IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

)	Re: Docket No. 44
Debtors.)	(Jointly Administered)
TRUST INC., et al., ¹)	(Jointly Administered)
REVERSE MORTGAGE INVESTMENT)	Case No. 22-11225 (MFW)
In re:)	Chapter 11
)	

FINAL ORDER (A) AUTHORIZING THE
DEBTORS TO (I) CONTINUE HONORING REVERSE
ISSUER AND SERVICING OBLIGATIONS AND (II) SELL
CERTAIN NEWLY ORIGINATED LOANS, (B) MODIFYING
THE AUTOMATIC STAY ON A LIMITED BASIS TO FACILITATE THE
DEBTORS' ONGOING OBLIGATIONS, AND (C) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

Upon the motion (the "Motion")² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), for the entry of a final order (this "Final Order") pursuant to sections 105(a), 362, 363 and 364 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 4001, 6003, and 6004, authorizing, but not directing, the Debtors to (a) (i) continue their securitization activities, (ii) honor the Ginnie Mae Agreements and the Fannie Mae Lender Contract; and (iii) remit the Ginnie Mae Commitment Fee, the Ginnie Mae Guaranty Fee, amounts due from Borrower Paydown, and certain administrative fees arising from the Company's securitization activities and amounts due under the Fannie Mae Lender Contract; (b) (i) honor the Servicing Obligations, (ii) honor and pay the Curtailment Obligations, (iii) collect and securitize the Servicing Fees, and (iv) remit the Servicer Advances; (c) continue assignment and claim reimbursement activities;

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, include: Reverse Mortgage Investment Trust Inc. (3421); Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC (0209); RMIT Cash Management LLC (6241); RMIT Operating I LLC (1844); and RMIT Operating II LLC (2301). The location of the Debtors' service address for purposes of these chapter 11 cases is: 1455 Broad Street, 2nd Floor, Bloomfield, NJ 07003.

² Capitalized terms used in this Order and not defined have the meanings given to such terms in the Motion.

(d) continue honoring the Company's indemnification obligations to FHA in connection with defective loans; (e) consummate the Longbridge Loan Sales and (f) fulfill compliance and regulatory obligations, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, and the Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012; and consideration of the Motion and the requested relief being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before the Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and proper notice of the Motion having been provided to the Notice Parties, and such notice having been adequate and appropriate under the circumstances, and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and the Court having reviewed the Motion; and the Court having held a hearing to consider the relief requested in the Motion on a final basis (the "Hearing"); and upon the First Day Declaration, filed contemporaneously with the Motion, and the record of the Hearing; and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and it appearing that the relief requested in the Motion is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm to the Debtors and their estates as contemplated by Bankruptcy Rule 6003, and is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, creditors, and all parties in interest; and upon all of the proceedings had before the Court and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Motion is GRANTED on final basis as set forth herein.
- 2. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to continue in the ordinary course of business to:

- a. (i) continue their securitization activities, (ii) honor the Ginnie Mae Agreements and the Fannie Mae Lender Contract; and (iii) remit the Ginnie Mae Commitment Fee, the Ginnie Mae Guaranty Fee, amounts due from Borrower Paydowns in the ordinary course, and certain administrative fees arising from the Company's securitization activities and amounts due under the Fannie Mae Lender Contract;
- b. (i) honor the Servicing Obligations, (ii) honor the Curtailment Obligations, (iii) collect and securitize the Servicing Fees, and (iv) remit the Servicer Advances;
- c. continue assignment and claim reimbursement activities;
- d. continue honoring their indemnification obligations to FHA in connection with defective loans in the ordinary course;
- e. consummate the Longbridge Loan Sales; and
- f. fulfill compliance and regulatory obligations.
- 3. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to continue selling REO Property (i) on an "as is where is" basis and without any representation and warranties except for title, in the ordinary course of business, in their discretion and subject to their business judgment, and consistent with past practices, and (ii) free and clear of any and all liens and encumbrances (a) under section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code to the extent the Debtors own the REO Property, and (b) to the extent permitted pursuant to applicable non-bankruptcy law for REO Property owned by third parties.

Additional Relief Related to the Debtors' Businesses

4. The Debtors are authorized but not directed, to continue in the ordinary course of business (a) to fulfill state licensing requirements and to pay related obligations, (b) to submit to, and comply with, state and federal regulatory exams and audits and to pay related obligations, costs, and expenses, and (c) to remediate errors and/or lack of compliance with laws or regulations, including by continuing (i) to make payments to borrowers (e.g., in the form of reimbursements, refunds, and/or out-of-pocket expenses), (ii) to forgive past due amounts and/or

assessed but unpaid fees or other charges, (iii) to pay fees, fines, and/or penalties, either directly to the applicable authority or through a vendor, (iv) to incur and pay certain expenses associated with the foregoing, (v) to pay the costs and expenses of state and federal regulatory examinations, and (vi) to take such other measures as may be required by, or agreed to with, state and federal regulators.

