

Count 22

(Claim for Negligence and Breach of Duty of Care Against Van Dellen, Shellem and Koon Related to the Underwriting, Administration, Extension and Modification of a Loan to Apple Valley Homes 130, LLC for the Apple Valley 130 Project)

286. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges each of the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 285 of this complaint, as though fully set forth herein.

287. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon approved a loan to Apple Valley Homes 130, LLC for a project known as Apple Valley 130. This A&D loan was entered into on July 6, 2006, and provided financing for a 129-lot-subdivision project located in Apple Valley, California. The property was vacant land that had an approved tentative map. The borrower intended to complete site development by December of 2006, at which time the borrower would secure a construction loan to finance the construction of 129 homes. The 12-month loan term was requested as a buffer for potential development delays. The loan commitment totaled \$13,445,000. Losses on this loan are estimated to exceed \$6.5 million.

288. The CAM stated that the borrower only wanted an A&D loan because the cash equity requirement was \$4 million less than an AD&C loan. This project was located adjacent to the borrower's 26-unit project known as Apple Valley 26. While the floor plans for the two projects were identical, the homes in Apple Valley 130 appraised higher because they were part of a gated community, and because of market appreciation. Apple Valley 130, LLC was a project-specific-California-limited-liability company formed on April 25, 2005. The members of Apple Valley 130 LLC consisted of: (1) The Price Group – Member with 51% interest; (2) McComic Consolidated, Inc. – Member and Manager with 30.6% interest; (3) Allen Weingarten, member with 17.8% interest; (4) Weitzen Trust, member with 2.0% interest.

289. The primary source of repayment of this loan was to be a construction loan from IndyMac or another financial institution. The secondary source of repayment of this

1 loan was stated to be the financial support of McComic Consolidated, Inc. and McComic.

2 290. Approval of a final map was delayed and lot development did not begin until
3 March 2007. On July 27, 2007, a first letter agreement was executed that extended this
4 loan's maturity to October 5, 2007. It also required that monthly interest be paid from the
5 interest reserve until depleted, at which time the interest reserve would be replenished
6 from contingency loan funds.

7 291. On September 27, 2007, an updated appraisal revealed an impairment based
8 on the "as-is" value totaling \$5,610,000. This loan matured on October 5, 2007.
9 On December 7, 2007, the borrower executed a forbearance agreement that expired on
10 February 5, 2008. The loan maturity was not extended and the loan commitment was
11 collapsed and reduced to \$12,269,346. On January 9, 2008, a notice of default was filed,
12 and HBD subsequently foreclosed on the property. The unpaid balance at the time of
13 foreclosure was \$10,762,968, and the foreclosure bid was \$2,491,360. Thus, the initial
14 charge off was \$8,271,608. HBD subsequently sold the Bank owned property ("REO")
15 for \$4,242,774, which resulted in a net gain on sale of \$1,751,414. Thus, the net loss was
16 \$6,520,194.

17 292. Van Dellen, Shellem and Koon approved, renewed and/or extended this loan
18 despite substantial known risks and or risks that should have been known in the exercise
19 of due diligence. These risks include, but are not limited, to the following:

20 a. This loan contemplated repayment by a construction loan up to one
21 year after approval. The substantial competition in the market area and the added
22 risk attributable to deteriorating market conditions resulting from a prolonged loan
23 commitment were significant. It was unrealistic for Van Dellen, Shellem, and
24 Koon to expect repayment by a subsequent construction loan. In fact, the
25 appraisal projected 18.43 months of supply for this 129-unit project, which
26 translated to at least two years to build and sell the project. The size of the project
27 was itself a policy exception for which no mitigant was provided.

1 b. The CAM notes that there were a total of 666 lots/units that were
2 unsold, unreleased, or would be developed and sold over the ensuing two to three
3 years in Apple Valley and Hesperia. That sum included the 156 units being
4 developed by McComic in the two Apple Valley projects. These units would
5 constitute competition, which would have an adverse effect on absorption and
6 pricing.

7 c. The project's average appraised price placed it at the higher price
8 point for the market area. This would also have adversely impacted absorption.

9 d. The project violated HBD's credit policy as it had a low 2.58% profit
10 margin, which provided little flexibility for the borrower to reduce prices if the
11 market declined and the borrower was unable to repay this loan with a subsequent
12 construction loan.

13 e. The assigned credit officer noted that this loan had high advance rates
14 for lots that were designated for move-up housing.

15 f. Terwilliger noted that the CAM stated that the project was located in a
16 commuter market in order to inform the Junior Loan Committee of this weakness.
17 Terwilliger stated that if the market changed, one of the first markets to get hit
18 would have been a commuter market.

19 g. McComic and McComic Consolidated had 1,122 units in their
20 portfolio. Including the subject loan, and the 14 existing projects in McComic's
21 portfolio, McComic had remaining commitments of approximately \$265.9 million,
22 with approximately \$135.9 million outstanding. Of the \$265.9 million, \$234.9
23 million had recourse to McComic. The borrower's and guarantors' total assets
24 were \$250.1 million, total liabilities were \$155.6 million, and net worth totaled
25 \$94.5 million. Thus, the sponsorship was heavily leveraged, and did not offer a
26 meaningful secondary source of repayment. While the CAM attempts to mitigate
27 McComic's contingent liabilities by pointing to \$13.9 million in cash and
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1 marketable securities, those liquid assets had actually declined nearly \$7 million
2 over the past four months. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon did not appear to
3 recognize the borrower's and guarantors' deteriorating financial condition at the
4 time they approved this A&D loan.

5 h. The borrower had to rely on The Price Group to provide a substantial
6 portion of the cash equity required for the project. The Price Group was the 51%
7 owner of the borrower entity and controlled the borrower LLC such that it had the
8 power to remove the manager, McComic Consolidated, at any time with or without
9 cause. Despite the substantial control maintained by The Price Group, no financial
10 analysis or relationship analysis of The Price Group was conducted by HBD. In
11 addition, Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon violated HBD credit policy by not
12 requiring a personal guarantee from The Price Group; The Price Group was not a
13 signatory on the promissory note, the building loan agreement, or the deed of trust.
14 In fact, Terwilliger commented that The Price Group was not even asked to
15 guarantee this loan. The financial analyst on this transaction, James Pham, noted
16 that HBD would ordinarily not make a loan if the controlling interest of the LLC
17 was not guaranteeing the loan because it was a matter of "prudent underwriting."

18 i. Van Dellen, Koon, and Shellem established a minimum-net-worth
19 covenant of \$7.5 million, which was low given the stated net worth of the borrower
20 and guarantor at underwriting totaling \$94.5 million.

21 j. The CAM noted that of the combined net worth of \$94.5 million for
22 the borrower and guarantors, the investors' share was \$37.6 million, which
23 understated leverage if the investors' share was treated as liabilities.

24 k. The borrower was heavily concentrated in the Riverside Desert
25 submarket, which increased risk to the Bank. The financial analyst for this loan
26 noted that HBD was aware of McComic's high concentration in the submarket at
27 the time this loan was originated.

1 293. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon knew, or in the exercise of due diligence
2 should have known, that their practices and the practices of IndyMac's employees who
3 reported to them and over whom they exercised supervisory control, were improper,
4 imprudent, and harmful to IndyMac. The negligence and breaches of duty by Van
5 Dellen, Shellem, and Koon in regard to this loan include, but are not limited to, the
6 following:

7 a. Causing or allowing a loan to be made to a borrower and guarantors
8 who were or should have been known to be not creditworthy and/or in financial
9 difficulty.

10 b. Causing or allowing a loan to be made in violation of applicable laws,
11 regulations, and/or HBD's internal policies.

12 c. Causing or allowing a loan to be made with inadequate or inaccurate
13 financial information regarding the creditworthiness of the borrower and/or
14 guarantor, and the prospective source of repayment, and the security provided for
15 the loans.

16 d. Causing or allowing a loan to be made where one or more of the
17 sources of repayment of the loan were not likely to be sufficient to fully retire the
18 debt.

19 e. Causing or allowing a loan to be made without taking proper and
20 reasonable steps to insure that the loan proceeds would be used in accordance with
21 the loan application and failing to control the disbursement of loan proceeds.

22 f. Causing or allowing a loan to be renewed or extended to borrowers
23 who were not creditworthy or were known to be in financial difficulty and without
24 any reduction in principal and without taking proper steps to obtain security or
25 otherwise protect the Bank's interests.

26 g. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
27 despite poor and deteriorating market conditions.

1 h. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
2 despite the Bank having a high geographic concentration of loans in the same
3 market.

4 k. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed or extended despite
5 the borrower having a high geographic concentration of property in the same
6 market.

7 l. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed or extended where
8 there was very little likelihood of the loan repaying within the term of the loan.

9 294. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon as officers, owed IndyMac the obligation to
10 exercise the degree of care, skill and diligence that ordinarily prudent persons in like
11 positions would use under similar circumstances in the management, supervision and
12 conduct of IndyMac's business and financial affairs.

13 295. By their actions and inactions, as generally and specifically described above,
14 Defendants failed and neglected to perform their duties properly as officers of IndyMac
15 and breached their fiduciary duties of care to IndyMac.

16 296. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and breach of fiduciary
17 duties of Defendants, Plaintiff has suffered losses and other compensatory and
18 consequential damages, in amounts to be established at trial.

19 297. With respect to all of their actions and inactions in managing and
20 administering the affairs of IndyMac, Defendants pursued a common plan or design with
21 each other, and therefore are jointly and severally liable for all losses.

22 **Count 23**

23 **(Claim for Negligence and Breach of Duty of Care Against Van Dellen and**
24 **Rothman Related to the Underwriting, Administration, Extension and Modification**
25 **of a Loan to Lancaster Fields 35, LLC for the Lancaster 35 Project)**

26 298. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges each of the allegations in
27 paragraphs 1 through 297 of this complaint, as though fully set forth herein.

1 299. Van Dellen and Rothman approved a loan to Lancaster Fields 35 for a
2 project known as Lancaster 35. This loan was entered into on February 5, 2007, and
3 provided financing for a 35-lot-subdivision project located in Lancaster, California. This
4 loan funded the land purchase, soft costs including architecture and engineering
5 (\$100,000), property taxes and insurance (\$20,059), and other miscellaneous costs
6 (\$43,750). Thus, while there were a few development aspects to this loan, it was
7 underwritten as a land acquisition loan. Approval of the final map was expected in April
8 of 2008. The loan had a 12-month term. The loan commitment totaled \$2 million and
9 losses on this loan are estimated to exceed \$1 million.

10 300. The primary source of repayment of this loan was to be a highly speculative
11 development and construction loan from IndyMac. The secondary source of repayment
12 of this loan was stated to be the financial support of the guarantors.

13 301. An appraisal reported dated December 5, 2007 provided an “as-is” value of
14 \$450,000. A notice of default was recorded on March 11, 2008. HBD subsequently sold
15 the note for this loan. The outstanding loan balance on the date of sale was
16 \$1,685,222.31, and the sale price was \$615,849. Thus, the net loss on sale was
17 \$1,079,373.31.

18 302. Van Dellen and Rothman approved, renewed and/or extended this loan
19 despite substantial known risks and or risks that should have been known in the exercise
20 of due diligence. These risks include, but are not limited, to the following:

21 a. The CAM stated that new home sales in the Antelope Valley plunged
22 in the third quarter of 2006, falling to just one third of its level from the prior year.
23 At the same time, the number of active projects rose from 58 to 79. The absorption
24 rate dropped from 7.3 units per month to 1.8 units per month, and there were 17.5
25 months of supply in the project’s submarket. The CAM noted that the market had
26 slowed significantly in recent months, which resulted in reduced demand for lots
27 and lower land values. The account officer observed that the market area was very
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1 slow in sales and highly competitive. These deteriorating market conditions
2 rendered Van Dellen's and Rothman's decision to approve a loan that was to be
3 repaid by a subsequent development and construction loan highly suspect.

4 b. The "as-is" value for this loan was 76.2%, which violated the 65%
5 policy limit applicable to land loans. The stated mitigant was a limitation of the
6 acquisition and soft costs (excluding financing costs) to \$1.7 million prior to
7 receipt of the tentative map. While this effectively reduced the advance rate to
8 65%, Van Dellen's and Rothman's decision to approve a land loan at the
9 maximum advance rate allowable by HBD credit policy given the deteriorating
10 market conditions was irresponsible.

11 c. This loan contemplated repayment by a development and construction
12 loan up to one year after its approval. The deteriorating market conditions and
13 weakening sponsorship rendered it unreasonable for Van Dellen and Rothman to
14 believe that such a loan would be approved in 2008.

15 d. The project violated HBD's credit policy by having a low 0.41%
16 profit margin, which provided little incentive for the borrower to build the project.
17 This was especially true because most of the cash equity came from other sources.

18 e. The project's average price points were in the upper ranges for
19 Antelope Valley, which would likely adversely impact absorption.

20 f. McComic and McComic Consolidated had 1,437 lots in their
21 portfolio. In addition, McComic was in the process of purchasing 468 lots in Cool
22 Springs, Texas, and 175 lots in King City, Oregon. McComic had remaining
23 commitments of approximately \$305.4 million, with approximately \$173.1 million
24 outstanding. In addition, his contingent liabilities totaled nearly \$240 million. Van
25 Dellen and Rothman approved this loan despite a heavily leveraged sponsorship
26 that did not offer a meaningful secondary source of repayment.

1 g. The CAM noted that none of the three other IndyMac financed
2 projects with McComic had started development. Van Dellen and Rothman failed
3 to take sufficient warning from McComic's failure to perform as expected on these
4 other projects.

5 h. The borrower had to rely on an investor and second trust deed lender
6 to provide the bulk of the cash equity required for this loan. The borrower was
7 heavily concentrated in the Riverside Desert submarket which, according to the
8 CAM, had 39.1 months of supply during the third quarter of 2006.

9 i. Van Dellen and Rothman approved this loan without any covenants
10 related to net worth, liquidity, or financial reporting.

11 303. Van Dellen and Rothman knew, or in the exercise of due diligence should
12 have known, that their practices and the practices of IndyMac's employees who reported
13 to them and over whom they exercised supervisory control, were improper, imprudent,
14 and harmful to IndyMac. The negligence and breaches of duty by Van Dellen and
15 Rothman in regard to this loan include, but are not limited to, the following:

16 a. Causing or allowing a loan to be made to a borrower and guarantors
17 who were or should have been known to be not creditworthy and/or in financial
18 difficulty.

