securitizations reported that *none* of the mortgage loans in the Supporting Loan Groups had an LTV ratio over 100 percent. In fact, the data review revealed that all of the Securitizations had mortgage loans in the Supporting Loan Groups with an LTV ratio over 100 percent. Indeed, the percentage of mortgage loans with an LTV ratio over 100 percent was over ten percent in all but one of the Securitizations, and over 19 percent in two of the Securitizations.
- 109. These inaccuracies with respect to reported LTV ratios also indicate that the representations in the Registration Statements relating to appraisal practices were false, and that the appraisers themselves, in many instances, furnished appraisals that they understood were inaccurate and that they knew bore no reasonable relationship to the actual value of the underlying properties. Indeed, independent appraisers following proper practices, and providing genuine estimates as to valuation, would not systematically generate appraisals that deviate so significantly (and so consistently upward) from the true values of the appraised properties. This conclusion is further confirmed by the findings of the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission (the

"FCIC"), which identified "inflated appraisals" as a pervasive problem during the period of the Securitizations, and determined through its investigation that appraisers were often pressured by mortgage originators, among others, to produce inflated results. *See* FCIC, Final Report of the National Commission on the Causes of the Financial and Economic Crisis in the United States (January 2011).

- B. The Originators of the Underlying Mortgage Loans Systematically Disregarded Their Underwriting Guidelines
- 110. The Registration Statements contained material misstatements and omissions regarding compliance with underwriting guidelines. Indeed, the originators for the loans underlying the Securitizations systematically disregarded their respective underwriting guidelines in order to increase production and profits derived from their mortgage lending businesses. This is confirmed by the systematically misreported owner-occupancy and LTV statistics, discussed above, and by (1) investigations into originators' underwriting practices, which have revealed widespread abandonment of originators' reported underwriting guidelines during the relevant period; (2) the collapse of the Certificates' credit ratings; and (3) the surge in delinquency and default in the mortgages in the Securitizations.
 - 1. Investigations Have Confirmed That the Originators of the Loans in the Securitizations Systematically Failed to Adhere to Their Underwriting Guidelines
- 111. The abandonment of underwriting guidelines is confirmed by several reports and investigations that have described rampant underwriting failures throughout the period of the Securitizations, and, more specifically, have described underwriting failures by the very originators whose loans were included by Defendants in the Securitizations.
- 112. For instance, in November 2008, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, an office within the United States Department of the Treasury, issued a report identifying the

"Worst Ten" mortgage originators in the "Worst Ten" metropolitan areas. The worst originators were defined as those with the largest number of non-prime mortgage foreclosures for 2005-2007 originations. Ownit, Fremont, and ResMAE, which originated many of the loans for the Securitizations at issue here, were all on that list. *See* "Worst Ten in the Worst Ten," Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Press Release, November 13, 2008.

- 113. Ownit, which originated many of the loans for the NHELI 2007-2 Securitization, was a mortgage lender based in Agoura Hills, California. In September 2005, the investment bank Merrill Lynch & Co. ("Merrill Lynch") acquired a 20 percent stake in the company. According to Ownit's founder and chief executive, William D. Dallas, shortly after Merrill Lynch acquired that stake, it instructed Ownit to loosen underwriting standards. Andrews, Edmund L., *Busted: Life Inside the Great Mortgage Meltdown*, W.W. Norton & Company, New York: 2009, at 158. Ownit thus abandoned its underwriting standards in order to originate more loans.
- General, brought an enforcement action against Fremont, which originated all the loans for the NHELI 2006-FM1 and NHELI 2006-FM2 Securitizations, for an array of "unfair and deceptive business conduct," "on a broad scale." *See* Complaint, *Commonwealth v. Fremont Investment & Loan and Fremont General Corp.*, No. 07-4373 (Mass. Super. Ct.) (the "Fremont Complaint"). According to the Massachusetts Attorney General's complaint, Fremont "approve[ed] borrowers without considering or verifying the relevant documentation related to the borrower's credit qualifications, including the borrower's income"; "approv[ed] borrowers for loans with inadequate debt-to-income analyses that do not properly consider the borrowers' ability to meet their overall level of indebtedness and common housing expenses"; "failed to meaningfully

account for [ARM] payment adjustments in approving and selling loans"; "approved borrowers for these ARM loans based only on the initial fixed 'teaser' rate, without regard for borrowers' ability to pay after the initial two year period"; "consistently failed to monitor or supervise brokers' practices or to independently verify the information provided to Fremont by brokers"; and "ma[de] loans based on information that Fremont knew or should have known was inaccurate or false, including, but not limited to, borrowers' income, property appraisals, and credit scores." *See* Fremont Complaint.

- 115. On December 9, 2008, the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts affirmed a preliminary injunction that prevented Fremont from foreclosing on thousands of its loans issued to Massachusetts residents. As a basis for its unanimous ruling, the Supreme Judicial Court found that the record supported the lower court's conclusions that "Fremont made no effort to determine whether borrowers could 'make the scheduled payments under the terms of the loan,'" and that "Fremont knew or should have known that [its lending practices and loan terms] would operate in concert essentially to guarantee that the borrower would be unable to pay and default would follow." *Commonwealth v. Fremont Inv. & Loan*, 897 N.E.2d 548, 556 (Mass. 2008). The terms of the preliminary injunction were made permanent by a settlement reached on June 9, 2009.
- 116. People's Choice originated many of the loans in the NHELI 2006-3

 Securitization. In 2004 and 2005, People's Choice originated more than \$5 billion in mortgages per year. There have been numerous reports indicating failures by People's Choice to adhere to its underwriting practices, including: (i) a lack of quality control, which led mortgage brokers to manipulate documents and allowed borrowers to get away with lying on their loan applications; (ii) borrowers missing one or more of their first three payments, indicating poor underwriting;

and (iii) approving borrowers without the income levels required by People's Choice's own guidelines, because mortgage brokers forged borrowers' bank statements, signatures, and income. For instance, an investigation by NBC in 2009 revealed that borrowers included a massage therapist who claimed an income of \$180,000 a year and a manicurist who claimed an income of over \$200,000 a year. *See* Richard Greenberg and Chris Hanson, "If You Had A Pulse, We Gave You A Loan," (Dateline NBC March 22, 2009), *available at* http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/29827248/ns/dateline_nbc-the_hansen_files_with_chris_hansen/t/if-you-had-pulse-we-gave-you-loan/.

