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STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DIVISION OF INSURANCE

In the Matter of:)
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Groninger & Co. Inc. Superior)
Underwriters)
)
Licensee)
_____)

Case No. D 20-07

STIPULATED AGREEMENT AND ORDER

The Division of Insurance (division) and Groninger & Co. Inc. Superior Underwriters, (Groninger), the licensee in this case, stipulate and agree to the following:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Groninger holds surplus lines broker license number 7913.

B. Under AS 21.06.120, the division performed a limited and targeted premium tax audit of Groninger’s surplus lines business for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019. The audit was completed and a report and order approving the report were issued on November 9, 2020 under TA 20-03. Both were sent to Groninger on November 9, 2020.

C. Under one failed finding in the audit report, 14 violations of AS 21.34 were identified as being within the control of Groninger to correct in order to comply with Alaska insurance laws.

D. The 14 violations of AS 21.34 subjects Groninger to civil penalties under AS 21.34.230.

1 II. TERMS OF AGREEMENT

2 1. The division agrees that the next audit performed on Groninger related hereto will
3 exclude any quarter ending before July 1, 2021.

4 2. For the TA 20-03 audit violations, Groninger agrees to pay a civil penalty under
5 AS 21.34.230 in the amount of \$10,000 with \$5,000 suspended. The unsuspended penalty of
6 \$5,000 is payable within three months of the date that Groninger is notified the director has
7 signed the order approving this agreement.

8 3. In the event Groninger is found to have violated the Alaska insurance laws during
9 the next audit resulting in failed findings, the suspended portion of the penalty referenced in
10 paragraph 2 will be reinstated. Groninger also will be subject to any and all sanctions authorized
11 by the insurance laws including imposing additional penalties.

12 4. By signing this agreement, Groninger understands and agrees that any failure to
13 comply with the terms of this agreement may be grounds to revoke, suspend, or non-renew
14 Alaska surplus lines broker license number 7913.

15 5. Groninger understands that this agreement is not binding on the parties unless and
16 until the director signs the order approving the agreement.

17 DATED: November 18, 2020

18 GRONINGER & CO. INC. SUPERIOR
19 UNDERWRITERS

20 By: 
21 Roy Rankin
22 Compliance Officer

1 DATED: 11/18/20

DIVISION OF INSURANCE

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3 By: Rebecca Nesheim
Rebecca Nesheim
Tax Auditor

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5 Approved as to form and content:

6 DATED: 11/18/20

7 CLYDE SNIFFEN, JR.
ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL

8 By: /s/ Daniel Wilkerson
Daniel Wilkerson
Assistant Attorney General

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13 ORDER

14 IT IS ORDERED that this Stipulated Agreement and Order is adopted in full
15 resolution of the issues in this case, and shall constitute the final order in this matter.

16 DATED this 18 day of November, 2020.

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18 Lori Wing-Heier
19 Lori Wing-Heier
Director