19 b. Causing or allowing a loan to be made in violation of applicable laws,
20 regulations, and/or HBD's internal policies.

21 c. Causing or allowing a loan to be made with inadequate or inaccurate
22 financial information regarding the creditworthiness of the borrower and/or
23 guarantor, and the prospective source of repayment, and the security provided for
24 the loans.

25 d. Causing or allowing a loan to be made where one or more of the
26 sources of repayment of the loan were not likely to be sufficient to fully retire the
27 debt.

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1 e. Causing or allowing a loan to be made without taking proper and
2 reasonable steps to insure that the loan proceeds would be used in accordance with
3 the loan application and failing to control the disbursement of loan proceeds.

4 f. Causing or allowing a loan to be renewed or extended to borrowers
5 who were not creditworthy or were known to be in financial difficulty and without
6 any reduction in principal and without taking proper steps to obtain security or
7 otherwise protect the Bank's interests.

8 g. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
9 despite poor and deteriorating market conditions.

10 h. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
11 despite the Bank having a high geographic concentration of loans in the same
12 market.

13 j. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed or extended despite
14 the borrower having a high geographic concentration of property in the same
15 market.

16 k. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed or extended where
17 there was very little likelihood of the loan repaying within the term of the loan.

18 304. Van Dellen and Rothman as officers, owed IndyMac the obligation to
19 exercise the degree of care, skill and diligence that ordinarily prudent persons in like
20 positions would use under similar circumstances in the management, supervision and
21 conduct of IndyMac's business and financial affairs.

22 305. By their actions and inactions, as generally and specifically described above,
23 Van Dellen and Rothman failed and neglected to perform their duties properly as officers
24 of IndyMac and breached their fiduciary duties of care to IndyMac.

25 306. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and breach of fiduciary
26 duties of Van Dellen and Rothman, Plaintiff has suffered losses and other compensatory
27 and consequential damages, in amounts to be established at trial.

1 support was critical. Yet the guarantors had lower liquidity and lower assets, and
2 their contingent liabilities do not appear to have been analyzed.

3 311. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon knew, or in the exercise of due diligence
4 should have known, that their practices and the practices of IndyMac's employees who
5 reported to them and over whom they exercised supervisory control, were improper,
6 imprudent, and harmful to IndyMac. The negligence and breaches of duty by Van
7 Dellen, Shellem, and Koon in regard to this loan include, but are not limited to, the
8 following:

9 a. Causing or allowing a loan to be made to a borrower and guarantors
10 who were or should have been known to be not creditworthy and/or in financial
11 difficulty.

12 b. Causing or allowing a loan to be made in violation of applicable laws,
13 regulations, and/or HBD's internal policies.

14 c. Causing or allowing a loan to be made with inadequate or inaccurate
15 financial information regarding the creditworthiness of the borrower and/or
16 guarantor, and the prospective source of repayment, and the security provided for
17 the loans.

18 d. Causing or allowing a loan to be made with deficient collateral.

19 e. Causing or allowing a loan to be made where one or more of the
20 sources of repayment of the loan were not likely to be sufficient to fully retire the
21 debt.

22 f. Causing or allowing a loan to be made without taking proper and
23 reasonable steps to insure that the loan proceeds would be used in accordance with
24 the loan application and failing to control the disbursement of loan proceeds.

25 g. Causing or allowing a loan to be made outside the normal and prudent
26 trade areas of the Bank.

27 312. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon, as officers, owed IndyMac the obligation to
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1 exercise the degree of care, skill and diligence that ordinarily prudent persons in like
2 positions would use under similar circumstances in the management, supervision and
3 conduct of IndyMac's business and financial affairs.

4 313. By their actions and inactions, as generally and specifically described above,
5 Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon failed and neglected to perform their duties properly as
6 officers of IndyMac and breached their fiduciary duties of care to IndyMac.

7 314. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and breach of fiduciary
8 duties of Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon, Plaintiff has suffered losses and other
9 compensatory and consequential damages, in amounts to be established at trial.

10 315. With respect to all of their actions and inactions in managing and
11 administering the affairs of IndyMac, Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon pursued a common
12 plan or design with each other, and therefore are jointly and severally liable for all losses.

13 **Count 25**

14 **(Claim for Negligence and Breach of Duty of Care Against Van Dellen, Shellem, and**
15 **Koon Related to the Underwriting and Administration of a Loan to Spring Lake**
16 **Anaheim, LLC for the Spring Lake Project)**

17 316. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges each of the allegations in
18 paragraphs 1 through 315 of this complaint, as though fully set forth herein.

19 317. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon approved a loan to Spring Lake Anaheim,
20 LLC for a project known as Spring Lake. This loan was entered into on June 27, 2006.
21 The loan involved the conversion of 54 apartment units into for-sale condominiums in
22 Anaheim, California. The loan commitment was \$14,960,000 and had a 15-month term.
23 Losses on this loan exceed \$3.1 million.

24 318. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon approved this loan despite substantial
25 known risks and/or risks that should have been known in the exercise of due diligence,
26 including, but not limited to, the following:

27 a. The Southern California real estate market was known by Van Dellen,
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1 Shellem, and Koon to be in decline at the time of loan approval.

2 b. The profit margin on the project was 8.18%, less than the 10%
3 minimum required by HBD policy.

4 c. The initial loan advance for the acquisition of the apartments
5 exceeded that which was allowed under HBD's credit policies such that the "as-is"
6 apartment value of the project would not provide adequate debt coverage.

7 d. The borrower's principals had limited condominium conversion
8 experience and less than the minimum experience of five years required by HBD
9 policy.

10 e. The final tract map for the project was not expected until early 2007,
11 well over six months after loan origination.

12 f. The borrower was a single-purpose entity, so guarantor financial
13 support was critical. Yet the guarantors had lower liquidity and lower assets, and
14 their contingent liabilities do not appear to have been analyzed.

15 319. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon knew, or in the exercise of due diligence
16 should have known, that their practices and the practices of IndyMac's employees who
17 reported to them and over whom they exercised supervisory control, were improper,
18 imprudent, and harmful to IndyMac. The negligence and breaches of duty by Van
19 Dellen, Shellem, and Koon in regard to this loan include, but are not limited to, the
20 following:

21 a. Causing or allowing a loan to be made to a borrower and guarantors
22 who were or should have been known to be not creditworthy and/or in financial
23 difficulty.

24 b. Causing or allowing a loan to be made in violation of applicable laws,
25 regulations, and/or HBD's internal policies.

26 c. Causing or allowing a loan to be made with inadequate or inaccurate
27 financial information regarding the creditworthiness of the borrower and/or
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1 guarantor, and the prospective source of repayment, and the security provided for
2 the loans.

3 d. Causing or allowing a loan to be made with deficient collateral.

4 e. Causing or allowing a loan to be made where one or more of the
5 sources of repayment of the loan were not likely to be sufficient to fully retire the
6 debt.

7 f. Causing or allowing a loan to be made without taking proper and
8 reasonable steps to insure that the loan proceeds would be used in accordance with
9 the loan application and failing to control the disbursement of loan proceeds.

10 g. Causing or allowing a loan to be made outside the normal and prudent
11 trade areas of the Bank.

12 h. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
13 despite poor and deteriorating market conditions.

14 320. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon, as officers, owed IndyMac the obligation to
15 exercise the degree of care, skill and diligence that ordinarily prudent persons in like
16 positions would use under similar circumstances in the management, supervision and
17 conduct of IndyMac's business and financial affairs.

18 321. By their actions and inactions, as generally and specifically described above,
19 Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon failed and neglected to perform their duties properly as
20 officers of IndyMac and breached their fiduciary duties of care to IndyMac.

21 322. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and breach of fiduciary
22 duties of Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon, Plaintiff has suffered losses and other
23 compensatory and consequential damages, in amounts to be established at trial.

24 323. With respect to all of their actions and inactions in managing and
25 administering the affairs of IndyMac, Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon pursued a common
26 plan or design with each other, and therefore are jointly and severally liable for all losses.

1 d. A directly competing project less than half a mile away was an
2 IndyMac-financed project under development by Corinthian Homes, whose
3 principal, Christo Bardis, was also the principal and guarantor of the borrower,
4 creating a scenario where two HBD clients were competing against each other and
5 resulting in an unreasonably high concentration of future home supply to a
6 relatively sparse local population.

7 e. The loan term was nearly double the HBD policy maximum of 12
8 months for A&D loans, creating a risk that the extended term would lead to
9 delayed construction and sale of the planned single-family residences.

10 f. The total amount of IndyMac loans to the two key principals of the
11 borrower (who were also the loan guarantors) equaled approximately \$145 million,
12 far exceeding the standard HBD policy maximum of loans to one borrower of \$30
13 million.

14 g. Financial information for the two guarantors was not consolidated and
15 was comprised of many inter-related partnerships and limited liability companies,
16 making it difficult to accurately evaluate the guarantors' true financial strength and
17 liquidity. Further, financial statements for the guarantors were at least one-year
18 old.

19 h. The liquidity of the two guarantors was extremely low, with one
20 guarantor having a liquidity-to-debt ratio of .01:1 and the other at .00:1. One
21 guarantor had a very low credit score that fell well below HBD policy. The
22 principal guarantor was heavily invested in land throughout Sacramento and its
23 surrounding areas, including riskier raw and unentitled land assets, leaving him
24 particularly susceptible to a market slow down.

25 i. The combined liquidity covenant of \$1 million for each of the loan
26 guarantors was very low, especially given the significant financial obligations they
27 had undertaken, which as of June 20, 2005 included over \$330 million in
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1 contingent liabilities. The account officer conceded that a \$5 million liquidity
2 covenant for each guarantor would have been better.

3 j. The loan guarantee included language that arguably could be
4 interpreted to actually extinguish the guarantee and render it totally ineffective as a
5 means of enforcing a second source of repayment.

6 k. The account officer conceded that if there was a downturn in the real
7 estate market, the guarantors would be unable to repay the loan.

8 327. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon knew, or in the exercise of due diligence
9 should have known, that their practices and the practices of IndyMac's employees who
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21 guarantor, and the prospective source of repayment, and the security provided for
22 the loans.

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24 sources of repayment of the loan were not likely to be sufficient to fully retire the
25 debt.

26 e. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, extended, and/or renewed with
27 inadequate or problematic appraisals.

1 f. Causing or allowing a loan to be made without taking proper and
2 reasonable steps to insure that the loan proceeds would be used in accordance with
3 the loan application and failing to control the disbursement of loan proceeds.

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Count 27

(Claim for Negligence and Breach of Duty of Care Against Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon Related to the Underwriting and Administration of a Loan to Reynen & Bardis (Oak Valley) L.P. for the Oak Valley Project)

332. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges each of the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 331 of this complaint, as though fully set forth herein.

333. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon approved a loan to Reynen & Bardis (Oak Valley) L.P. for a project known as Oak Valley. This loan was entered into on March 29, 2006. The loan involved the acquisition and development of 161 single-family-residence lots and a 132-unit-multi-family site located in Chico, California. The lots were to be used to construct 161 single family residences for eventual sale. The loan commitment totaled nearly \$16.7 million and had an initial 16-month term. Losses on this loan are nearly \$3.5 million.

334. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon approved this loan despite substantial known risks and/or risks that should have been known in the exercise of due diligence, including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Home prices had more than doubled in Chico since 2001, and the average sales price at the time of loan origination of \$339,242 had led many potential home buyers to decide to rent instead, creating a risk that the lots and homes to be developed would not sell well enough to repay the loan.
- b. New home sales in Chico had slowed by nearly 50% at the time of loan approval.
- c. The total number of units to be developed was 293 units, more than double HBD's policy maximum of 125 units, resulting in a project that was more susceptible to a lengthy absorption process.
- d. The project only had a proposed tentative tract map, and the borrower planned to seek an amendment to the tentative map with uncertain approval of such

1 a request or the final map.

2 e. The loan term exceeded the HBD policy maximum of 12 months for
3 A&D loans, creating a risk that the extended term would lead to delayed
4 construction and sale of the planned single family residences.

5 f. There was a significant risk that the loan term would expire long
6 before the planned home sales would be completed and the loan could be paid off.

7 g. The total amount of IndyMac loans to the two key principals of the
8 borrower (who were also the loan guarantors) equaled approximately \$145 million,
9 far exceeding the standard HBD policy maximum of loans to one borrower of \$30
10 million.

11 h. Financial information for the two guarantors was not consolidated and
12 was comprised of many inter-related partnerships and limited liability companies,
13 making it difficult to accurately evaluate the guarantors' true financial strength and
14 liquidity.

15 i. The liquidity of the two guarantors was extremely low, with one
16 guarantor having a liquidity to debt ratio of .01:1 and the other at .00:1. One
17 guarantor had a very low credit score that fell well below the HBD policy
18 minimum score.

19 j. The combined liquidity covenant of \$1 million for each of the loan
20 guarantors was very low, especially given the significant financial obligations they
21 had undertaken, which as of June 20, 2005 included over \$330 million in
22 contingent liabilities. The account officer conceded that a \$5 million liquidity
23 covenant for each guarantor would have been better.

24 k. The loan guarantee included language that arguably could be
25 interpreted to actually extinguish the guarantee and render it totally ineffective as a
26 means of enforcing a second source of repayment.

27 l. The account officer conceded that if there was a downturn in the real
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1 estate market, the guarantors would be unable to repay the loan.

2 335. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon knew, or in the exercise of due diligence
3 should have known, that their practices and the practices of IndyMac's employees who
4 reported to them and over whom they exercised supervisory control, were improper,
5 imprudent, and harmful to IndyMac. The negligence and breaches of duty by Van
6 Dellen, Shellem, and Koon in regard to this loan include, but are not limited to, the
7 following:

8 a. Causing or allowing a loan to be made to a borrower and guarantors
9 who were or should have been known to be not creditworthy and/or in financial
10 difficulty.

11 b. Causing or allowing a loan to be made in violation of applicable laws,
12 regulations, and/or HBD's internal policies.

13 c. Causing or allowing a loan to be made with inadequate or inaccurate
14 financial information regarding the creditworthiness of the borrower and/or
15 guarantor, and the prospective source of repayment, and the security provided for
16 the loans.

17 d. Causing or allowing a loan to be made where one or more of the
18 sources of repayment of the loan were not likely to be sufficient to fully retire the
19 debt.