- implement more controls over the loan origination process, but ran into resistance. According to NBC's investigation, other former People's Choice employees have stated that: i) underwriters felt pressured by sales staff to approve questionable applications; ii) underwriters would challenge some loans—in one case, as many as one-third of all loans—but would be overruled by company executives the vast majority of the time; and iii) "there was a lot of 'keep your mouth shut' going on, meaning you just didn't ask questions about things you knew were wrong." *See* Greenberg and Hanson, above.
- auditors to conduct an "Ethical Climate Survey." *Id.* Nearly three-quarters of respondents said that they were expected to do what they were told "no matter what." *Id.* Nearly half stated that while they cared about ethics, "they act differently." *Id.* One-third said they had witnessed "breaches of applicable laws and regulations." *Id.* In 2009, former CEO Neil Kornswiet admitted to NBC through a spokesperson that "management and the Board were dismayed by what they read." *Id.*

- 119. Silver State, which originated many of the loans in the NAA 2005-AR6 and the NHELI 2007-1 Securitizations, was a wholesale and residential mortgage lender based in Las Vegas, Nevada. In a 2008 episode of the National Public Radio program This American Life, Mike Garner, a former employee of Silver State, described the loosening of underwriting standards in 2005 and 2006: To obtain a loan, a borrower "just [had] to have a credit score and a pulse." Alex Blumberg & Adam Davidson, "The Giant Pool of Money" (This American Life Episode Transcript, Program #355, broadcast May 9, 2008), transcript available at http://www.thisamericanlife.org/sites/default/files/355_transcript.pdf. Garner reported that mortgage brokers would pressure him to allow them to offer loans with loose guidelines so they could earn commissions, and that Garner would oblige if he could find a Wall Street firm to purchase the loans: "I'd get on the phone and start calling these street firms . . . and once I got a hit, I'd call back and say, 'Hey, Bear Stearns is buying this loan. I'd like to give you the opportunity to buy it too.' Once one person buys them, all the rest of them follow suit." Garner also described the reaction of his boss, a 25-year veteran of the industry: "He hated those loans. He hated them and used to rant and say, 'It makes me sick to my stomach the kind of loans that we do.' He fought the owners and sales force tooth and neck about these guidelines. He got [the] same answer. Nope, other people are offering it. We're going to offer them too. We're going to get more market share this way. House prices are booming, everything's gonna be good. And . . . the company was just rolling in the cash." In September 2008, the Nevada Financial Institutions division closed Silver State, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") was named receiver.
- 120. The originators of the mortgage loans underlying the Securitizations went beyond the systematic disregard of their own underwriting guidelines. Indeed, as the FCIC has

confirmed, mortgage loan originators throughout the industry pressured appraisers, during the period of the Securitizations, to issue inflated appraisals that met or exceeded the amount needed for the subject loans to be approved, regardless of the accuracy of such appraisals, and especially when the originators aimed at putting the mortgages into a package of mortgages that would be sold for securitization. This resulted in lower LTV ratios, discussed above, which in turn made the loans appear to the investors less risky than they were.

- the FCIC in April 2010, appraisers "fear[ed]" for their "livelihoods," and therefore cherry-picked data "that would help support the needed value rather than finding the best comparables to come up with the most accurate value." *See* Written Testimony of Patricia Lindsay to the FCIC, April 7, 2010, at 5. Likewise, Jim Amorin, President of the Appraisal Institute, confirmed in his testimony that "[i]n many cases, appraisers are ordered or severely pressured to doctor their reports and to convey a particular, higher value for a property, or else never see work from those parties again [T]oo often state licensed and certified appraisers are forced into making a 'Hobson's Choice.'" *See* Testimony of Jim Amorin to the FCIC, *available at* www.appraisalinstitute.org/newsadvocacy/downloads/ltrs_tstmny/2009/AI-ASA-ASFMRA-NAIFATestimonyonMortgageReform042309final.pdf. Faced with this choice, appraisers systematically abandoned applicable guidelines and over-valued properties in order to facilitate the issuance of mortgages that could then be collateralized into mortgage-backed securitizations.
 - 2. The Collapse of the Certificates' Credit Ratings Further Indicates that the Mortgage Loans Were Not Originated in Adherence to the Stated Underwriting Guidelines
- 122. The total collapse in the credit ratings of the GSE Certificates, typically from AAA or its equivalent to non-investment speculative grade, is further evidence of the originators'

systematic disregard of underwriting guidelines, amplifying that the GSE Certificates were impaired from the start.

- 123. The GSE Certificates that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac purchased were originally assigned credit ratings of AAA or its equivalent, which purportedly reflected the description of the mortgage loan collateral and underwriting practices set forth in the Registration Statements. These ratings were artificially inflated, however, as a result of the very same misrepresentations that the Defendants made to investors in the Prospectus Supplements.
- agencies that they relied upon in order to calculate the Certificates' assigned ratings, including the borrower's LTV ratio, owner-occupancy status, and other loan-level information described in aggregation reports in the Prospectus Supplements. Because the information that Nomura provided or caused to be provided was false, the ratings were inflated and the level of subordination that the rating agencies required for the sale of AAA (or its equivalent) certificates was inadequate to provide investors with the level of protection that those ratings signified. As a result, the GSEs paid Defendants inflated prices for purported AAA (or its equivalent) Certificates, unaware that those Certificates actually carried a severe risk of loss and carried inadequate credit enhancement.
- 125. Since the issuance of the Certificates, the rating agencies have dramatically downgraded their ratings to reflect the revelations regarding the true underwriting practices used to originate the mortgage loans, and the true value and credit quality of the mortgage loans.

 Table 8 details the extent of the downgrades.¹¹

Applicable ratings are shown in sequential order separated by forward slashes: Moody's/S&P/Fitch. A hyphen after a forward slash indicates that the relevant agency did not provide a rating at issuance.

Table 8

Transaction	Tranche	Ratings at Issuance (Moody's/S&P/Fitch)	Ratings as of July 2011 (Moody's/S&P/Fitch)
NAA 2005-AR6	IIIA1	Aaa/AAA/	Caa3/CCC/
NHELI 2006-FM1	IA	Aaa/AAA/	B3/BBB-/
NHELI 2006-FM2	IA1	Aaa/AAA/AAA	Ca/CCC/C
NHELI 2006-HE3	IA1	Aaa/AAA/AAA	Caa2/B-/CC
NHELI 2007-1	II1A	Aaa/AAA/	Ca/D/
NHELI 2007-2	IA1	Aaa/AAA/	Caa3/CCC/
NHELI 2007-3	IA1	Aaa/AAA/	Ca/CC/

- 3. The Surge in Mortgage Delinquency and Default Further Demonstrates that the Mortgage Loans Were Not Originated in Adherence to the Stated Underwriting Guidelines
- 126. Even though the Certificates purchased by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were supposed to represent long-term, stable investments, a significant percentage of the mortgage loans backing the Certificates have defaulted, have been foreclosed upon, or are delinquent, resulting in massive losses to the Certificateholders. The overall poor performance of the mortgage loans is a direct consequence of the fact that they were not underwritten in accordance with applicable underwriting guidelines as represented in the Registration Statements.
- 127. Loan groups that were properly underwritten and contained loans with the characteristics represented in the Registration Statements would have experienced substantially fewer payment problems and substantially lower percentages of defaults, foreclosures, and delinquencies than occurred here. Table 9 sets forth the percentage of loans in the Supporting Loan Groups that are in default, have been foreclosed upon, or are delinquent as of July 2011.

Table 9

Transaction	Supporting Loan Group	Percentage of Delinquent/Defaulted/Foreclosed Loans as of July 2011
NAA 2005-AR6	Group III	32.1%
NHELI 2006-FM1	Group I	52.1%

Transaction	Supporting Loan Group	Percentage of Delinquent/Defaulted/Foreclosed Loans as of July 2011
NHELI 2006-FM2	Group I	58.9%
NHELI 2006-HE3	Group I	40.4%
NHELI 2007-1	Group II-1	44.0%
NHELI 2007-2	Group I	38.3%
NHELI 2007-3	Group I	44.7%

128. The confirmed misstatements concerning owner occupancy and LTV ratios, the confirmed systematic underwriting failures by the originators responsible for the mortgage loans across the Securitizations, and the extraordinary drop in credit rating and rise in delinquencies across those Securitizations, all confirm that the mortgage loans in the Supporting Loan Groups, contrary to the representations in the Registration Statements, were not originated in accordance with the stated underwriting guidelines.

