IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 07-43672-CA-09

STATE OF FLORIDA, OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION,

Plaintiff,

v.

BERMAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, a Florida corporation, M.A.M.C. INCORPORATED, a Florida corporation, DANA J. BERMAN, as Owner and Managing Member,

Defendant.

and,

DB ATLANTA, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, et al.,

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MOTION TO EXPAND RECEIVERSHIP TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL RELIEF DEFENDANT M.A.M.C. V-STRATEGIC, LLC

Michael I. Goldberg, as State Court Appointed Receiver over Defendants Berman Mortgage Corporation, M.A.M.C. Incorporated, et al., and Relief Defendants DB Atlanta LLC, et al., by and through undersigned counsel, hereby files this Motion to Expand Receivership to Include Additional Relief Defendant M.A.M.C. V-Strategic, LLC, and states:

1. On December 11, 2007, this Court appointed Michael Goldberg (the "Receiver") to be the Receiver for the Defendants and the Relief Defendants. See Temporary Injunction and Agreed Order Appointing Receiver ("Receivership Order").

2. In the Receivership Order, Judge Wilson specifically states that all receivership assets, which includes the assets belonging to the relief defendants, are subject to the <u>exclusive</u> <u>jurisdiction</u> of Judge Wilson in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, and such assets shall be under the <u>exclusive</u> control of the Receiver:

The Court hereby takes exclusive jurisdiction and possession of the assets of the Defendants, Berman Mortgage, M.A.M.C., and Relief Defendants, the "Receivership Assets", which includes, but are not limited to: files, records, documents, leases, mortgages, investments, contracts, effects, lands, agreements, judgments, bank accounts, books of accounts, rents, goods, chattels, rights, credit claims, both asserted and unasserted, pending court actions and appeals, files and documents in the possession of attorneys and accountants of all of the Defendants and Relief Defendants, all other property, business offices, computers, servers, electronic data storage units, offsite storage locations, safety deposit boxes, monies, securities, choses in action, and properties, real and person, tangible and intangible, of whatever kind and description, wherever situation of the Defendants ... and Relief Defendants. The Receiver shall retain custody and control of all of the foregoing pursuant to the terms of this Agreed Order.

Receivership Order, ¶ 3 (emphasis added).

3. The Receiver was also authorized to investigate the manner in which the affairs of the Receivership Defendants were conducted and to institute actions on behalf of the Receivership Defendants as deemed necessary by the Receiver to collect funds or assets wrongfully misappropriated from the Receivership Defendants:

The Receiver is hereby authorized and specifically has standing to institute, defend, compromise or adjust such actions or proceedings in state or federal courts now pending and hereafter instituted, as may in his discretion by advisable or proper for the protection of the Receivership Assets or proceeds thereof, and to institute, prosecute, compromise or adjust such actions or proceedings in state or federal courts as may in his judgment be necessary or proper for the collection, preservation and maintenance of the Receivership Assets and/or on behalf of the Receivership Defendants.

Receivership Order, ¶21 (emphasis added).

4. The Defendant, MAMC, Incorporated ("MAMC") was a loan servicer, acting on behalf of approximately 640 separate investors ("The Investors"). MAMC serviced over 70 loans invested in 37 separate projects at the time the Receivership was instituted. One of the loans was made to a third party borrower, V-Strategic, LLC. This borrower defaulted and MAMC on behalf of the Investors has foreclosed the loan and needs to hold title to the former collateral for the loan for the benefit of the investors. MAMC formed MAMC V-Strategic, LLC (the "New Company") for this purpose. The members of the New Company are made up of the Investors in proportion to their ownership of the former loan made to V-Strategic, LLC. The loan was part of the Receivership and enjoyed the protections thereof. The New Company should also be part of the receivership for the same reasons. Entities owned for the benefit of the Investors have historically been referred to as Relief Defendants. The Receivership Order identified 18 Relief Defendants.

- 5. The New Company owns four parcels of 2.36 acres of land on Hallandale Beach Boulevard zoned commercial in Broward County, Florida.
- 6. Importantly, the New Company is an asset of the Receivership, is managed by M.A.M.C., and thus clearly should be subject to the Receivership and the Receivership Order.
- 7. Consequently, and in line with the Receivership Order, inclusion of MAMC V-Strategic, LLC into the Receivership "is both necessary and appropriate in this matter in order to prevent further waste and dissipation of the assets of the Defendants and Relief Defendants, to the detriment of its investors." Receivership Order, ¶ 3.

¹ A relief defendant may either be a gratuitous beneficiary of the proceeds from the principal defendants' fraud or merely the custodian of the principal defendants' assets. *See, e.g., CFTC v. Hanover Trading Co.*, 34 F. Supp. 2d 203, 207 (S.D.N.Y. 1999).

WHEREFORE, the Receiver moves this Court for entry of an Order Expanding the Receivership to Include Additional Relief Defendant M.A.M.C. V-Strategic LLC, and any other relief deemed necessary by this Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via U.S. Mail and/or electronic mail to all parties on the attached Service List on this 3rd day of August, 2010.

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