20 e. Causing or allowing a loan to be made without taking proper and
21 reasonable steps to insure that the loan proceeds would be used in accordance with
22 the loan application and failing to control the disbursement of loan proceeds.

23 f. Causing or allowing a loan to be made outside the normal and prudent
24 trade areas of the Bank.

25 g. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
26 despite poor and deteriorating market conditions.

27 h. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed or extended where
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1 there was very little likelihood of the loan repaying within the term of the loan.

2 336. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon, as officers, owed IndyMac the obligation to
3 exercise the degree of care, skill and diligence that ordinarily prudent persons in like
4 positions would use under similar circumstances in the management, supervision and
5 conduct of IndyMac's business and financial affairs.

6 337. By their actions and inactions, as generally and specifically described above,
7 Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon failed and neglected to perform their duties properly as
8 officers of IndyMac and breached their fiduciary duties of care to IndyMac.

9 338. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and breach of fiduciary
10 duties of Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon, Plaintiff has suffered losses and other
11 compensatory and consequential damages, in amounts to be established at trial.

12 339. With respect to all of their actions and inactions in managing and
13 administering the affairs of IndyMac, Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon pursued a common
14 plan or design with each other, and therefore are jointly and severally liable for all losses.

15 **Count 28**

16 **(Claim for Negligence and Breach of Duty of Care Against Van Dellen, Shellem, and**
17 **Koon Related to the Underwriting and Administration of Three Loans to Reynen &**
18 **Bardis Communities, Inc. for the Edgewater Unit 13, 14 & 15 Project)**

19 340. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges each of the allegations in
20 paragraphs 1 through 339 of this complaint, as though fully set forth herein.

21 341. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon approved three loans to Reynen & Bardis
22 Communities, Inc. for a project known as Edgewater Unit 13, 14 & 15. These loans were
23 entered into on April 18, 2006 and March 29, 2007. The loans involved the acquisition
24 and development of 165 single-family-residence lots in Linda, California, which is
25 located approximately a one-hour drive from Sacramento, and the construction of 165
26 single-family residences on those lots for eventual sale. The total loan commitment for
27 the three loans was just under \$48 million, and the first two loans had an initial 15-month
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1 term while the third loan had a term of 14 months. Losses on these three loans exceed
2 \$5.3 million.

3 342. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon approved these loans despite substantial
4 known risks and/or risks that should have been known in the exercise of due diligence,
5 including, but not limited to, the following:

6 a. The Sacramento market was extremely overheated, with prices having
7 increased nearly 70% over a four-year period, and there were clear signs at the
8 time of the loan approval that sales were slowing.

9 b. Linda was an outlying community located nearly one hour outside of
10 downtown Sacramento and thus extremely susceptible to a slowing market.

11 c. Although the project site was located over an hour's drive from
12 Sacramento, the market conditions analyzed were for the Sacramento region, not
13 the more relevant immediate area around Linda.

14 d. A directly competing project less than half a mile away was an
15 IndyMac-financed project under development by Corinthian Homes, whose
16 principal, Christo Bardis, was also the principal and guarantor of the borrower,
17 creating a scenario where two HBD clients were competing against each other and
18 resulting in an unreasonably high concentration of future home supply to a
19 relatively sparse local population.

20 e. In violation of HBD policy, the borrower was to receive cash in
21 excess of project costs upon closing and funding of the loan.

22 f. The loan term for the loan originated in March 2007 was to expire
23 approximately 15 months before the loan was projected to be paid off.

24 g. The total amount of IndyMac loans to the two key principals of the
25 borrower (who were also the loan guarantors) equaled approximately \$145 million,
26 far exceeding the standard HBD policy maximum of loans to one borrower of \$30
27 million.

1 h. Financial information for the two guarantors was not consolidated and
2 was comprised of many inter-related partnerships and limited liability companies,
3 making it difficult to accurately evaluate the guarantors' true financial strength and
4 liquidity.

5 i. The liquidity of the two guarantors was extremely low, with one
6 guarantor having a liquidity to debt ratio of .01:1 and the other at .00:1. One
7 guarantor had a very low credit score that fell well below the HBD policy
8 minimum score. The principal guarantor was heavily invested in land throughout
9 Sacramento and its surrounding areas, including riskier raw and unentitled land
10 assets, leaving him particularly susceptible to a market slow down.

11 j. The combined liquidity covenant of \$1 million for each of the loan
12 guarantors was very low, especially given the significant financial obligations they
13 had undertaken, which as of loan approval included over \$500 million in
14 contingent liabilities. The account officer conceded that a \$5 million liquidity
15 covenant for each guarantor would have been better.

16 k. The loan guarantee included language that arguably could be
17 interpreted to actually extinguish the guarantee and render it totally ineffective as a
18 means of enforcing a second source of repayment.

19 l. The account officer conceded that if there was a downturn in the real
20 estate market, the guarantors would be unable to repay the loan.

21 343. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon knew, or in the exercise of due diligence
22 should have known, that their practices and the practices of IndyMac's employees who
23 reported to them and over whom they exercised supervisory control, were improper,
24 imprudent, and harmful to IndyMac. The negligence and breaches of duty by Van
25 Dellen, Shellem, and Koon in regard to these loans include, but are not limited to, the
26 following:

27 a. Causing or allowing a loan to be made to a borrower and guarantors
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1 who were or should have been known to be not creditworthy and/or in financial
2 difficulty.

3 b. Causing or allowing a loan to be made in violation of applicable laws,
4 regulations, and/or HBD's internal policies.

5 c. Causing or allowing a loan to be made with inadequate or inaccurate
6 financial information regarding the creditworthiness of the borrower and/or
7 guarantor, and the prospective source of repayment, and the security provided for
8 the loans.

9 d. Causing or allowing a loan to be made where one or more of the
10 sources of repayment of the loan were not likely to be sufficient to fully retire the
11 debt.

12 e. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, extended, and/or renewed with
13 inadequate or problematic appraisals.

14 f. Causing or allowing a loan to be made without taking proper and
15 reasonable steps to insure that the loan proceeds would be used in accordance with
16 the loan application and failing to control the disbursement of loan proceeds.

17 g. Causing or allowing a loan to be made outside the normal and prudent
18 trade areas of the Bank.

19 h. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
20 despite poor and deteriorating market conditions.

21 i. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
22 despite the Bank having a high geographic concentration of loans in the same
23 market.

24 j. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed or extended despite
25 the borrower having a high geographic concentration of property in the same
26 market.

27 k. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed or extended where
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1 there was very little likelihood of the loan repaying within the term of the loan.

2 344. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon, as officers, owed IndyMac the obligation to
3 exercise the degree of care, skill and diligence that ordinarily prudent persons in like
4 positions would use under similar circumstances in the management, supervision and
5 conduct of IndyMac's business and financial affairs.

6 345. By their actions and inactions, as generally and specifically described above,
7 Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon failed and neglected to perform their duties properly as
8 officers of IndyMac and breached their fiduciary duties of care to IndyMac.

9 346. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and breach of fiduciary
10 duties of Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon, Plaintiff has suffered losses and other
11 compensatory and consequential damages, in amounts to be established at trial.

12 347. With respect to all of their actions and inactions in managing and
13 administering the affairs of IndyMac, Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon pursued a common
14 plan or design with each other, and therefore are jointly and severally liable for all losses.

15 **Count 29**

16 **(Claim for Negligence and Breach of Duty of Care Against Van Dellen, Shellem and**
17 **Rothman Related to the Underwriting and Administration of Two Loans to Reynen**
18 **& Bardis Communities, Inc. for the Arbors at Edgewater Project)**

19 348. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges each of the allegations in
20 paragraphs 1 through 347 of this complaint, as though fully set forth herein.

21 349. Van Dellen, Shellem and Rothman approved two loans to Reynen & Bardis
22 Communities, Inc. for a project known as Arbors at Edgewater. These loans were
23 entered into on November 30, 2006 and July 26, 2007. The loans involved the
24 acquisition and development of 77 single-family-residence lots in Linda, California,
25 which is located approximately a one-hour drive from Sacramento, and the construction
26 of 77 single-family residences on those lots for eventual sale. The total loan commitment
27 for the two loans was \$15,775,000, and the first loan had an initial 19-month term while
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1 the second loan had a term of 11 months. Losses on these two loans are nearly \$2.8
2 million.

3 350. Van Dellen, Shellem and Rothman approved these loans despite substantial
4 known risks and/or risks that should have been known in the exercise of due diligence,
5 including, but not limited to, the following:

6 a. The Sacramento market was extremely overheated, with prices having
7 increased nearly 70% over a four-year period, and there were clear signs at the
8 time of the loan approval that sales were slowing, including evidence that many
9 new home builders were offering buyer incentives to sell the built-up inventory of
10 homes in the area.

11 b. Linda was an outlying community located nearly one hour outside of
12 downtown Sacramento and thus extremely susceptible to a slowing market.

13 c. Although the project site was located over an hour's drive from
14 Sacramento, the market conditions analyzed were for the Sacramento region, not
15 the more relevant immediate area around Linda.

16 d. A directly competing project less than half a mile away was an
17 IndyMac-financed project under development by Corinthian Homes, whose
18 principal, Christo Bardis, was also the principal and guarantor of the borrower,
19 creating a scenario where two HBD clients were competing against each other and
20 resulting in an unreasonably high concentration of future home supply to a
21 relatively sparse local population.

22 e. The loan term for the loan originated in July 2007 was to expire
23 approximately 13 months before the loan was projected to be paid off.

24 f. The total amount of IndyMac loans to the two key principals of the
25 borrower (who were also the loan guarantors) equaled approximately \$145 million,
26 far exceeding the standard HBD policy maximum of loans to one borrower of \$30
27 million.

1 g. Financial information for the two guarantors was not consolidated and
2 was comprised of many inter-related partnerships and limited liability companies,
3 making it difficult to accurately evaluate the guarantors' true financial strength and
4 liquidity.

5 h. The financial information reported for the two guarantors at the time
6 of loan approval in November 2006 was stale because it only went back to June 30,
7 2005, which violated HBD policy requiring personal financial statements to be
8 dated within 12 months of a credit request. This was particularly troublesome
9 given the already very low liquidity of the guarantors.

10 i. The liquidity of the two guarantors was extremely low, with one
11 guarantor having a liquidity to debt ratio of .01:1 and the other at .00:1. One
12 guarantor had a very low credit score that fell well below HBD policy. The
13 principal guarantor was heavily invested in land throughout Sacramento and its
14 surrounding areas, including riskier raw and unentitled land assets, leaving him
15 particularly susceptible to a market slow down.

16 j. The combined liquidity covenant of \$1 million for each of the loan
17 guarantors was very low, especially given the significant financial obligations they
18 had undertaken, which as of loan approval included over \$565 million in
19 contingent liabilities. The account officer conceded that a \$5 million liquidity
20 covenant for each guarantor would have been better.

21 k. The loan guarantee included language that arguably could be
22 interpreted to actually extinguish the guarantee and render it totally ineffective as a
23 means of enforcing a second source of repayment.

24 l. The account officer conceded that if there was a downturn in the real
25 estate market, the guarantors would be unable to repay the loan.

26 351. Van Dellen, Shellem and Rothman knew, or in the exercise of due diligence
27 should have known, that their practices and the practices of IndyMac's employees who
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1 reported to them and over whom they exercised supervisory control, were improper,
2 imprudent, and harmful to IndyMac. The negligence and breaches of duty by Van
3 Dellen, Shellem and Rothman in regard to these loans include, but are not limited to, the
4 following:

- 5 a. Causing or allowing a loan to be made to a borrower and guarantors
6 who were or should have been known to be not creditworthy and/or in financial
7 difficulty.
- 8 b. Causing or allowing a loan to be made in violation of applicable laws,
9 regulations, and/or HBD's internal policies.
- 10 c. Causing or allowing a loan to be made with inadequate or inaccurate
11 financial information regarding the creditworthiness of the borrower and/or
12 guarantor, and the prospective source of repayment, and the security provided for
13 the loans.
- 14 d. Causing or allowing a loan to be made where one or more of the
15 sources of repayment of the loan were not likely to be sufficient to fully retire the
16 debt.
- 17 e. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, extended, and/or renewed with
18 inadequate or problematic appraisals.
- 19 f. Causing or allowing a loan to be made without taking proper and
20 reasonable steps to insure that the loan proceeds would be used in accordance with
21 the loan application and failing to control the disbursement of loan proceeds.
- 22 g. Causing or allowing a loan to be made outside the normal and prudent
23 trade areas of the Bank.
- 24 h. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
25 despite poor and deteriorating market conditions.
- 26 i. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
27 despite the Bank having a high geographic concentration of loans in the same
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1 market.

2 j. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed or extended despite
3 the borrower having a high geographic concentration of property in the same
4 market.

5 k. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed or extended where
6 there was very little likelihood of the loan repaying within the term of the loan.

7 352. Van Dellen, Shellem and Rothman, as officers, owed IndyMac the
8 obligation to exercise the degree of care, skill and diligence that ordinarily prudent
9 persons in like positions would use under similar circumstances in the management,
10 supervision and conduct of IndyMac's business and financial affairs.

11 353. By their actions and inactions, as generally and specifically described above,
12 Van Dellen, Shellem and Rothman failed and neglected to perform their duties properly
13 as officers of IndyMac and breached their fiduciary duties of care to IndyMac.

14 354. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and breach of fiduciary
15 duties of Van Dellen, Shellem and Rothman, Plaintiff has suffered losses and other
16 compensatory and consequential damages, in amounts to be established at trial.

17 355. With respect to all of their actions and inactions in managing and
18 administering the affairs of IndyMac, Van Dellen, Shellem and Rothman pursued a
19 common plan or design with each other, and therefore are jointly and severally liable for
20 all losses.

21 **Count 30**

22 **(Claim for Negligence and Breach of Duty of Care Against Van Dellen, Shellem and**
23 **Rothman Related to the Underwriting and Administration of a Loan to Riverpark**
24 **Properties, LLC for the River Park at Dayton Project)**

25 356. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges each of the allegations in
26 paragraphs 1 through 355 of this complaint, as though fully set forth herein.