V. Fannie Mae's and Freddie Mac's Purchases of the GSE Certificates and the Resulting Damages

129. In total, between November 30, 2005 and April 30, 2007, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac purchased over \$2 billion in residential mortgage-backed securities issued in connection with the Securitizations. Table 10 reflects each of Freddie Mac's purchases of the Certificates.¹²

Table 10

Transaction	Tranche	CUSIP	Settlement Date of Purchase by Freddie Mac	Initial Unpaid Principal Balance (\$)	Purchase Price (% of Par)	Seller to Freddie Mac
NHELI 2006-FM1	IA	65536HBT4	1/31/2006	309,550,000	100.00%	Nomura Securities
NHELI 2006-FM2	IA1	65537FAA9	10/31/2006	525,197,000	100.00%	Greenwich (now RBS Securities)
NHELI 2006-HE3	IA1	65536QAA6	8/31/2006	441,739,000	100.00%	Greenwich (now RBS Securities)
NHELI 2007-1	II1A	65537KAA8	1/31/2007	100,548,000	100.00%	Greenwich (now RBS Securities)
NHELI 2007-2	IA1	65537MAA4	1/31/2007	358,847,000	100.00%	Greenwich (now RBS Securities)

Purchased securities in Tables 10 and 11 are stated in terms of unpaid principal balance of the relevant Certificates. Purchase prices are stated in terms of percentage of par.

Transaction	Tranche	CUSIP	Settlement Date of Purchase by Freddie Mac	Initial Unpaid Principal Balance (\$)	Purchase Price (% of Par)	Seller to Freddie Mac
NHELI 2007-3	IA1	65537NAA2	4/30/2007	245,105,000	100.00%	Lehman Brothers, Inc.

130. Table 11 reflects Fannie Mae's purchase of the Certificates:

Table 11

Transaction	Tranche	CUSIP	Settlement Date of Purchase by Fannie Mae	Initial Unpaid Principal Balance (\$)	Purchase Price (% of Par)	Seller to Fannie Mae
NAA 2005-AR6	IIIA1	65535VRJ9	11/30/2005	64,943,000	101.11%	Nomura Securities

- 131. The statements and assurances in the Registration Statements regarding the credit quality and characteristics of the mortgage loans underlying the GSE Certificates, and the origination and underwriting practices pursuant to which the mortgage loans were originated, which were summarized in such documents, were material to a reasonable investor's decision to purchase the Certificates.
- 132. The false statements of material facts and omissions of material facts in the Registration Statements, including the Prospectuses and Prospectus Supplements, directly caused Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to suffer hundreds of millions of dollars in damages, including without limitation depreciation in the value of the securities. The mortgage loans underlying the GSE Certificates experienced defaults and delinquencies at a much higher rate than they would have had the loan originators adhered to the underwriting guidelines set forth in the Registration Statements, and the payments to the trusts were therefore much lower than they would have been had the loans been underwritten as described in the Registration Statements.
- 133. Fannie Mae's and Freddie Mac's losses have been much greater than they would have been if the mortgage loans had the credit quality represented in the Registration Statements.

134. Defendants' misstatements and omissions in the Registration Statements regarding the true characteristics of the loans were the proximate cause of Fannie Mae's and Freddie Mac's losses relating to their purchase of the GSE Certificates. Defendants proximately caused hundreds of millions of dollars in damages to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in an amount to be determined at trial.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

Violation of Section 11 of the Securities Act of 1933 (Against Defendants Nomura Securities, RBS Securities, NHELI, David Findlay, John McCarthy, N. Dante Larocca, and Nathan Gorin)

- 135. Plaintiff realleges each allegation above as if fully set forth herein, except to the extent that Plaintiff expressly excludes any allegation that could be construed as alleging fraud.
- 136. This claim is brought by Plaintiff pursuant to Section 11 of the Securities Act of 1933 and is asserted on behalf of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which purchased the GSE Certificates issued pursuant to the Registration Statements. This claim is brought against Defendants Nomura Securities and RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich) with respect to each of the Registration Statements corresponding to the Securitizations they underwrote. This claim is also brought against (i) Defendant NHELI and (ii) Defendants David Findlay, John McCarthy, N. Dante Larocca, and Nathan Gorin (the foregoing Individual Defendants collectively referred to as the "Section 11 Individual Defendants"), with respect to the Registration Statements filed by NHELI that registered securities that were bona fide offered to the public on or after September 6, 2005.
- 137. This claim is predicated upon the strict liability of Defendants Nomura Securities and RBS Securities for making false and materially misleading statements in the Registration Statements applicable to one or more Securitizations and for omitting facts necessary to make the facts stated therein not misleading. Defendants NHELI and the Section 11 Individual

Defendants are strictly liable for making false and materially misleading misstatements in the Registration Statements that registered securities that were bona fide offered to the public on or after September 6, 2005, including the related Prospectus Supplements, and for omitting facts necessary to make the facts stated therein not misleading.

- 138. Defendants Nomura Securities and RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich) served as underwriters for six of the Securitizations, and as such, are liable for the misstatements and omissions in the corresponding Registration Statements under Section 11 of the Securities Act.
- 139. Defendant NHELI filed two Registration Statements under which six of the Securitizations were carried out. As depositor, Defendant NHELI is issuer of the GSE Certificates pursuant to the Registration Statements it filed within the meaning of Section 2(a)(4) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77b(a)(4), and in accordance with Section 11(a), 15 U.S.C. § 77k(a). As such, it is liable for the misstatements and omissions in the Registration Statements that registered securities that were bona fide offered to the public on or after September 6, 2005.
- 140. At the time Defendant NHELI filed the Registration Statements, the Section 11 Individual Defendants who signed the Registration Statement were officers and/or directors of NHELI. In addition, the Section 11 Individual Defendants signed or authorized another to sign on their behalf the Registration Statements and the amendments thereto. As such, the Section 11 Individual Defendants are liable under Section 11 of the Securities Act for the misstatements and omissions in the Registration Statements that registered securities that were bona fide offered to the public on or after September 6, 2005.
- 141. At the time that they became effective, the Registration Statements contained material misstatements of fact and omitted information necessary to make the facts stated therein

not misleading, as set forth above. The facts misstated or omitted were material to a reasonable investor reviewing the Registration Statements.