27 357. Van Dellen, Shellem and Rothman approved a loan to Riverpark Properties,
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1 LLC for a project known as River Park at Dayton. This loan was entered into on August
2 31, 2006. The loan involved the acquisition and development of 102 single-family-
3 residence-finished lots and 125 single-family-residence-paper lots in Dayton, Nevada,
4 which is located approximately 20 miles east of Carson City and an hour's drive from
5 Reno. The lots were to be used to construct 227 single-family residences for eventual
6 sale. The total loan commitment was \$13,959,000 and had a 22-month term. Losses on
7 this loan exceed \$6.5 million.

8 358. Van Dellen, Shellem and Rothman approved this loan despite substantial
9 known risks and/or risks that should have been known in the exercise of due diligence,
10 including, but not limited to, the following:

11 a. Home prices had risen 116% in the Reno area since 2001, with an
12 average sales price in early 2006 of \$357,000, causing home sales to slow in the
13 area from 5-15 units per month to 2-8 units per month. In addition, sales rates had
14 declined due to a lack of supply of water.

15 b. Dayton was an outlying community located about an hour outside of
16 downtown Reno and thus extremely susceptible to a slowing market.

17 c. The market conditions analyzed were for the Reno region, not the
18 more relevant immediate area around Dayton including Carson City.

19 d. The total number of units to be developed was 227 units, nearly
20 double the typical HBD policy maximum of 125 units.

21 e. The profit margin on the project was expected to be only 7.6%, below
22 the HBD policy minimum of 10%, and potentially leaving the borrower little room
23 to lower prices in a slowing market.

24 f. The total amount of IndyMac loans to the two key principals of the
25 borrower (who were also the loan guarantors) equaled approximately \$145 million,
26 far exceeding the standard HBD policy maximum of loans to one borrower of \$30
27 million.

1 g. Financial information for the two guarantors was not consolidated and
2 was comprised of many inter-related partnerships and limited liability companies,
3 making it difficult to accurately evaluate the guarantors' true financial strength and
4 liquidity.

5 h. The financial information reported for the two guarantors at the time
6 of loan approval in August 2006 was stale because it only went back to June 30,
7 2005, which violated HBD policy requiring personal financial statements to be
8 dated within 12 months of a credit request. This was particularly troublesome
9 given the already very low liquidity of the guarantors.

10 i. The liquidity of the two guarantors was extremely low, with one
11 guarantor having a liquidity to debt ratio of .01:1 and the other at .00:1. One
12 guarantor had a very low credit score that fell well below the HBD policy
13 minimum score.

14 j. The combined liquidity covenant of \$1 million for each of the loan
15 guarantors was very low, especially given the significant financial obligations they
16 had undertaken, which as of June 20, 2005 included over \$330 million in
17 contingent liabilities. The account officer conceded that a \$5 million liquidity
18 covenant for each guarantor would have been better.

19 k. The loan guarantee included language that arguably could be
20 interpreted to actually extinguish the guarantee and render it totally ineffective as a
21 means of enforcing a second source of repayment.

22 l. The account officer conceded that if there was a downturn in the real
23 estate market, the guarantors would be unable to repay the loan.

24 359. Van Dellen, Shellem and Rothman knew, or in the exercise of due diligence
25 should have known, that their practices and the practices of IndyMac's employees who
26 reported to them and over whom they exercised supervisory control, were improper,
27 imprudent, and harmful to IndyMac. The negligence and breaches of duty by Van
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1 Dellen, Shellem and Rothman in regard to this loan include, but are not limited to, the
2 following:

- 3 a. Causing or allowing a loan to be made to a borrower and guarantors
4 who were or should have been known to be not creditworthy and/or in financial
5 difficulty.
- 6 b. Causing or allowing a loan to be made in violation of applicable laws,
7 regulations, and/or HBD's internal policies.
- 8 c. Causing or allowing a loan to be made with inadequate or inaccurate
9 financial information regarding the creditworthiness of the borrower and/or
10 guarantor, and the prospective source of repayment, and the security provided for
11 the loans.
- 12 d. Causing or allowing a loan to be made where one or more of the
13 sources of repayment of the loan were not likely to be sufficient to fully retire the
14 debt.
- 15 e. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, extended, and/or renewed with
16 inadequate or problematic appraisals.
- 17 f. Causing or allowing a loan to be made without taking proper and
18 reasonable steps to insure that the loan proceeds would be used in accordance with
19 the loan application and failing to control the disbursement of loan proceeds.
- 20 g. Causing or allowing a loan to be made outside the normal and prudent
21 trade areas of the Bank.
- 22 h. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
23 despite poor and deteriorating market conditions.

24 360. Van Dellen, Shellem and Rothman, as officers, owed IndyMac the
25 obligation to exercise the degree of care, skill and diligence that ordinarily prudent
26 persons in like positions would use under similar circumstances in the management,
27 supervision and conduct of IndyMac's business and financial affairs.

1 a. The Sacramento market was extremely overheated, with prices having
2 increased nearly 70% over a four-year period, and there were clear signs at the
3 time of the loan approval that sales were slowing.

4 b. The land was unentitled, and a tentative tract map still needed
5 approval, creating a significant risk of delay in project development.

6 c. The number of lots to be developed was more than triple the HBD
7 policy maximum of 200 units, an extremely large and risky undertaking in a
8 competitive real estate market that had grown at a feverish pace in the last four
9 years.

10 d. The appraiser relied on comparable sales data from a market 20 miles
11 away from the project site.

12 e. There was significant competition from other lot developers and
13 builders within the Spring Lake Specific Plan.

14 f. The total amount of IndyMac loans to the two key principals of the
15 borrower (who were also the loan guarantors) equaled approximately \$145 million,
16 far exceeding the standard HBD policy maximum of loans to one borrower of \$30
17 million.

18 g. Financial information for the two guarantors was not consolidated and
19 was comprised of many inter-related partnerships and limited liability companies,
20 making it difficult to accurately evaluate the guarantors' true financial strength and
21 liquidity.

22 h. The liquidity of the two guarantors was extremely low, with one
23 guarantor having a liquidity to debt ratio of .01:1 and the other at .00:1. One
24 guarantor had a very low credit score that fell well below the HBD policy
25 minimum score. The principal guarantor was heavily invested in land throughout
26 Sacramento and its surrounding areas, including riskier raw, unentitled land assets,
27 leaving him particularly susceptible to a demonstrated market slow down.
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1 i. The combined liquidity covenant of \$1 million for each of the loan
2 guarantors was very low, especially given the significant financial obligations they
3 had undertaken, which as of June 20, 2005 included over \$330 million in
4 contingent liabilities. The account officer conceded that a \$5 million liquidity
5 covenant for each guarantor would have been better.

6 j. The loan guarantee included language that arguably could be
7 interpreted to actually extinguish the guarantee and render it totally ineffective as a
8 means of enforcing a second source of repayment.

9 k. The account officer conceded that if there was a downturn in the real
10 estate market, the guarantors would be unable to repay the loan.

11 367. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon knew, or in the exercise of due diligence
12 should have known, that their practices and the practices of IndyMac's employees who
13 reported to them and over whom they exercised supervisory control, were improper,
14 imprudent, and harmful to IndyMac. The negligence and breaches of duty by Van
15 Dellen, Shellem, and Koon in regard to this loan include, but are not limited to, the
16 following:

17 a. Causing or allowing a loan to be made to a borrower and guarantors
18 who were or should have been known to be not creditworthy and/or in financial
19 difficulty.

20 b. Causing or allowing a loan to be made in violation of applicable laws,
21 regulations, and/or HBD's internal policies.

22 c. Causing or allowing a loan to be made with inadequate or inaccurate
23 financial information regarding the creditworthiness of the borrower and/or
24 guarantor, and the prospective source of repayment, and the security provided for
25 the loans.

26 d. Causing or allowing a loan to be made where one or more of the
27 sources of repayment of the loan were not likely to be sufficient to fully retire the
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1 debt.

2 e. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, extended, and/or renewed with
3 inadequate or problematic appraisals.

4 f. Causing or allowing a loan to be made without taking proper and
5 reasonable steps to insure that the loan proceeds would be used in accordance with
6 the loan application and failing to control the disbursement of loan proceeds.

7 g. Causing or allowing a loan to be made outside the normal and prudent
8 trade areas of the Bank.

9 h. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
10 despite poor and deteriorating market conditions.

11 i. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
12 despite the Bank having a high geographic concentration of loans in the same
13 market.

14 j. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed or extended despite
15 the borrower having a high geographic concentration of property in the same
16 market.

17 368. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon, as officers, owed IndyMac the obligation to
18 exercise the degree of care, skill and diligence that ordinarily prudent persons in like
19 positions would use under similar circumstances in the management, supervision and
20 conduct of IndyMac's business and financial affairs.

21 369. By their actions and inactions, as generally and specifically described above,
22 Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon failed and neglected to perform their duties properly as
23 officers of IndyMac and breached their fiduciary duties of care to IndyMac.

24 370. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and breach of fiduciary
25 duties of Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon, Plaintiff has suffered losses and other
26 compensatory and consequential damages, in amounts to be established at trial.

27 371. With respect to all of their actions and inactions in managing and
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1 administering the affairs of IndyMac, Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon pursued a common
2 plan or design with each other, and therefore are jointly and severally liable for all losses.

3 **M. Counts Based on Allegations Related to the Loans Made By HBD in the**
4 **Decal Custom Homes and Construction, Inc. Borrower Relationship.**

5 **Count 32**

6 **(Claim for Negligence and Breach of Duty of Care Against All Defendants Related**
7 **to the Underwriting, Administration, Extension and Modification of a Loan to Decal**
8 **Custom Homes and Construction, Inc. for the Murray & Jenkins Project)**

9 372. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges each of the allegations in
10 paragraphs 1 through 371 of this complaint, as though fully set forth herein.

11 373. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon approved a loan to Decal Custom Homes
12 and Construction, Inc. for a project known as Murray & Jenkins. This land loan was
13 entered into on December 12, 2005, and refinanced the borrower's costs of acquisition of
14 a 9.65 acre site located in Beaverton, Oregon. The planned use called for 468 units in a
15 mixture of six eight-story towers and 27 two-story townhomes. The loan had a 12-month
16 term. The original loan commitment totaled \$5,890,519. The losses on this loan are
17 estimated to exceed \$2.3 million.

18 374. The CAM did not specifically discuss the anticipated source of repayment.
19 However, it appears the primary source of repayment of this loan was the sale of
20 condominium units from the anticipated development of the property and/or the
21 refinancing of the property as part of a construction loan offered by IndyMac or another
22 bank. In addition, Calvin Baty and John Schleining provided full-recourse guarantees.

23 375. On December 22, 2006, this loan was extended by Van Dellen and Rothman.
24 HBD workout officer Anthony Ramsier indicated that banks were not contacted to verify
25 a supposed \$3.7 million in unused capacity in lines of credit used to establish the liquidity
26 of guarantor John Schleining as part of the extension. The purported reasons for allowing
27 the extension were to allow the borrower to sell the subject property pursuant to a signed
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1 sale agreement with Pacific Commercial Capital with the knowledge that a due diligence
2 period could extend the purchase out to as late as April or May 2007. The modification
3 memorandum noted that the sale agreement was in the early stages and that “the earnest
4 money has not gone [hard] yet”. The memorandum also noted that the borrower’s
5 Eagle’s Loft condominium project (also financed by HBD) “experienced slow sales in
6 closings and will need a new appraisal and loan modification.”

7 376. Subsequently, the borrower failed to close on the sale or a sale to other
8 interested buyers. The borrower also failed to complete entitlements necessary to obtain
9 tentative mapping on the property. This loan was downgraded on July 31, 2007 to
10 Substandard Two. The corporate borrower deteriorated and ceased to exist as a going
11 concern due to contingent liabilities at other projects and the pending loss of its general
12 contractors license as reported in the April 30, 2008 classified asset report.

13 377. The note was sold to PNL High Country, LP in the Eastdil note sale which
14 closed June 30, 2008 (prior to the seizure of the Bank). The unpaid principal balance on
15 the note at the date of sale was \$5,644,600 and the net proceeds of the sale were
16 \$3,300,000, yielding a net loss of \$2,344,600.

17 378. Defendants approved, renewed and/or extended this loan despite substantial
18 known risks and or risks that should have been known in the exercise of due diligence.
19 These risks include, but are not limited, to the following:

20 a. The CAM indicated that the profit margin was negative on the work
21 book. This was not mitigated. The CAM simply indicated that “once the
22 borrower’s proposed condominium project is approved, the value of the land and
23 potential profit of a completed project will increase the profit.”

24 b. The borrower had less than 10% cash equity, which violated HBD’s
25 credit policy.

26 c. The project did not have full entitlements.
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1 d. The future construction project to pay off the land loan would have
2 over 40 months of absorption, which would render it difficult to secure financing,
3 and added to the length of exposure to the loan.

4 e. Guarantor John Shleining's liquidity was mostly in the form of unused
5 lines of credit. Guarantor Calvin Baty's FICO score averaged 619, below the
6 policy requirement of 660. The guarantors' contingent liabilities were not
7 evaluated.

8 379. Defendants knew, or in the exercise of due diligence should have known,
9 that their practices and the practices of IndyMac's employees who reported to them and
10 over whom they exercised supervisory control, were improper, imprudent, and harmful to
11 IndyMac. The negligence and breaches of duty by Defendants in regard to this loan
12 include, but are not limited to, the following:

13 a. Causing or allowing a loan to be made to a borrower and guarantors
14 who were or should have been known to be not creditworthy and/or in financial
15 difficulty.

16 b. Causing or allowing a loan to be made in violation of applicable laws,
17 regulations, and/or HBD's internal policies.

18 c. Causing or allowing a loan to be made with inadequate or inaccurate
19 financial information regarding the creditworthiness of the borrower and/or
20 guarantor, and the prospective source of repayment, and the security provided for
21 the loans.

22 d. Causing or allowing a loan to be made with deficient collateral.

23 e. Causing or allowing a loan to be made where one or more of the
24 sources of repayment of the loan were not likely to be sufficient to fully retire the
25 debt.

26 f. Causing or allowing a loan to be made without taking proper and
27 reasonable steps to insure that the loan proceeds would be used in accordance with
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1 the loan application and failing to control the disbursement of loan proceeds.

2 g. Causing or allowing a loan to be renewed or extended to borrowers
3 who were not creditworthy or were known to be in financial difficulty and without
4 any reduction in principal and without taking proper steps to obtain security or
5 otherwise protect the Bank's interests.

6 h. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
7 despite poor and deteriorating market conditions.

8 i. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed or extended where
9 there was very little likelihood of the loan repaying within the term of the loan.

10 380. Defendants as officers, owed IndyMac the obligation to exercise the degree
11 of care, skill and diligence that ordinarily prudent persons in like positions would use
12 under similar circumstances in the management, supervision and conduct of IndyMac's
13 business and financial affairs.

14 381. By their actions and inactions, as generally and specifically described above,
15 Defendants failed and neglected to perform their duties properly as officers of IndyMac
16 and breached their fiduciary duties of care to IndyMac.

17 382. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and breach of fiduciary
18 duties of Defendants, Plaintiff has suffered losses and other compensatory and
19 consequential damages, in amounts to be established at trial.

20 383. With respect to all of their actions and inactions in managing and
21 administering the affairs of IndyMac, Defendants pursued a common plan or design with
22 each other, and therefore are jointly and severally liable for all losses.

23 **Count 33**

24 **(Claim for Negligence and Breach of Duty of Care Against All Defendants Related**
25 **to the Underwriting, Administration, Extension and Modification of a Loan to**
26 **Eagles Loft Condominium LLC for the Eagles Loft Condominiums Project)**

27 384. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges each of the allegations in
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1 paragraphs 1 through 383 of this complaint, as though fully set forth herein.

2 385. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon approved a loan to Eagles Loft
3 Condominium LLC for a project known as Eagles Loft Condominiums. This loan was
4 entered into on February 7, 2006, and was an AD&C loan that took out two Community
5 Financial loans that were in place to finance the land acquisition and phase 1 of the
6 Eagles Loft condominium project. The property consisted of 7.91 acres of land for a
7 high-end-condominium project with approvals for 128 units in 17-four-story buildings.
8 The loan had a 24-month term. The original loan commitment totaled \$35,751,304. The
9 losses on this loan are estimated to exceed \$14.7 million.

10 386. The CAM did not specifically discuss the anticipated source of repayment.
11 However, the anticipated source of repayment of this loan was the sale of condominium
12 units from the proposed development of the property. In addition, Calvin Baty and John
13 Schleining provided full-recourse guarantees.

14 387. A loan modification was approved in early September 2006 by Van Dellen,
15 Shellem and Rothman. The requested modification noted slower than expected sales and
16 closings, and constituted in part a request by the borrower to resize the loan commitment
17 to build out the seven buildings and two foundation slabs currently under construction to
18 result in a total of 53 units and two foundation slabs. The modification included cross-
19 collateralization, cross-default and cross-pay with the Murray & Jenkins loan. The
20 extension noted the then-outstanding balance of \$18,953,087.

21 388. Subsequently, the loan cap was proposed to be increased from the existing
22 \$19,759,131 to \$22,759,131 with \$2 million of the cap increase to be reserved for future
23 direct construction invoices incurred after January 1, 2007, and with the remainder
24 available to fund current outstanding direct construction draw requests. The classified
25 asset report dated December 31, 2007 noted a considerable decline in market values.

26 389. This loan was downgraded to Substandard effective March 2007 “given
27 continued lagging construction progress and an inability to formalize an updated budget.”
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1 This loan was further downgraded on July 31, 2007, to Substandard Two as a result of
2 interest payments going past due and the deteriorating financial condition of the borrower
3 and guarantors. The CAR also noted the inability of the borrower and guarantors “to
4 exist as a viable entity due to contingent liabilities at other projects and the pending loss
5 of general contractors license.” The report also indicated a “decrease in sales
6 performance and unit values versus the original underwriting.”

7 390. The note for this loan was sold to PNL High Country, LP in the Eastdil note
8 sale which closed on June 30, 2008 (prior to the seizure of the Bank). The unpaid
9 principal balance on the note at the date of sale was \$22,358,245 and the net proceeds of
10 the sale were \$7,576,303, yielding a net loss of \$14,781,942.

11 391. Defendants approved, renewed and/or extended this loan despite substantial
12 known risks and or risks that should have been known in the exercise of due diligence.
13 These risks include, but are not limited, to the following:

14 a. The appraisal report set forth an estimated absorption of three units
15 per month, which resulted in an inadequate loan term and interest reserve. The
16 project cash flow used a higher absorption rate.

17 b. The appraisal reported noted that the subject units were high-end units
18 for the area and were untested for marketability. The proposed units were
19 “considered above the norm in the area and thus represent a high risk project.”

20 c. The value of the land was uncertain because it was determined using
21 the “abstraction method” which “exceeds the highest value by a comparable sale.”
22 The reason for this was the absence of relevant recent sales in the market.

23 d. Although the CAM recognized that the sale of units was likely to
24 exceed the term of this loan, the support for the project provided by the guarantors
25 was not thoroughly considered. The guarantors’ contingent liabilities were not
26 considered and their net worth was simply stated on an equity basis. These failures
27 resulted in understating the leverage of the borrower and guarantors.
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1 e. The project involved a condominium product that was untested in the
2 market.

3 f. Defendants violated a number of its own policies in making and
4 modifying this loan – policies that were designed to protect HBD from the very
5 risk that ultimately occurred, a loss on a speculative loan. When this loan was
6 extended, such that the Bank increased its exposure, the Defendants failed to
7 follow HBD’s policy of verifying available liquidity of the borrower.

8 Significantly, as well, Defendants accepted a borrower whose FICO scores were
9 low and did not investigate the borrower’s other contingent liabilities. Most
10 notably, this project was for an untested type of product for the market –
11 condominiums – and therefore was “high risk.” In underwriting this loan,
12 Defendants took insufficient steps to mitigate that risk by ensuring that it had
13 conservative advance rates and/or a very strong secondary source of repayment.

14 392. Defendants knew, or in the exercise of due diligence should have known,
15 that their practices and the practices of IndyMac’s employees who reported to them and
16 over whom they exercised supervisory control, were improper, imprudent, and harmful to
17 IndyMac. The negligence and breaches of duty by Defendants in regard to this loan
18 include, but are not limited to, the following:

19 a. Causing or allowing a loan to be made to a borrower and guarantors
20 who were or should have been known to be not creditworthy and/or in financial
21 difficulty.

22 b. Causing or allowing a loan to be made in violation of applicable laws,
23 regulations, and/or HBD’s internal policies.

24 c. Causing or allowing a loan to be made with inadequate or inaccurate
25 financial information regarding the creditworthiness of the borrower and/or
26 guarantor, and the prospective source of repayment, and the security provided for
27 the loans.

1 d. Causing or allowing a loan to be made with deficient collateral.

2 e. Causing or allowing a loan to be made where one or more of the
3 sources of repayment of the loan were not likely to be sufficient to fully retire the
4 debt.

5 f. Causing or allowing a loan to be made without taking proper and
6 reasonable steps to insure that the loan proceeds would be used in accordance with
7 the loan application and failing to control the disbursement of loan proceeds.

8 g. Causing or allowing a loan to be renewed or extended to borrowers
9 who were not creditworthy or were known to be in financial difficulty and without
10 any reduction in principal and without taking proper steps to obtain security or
11 otherwise protect the Bank's interests.

12 h. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
13 despite poor and deteriorating market conditions.

14 i. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
15 despite the Bank having a high geographic concentration of loans in the same
16 market.

17 j. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed or extended where
18 there was very little likelihood of the loan repaying within the term of the loan.

19 393. Defendants as officers, owed IndyMac the obligation to exercise the degree
20 of care, skill and diligence that ordinarily prudent persons in like positions would use
21 under similar circumstances in the management, supervision and conduct of IndyMac's
22 business and financial affairs.

23 394. By their actions and inactions, as generally and specifically described above,
24 Defendants failed and neglected to perform their duties properly as officers of IndyMac
25 and breached their fiduciary duties of care to IndyMac.

26 395. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and breach of fiduciary
27 duties of Defendants, Plaintiff has suffered losses and other compensatory and
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1 consequential damages, in amounts to be established at trial.

2 396. With respect to all of their actions and inactions in managing and
3 administering the affairs of IndyMac, Defendants pursued a common plan or design with
4 each other, and therefore are jointly and severally liable for all losses.

5 **N. Counts Based on Allegations Related to the Loans Made By HBD in the**
6 **J.P. Eliopoulos Enterprises, Inc. Borrower Relationship.**

7 **Count 34**

8 **(Claim for Negligence and Breach of Duty of Care Against All Defendants Related**
9 **to the Underwriting, Administration, Extension and Modification of an A&D Loan**
10 **to Joshua Ranch Development, Inc. for the Joshua Ranch Project)**

11 397. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges each of the allegations in
12 paragraphs 1 through 396 of this complaint, as though fully set forth herein.

13 398. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon approved a loan to Joshua Ranch
14 Development, Inc. for a project known as Joshua Ranch. This loan was entered into on
15 December 27, 2005, and provided financing for a 535-lot-subdivision project on 794
16 acres located in Palmdale, California. This loan was a rewrite on an existing \$17,160,706
17 A&D loan that was funded by HBD in May 2004 to finance the construction of 108
18 finished lots, four models, and the extension of Joshua Ranch Road, plus sewer and water
19 infrastructure throughout the project. The new loan was to be split into two notes: (1)
20 A&D note totaling \$36,571,000; and (2) additional advance note totaling \$6,000,000 to
21 facilitate the sale and transfer of the Joshua Ranch property to a newly formed S
22 Corporation. The scope of the A&D loan was expanded and changed to include a total of
23 183 finished lots. The remaining 352 lots would remain raw land. This loan included a
24 new budget that reflected a cost increase of \$3,587,443 for delays in construction and
25 increased costs. The loan had an 18-month term. The original loan commitment totaled
26 \$42,571,000, but it was reduced to \$36,571,000 prior to loan closing. The losses on this
27 loan are estimated to exceed \$13 million.

1 399. The primary source of repayment of this loan was to be the construction
2 and/or the sale of lots as follows: 98 lots to merchant builders and 85 lots sold in bulk to
3 public builders. The lot sales were projected to generate revenues totaling \$30,154,320.
4 The CAM indicated that the borrower intended to sell additional lots to merchant builders
5 in subsequent phases of development. However, the CAM noted that the current cash
6 flow would leave a residual balance of approximately \$4.4 million due to front loading of
7 costs to complete the sewer and water infrastructure and Joshua Ranch loop road. The
8 cash flow indicated that it would take 306 lot sales and closings to retire the A&D loan
9 and residual. Thus, Van Dellen, Koon, and Shellem approved a loan with a structure that
10 would not completely repay the loan through the sale of lots. The secondary source of
11 repayment of this loan was stated to be the financial support of the guarantors. The CAM
12 noted that the borrower offered only limited financial support by having only \$3,549,000
13 in liquid assets.

14 400. On June 21, 2007, Rothman approved a reduction in the borrower's
15 liquidity covenant from \$5 million to \$2 million due to the borrower's cash flow
16 difficulties. The reduction was to remain in effect for one quarter.

17 401. On June 27, 2007, HBD approved a 60-day extension that would mature on
18 September 1, 2007. In addition, funds were transferred from soft cost contingency to
19 cover interest reserve and the extension fee. The extension was approved in order to
20 allow sufficient time to negotiate and restructure this loan. The transfer was approved so
21 the borrower would not have to pay interest out of pocket.

22 402. On September 4, 2007, Van Dellen and Rothman approved another 60-day
23 extension that included the transfer of remaining funds to pay interest and extension fees.
24 In addition, there was a principal curtailment payment requirement of \$1.28 million. The
25 extension was needed to finalize budget numbers and provide sufficient time for another
26 review of the appraisal and a cost review. It was noted at that time that the borrower's
27 liquidity was not expected to improve until late 2008 or early 2009.

1 403. On March 31, 2008, a Notice of Default was recorded. A guarantor suit was
2 filed on April 1, 2008. On April 22, 2008, an attorney for the guarantors sent a letter to
3 HBD stating that HBD had published extremely private and personal information about
4 the guarantors (including tax returns, social security numbers, bank account numbers, and
5 home addresses) in connection with HBD's attempt to sell the note in the Eastdil note
6 sale. It was reported that someone tried to steal approximately \$2 million from the
7 Eliopulos family.

8 404. On September 16, 2008, a workout plan memorandum submitted by Bank
9 account officer Geoffrey Ramirez ("Ramirez") recommended the following actions: (1)
10 borrower to pay \$300,000 in cash; (2) IndyMac, the borrower, and guarantors would
11 execute mutual releases, including dismissals with prejudice of the guarantor
12 enforcement action and the cross-complaint in the action that alleged HBD's publication
13 of personal information in connection with an attempt to sell the note in the Eastdil note
14 sale; (3) the release would occur not less than 91 days (or as proposed by counsel) from
15 execution of the transaction due to a possible bankruptcy; (4) HBD was to facilitate a
16 deed-in-lieu of foreclosure and/or consensual foreclosure at its sole discretion; (5) the
17 guarantors were to certify that financial statements dated June 30, 2008 were true and
18 correct; (6) foreclosure subject to receipt and review of Phase I; and (7) the set-aside
19 letter would remain in place and would be replaced as a consequence of a REO sale. The
20 FDIC would repudiate the set-aside letter if the City, borrower, guarantor, or other
21 governing authority requested that HBD fund the remaining \$1,836,951.

22 405. On December 10, 2008, this loan was foreclosed with an outstanding loan
23 balance at the time of foreclosure of \$24,551,353. A memo dated December 29, 2008
24 from Daris Buckler of HBD notes that the principal should be paid down \$3,151,046 (the
25 credit bid price) as of December 10, 2008. Thus, the balance of \$21,400,307 minus
26 \$150,000 (half of \$300,000 paid by guarantors split between two loans) was charged off.
27 IndyMac's share of the charge off amount net of the participation was \$13,068,938.81.
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1 406. Defendants approved, renewed and/or extended this loan despite substantial
2 known risks and or risks that should have been known in the exercise of due diligence.
3 These risks include, but are not limited, to the following:

4 a. The CAM noted that the cash flow would leave a residual balance of
5 approximately \$4.4 million due to front loading of costs to complete the sewer and
6 water infrastructure and Joshua Ranch loop road. The cash flow indicated that it
7 would take 306 lot sales and closings to retire the A&D loan and residual.
8 Accordingly, Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon approved this loan with a structure
9 that would not completely retire the loan through the sale of lots.

10 b. The projected profit margin was only 6.68% versus a 10% policy
11 requirement. This left little room for the borrower to cut prices in order to respond
12 to market declines.