- 142. The untrue statements of material facts and omissions of material fact in the Registration Statements are set forth above in Section IV and pertain to compliance with underwriting guidelines, occupancy status and loan-to-value ratios.
- 143. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac purchased or otherwise acquired the GSE

 Certificates pursuant to the false and misleading Registration Statements. Fannie Mae and

 Freddie Mac made these purchases in the primary market. At the time they purchased the GSE

 Certificates, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac did not know of the facts concerning the false and

 misleading statements and omissions alleged herein, and if the GSEs would have known those
 facts, they would not have purchased the GSE Certificates.
- 144. Nomura Securities and RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich) owed to Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and other investors a duty to make a reasonable and diligent investigation of the statements contained in the Registration Statements applicable to the Securitizations they underwrote at the time they became effective to ensure that such statements were true and correct and that there were no omissions of material facts required to be stated in order to make the statements contained therein not misleading. The Section 11 Individual Defendants owed the same duty with respect to the Registration Statements that they signed that registered securities that were bona fide offered to the public on or after September 6, 2005.
- 145. Nomura Securities, RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich), and the Section 11 Individual Defendants did not exercise such due diligence and failed to conduct a reasonable investigation. In the exercise of reasonable care, these Defendants should have known of the false statements and omissions contained in or omitted from the Registration

Statements filed in connection with the Securitizations, as set forth herein. In addition, NHELI, though subject to strict liability without regard to whether it performed diligence, also failed to take reasonable steps to ensure the accuracy of the representations.

- 146. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac sustained substantial damages as a result of the misstatements and omissions in the Registration Statements.
- 147. This action is brought within three years of the date that the FHFA was appointed as Conservator of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and is thus timely under 12 U.S.C. § 4617(b)(12).
- 148. By reason of the conduct herein alleged, Nomura Securities, RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich), NHELI, and the Section 11 Individual Defendants are jointly and severally liable for their wrongdoing.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

Violation of Section 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 (Against Nomura Securities, RBS Securities, NAA, and NHELI)

- 149. Plaintiff realleges each allegation above as if fully set forth herein, except to the extent that Plaintiff expressly excludes any allegation that could be construed as alleging fraud.
- 150. This claim is brought by Plaintiff pursuant to Section 12(a)(2) of the Securities

 Act of 1933 and is asserted on behalf of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which purchased the GSE

 Certificates issued pursuant to the Registration Statements in the Securitizations listed in

 paragraph 2.
- 151. This claim is predicated upon the negligence of Nomura Securities, RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich), NAA and NHELI for making false and materially misleading statements in the Prospectuses (as supplemented by the Prospectus Supplements,

hereinafter referred to in this Section as "Prospectuses") for one or more Securitizations (as specified in Table 1, above at paragraph 35).

- 152. Nomura Securities and RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich) are prominently identified in the Prospectuses, the primary documents that they used to sell the GSE Certificates. Nomura Securities and RBS Securities offered the Certificates publicly, including selling to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac their GSE Certificates, as set forth in the "Plan of Distribution" or "Underwriting" sections of the Prospectuses.
- and sold the GSE Certificates to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac by means of the Prospectuses, which contained untrue statements of material facts and omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. Nomura Securities and RBS Securities reviewed and participated in drafting the Prospectuses.
- 154. Nomura Securities and RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich) successfully solicited Fannie Mae's and Freddie Mac's purchases of the GSE Certificates. As underwriters, Nomura Securities and RBS Securities obtained substantial commissions based on the amount received from the sale of the Certificates to the public.
- 155. Nomura Securities and RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich) offered the GSE Certificates for sale, sold them, and distributed them by the use of means or instruments of transportation and communication in interstate commerce.
- 156. NAA is prominently identified in the Prospectus for one of the Securitizations, NAA 2005-AR6, and NHELI is prominently identified in the Prospectuses for the remaining six

Securitizations. NAA and NHELI offered the Certificates publicly and actively solicited their sale, including to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

- 157. NAA and NHELI offered the GSE Certificates to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac by means of Prospectuses which contained untrue statements of material facts and omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. NAA and NHELI reviewed and participated in drafting the Prospectuses.
- 158. NAA and NHELI offered the GSE Certificates for sale by the use of means or instruments of transportation and communication in interstate commerce.
- 159. Each of Nomura Securities, RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich), NAA, and NHELI actively participated in the solicitation of the GSEs' purchase of the GSE Certificates, and did so in order to benefit themselves. Such solicitation included assisting in preparing the Registration Statements, filing the Registration Statements, and assisting in marketing the GSE Certificates.
- 160. Each of the Prospectuses contained material misstatements of fact and omitted information necessary to make the facts stated therein not misleading. The facts misstated and omitted were material to a reasonable investor reviewing the Prospectuses.
- 161. The untrue statements of material facts and omissions of material fact in the Registration Statements, which include the Prospectuses, are set forth above in Section IV, and pertain to compliance with underwriting guidelines, occupancy status, and loan-to-value ratios.
- Nomura Securities, RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich), NAA, and NHELI offered and sold the GSE Certificates offered pursuant to the Registration Statements directly to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, pursuant to the false and misleading Prospectuses.

- 163. Nomura Securities and RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich) owed to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, as well as to other investors in these trusts, a duty to make a reasonable and diligent investigation of the statements contained in the Prospectuses for the Securitizations they underwrote, to ensure that such statements were true, and to ensure that there was no omission of a material fact required to be stated in order to make the statements contained therein not misleading. NAA and NHELI owed the same duty with respect to the Prospectuses carried out under the Registration Statements they filed.
- 164. Nomura Securities, RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich), NAA, and NHELI failed to exercise such reasonable care. These Defendants in the exercise of reasonable care should have known that the Prospectuses contained untrue statements of material facts and omissions of material facts at the time of the Securitizations as set forth above.
- 165. In contrast, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac did not know of the untruths and omissions contained in the Prospectuses at the time they purchased the GSE Certificates. If the GSEs would have known of those untruths and omissions, they would not have purchased the GSE Certificates.
- 166. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac acquired the GSE Certificates in the primary market pursuant to the Prospectuses.
- 167. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac sustained substantial damages in connection with their investments in the GSE Certificates and have the right to rescind and recover the consideration paid for the GSE Certificates, with interest thereon.
- 168. This action is brought within three years of the date that the FHFA was appointed as Conservator of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and is thus timely under 12 U.S.C. § 4617(b)(12).

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

Violation of Section 15 of the Securities Act of 1933 (Against Nomura Credit, Nomura Holding, and the Individual Defendants)

- 169. Plaintiff realleges each allegation above as if fully set forth herein, except to the extent that Plaintiff expressly excludes any allegation that could be construed as alleging fraud.
- 170. This claim is brought under Section 15 of the Securities Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. §770 ("Section 15"), against Nomura Credit, Nomura Holding, and the Individual Defendants for controlling-person liability with regard to the Section 11 and Section 12(a)(2) causes of actions set forth above.
- 171. The Individual Defendants at all relevant times participated in the operation and management of NAA, NHELI, and/or Nomura Securities, and conducted and participated, directly and indirectly, in the conduct of NAA, NHELI, and/or Nomura Securities' business affairs. Defendant N. Dante Larocca was President and Chief Executive Officer of NHELI and a Managing Director of Nomura Securities. Defendant David Findlay was a Director of NAA and NHELI and a Senior Managing Director and Chief Legal Officer of Nomura Securities. Defendant Nathan Gorin was Controller and Chief Financial Officer of NAA, NHELI, and Nomura Securities. Defendant John P. Graham was President and Chief Executive Officer of NAA. Defendant John McCarthy was a Director of NAA and NHELI.
- 172. Defendant Nomura Credit was the sponsor for the Securitizations, and culpably participated in the violations of Sections 11 and 12(a)(2) set forth above with respect to the offering of the GSE Certificates by initiating these Securitizations, purchasing the mortgage loans to be securitized, determining the structure of the Securitizations, selecting NAA and NHELI as the special purpose vehicles, and selecting Nomura Securities or RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich) as underwriter. In its role as sponsor, Nomura Credit knew and

intended that the mortgage loans it purchased would be sold in connection with the securitization process, and that certificates representing the ownership interests of investors in the cashflows would be issued by the relevant trusts.