13 c. The project consisted of 535 units versus a policy maximum of 125
14 units. The size of this project increased the likelihood of delays and absorption
15 problems, and exposed HBD to greater risk. An HBD account officer commented
16 that a policy limit existed for the maximum number of units on a project because
17 the subdivision process is slow and based on many market factors (e.g. absorption,
18 availability of financing, interest rate risk for permanent mortgages, etc.). Thus,
19 there are a number of variables that prevent being able to figure out how the
20 variables would affect a project too far into the future. The account officer further
21 noted that if a project had 400 or 500 homes, it was very difficult to know what the
22 future would hold, as it would take longer to build the homes, which increased risk
23 to the Bank.

24 d. The loan to cost for the finished lots was 84.45% versus a policy
25 maximum of 75%.

26 e. The loan term was 18 months versus a policy maximum of 12 months
27 for an A&D loan. This created a longer period of exposure to market declines,
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1 which added risk. This risk was compounded by the fact that (1) the lots/homes
2 were noted to be at the upper end of the market; (2) there was an abundance of
3 competition in the market; and (3) it was a commuter market.

4 f. The high loan commitment amount of \$36,571,000 was over the
5 suggested loan to one borrower limit, which created additional exposure and risk to
6 HBD. Despite an unproven developer in Andrew Eliopulos, Van Dellen, Koon,
7 and Shellem approved this loan notwithstanding a weakness set forth in the CAM
8 that this was the largest development undertaken by the borrower and was a large
9 development for the size and financial strength of the borrower and guarantors.

10 g. J.P. Eliopulos Enterprises, Inc. was founded by John P. Eliopulos, a
11 real estate broker and developer since 1957. John Eliopulos passed away before
12 this project was undertaken by his son, Andrew Eliopulos. Van Dellen, Shellem,
13 and Koon approved this loan without sufficient due diligence to assess the
14 capability of Andrew Eliopulos to handle a project of this magnitude. Had HBD
15 engaged in proper due diligence, it would have discovered prior to loan approval
16 that Andrew Eliopulos simply lacked the capacity to build this project. In fact,
17 Rothman acknowledged that one issue with the Joshua Ranch loan was the
18 borrower was unable to properly budget, and that the borrower did not have “the
19 real horsepower” to get a budget done. He also noted that major items were left
20 out of the budget. Terwilliger also stated that the borrower did not provide a
21 proper budget because it simply did not know how to put one together. Similarly,
22 Ramirez commented that he did not believe the borrower really knew what it
23 would cost to build out the property, and that the borrower attempted
24 unsuccessfully to prepare a budget at least 10 times. Ramirez also stated that the
25 borrower simply did not know how to prepare a proper budget for this project
26 because the borrower was “outclassed” and did not have the capacity to put it
27 together. The borrower simply did not have his hands on what the infrastructure
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1 on-site and off-site costs were. Ramirez noted that the borrower did not know how
2 much money it had put into the project out-of-pocket which demonstrated a lack of
3 competence on the part of the borrower. Ramirez also believed Andrew Eliopoulos
4 was an “airhead.” Van Dellen’s, Shellem’s, and Koon’s failure to recognize these
5 deficiencies in the borrower prior to loan approval evidences poor due diligence.

6 h. Ramirez advised that while he was trying to restructure the Joshua
7 Ranch loan, he discovered that the budgeting deficiencies were present in the
8 original underwriting of this loan. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon failed to catch
9 these deficiencies before approving this loan.

10 i. HBD permitted the borrower to utilize \$9.67 million in appreciated
11 equity despite the fact that the borrower only owned the property for 18 months
12 and controlled it for 30 months. This was a policy exception. The use of market
13 equity over cash equity rendered the transaction riskier. Rothman acknowledged
14 that there was a fair amount of concern expressed during the Junior Loan
15 Committee relating to the appraised equity being considered in this loan.
16 Nonetheless, Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon still approved this loan.

17 j. All of the borrower’s projects were located in Palmdale, which was a
18 commuter market and particularly susceptible to a market downturn. The
19 concentration in one market area added significant risk. Ramirez noted that this
20 would have caused him concern because the borrower’s developments were
21 concentrated in one market, and they were not diversified in market or product
22 type.

23 k. The CAM noted that the borrower offered limited financial support by
24 having only \$3,549,000 in liquid assets. In addition, the borrower had nearly \$12
25 million outstanding on unrelated projects, which presumably created an equal
26 amount of contingent liabilities. Van Dellen could not point to anything
27 specifically in the CAM that caused him to have the belief that the borrower had
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1 the financial capacity to build out the project. This weak financial support did not
2 offer meaningful secondary support. Van Dellen even agreed with the
3 characterization in the CAM that the borrower's liquidity meant that it only
4 provided limited support to the project. Despite the borrower and guarantors'
5 weak financial condition, Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon approved this loan with
6 only an annual financial reporting covenant.

7 1. The credit review memo authored by credit officer David Boggs
8 recommended increasing the loan pricing to a return on equity of 35% to 40%.
9 The original account officer on this loan commented that the recommendation was
10 made due to the fact that the Joshua Ranch loan was a very high risk loan.

11 1. Ramirez commented that had he been the originating account officer
12 for Joshua Ranch, he would not have proposed this loan because the project was in
13 Palmdale and involved a very big piece of land, and a lot of money to the builder.
14 Ramirez did not feel the builder had the financial capacity to build the project
15 irrespective of its lack of competency. Ramirez further stated that he would not
16 have proposed the Joshua Ranch loan based both on hindsight and based on what
17 was knowable at the time this loan was approved.

18 407. Defendants knew, or in the exercise of due diligence should have known,
19 that their practices and the practices of IndyMac's employees who reported to them and
20 over whom they exercised supervisory control, were improper, imprudent, and harmful to
21 IndyMac. The negligence and breaches of duty by Defendants in regard to this loan
22 include, but are not limited to, the following:

23 a. Causing or allowing a loan to be made to a borrower and guarantors
24 who were or should have been known to be not creditworthy and/or in financial
25 difficulty.

26 b. Causing or allowing a loan to be made in violation of applicable laws,
27 regulations, and/or HBD's internal policies.

1 c. Causing or allowing a loan to be made with inadequate or inaccurate
2 financial information regarding the creditworthiness of the borrower and/or
3 guarantor, and the prospective source of repayment, and the security provided for
4 the loans.

5 d. Causing or allowing a loan to be made where one or more of the
6 sources of repayment of the loan were not likely to be sufficient to fully retire the
7 debt.

8 e. Causing or allowing a loan to be made without taking proper and
9 reasonable steps to insure that the loan proceeds would be used in accordance with
10 the loan application and failing to control the disbursement of loan proceeds.

11 f. Causing or allowing a loan to be renewed or extended to borrowers
12 who were not creditworthy or were known to be in financial difficulty and without
13 any reduction in principal and without taking proper steps to obtain security or
14 otherwise protect the Bank's interests.

15 g. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
16 despite poor and deteriorating market conditions.

17 h. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
18 despite the Bank having a high geographic concentration of loans in the same
19 market.

20 i. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed or extended despite
21 the borrower having a high geographic concentration of property in the same
22 market.

23 j. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed or extended where
24 there was very little likelihood of the loan repaying within the term of the loan.

25 408. Defendants as officers, owed IndyMac the obligation to exercise the degree
26 of care, skill and diligence that ordinarily prudent persons in like positions would use
27 under similar circumstances in the management, supervision and conduct of IndyMac's
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1 business and financial affairs.

2 409. By their actions and inactions, as generally and specifically described above,
3 Defendants failed and neglected to perform their duties properly as officers of IndyMac
4 and breached their fiduciary duties of care to IndyMac.

5 410. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and breach of fiduciary
6 duties of Defendants, Plaintiff has suffered losses and other compensatory and
7 consequential damages, in amounts to be established at trial.

8 411. With respect to all of their actions and inactions in managing and
9 administering the affairs of IndyMac, Defendants pursued a common plan or design with
10 each other, and therefore are jointly and severally liable for all losses.

11 **Count 35**

12 **(Claim for Negligence and Breach of Duty of Care Against Van Dellen and**
13 **Rothman Related to the Underwriting, Administration, Extension and Modification**
14 **of a Construction Loan to Joshua Ranch Development, Inc. for the Joshua Ranch**
15 **Project)**

16 412. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges each of the allegations in
17 paragraphs 1 through 411 of this complaint, as though fully set forth herein.

18 413. Van Dellen and Rothman approved a loan to Joshua Ranch Development,
19 Inc. for a project known as Joshua Ranch. This loan was entered into on January 2, 2007,
20 and provided financing for the construction of 23-single-family units located in Palmdale,
21 California. The loan had a 24-month term. The loan commitment totaled \$14,533,000.
22 The losses on this loan are estimated to exceed \$2.1 million.

23 414. The primary source of repayment of this loan was to be the sale of the
24 constructed units. The secondary source of repayment of this loan was stated to be the
25 financial support of the guarantors and cross-collateralization with the A&D loan
26 described above.

27 415. On September 11, 2007, HBD approved a second extension on the
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1 construction start date, the sales start date, and closing start date due to construction
2 delays. Construction did not begin until November 2007 due to delays, and was stopped
3 by HBD on December 31, 2007. The outstanding loan balance as of that date was
4 \$3,909,292; the bulk of that amount (\$3,179,980) was used to pay down the related A&D
5 loan as release prices for the 23 lots.

6 416. On March 31, 2008, a notice of default was recorded. A guarantor suit was
7 filed on April 1, 2008. On April 22, 2008, an attorney for the guarantors sent a letter to
8 HBD stating that HBD had published extremely private and personal information about
9 the guarantors (including tax returns, social security numbers, bank account numbers, and
10 home addresses) in connection with HBD's attempt to sell the note in the Eastdil note
11 sale. It was reported that someone tried to steal approximately \$2 million from the
12 Eliopulos family.

13 417. On December 10, 2008, this loan was foreclosed with an outstanding loan
14 balance believed to be \$3,909,292. A memorandum dated December 29, 2008 from
15 Daris Buckler of HBD notes that the principal should be paid down \$248,102 (the credit
16 bid price) as of December 10, 2008. Thus, the balance of \$3,661,190 minus \$150,000
17 (half of \$300,000 paid by the guarantors split between two loans) was charged off.
18 IndyMac's share of the charge off amount net of the participation was \$2,159,381.85.

19 418. Van Dellen and Rothman approved, renewed and/or extended this loan
20 despite substantial known risks and or risks that should have been known in the exercise
21 of due diligence. In addition to the risks set forth in the A&D loan described above, these
22 risks include, but are not limited, to the following:

23 a. Van Dellen and Rothman knew at loan origination that the borrower's
24 other projects in the same market area, including the A&D loan, were not
25 performing as expected. Specifically, the A&D loan was scheduled to be
26 restructured in September 2007 to repack interest resulting from lot sales not
27 occurring as planned, and because initial delays and cost increases put the project
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1 behind schedule. In addition, 85 lots in the A&D loan were expected to be sold to
2 a public builder in June/July 2006, but did not sell. Finally, Beazer walked away
3 from a 15% deposit for 130 lots in September 2006, which was noted as being
4 similar to most public builders dumping land stock. Van Dellen and Rothman
5 appear to have ignored clear warnings relating to this borrower.

6 b. The October 2005 CAM for the A&D loan noted 7.48 months of
7 supply in the project's submarket. The December 2006 CAM for the subject
8 construction loan noted 23.49 months of supply in the project's submarket. Van
9 Dellen and Rothman appear to have disregarded the significance of a three-fold
10 increase in supply.

11 c. The projected profit margin was only 8.74% versus a 10% policy
12 requirement. The account officer attempted to mitigate this policy exception by
13 suggesting that the land cost included appreciated equity which should be added
14 back into the profit calculation to arrive at actual profit of 20.46%. This appears
15 improper, as substantial market equity was utilized for the borrower's equity
16 contribution to the project. Thus, it should no longer have been considered for
17 profit. The low profit margin left little room for the borrower to cut prices in order
18 to respond to already existing market declines.

19 d. The CAM noted that the units were an untested high price point for
20 the area. In fact, the account officer observed that average prices were \$450,000,
21 and the Joshua Ranch homes would average \$850,000. A price point that was
22 nearly double the average prices would impact absorption and/or the economic
23 viability of the project given the low profit margin. This problem was exacerbated
24 by the lack of comparable information.

25 e. The borrower advised HBD of a possible liquidity crunch from the
26 end of the 4th quarter 2006 to the end of the 1st quarter 2007 where it projected
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1 liquidity between \$2 million and \$3 million. Van Dellen and Rothman still
2 approved the loan.

3 f. The CAM noted that the borrower's cash flow was highly dependent
4 on lot sales to merchant and public builders. Thus, there was added risk in
5 approving this transaction because market conditions evidenced that public and
6 merchant builders were not adding to their land stock.

7 g. Van Dellen and Rothman did not impose a minimum tangible net
8 worth covenant. In addition, HBD agreed to reduce a \$5 million minimum
9 liquidity covenant to \$2 million for the 4th quarter of 2006 and waive it for the 1st
10 quarter of 2007. The borrower's need for this accommodation should have been
11 viewed as evidence of a weak sponsorship. Van Dellen's and Rothman's decision
12 to accommodate this weakness in the face of deteriorating market conditions
13 greatly increased risk.

14 h. The borrower was not required to use any upfront cash equity.
15 Instead, the equity requirement was satisfied by market and deferred equity.

16 419. Van Dellen and Rothman knew, or in the exercise of due diligence should
17 have known, that their practices and the practices of IndyMac's employees who reported
18 to them and over whom they exercised supervisory control, were improper, imprudent,
19 and harmful to IndyMac. The negligence and breaches of duty by Van Dellen and
20 Rothman in regard to this loan include, but are not limited to, the following:

21 a. Causing or allowing a loan to be made to a borrower and guarantors
22 who were or should have been known to be not creditworthy and/or in financial
23 difficulty.

24 b. Causing or allowing a loan to be made in violation of applicable laws,
25 regulations, and/or HBD's internal policies.

26 c. Causing or allowing a loan to be made with inadequate or inaccurate
27 financial information regarding the creditworthiness of the borrower and/or
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1 guarantor, and the prospective source of repayment, and the security provided for
2 the loans.

3 d. Causing or allowing a loan to be made where one or more of the
4 sources of repayment of the loan were not likely to be sufficient to fully retire the
5 debt.

6 e. Causing or allowing a loan to be made without taking proper and
7 reasonable steps to insure that the loan proceeds would be used in accordance with
8 the loan application and failing to control the disbursement of loan proceeds.

9 f. Causing or allowing a loan to be renewed or extended to borrowers
10 who were not creditworthy or were known to be in financial difficulty and without
11 any reduction in principal and without taking proper steps to obtain security or
12 otherwise protect the Bank's interests.

13 g. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
14 despite poor and deteriorating market conditions.

15 h. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
16 despite the Bank having a high geographic concentration of loans in the same
17 market.

18 i. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed or extended despite
19 the borrower having a high geographic concentration of property in the same
20 market.

21 j. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed or extended where
22 there was very little likelihood of the loan repaying within the term of the loan.

23 420. Van Dellen and Rothman as officers, owed IndyMac the obligation to
24 exercise the degree of care, skill and diligence that ordinarily prudent persons in like
25 positions would use under similar circumstances in the management, supervision and
26 conduct of IndyMac's business and financial affairs.

27 421. By their actions and inactions, as generally and specifically described above,
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1 Van Dellen and Rothman failed and neglected to perform their duties properly as officers
2 of IndyMac and breached their fiduciary duties of care to IndyMac.

3 422. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and breach of fiduciary
4 duties of Van Dellen and Rothman, Plaintiff has suffered losses and other compensatory
5 and consequential damages, in amounts to be established at trial.

6 423. With respect to all of their actions and inactions in managing and
7 administering the affairs of IndyMac, Van Dellen and Rothman pursued a common plan
8 or design with each other, and therefore are jointly and severally liable for all losses.

9 **O. Count Based on Allegations Related to the Loan Made By HBD in the**
10 **Terrapin Group Borrower Relationship.**

11 **Count 36**

12 **(Claim for Negligence and Breach of Duty of Care Against Van Dellen, Shellem, and**
13 **Koon Related to the Underwriting, Administration, Extension and Modification of a**
14 **Loan to Terrapin Group for The Regal (Regal Pointe) Project**

15 424. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges each of the allegations in
16 paragraphs 1 through 423 of this complaint, as though fully set forth herein.

17 425. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon approved a loan to Terrapin Group for a
18 project known as Regal Pointe. This loan was entered into on February 16, 2006, and
19 provided financing for the acquisition and conversion to condominiums of a newly
20 completed 162-unit-apartment complex consisting of 18 separate two-story buildings
21 located in Kanosia, Wisconsin approximately 50 minutes north of downtown Chicago
22 just across from the Illinois border. Units ranged in size from 1360 to 1520 square feet.
23 Each unit had either one or two garage units. The loan had a 24-month term. The loan
24 commitment totaled \$17,760,939. The losses on this loan are estimated to exceed \$3.8
25 million.

26 426. The primary source of repayment of this loan was to be the sale of the
27 constructed condominium units. The secondary source of repayment of this loan was
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1 stated to be the support of the borrower and guarantors, and the sale or refinance of
2 collateral.

3 427. The project experienced slower sales than anticipated. This loan was
4 classified Substandard One on October 31, 2007, when the borrower indicated it would
5 be unable to meet the second quarter curtailment payment due on November 1, 2007.
6 One month later, this loan was downgraded to Substandard Two as a result of the
7 borrower missing the November 1, 2007 interest payment and the borrower indicating it
8 could no longer cover operating expenses. Subsequent interest payments were also
9 missed. A complaint for foreclosure and breach of guaranty was filed on January 18,
10 2008.

11 428. On May 29, 2008, this loan was sold through a note sale with proceeds of
12 \$9,108,016 and an unpaid balance as of that date of \$12,929,672 for a loss on sale of
13 \$3,821,656.

14 429. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon approved, renewed and/or extended this
15 loan despite substantial known risks and or risks that should have been known in the
16 exercise of due diligence. These risks include, but are not limited, to the following:

17 a. The guarantors had limited liquidity. The combined cash assets of all
18 four of the guarantors were only slightly above their minimum liquidity covenant
19 of \$1.6 million. The purported mitigant that “guarantors will have additional
20 sources of cash flow from ongoing unit closing and fees on a portfolio of other
21 projects and numerous phases of development” was insufficient. If anything, it
22 shows that the borrowers were heavily leveraged and that their cash flow to repay
23 this project would be endangered by the same market decline that could endanger
24 this project. Moreover, there was no meaningful analysis of the guarantors’
25 contingent liabilities.

26 b. This loan had a very high 90% loan to value based on the stabilized
27 apartment value of \$19.8 million.

1 c. Only \$100,000 of the \$4.61 million of borrower equity was actual
2 cash paid by the borrower at closing. While \$3.1 million was provided by a loan
3 from Mercury Credit Corporation, the CAM noted that this debt to Mercury would
4 be paid from “corporate cash flow,” meaning cash flow from the Terrapin Group’s
5 various projects other than Regal Pointe. The remaining \$1.5 million in borrow
6 equity was to be contributed post loan closing via project cash flow from rental
7 income and from escrowing \$15,000 from each condo unit closing.

8 d. The guarantors had combined guarantees of \$34.2 million on other
9 construction loans. The CAM did not analyze how this could affect the
10 guarantors’ liquidity. If merely 0.2% of the contingent liabilities became due at or
11 close to loan origination, the guarantors would have been in violation of this loan’s
12 liquidity covenant.

13 e. The submarket where the property was located in Lake County had
14 22.23 months of supply.

15 430. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon knew, or in the exercise of due diligence
16 should have known, that their practices and the practices of IndyMac’s employees who
17 reported to them and over whom they exercised supervisory control, were improper,
18 imprudent, and harmful to IndyMac. The negligence and breaches of duty by Van
19 Dellen, Shellem, and Koon in regard to this loan include, but are not limited to, the
20 following:

21 a. Causing or allowing a loan to be made to a borrower and guarantors
22 who were or should have been known to be not creditworthy and/or in financial
23 difficulty.

24 b. Causing or allowing a loan to be made in violation of applicable laws,
25 regulations, and/or HBD’s internal policies.

26 c. Causing or allowing a loan to be made with inadequate or inaccurate
27 financial information regarding the creditworthiness of the borrower and/or
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1 guarantor, and the prospective source of repayment, and the security provided for
2 the loans.

3 d. Causing or allowing a loan to be made with deficient collateral.

4 e. Causing or allowing a loan to be made where one or more of the
5 sources of repayment of the loan were not likely to be sufficient to fully retire the
6 debt.

7 f. Causing or allowing a loan to be made without taking proper and
8 reasonable steps to insure that the loan proceeds would be used in accordance with
9 the loan application and failing to control the disbursement of loan proceeds.

10 g. Causing or allowing a loan to be renewed or extended to borrowers
11 who were not creditworthy or were known to be in financial difficulty and without
12 any reduction in principal and without taking proper steps to obtain security or
13 otherwise protect the Bank's interests.

14 h. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
15 despite poor and deteriorating market conditions.

16 i. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed or extended despite
17 the borrower having a high geographic concentration of property in the same
18 market.

19 j. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed or extended where
20 there was very little likelihood of the loan repaying within the term of the loan.

21 431. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon as officers, owed IndyMac the obligation to
22 exercise the degree of care, skill and diligence that ordinarily prudent persons in like
23 positions would use under similar circumstances in the management, supervision and
24 conduct of IndyMac's business and financial affairs.

25 432. By their actions and inactions, as generally and specifically described above,
26 Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon failed and neglected to perform their duties properly as
27 officers of IndyMac and breached their fiduciary duties of care to IndyMac.

1 438. In 2004, Neumann Homes acquired Tadian Homes in Detroit shortly after
2 which sales in the Detroit market deteriorated and Neumann Homes ran into liquidity
3 problems. This liquidity problem triggered a request in early 2006 for a \$20 million
4 liquidity advance, which became the subject of this loan advance. This advance was
5 approved on March 17, 2006 in a rushed process that did not include a normal CAM
6 analysis. Although they were not members of the Junior Loan Committee at the time,
7 Camp and Rothman were familiar with the consideration of this loan and objected to it.
8 After discussions, only approximately \$12.6 million was approved by Van Dellen,
9 Shellem, and Koon for the advance instead of the \$20 million requested by the borrower.

10 439. After the original modification of March 17, 2006, the borrower conducted
11 auction sales. The borrower agreed to use those sales to repay the \$12.6 million advance.
12 However, on May 12, 2006, the borrower applied to further extend the \$12.6 million
13 advance and to release payments and collateral from various land sales at the auction.
14 The justification for this was that “due to the projected timing of various land sales and
15 the company’s projected cash flow requirements for May-July, Neumann is requesting
16 that the Bank allow Neumann to keep the proceeds from Huntley, Antioch, Mason and
17 Hanover Park sales and receive its repayment from the sale of the largest property,
18 Gilberts.” Neumann’s request was approved on May 18, 2006. HBD received nothing in
19 return for this concession.

20 440. On August 1, 2006, this loan was downgraded to Special Mention because
21 of the borrower’s continually deteriorating financial condition and its negative cash flow.
22 In addition, Neumann had failed to sell the assets it had hoped to sell to fund repayment
23 of the advance. Neumann Homes filed for bankruptcy on October 31, 2007.

24 441. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon approved, renewed and/or extended this
25 loan despite substantial known risks and or risks that should have been known in the
26 exercise of due diligence. These risks include, but are not limited, to the following:
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1 a. Neumann Homes provided superficial financial reporting which was
2 not closely examined by Van Dellen, Shellem or Koon to justify the request for
3 this liquidity advance. According to Rothman, then an HBD regional manager,
4 Neumann Homes' financial statements were "so delayed and so thick with
5 nonsense that it was hard to really derive a good picture of what was going on in
6 the company until they ran into problems."

7 b. The request for the funding to address liquidity problems was, in
8 credit officer Camp's view, a "red flag." He expressed this concern to Shellem and
9 Koon during the Junior Loan Committee meeting. According to Rothman,
10 Shellem shared the concern that Neumann Homes' financial reporting was
11 inadequate. Camp also stated that Shellem thought this loan was a bad idea, but
12 that Koon pressed for this loan because of Neumann's status as "one of HBD's
13 best clients."

14 c. Camp opposed the \$12.6 million advance to Neumann Homes
15 indicating that IndyMac should not have been a source of liquidity for Neumann
16 Homes when Neumann Homes was clearly having problems with home sales in
17 Michigan, which was experiencing a significant downturn.

18 d. The Neumann Homes application was considered hastily without a
19 normal CAM analysis. The consideration process was characterized by Rothman
20 as a rush in a very short period of time – a "fire drill."

21 e. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon approved the borrower's requested
22 liquidity line without obtaining a personal guarantee from Mr. Neumann. Van
23 Dellen, Shellem, and Koon knew Neumann Homes, Inc. was suffering from a
24 liquidity crunch, and if Mr. Neumann truly believed in his company's ability to
25 survive its decline, he should have executed a personal guarantee. If Mr. Neumann
26 refused to provide a personal guarantee, it would have signaled a substantial red
27 flag to Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon regarding Neumann Homes, Inc.'s viability.
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1 f. The participant on the borrowing base loan, LaSalle Bank, refused to
2 fund its pro rata share of the additional advance. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon
3 disregarded this substantial warning relating to the wisdom of their decision to
4 approve the borrower's request.

5 442. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon knew, or in the exercise of due diligence
6 should have known, that their practices and the practices of IndyMac's employees who
7 reported to them and over whom they exercised supervisory control, were improper,
8 imprudent, and harmful to IndyMac. The negligence and breaches of duty by Van
9 Dellen, Shellem, and Koon in regard to this loan include, but are not limited to, the
10 following:

11 a. Causing or allowing a loan to be made to a borrower and guarantors
12 who were or should have been known to be not creditworthy and/or in financial
13 difficulty.

14 b. Causing or allowing a loan to be made in violation of applicable
15 laws, regulations, and/or HBD's internal policies.

16 c. Causing or allowing a loan to be made with inadequate or inaccurate
17 financial information regarding the creditworthiness of the borrower and/or
18 guarantor, and the prospective source of repayment, and the security provided for
19 the loans.

20 d. Causing or allowing a loan to be made with deficient collateral.

21 e. Causing or allowing a loan to be made where one or more of the
22 sources of repayment of the loan were not likely to be sufficient to fully retire the
23 debt.

24 f. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, extended, and/or renewed
25 with inadequate or problematic appraisals.

26 g. Causing or allowing a loan to be made without taking proper and
27 reasonable steps to insure that the loan proceeds would be used in accordance with
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1 the loan application and failing to control the disbursement of loan proceeds.

2 h. Causing or allowing a loan to be renewed or extended to borrowers
3 who were not creditworthy or were known to be in financial difficulty and without
4 any reduction in principal and without taking proper steps to obtain security or
5 otherwise protect the Bank's interests.

6 i. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
7 despite poor and deteriorating market conditions.

8 j. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed or extended where
9 there was very little likelihood of the loan repaying within the term of the loan.

10 443. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon as officers, owed IndyMac the obligation to
11 exercise the degree of care, skill and diligence that ordinarily prudent persons in like
12 positions would use under similar circumstances in the management, supervision and
13 conduct of IndyMac's business and financial affairs.

14 444. By their actions and inactions, as generally and specifically described above,
15 Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon failed and neglected to perform their duties properly as
16 officers of IndyMac and breached their fiduciary duties of care to IndyMac.

17 445. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and breach of fiduciary
18 duties of Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon, Plaintiff has suffered losses and other
19 compensatory and consequential damages, in amounts to be established at trial.

20 446. With respect to all of their actions and inactions in managing and
21 administering the affairs of IndyMac, Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon pursued a common
22 plan or design with each other, and therefore are jointly and severally liable for all losses.

1 accuracy of the reported loan-to-cost ratio.

2 d. The loan could not be paid off within the 24-month-loan term, which
3 itself was double the HBD policy maximum of 12 months, but instead was
4 projected to be paid off in month 56, a loan term nearly five times greater than the
5 policy maximum. It was virtually certain, then, that the extended term would lead
6 to eventual sales of the planned single-family residences at a time when home
7 prices were even more in decline than at the time of a loan maturity consistent with
8 HBD policy.

9 e. The appraised absorption rate was nearly triple the actual absorption
10 rate for similar projects in the area, meaning that the 56-month estimate for loan
11 payoff discussed above was substantially understated.