- 173. Defendant Nomura Credit also acted as the seller of the mortgage loans for the Securitizations, in that it conveyed such mortgage loans to Defendants NAA and NHELI pursuant to a Mortgage Loan Purchase Agreement.
- NAA and NHELI were merely special purpose entities created for the purpose of acting as a pass-through for the issuance of the Certificates. Upon information and belief, there was some overlap between the officers and directors of Nomura Credit, NAA, NHELI, and Nomura Securities. In addition, because of its position as sponsor, Nomura Credit was able to, and did in fact, control the contents of the Registration Statements, including the Prospectuses and Prospectus Supplements, which contained material misstatements of fact and omitted facts necessary to make the facts stated therein not misleading.
- 175. Defendant Nomura Holding controlled the business operations of Nomura Credit, Nomura Securities, NAA, and NHELI. Defendant Nomura Holding is the corporate parent of Nomura Credit, Nomura Securities, NAA, and NHELI. As the corporate parent, Nomura Holding had the practical ability to direct and control the actions of Nomura Credit, Nomura Securities, NAA, and NHELI in issuing and selling the Certificates, and in fact exercised such direction and control over the activities of Nomura Credit, Nomura Securities, NAA, and NHELI in connection with the issuance and sale of the Certificates.
- 176. Nomura Holding expanded its share of the residential mortgage-backed securitization market in order to increase revenue and profits. The push to securitize large

volumes of mortgage loans contributed to the inclusion of untrue statements of material facts and omissions of material facts in the Registration Statements.

- 177. Nomura Holding culpably participated in the violations of Section 11 and 12(a)(2) set forth above. It oversaw the actions of its subsidiaries and allowed them to misrepresent the mortgage loans' characteristics in the Registration Statements and establish special-purpose financial entities such as NAA, NHELI, and the issuing trusts to serve as conduits for the mortgage loans.
- 178. Nomura Credit, Nomura Holding, and the Individual Defendants are controlling persons within the meaning of Section 15 by virtue of their actual power over, control of, ownership of, and/or directorship of NAA, NHELI, and Nomura Securities at the time of the wrongs alleged herein and as set forth herein, including their control over the content of the Registration Statements.
- 179. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac purchased in the primary market Certificates issued pursuant to the Registration Statements, including the Prospectuses and Prospectus Supplements, which, at the time they became effective, contained material misstatements of fact and omitted facts necessary to make the facts stated therein not misleading. The facts misstated and omitted were material to a reasonable investor reviewing the Registration Statements.
- 180. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac did not know of the misstatements and omissions in the Registration Statements; had the GSEs known of those misstatements and omissions, they would not have purchased the GSE Certificates.
- 181. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have sustained damages as a result of the misstatements and omissions in the Registration Statements, for which they are entitled to compensation.

182. This action is brought within three years of the date that the FHFA was appointed as Conservator of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and is thus timely under 12 U.S.C. § 4617(b)(12).

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Violation of Section 13.1-522(A)(ii) of the Virginia Code (Against RBS Securities and NHELI)

- 183. Plaintiff realleges each allegation above as if fully set forth herein, except to the extent that Plaintiff expressly excludes any allegation that could be construed as alleging fraud.
- 184. This claim is brought by Plaintiff pursuant to 13.1-522(A)(ii) of the Virginia Code and is asserted on behalf of Freddie Mac. The allegations set forth below in this cause of action pertain to only those GSE Certificates identified in Table 10 above that were purchased by Freddie Mac on or after September 6, 2006.
- 185. This claim is predicated upon RBS Securities' (formerly known as Greenwich) negligence for making false and materially misleading statements in the Prospectuses for the Securitizations for which it served as the selling underwriter and which were purchased by Freddie Mac on or after September 6, 2006. Defendant NHELI acted negligently in making false and materially misleading statements in the Prospectuses for the Securitizations carried out under the Registration Statements it filed.
- 186. RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich) is prominently identified in the Prospectuses, the primary documents that it used to sell the GSE Certificates. RBS Securities offered the Certificates publicly, including selling to Freddie Mac its GSE Certificates, as set forth in the "Plan of Distribution" or "Underwriting" sections of the Prospectuses.
- 187. RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich) offered and sold the GSE

 Certificates to Freddie Mac by means of the Prospectuses, which contained untrue statements of

material facts and omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. RBS Securities reviewed and participated in drafting the Prospectuses.

- 188. RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich) successfully solicited Freddie Mac's purchases of the GSE Certificates. As underwriter, RBS Securities obtained substantial commissions based upon the amount received from the sale of the Certificates to the public.
- 189. RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich) offered the GSE Certificates for sale, sold them, and distributed them to Freddie Mac in the State of Virginia.
- 190. NHELI is prominently identified in the Prospectuses for the Securitizations carried out under the Registration Statements it filed. NHELI offered the Certificates publicly and actively solicited their sale, including to Freddie Mac.
- 191. NHELI offered the GSE Certificates to Freddie Mac by means of Prospectuses which contained untrue statements of material facts and omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. NHELI reviewed and participated in drafting the Prospectuses.
- 192. RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich) and NHELI actively participated in the solicitation of Freddie Mac's purchase of the GSE Certificates, and did so in order to benefit themselves. Such solicitation included assisting in preparing the Registration Statements, filing the Registration Statements, and assisting in marketing the GSE Certificates.
- 193. Each of the Prospectuses contained material misstatements of fact and omitted information necessary to make the facts stated therein not misleading. The facts misstated and omitted were material to a reasonable investor reviewing the Prospectuses.

- 194. The untrue statements of material facts and omissions of material fact in the Registration Statements, which include the Prospectuses, are set forth above in Section IV, and pertain to compliance with underwriting guidelines, occupancy status, and loan-to-value ratios.
- 195. RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich) and NHELI offered and sold the GSE Certificates offered pursuant to the Registration Statements directly to Freddie Mac, pursuant to the false and misleading Prospectuses.
- 196. RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich) owed to Freddie Mac, as well as to other investors in these trusts, a duty to make a reasonable and diligent investigation of the statements contained in the Prospectuses for the Securitizations they underwrote, to ensure that such statements were true, and to ensure that there was no omission of a material fact required to be stated in order to make the statements contained therein not misleading. NHELI owed the same duty with respect to the Prospectuses carried out under the Registration Statements it filed.
- 197. RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich) and NHELI failed to exercise such reasonable care. These Defendants in the exercise of reasonable care should have known that the Prospectuses contained untrue statements of material facts and omissions of material facts at the time of the Securitizations as set forth above.
- 198. In contrast, Freddie Mac did not know of the untruths and omissions contained in the Prospectuses at the time it purchased the GSE Certificates. If Freddie Mac would have known of those untruths and omissions, it would not have purchased the GSE Certificates.
- 199. Freddie Mac sustained substantial damages in connection with its investments in the GSE Certificates and has the right to rescind and recover the consideration paid for the GSE Certificates, with interest thereon.

200. This action is brought within three years of the date that the FHFA was appointed as Conservator of Freddie Mac, and is thus timely under 12 U.S.C. § 4617(b)(12).

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Violation of Section 13.1-522(C) of the Virginia Code (Against Nomura Credit, Nomura Holding, David Findlay, John McCarthy, N. Dante Larocca, and Nathan Gorin)

- 201. Plaintiff realleges each allegation above as if fully set forth herein, except to the extent that Plaintiff expressly excludes any allegation that could be construed as alleging fraud.
- 202. This claim is brought under Section 13.1-522(C) of the Virginia Code and is asserted on behalf of Freddie Mac. The allegations set forth below in this cause of action pertain only to those GSE Certificates identified in Table 10 above that were purchased on or after September 6, 2006. This claim is brought against Nomura Credit, Nomura Holding, David Findlay, John McCarthy, N. Dante Larocca, and Nathan Gorin (the foregoing Individual Defendants collectively referred to as the "Section 13 Individual Defendants") for controlling-person liability with regard to the Fourth Cause of Action set forth above.
- 203. The Section 13 Individual Defendants at all relevant times participated in the operation and management of NHELI, and conducted and participated, directly and indirectly, in the conduct of NHELI's business affairs. Defendants David Findlay and John McCarthy were Directors of NHELI. Defendant N. Dante Larocca was President and Chief Executive Officer of NHELI. Defendant Nathan Gorin was Controller and Chief Financial Officer of NHELI.
- 204. Defendant Nomura Credit was the sponsor for the Securitizations, and culpably participated in the violations of Section 13.1-522(A)(ii) set forth above with respect to the offering of the GSE Certificates by initiating these Securitizations, purchasing the mortgage loans to be securitized, determining the structure of the Securitizations, selecting NHELI as the special purpose vehicle, and selecting RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich) as

underwriter. In its role as sponsor, Nomura Credit knew and intended that the mortgage loans it purchased would be sold in connection with the securitization process, and that certificates representing the ownership interests of investors in the cashflows would be issued by the relevant trusts.

- 205. Defendant Nomura Credit also acted as the seller of the mortgage loans for the Securitizations, in that it conveyed such mortgage loans to Defendant NHELI pursuant to a Mortgage Loan Purchase Agreement.
- 206. Defendant Nomura Credit also controlled the business of NHELI, as NHELI was merely a special purpose entity created for the purpose of acting as a pass-through for the issuance of the Certificates. In addition, because of its position as sponsor, Nomura Credit was able to, and did in fact, control the contents of the Registration Statements, including the Prospectuses and Prospectus Supplements, which contained material misstatements of fact and omitted facts necessary to make the facts stated therein not misleading.
- 207. Defendant Nomura Holding controlled the business operations of Nomura Credit and NHELI. Defendant Nomura Holding is the corporate parent of Nomura Credit and NHELI. As the corporate parent, Nomura Holding had the practical ability to direct and control the actions of Nomura Credit and NHELI in issuing and selling the Certificates, and in fact exercised such direction and control over the activities of Nomura Credit and NHELI in connection with the issuance and sale of the Certificates.
- 208. Nomura Holding expanded its share of the residential mortgage-backed securitization market in order to increase revenue and profits. The push to securitize large volumes of mortgage loans contributed to the inclusion of untrue statements of material facts and omissions of material facts in the Registration Statements.

- 209. Nomura Holding culpably participated in the violations of Section 13.1-522(A)(ii) set forth above. It oversaw the actions of its subsidiaries and allowed them to misrepresent the mortgage loans' characteristics in the Registration Statements and establish special-purpose financial entities such as NHELI and the issuing trusts to serve as conduits for the mortgage loans.
- 210. Nomura Credit, Nomura Holding, and the Section 13 Individual Defendants are controlling persons within the meaning of Section 13.1-522(C) by virtue of their actual power over, control of, ownership of, and/or directorship of NHELI at the time of the wrongs alleged herein and as set forth herein, including their control over the content of the Registration Statements.
- 211. Freddie Mac purchased Certificates issued pursuant to the Registration
 Statements, including the Prospectuses and Prospectus Supplements, which, at the time they
 became effective, contained material misstatements of fact and omitted facts necessary to make
 the facts stated therein not misleading. The facts misstated and omitted were material to a
 reasonable investor reviewing the Registration Statements.
- 212. Freddie Mac did not know of the misstatements and omissions in the Registration Statements; had Freddie Mac known of those misstatements and omissions, it would not have purchased the GSE Certificates.
- 213. Freddie Mac has sustained damages as a result of the misstatements and omissions in the Registration Statements, for which it is entitled to compensation.
- 214. This action is brought within three years of the date that the FHFA was appointed as Conservator of Freddie Mac and is thus timely under 12 U.S.C. § 4617(b)(12).

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Violation of Section 31-5606.05(a)(1)(B) of the District of Columbia Code (Against Nomura Securities and NAA)

- 215. Plaintiff realleges each allegation above as if fully set forth herein, except to the extent that Plaintiff expressly excludes any allegation that could be construed as alleging fraud.
- 216. This claim is brought by Plaintiff pursuant to Section 31-5606.05(a)(1)(B) and is asserted on behalf of Fannie Mae. The allegations set forth below in this cause of action pertain only to the GSE Certificate for the NAA 2005-AR6 Securitization.
- 217. This claim is predicated upon Nomura Securities' negligence for making false and materially misleading statements in the Prospectus for the NAA 2005-AR6 Securitization.

 Defendant NAA also acted negligently in making false and materially misleading statements in this Prospectus.
- 218. Nomura Securities is prominently identified in the Prospectus, the primary document it used to sell the Certificates for the NAA 2005-AR6 Securitization. Nomura Securities offered the Certificates publicly, including selling the GSE Certificate to Fannie Mae.
- 219. Nomura Securities offered and sold the GSE Certificate to Fannie Mae by means of the Prospectus, which contained untrue statements of material facts and omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. Nomura Securities reviewed and participated in drafting the Prospectus.
- 220. Nomura Securities successfully solicited Fannie Mae's purchase of the GSE Certificate for the NAA 2005-AR6 Securitization. As underwriter, Nomura Securities obtained substantial commissions based upon the amount received from the sale of the Certificates to the public.

- 221. Nomura Securities offered the GSE Certificate for sale, sold it, and distributed it to Fannie Mae in the District of Columbia.
- 222. NAA is prominently identified in the Prospectus for the NAA 2005-AR6 Securitization, which was carried out under a Registration Statement it filed. This Prospectus was the primary document used to sell the Certificates for the NAA 2005-AR6 Securitization.

 NAA offered the Certificates publicly and actively solicited their sale, including the sale of the GSE Certificate to Fannie Mae.
- 223. NAA offered the GSE Certificate for the NAA 2005-AR6 Securitization to Fannie Mae by means of a Prospectus which contained untrue statements of material facts and omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. NAA reviewed and participated in drafting the Prospectus.
- 224. Nomura Securities and NAA actively participated in the solicitation of the Fannie Mae's purchase of the GSE Certificate for the NAA 2005-AR6 Securitization, and did so in order to benefit themselves. Such solicitation included assisting in preparing the Registration Statement, filing the Registration Statement, and assisting in marketing the GSE Certificate.
- 225. The Prospectus contained material misstatements of fact and omitted information necessary to make the facts stated therein not misleading. The facts misstated and omitted were material to a reasonable investor reviewing the Prospectus.
- 226. The untrue statements of material facts and omissions of material fact in the Registration Statement, which includes the Prospectus, are set forth above in Section IV, and pertain to compliance with underwriting guidelines, occupancy status, and loan-to-value ratios.