12 f. The borrower expected to set sales prices of the single family
13 residences in a range among the highest in the Denver area (and approximately
14 double the median home sales price), and a potential buyer would need to make a
15 30% down payment in order to meet debt service on a loan, creating a serious risk
16 that home sales would not be brisk enough to repay this loan even over an
17 extended loan term.

18 450. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon knew, or in the exercise of due diligence
19 should have known, that their practices and the practices of IndyMac's employees who
20 reported to them and over whom they exercised supervisory control, were improper,
21 imprudent, and harmful to IndyMac. The negligence and breaches of duty by Van
22 Dellen, Shellem, and Koon in regard to this loan include, but are not limited to, the
23 following:

24 a. Causing or allowing a loan to be made in violation of applicable laws,
25 regulations, and/or HBD's internal policies.

26 b. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, extended, and/or renewed with
27 inadequate or problematic appraisals.

1 c. Causing or allowing a loan to be made without taking proper and
2 reasonable steps to insure that the loan proceeds would be used in accordance with
3 the loan application and failing to control the disbursement of loan proceeds.

4 d. Causing or allowing a loan to be made outside the normal and prudent
5 trade areas of the Bank.

6 e. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
7 despite poor and deteriorating market conditions.

8 f. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed or extended where
9 there was very little likelihood of the loan repaying within the term of the loan.

10 451. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon, as officers, owed IndyMac the obligation to
11 exercise the degree of care, skill and diligence that ordinarily prudent persons in like
12 positions would use under similar circumstances in the management, supervision and
13 conduct of IndyMac's business and financial affairs.

14 452. By their actions and inactions, as generally and specifically described above,
15 Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon failed and neglected to perform their duties properly as
16 officers of IndyMac and breached their fiduciary duties of care to IndyMac.

17 453. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and breach of fiduciary
18 duties of Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon, Plaintiff has suffered losses and other
19 compensatory and consequential damages, in amounts to be established at trial.

20 454. With respect to all of their actions and inactions in managing and
21 administering the affairs of IndyMac, Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon pursued a common
22 plan or design with each other, and therefore are jointly and severally liable for all losses.

23 **Count 39**

24 **(Claim for Negligence and Breach of Duty of Care Against Van Dellen, Shellem and**
25 **Koon Related to the Underwriting and Administration of a Loan to WL Willow**
26 **Springs 346 Associates, LLC for the Oaks at Willow Springs Project)**

27 455. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges each of the allegations in
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1 paragraphs 1 through 454 of this complaint, as though fully set forth herein.

2 456. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon approved a loan to WL Willow Springs 346
3 Associates, LLC for a project known as Oaks at Willow Springs. This loan was entered
4 into on June 26, 2006. The loan involved the construction of 70 single-family residences
5 and 16 Duet units in the first phase of The Oaks at Willow Springs development in
6 Folsom, California, which is 23 miles northeast of Sacramento. The loan commitment
7 totaled \$17,000,000 and had a 24-month term. Losses on this loan are approximately
8 \$2.2 million.

9 457. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon approved this loan despite substantial
10 known risks and/or risks that should have been known in the exercise of due diligence,
11 including, but not limited to, the following:

12 a. The Sacramento real estate market had seen significant price
13 depreciation (21% according to one published report), and builders were offering
14 buyer incentives, indicating a rapidly slowing real estate market which would put
15 pressure on an already reduced profit margin.

16 b. The expected profit margin was below the HBD policy minimum of
17 10% due to a loss of revenue resulting from the sale of eight below-market units,
18 leaving the borrower little room to lower prices in a slowing market.

19 c. The reported loan-to-value ratio of 83%, only two percentage points
20 below the HBD policy maximum, was highly suspect because there was not a
21 defined product mix which the appraiser could rely upon to calculate an accurate
22 value.

23 d. No project cost review was performed as required by HBD policy,
24 casting into serious doubt the accuracy of the reported loan-to-cost ratio.

25 e. The borrower was a single-purpose entity, so guarantor financial
26 support was critical, yet full recourse payment guarantees were not obtained.

27 458. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon knew, or in the exercise of due diligence
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1 should have known, that their practices and the practices of IndyMac's employees who
2 reported to them and over whom they exercised supervisory control, were improper,
3 imprudent, and harmful to IndyMac. The negligence and breaches of duty by Van
4 Dellen, Shellem, and Koon in regard to this loan include, but are not limited to, the
5 following:

6 a. Causing or allowing a loan to be made in violation of applicable laws,
7 regulations, and/or HBD's internal policies.

8 b. Causing or allowing a loan to be made where one or more of the
9 sources of repayment of the loan were not likely to be sufficient to fully retire the
10 debt.

11 c. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, extended, and/or renewed with
12 inadequate or problematic appraisals.

13 d. Causing or allowing a loan to be made without taking proper and
14 reasonable steps to insure that the loan proceeds would be used in accordance with
15 the loan application and failing to control the disbursement of loan proceeds.

16 e. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
17 despite poor and deteriorating market conditions.

18 f. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
19 despite the Bank having a high geographic concentration of loans in the same
20 market.

21 459. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon, as officers, owed IndyMac the obligation to
22 exercise the degree of care, skill and diligence that ordinarily prudent persons in like
23 positions would use under similar circumstances in the management, supervision and
24 conduct of IndyMac's business and financial affairs.

25 460. By their actions and inactions, as generally and specifically described above,
26 Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon failed and neglected to perform their duties properly as
27 officers of IndyMac and breached their fiduciary duties of care to IndyMac.

1 pressure on an already reduced profit margin. Further, the borrower was already
2 pricing some of the single-family residences to be sold at below the appraised
3 value to respond to these market pressures.

4 b. The expected profit margin was below the HBD policy minimum of
5 10% due to high land costs, leaving the borrower little room to lower prices in a
6 slowing market.

7 c. The loan was approved based on a market analysis that admittedly did
8 not focus on the area immediately surrounding the project site.

9 d. No project cost review was performed as required by HBD policy,
10 casting into serious doubt the accuracy of the reported loan-to-cost ratio.

11 e. The project size of 344 lots was approximately triple the HBD policy
12 maximum of 125 lots, and development of such a large project in a slowing market
13 created a high risk of loan default due to a prolonged exposure resulting from a
14 lengthier absorption period.

15 f. The borrower was a single-purpose entity, so guarantor financial
16 support was critical, yet full recourse payment guarantees were not obtained.

17 466. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Rothman knew, or in the exercise of due diligence
18 should have known, that their practices and the practices of IndyMac's employees who
19 reported to them and over whom they exercised supervisory control, were improper,
20 imprudent, and harmful to IndyMac. The negligence and breaches of duty by Van
21 Dellen, Shellem, and Rothman in regard to this loan include, but are not limited to, the
22 following:

23 a. Causing or allowing a loan to be made in violation of applicable laws,
24 regulations, and/or HBD's internal policies.

25 b. Causing or allowing a loan to be made where one or more of the
26 sources of repayment of the loan were not likely to be sufficient to fully retire the
27 debt.

1 c. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, extended, and/or renewed with
2 inadequate or problematic appraisals.

3 d. Causing or allowing a loan to be made without taking proper and
4 reasonable steps to insure that the loan proceeds would be used in accordance with
5 the loan application and failing to control the disbursement of loan proceeds.

6 e. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
7 despite poor and deteriorating market conditions.

8 f. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
9 despite the Bank having a high geographic concentration of loans in the same
10 market.

11 467. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Rothman, as officers, owed IndyMac the
12 obligation to exercise the degree of care, skill and diligence that ordinarily prudent
13 persons in like positions would use under similar circumstances in the management,
14 supervision and conduct of IndyMac's business and financial affairs.

15 468. By their actions and inactions, as generally and specifically described above,
16 Van Dellen, Shellem, and Rothman failed and neglected to perform their duties properly
17 as officers of IndyMac and breached their fiduciary duties of care to IndyMac.

18 469. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and breach of fiduciary
19 duties of Van Dellen, Shellem, and Rothman, Plaintiff has suffered losses and other
20 compensatory and consequential damages, in amounts to be established at trial.

21 470. With respect to all of their actions and inactions in managing and
22 administering the affairs of IndyMac, Van Dellen, Shellem, and Rothman pursued a
23 common plan or design with each other, and therefore are jointly and severally liable for
24 all losses.

1 requirement. The account officer noted that there were project delays in getting the
2 homes started, the market had slowed, and a public builder, Richmond American, had
3 reduced prices and offered incentives on a nearby tract.

4 476. On March 30, 2007, a first letter agreement was executed that extended this
5 loan 30 days to allow for underwriting and closing of a 12-month extension.

6 477. On May 10, 2007, Van Dellen and Rothman approved a 12-month
7 extension. The modification also included a new re-margining provision. The total
8 months of supply in the project's market area ballooned to 30 months. In addition, the
9 profit margin decreased to 5.15%. Zaccaglin's FICO score also dropped substantially to
10 669. In addition, HBD agreed to release one of the guarantors, Curci Investments.

11 478. Due to continued slow sales performance, the borrower was unable to meet
12 the \$3.6 million curtailments by September 30, 2007, but HBD issued waivers and
13 funded draws under a reservation of rights.

14 479. In October of 2007, HBD learned that Zaccaglin's liquidity level was based
15 on stock shares that could not be easily liquidated. Thus, the borrower could not meet the
16 liquidity covenant.

17 480. In April of 2008, HBD rejected the borrower's request for another budget
18 transfer to interest reserve, and the borrower quickly fell into interest default. On June 2,
19 2008, a notice of default was filed. On June 10, 2008, a guarantor suit was filed.
20 Account officer Koerber indicated that there was a FAS 114 impairment on this loan
21 totaling \$3 million to \$4 million as of spring 2008.

22 481. Defendants approved, renewed and/or extended this loan despite substantial
23 known risks and or risks that should have been known in the exercise of due diligence.
24 These risks include, but are not limited, to the following:

- 25 a. The CAM indicated a softening market. In particular, total new home
26 sales in the Inland Empire decreased 7.9% during the fourth quarter of 2005 from
27 the same period the prior year.

1 b. The loan-to-value ratio was set at the policy maximum of 85%, and
2 the loan-to-cost ratio was set very close to the policy maximum of 90%. These
3 high advance rates provided far less insulation to the Bank in the event of a
4 downturn in real estate values. This was particularly risky given the weak
5 financial condition of the sponsorship.

6 c. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon structured this loan with a sales
7 covenant of three units per month starting April 1, 2006. Accordingly, the loan
8 went into technical default almost immediately after it was approved. Yet, HBD
9 failed to take heed of this warning, and did not move swiftly to protect its interests.

10 d. Van Dellen's, Shellem's and Koon's decision to approve this loan
11 caused HBD to be in violation of its geographic concentration limit for San
12 Bernardino County. This evidenced overexposure to a single market area.

13 e. This loan had an overall credit risk rating of Pass 4, and was in a Pass
14 4 market. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon appear to have not given HBD's risk
15 rating system any credence.

16 f. Zaccaglin had a large interest in Cal Prop Homebuilding, which had a
17 very poor financial condition. Cal Prop had been a publicly traded corporation that
18 went private because of its financial problems. In order to mitigate the risk
19 associated with Zaccaglin's interest in Cal Prop, HBD simply eliminated Cal
20 Prop's poor financials from consideration. But a Dun & Bradstreet report from
21 2005 for Cal Prop noted a moderate to high risk of severe delinquency over the
22 next six months. Van Dellen's, Shellem's and Koon's decision to approve this
23 loan while having HBD "stick its head in the ground" and pretend that Zaccaglin's
24 financial condition may not be impacted by Cal Prop was contrary to prudent
25 underwriting practices.

26 g. Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon approved this loan without obtaining
27 a detailed analysis of the borrower's and guarantor's financial statements. There is
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1 no indication in the CAM as to contingent liabilities. Van Dellen's, Shellem's and
2 Koon's decision to approve this loan "in the dark" was irresponsible.

3 h. The borrower and guarantor were permitted to provide only annual
4 financial statements. In addition, Van Dellen, Shellem, and Koon did not require a
5 minimum-tangible-net-worth covenant. This was unduly risky given the weak
6 financial support the sponsorship provided.

7 482. Defendants knew, or in the exercise of due diligence should have known,
8 that their practices and the practices of IndyMac's employees who reported to them and
9 over whom they exercised supervisory control, were improper, imprudent, and harmful to
10 IndyMac. The negligence and breaches of duty by Defendants in regard to this loan
11 include, but are not limited to, the following:

12 a. Causing or allowing a loan to be made to a borrower and guarantors
13 who were or should have been known to be not creditworthy and/or in financial
14 difficulty

15 b. Causing or allowing a loan to be made in violation of applicable laws,
16 regulations, and/or HBD's internal policies.

17 c. Causing or allowing a loan to be made with inadequate or inaccurate
18 financial information regarding the creditworthiness of the borrower and/or
19 guarantor, and the prospective source of repayment, and the security provided for
20 the loans.

21 d. Causing or allowing a loan to be made where one or more of the
22 sources of repayment of the loan were not likely to be sufficient to fully retire the
23 debt.

24 e. Causing or allowing a loan to be made without taking proper and
25 reasonable steps to insure that the loan proceeds would be used in accordance with
26 the loan application and failing to control the disbursement of loan proceeds.

27 f. Causing or allowing a loan to be renewed or extended to borrowers
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1 who were not creditworthy or were known to be in financial difficulty and without
2 any reduction in principal and without taking proper steps to obtain security or
3 otherwise protect the Bank's interests.

4 g. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
5 despite poor and deteriorating market conditions.

6 h. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed, and/or extended
7 despite the Bank having a high geographic concentration of loans in the same
8 market.

9 i. Causing or allowing a loan to be made, renewed or extended where
10 there was very little likelihood of the loan repaying within the term of the loan.

11 483. Defendants as officers, owed IndyMac the obligation to exercise the degree
12 of care, skill and diligence that ordinarily prudent persons in like positions would use
13 under similar circumstances in the management, supervision and conduct of IndyMac's
14 business and financial affairs.

15 484. By their actions and inactions, as generally and specifically described above,
16 Defendants failed and neglected to perform their duties properly as officers of IndyMac
17 and breached their fiduciary duties of care to IndyMac.

18 485. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and breach of fiduciary
19 duties of Defendants, Plaintiff has suffered losses and other compensatory and
20 consequential damages, in amounts to be established at trial.

21 486. With respect to all of their actions and inactions in managing and
22 administering the affairs of IndyMac, Defendants pursued a common plan or design with
23 each other, and therefore are jointly and severally liable for all losses.