- 227. Nomura Securities and NAA offered and sold the GSE Certificate for the NAA 2005-AR6 Securitization offered pursuant to the Registration Statement directly to Fannie Mae, pursuant to the false and misleading Prospectus.
- 228. Nomura Securities owed to Fannie Mae, as well as to other investors in this trust, a duty to make a reasonable and diligent investigation of the statements contained in the Prospectus for the Securitization that it underwrote, to ensure that such statements were true, and to ensure that there was no omission of a material fact required to be stated in order to make the statements contained therein not misleading. NAA, which filed the Registration Statement, owed the same duty with respect to the Prospectus for the Securitization.
- 229. Nomura Securities and NAA failed to exercise such reasonable care. These Defendants in the exercise of reasonable care should have known that the Prospectus contained untrue statements of material facts and omissions of material facts at the time of the Securitization as set forth above.
- 230. In contrast, Fannie Mae did not know of the untruths and omissions contained in the Prospectus at the time it purchased the GSE Certificate for the NAA 2005-AR6 Securitization. If Fannie Mae would have known of those untruths and omissions, it would not have purchased the GSE Certificate.
- 231. Fannie Mae sustained substantial damages in connection with its investment in the GSE Certificate for the NAA 2005-AR6 Securitization and has the right to rescind and recover the consideration paid for the GSE Certificate, with interest thereon.
- 232. This action is brought within three years of the date that the FHFA was appointed as Conservator of Fannie Mae, and is thus timely under 12 U.S.C. § 4617(b)(12).

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Violation of Section 31-5606.05(c) of the District of Columbia Code (Against Nomura Credit, Nomura Holding, David Findlay, John McCarthy, John P. Graham, and Nathan Gorin)

- 233. Plaintiff realleges each allegation above as if fully set forth herein, except to the extent that Plaintiff expressly excludes any allegation that could be construed as alleging fraud.
- 234. This claim is brought under Section 31-5606.05(c) of the District of Columbia Code and is asserted on behalf of Fannie Mae. The allegations set forth below in this cause of action pertain only to the GSE Certificate for the NAA 2005-AR6 Securitization. This claim is brought against Nomura Credit, Nomura Holding, David Findlay, John McCarthy, John P. Graham, and Nathan Gorin (the foregoing Individual Defendants collectively referred to as the "Section 31 Individual Defendants") for controlling-person liability with regard to the Sixth Cause of Action set forth above.
- 235. The Section 31 Individual Defendants at all relevant times participated in the operation and management of NAA and/or Nomura Securities, and conducted and participated, directly and indirectly, in the conduct of NAA and/or Nomura Securities' business affairs.

 Defendant David Findlay was a Director of NAA and a Senior Managing Director and Chief Legal Officer of Nomura Securities. Defendant John McCarthy was a Director of NAA.

 Defendant John P. Graham was President and Chief Executive Officer of NAA. Defendant Nathan Gorin was Controller and Chief Financial Officer of NAA and Nomura Securities.
- 236. Defendant Nomura Credit was the sponsor for the Securitizations, and culpably participated in the violations of Section 31-5606.05(a)(1)(B) set forth above with respect to the offering of the GSE Certificate for the NAA 2005-AR6 Securitization by initiating this Securitization, purchasing the mortgage loans to be securitized, determining the structure of the Securitization, selecting NAA as the special purpose vehicle, and selecting Nomura Securities as

underwriter. In its role as sponsor, Nomura Credit knew and intended that the mortgage loans it purchased would be sold in connection with the securitization process, and that certificates representing the ownership interests of investors in the cashflows would be issued by the relevant trusts.

- 237. Defendant Nomura Credit also acted as the seller of the mortgage loans for the NAA 2005-AR6 Securitization, in that it conveyed such mortgage loans to Defendant NAA pursuant to a mortgage loan purchase agreement.
- 238. Defendant Nomura Credit also controlled the business of NAA, as NAA was merely a special purpose entity created for the purpose of acting as a pass-through for the issuance of the Certificates. In addition, because of its position as sponsor, Nomura Credit was able to, and did in fact, control the contents of the Registration Statement, including the Prospectus and Prospectus Supplement, which contained material misstatements of fact and omitted facts necessary to make the facts stated therein not misleading.
- 239. Defendant Nomura Holding controlled the business operations of Nomura Credit, Nomura Securities, and NAA. Defendant Nomura Holding is the corporate parent of Nomura Credit, Nomura Securities, and NAA. As the corporate parent, Nomura Holding had the practical ability to direct and control the actions of Nomura Credit, Nomura Securities, and NAA in issuing and selling the Certificates, and in fact exercised such direction and control over the activities of Nomura Credit, Nomura Securities, and NAA in connection with the issuance and sale of the GSE Certificate for the NAA 2005-AR6 Securitization.
- 240. Nomura Holding expanded its share of the residential mortgage-backed securitization market in order to increase revenue and profits. The push to securitize large

volumes of mortgage loans contributed to the inclusion of untrue statements of material facts and omissions of material facts in the Registration Statement.

- 241. Nomura Holding culpably participated in the violations of Section 31-5606.05(a)(1)(B) set forth above. It oversaw the actions of its subsidiaries and allowed them to misrepresent the mortgage loans' characteristics in the Registration Statement and establish special-purpose financial entities such as NAA and the issuing trusts to serve as conduits for the mortgage loans.
- 242. Nomura Credit, Nomura Holding, and the Section 31 Individual Defendants are controlling persons within the meaning of Section 31-5606.05(c) by virtue of their actual power over, control of, ownership of, and/or directorship of NAA and Nomura Securities at the time of the wrongs alleged herein and as set forth herein, including their control over the content of the Registration Statement.
- 243. Fannie Mae purchased the GSE Certificate for the NAA 2005-AR6 Securitization, issued pursuant to the Registration Statement, including the Prospectus and Prospectus Supplement, which, at the time they became effective, contained material misstatements of fact and omitted facts necessary to make the facts stated therein not misleading. The facts misstated and omitted were material to a reasonable investor reviewing the Registration Statements.
- 244. Fannie Mae did not know of the misstatements and omissions in the Registration Statement; had Fannie Mae known of those misstatements and omissions, it would not have purchased the GSE Certificate.
- 245. Fannie Mae has sustained damages as a result of the misstatements and omissions in the Registration Statement, for which it is entitled to compensation.

246. This action is brought within three years of the date that the FHFA was appointed as Conservator of Fannie Mae and is thus timely under 12 U.S.C. § 4617(b)(12).

EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Common Law Negligent Misrepresentation (Against Nomura Securities, RBS Securities, NAA, and NHELI)

- 247. Plaintiff realleges each allegation above as if fully set forth herein, except to the extent that Plaintiff expressly excludes any allegation that could be construed as alleging fraud.
- 248. This is a claim for common law negligent misrepresentation against Defendants Nomura Securities, RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich), NAA, and NHELI.
- 249. Between November 30, 2005 and April 30, 2007, Nomura Securities, RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich), NAA, and NHELI sold the GSE Certificates to the GSEs as described above. Because NAA and NHELI, as depositors, owned and then conveyed the underlying mortgage loans that collateralized the Securitizations, NAA and NHELI had unique, exclusive, and special knowledge about the mortgage loans in the Securitizations through their possession of the loan files and other documentation.
- 250. Likewise, as lead underwriter for three of the Securitizations and selling underwriter for two, Nomura Securities was obligated to—and had the opportunity to—perform sufficient due diligence to ensure that the Registration Statements for those Securitizations, including without limitation the corresponding Prospectus Supplements, did not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. As lead and selling underwriter for four of the Securitizations, RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich) had the same obligation and opportunity. As a result of this privileged position as underwriters—which gave them access to loan file information and obligated them to perform adequate due diligence to

ensure the accuracy of the Registration Statements—Nomura Securities and RBS Securities had unique, exclusive, and special knowledge about the underlying mortgage loans in the Securitizations.

- 251. Nomura Securities and RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich) also had unique, exclusive, and special knowledge of the work of third-party due diligence providers, such as Clayton, who identified significant failures of originators to adhere to the underwriting standards represented in the Registration Statements. The GSEs, like other investors, had no access to borrower loan files prior to the closing of the Securitizations and their purchase of the Certificates. Accordingly, when determining whether to purchase the GSE Certificates, the GSEs could not evaluate the underwriting quality or the servicing practices of the mortgage loans in the Securitizations on a loan-by-loan basis. The GSEs therefore reasonably relied on Nomura Securities' and RBS Securities' knowledge and their express representations made prior to the closing of the Securitizations regarding the underlying mortgage loans.
- NHELI were aware that the GSEs reasonably relied on their reputations and unique, exclusive, and special expertise and experience, as well as their express representations made prior to the closing of the Securitizations, and that the GSEs depended upon these Defendants for complete, accurate, and timely information. The standards under which the underlying mortgage loans were actually originated were known to these Defendants and were not known, and could not be determined, by the GSEs prior to the closing of the Securitizations. In purchasing the GSE Certificates from these Defendants, the GSEs relied on their special relationships with these Defendants, and the purchases were made, in part, in reliance on that special relationship.

- 253. Based upon their unique, exclusive, and special knowledge and expertise about the loans held by the trusts in the Securitizations, Nomura Securities, RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich), NAA, and NHELI had a duty to provide the GSEs complete, accurate, and timely information regarding the mortgage loans and the Securitizations. Nomura Securities, RBS Securities, NAA, and NHELI negligently breached their duty to provide such information to the GSEs by instead making to the GSEs untrue statements of material facts in the Securitizations, or otherwise misrepresenting to the GSEs material facts about the Securitizations. The misrepresentations are set forth in Section IV above, and include misrepresentations as to the accuracy of the represented credit ratings, compliance with underwriting guidelines for the mortgage loans, and the accuracy of the owner-occupancy statistics and the loan-to-value ratios applicable to the Securitizations, as disclosed in the term sheets and Prospectus Supplements.
- 254. In addition, having made actual representations about the underlying collateral in the Securitizations and the facts bearing on the riskiness of the Certificates, Nomura Securities, RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich), NAA, and NHELI had a duty to correct misimpressions left by their statements, including with respect to any "half truths." The GSEs were entitled to rely upon these Defendants' representations about the Securitizations, and these Defendants failed to correct in a timely manner any of their misstatements or half truths, including misrepresentations as to compliance with underwriting guidelines for the mortgage loans.
- 255. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac purchased the GSE Certificates based upon the representations by Nomura as the sponsor and depositor for the seven Securitizations and as the selling underwriter for two of these Securitizations. Freddie Mac also purchased the GSE

Certificates based upon the representations by RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich), as the lead and selling underwriter for four Securitizations. The GSEs received term sheets containing critical data as to the Securitizations, including with respect to anticipated credit ratings by the credit rating agencies, loan-to-value and combined loan-to-value ratios for the underlying collateral, and owner-occupancy statistics, which term sheets were delivered, upon information and belief, by Nomura and RBS Securities. This data was subsequently incorporated into Prospectus Supplements that were received by the GSEs upon the close of each Securitization.

- 256. The GSEs relied upon the accuracy of the data transmitted to them and subsequently reflected in the Prospectus Supplements. In particular, the GSEs relied upon the credit ratings that the credit rating agencies indicated they would bestow on the Certificates based on the information provided by Nomura Securities, RBS Securities (formerly known as Greenwich), NAA, and NHELI relating to the collateral quality of the underlying loans and the structure of the Securitizations. These credit ratings represented a determination by the credit rating agencies that the GSE Certificates were "AAA" quality (or its equivalent)—meaning the Certificates had an extremely strong capacity to meet the payment obligations described in the respective PSAs.
- 257. Nomura, as sponsor and depositor for the seven Securitizations and selling underwriter for two, provided detailed information about the underlying collateral and structure of each Securitization it sponsored to the credit rating agencies. The credit rating agencies based their ratings on the information provided to them by Nomura, and the agencies' anticipated ratings of the Certificates were dependent on the accuracy of that information. The GSEs relied on the accuracy of the anticipated credit ratings and the actual credit ratings assigned to the

Certificates by the credit rating agencies, and upon the accuracy of Nomura's and RBS Securities' representations in the term sheets and Prospectus Supplements.

- 258. In addition, the GSEs relied on the fact that the originators of the mortgage loans in the Securitizations had acted in conformity with their underwriting guidelines, which were described in the Prospectus Supplements. Compliance with underwriting guidelines was a precondition to the GSE's purchase of the GSE Certificates in that the GSEs' decision to purchase the Certificates was directly premised on their reasonable belief that the originators complied with applicable underwriting guidelines and standards.
- 259. In purchasing the GSE Certificates, the GSEs justifiably relied on Nomura's and RBS Securities' (formerly known as Greenwich) false representations and omissions of material fact detailed above, including the misstatements and omissions in the term sheets about the underlying collateral, which were reflected in the Prospectus Supplements.
- 260. But for the above misrepresentations and omissions, the GSEs would not have purchased or acquired the Certificates as they ultimately did, because those representations and omissions were material to their decision to acquire the GSE Certificates, as described above.
- 261. The GSEs were damaged in an amount to be determined at trial as a direct, proximate, and foreseeable result of these Defendants' misrepresentations, including any half truths.
- 262. This action is brought within three years of the date that the FHFA was appointed as Conservator of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and is thus timely under 12 U.S.C. § 4617(b)(12).

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE Plaintiff prays for relief as follows:

263. An award in favor of Plaintiff against all Defendants, jointly and severally, for all damages sustained as a result of Defendants' wrongdoing, in an amount to be proven at trial, but including:

a. Rescission and recovery of the consideration paid for the GSE Certificates, with interest thereon;

b. Each GSE's monetary losses, including any diminution in value of the GSE Certificates, as well as lost principal and lost interest payments thereon;

- c. Attorneys' fees and costs;
- d. Prejudgment interest at the maximum legal rate; and
- e. Such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

264. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38(b), Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues triable by jury.

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