Limited Discretionary Relief From Automatic Stay

Borrower Foreclosure and Eviction Proceedings

- 5. The Debtors shall have discretion to waive the stay imposed by section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code to allow borrowers, mortgagors, and lienholders (each, an "Interested Party") to assert and prosecute claims, cross-claims, third-party claims, and counter-claims related to judicial and non-judicial foreclosure and eviction proceedings brought by the Debtors to the limited extent such claims, cross-claims, third-party claims, and counterclaims, including the appeals of such, have the sole purpose of defending, unwinding, or otherwise enjoining or precluding any foreclosure or eviction, and do not have an adverse effect on any of the Debtors' assets.
- 6. Absent further order of this Court, the automatic stay shall remain in full force and effect with respect to any and all other pending or future claims, cross-claims, third-party claims, and counterclaims by Interested Parties related to judicial and non-judicial foreclosure and eviction proceedings, including with respect to (a) monetary relief of any kind or any nature against the Debtors, (b) claims of recoupment or setoff, (c) relief that if granted would affect the amount, validity, and/or priority of lien(s) held by the Debtors, (d) relief that if granted would not terminate or preclude the prosecution and completion of a foreclosure or eviction, and (e) actions asserted in the form of a class action or collective action.

7. Should there be any disagreements between or among any Interested Parties and/or the Debtors regarding whether any claims, cross-claims, third-party claims, or counterclaims fall within the Debtors' discretionary exception to the automatic stay approved by this Court, this Court shall have jurisdiction to hear and resolve such disputes.

Borrower Bankruptcy Proceedings

- 8. The Debtors shall have the discretion to waive the automatic stay imposed by section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code applicable against a borrower who has sought, or may seek during the pendency of these cases, bankruptcy protection under chapters 7, 11, 12, or 13 of the Bankruptcy Code (each, a "Bankrupt Borrower"), pursuant to the following terms and conditions:
 - i. except as set forth herein and if consented to by the Debtors, and provided an action outlined below would not affect the value or validity of an asset or claim held by the Debtors, a Bankrupt Borrower, a Bankruptcy Trustee, or a United States Trustee shall be entitled:
 - a. to assert or continue to assert an objection to a proof of claim, notice of payment change, notice of post-petition fee, expense, or charge, or response to notice of final cure (collectively, the "Required Bankruptcy Documents") filed by the Debtors in the Bankrupt Borrower's bankruptcy case;
 - b. to assert or continue to assert an objection to a motion to lift the automatic stay filed by the Debtors in the Bankrupt Borrower's bankruptcy case;
 - c. to assert appeals with respect to the above; and
 - d. to seek an accounting from the Debtors with respect to the Bankrupt Borrower's loan;
 - ii. except as set forth herein and if consented to by the Debtors, a Bankrupt Borrower shall be entitled:
 - a. to engage in court-supervised or court-authorized loss- mitigation programs regarding the Bankrupt Borrower's loan; and

- b. to engage in discussion with the Debtors and execute a modification of the Bankrupt Borrower's loan or otherwise discuss, enter into, and consummate settlements of claims and liens in accordance with the ordinary course of the Debtors' business and applicable law;
- iii. absent further order of the Court or consent by the Debtors as set forth herein, the automatic stay shall remain in full force and effect with respect to all the Bankrupt Borrower's, the Bankruptcy Trustee's, and the United States Trustee's direct claims, counterclaims, motions, or adversary proceedings:
 - a. for monetary relief of any kind and of any nature against the Debtors, with the exception of: (A) a reduction in the amount of arrearage listed on a proof of claim that would not affect the total amount of the claim; (B) an objection to the amount listed on a notice of payment change; or (C) an objection to the amount past due listed on a response to notice of final cure;
 - b. for violation of any local, state, or federal statute or other law in connection with the origination of the Bankrupt Borrower's loan;
 - c. for relief that if granted, would have an effect on the amount, validity, or priority of the Debtors' claim or lien against a Bankrupt Borrower or the property of the Bankrupt Borrower securing such claim or lien of the Debtors; or
 - d. asserted in the form of a class action;
- iv. absent further order of this Court and if consented to by the Debtors, the automatic stay shall remain in full force and effect with respect to any party seeking to intervene to assert related claims against the Debtors or any class action or collective action brought by any Bankrupt Borrower on behalf of any other class of borrowers;
- v. the Debtors shall retain the right, upon appropriate motion and notice to any Bankrupt Borrower, Bankruptcy Trustee, or United States Trustee, to seek to impose any provision of section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code modified by this Final Order, and to the extent such relief is sought, the Debtors will not object to such party's telephonic participation at any hearing on such motion;
- vi. nothing set forth herein shall preclude or limit any Bankrupt Borrower, Bankruptcy Trustee, or United States Trustee from seeking relief from the automatic stay under section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code on appropriate motion and notice to the Debtors and parties in interest; and
- vii. should there be any disagreements between the Debtors, a Bankrupt Borrower, a Bankruptcy Trustee, or a United States Trustee regarding whether any actions,

claims, or counterclaims fall within the Debtors' discretionary exception to the automatic stay approved by the Court, the Court shall have jurisdiction to hear and resolve such dispute.

Actions Involving Amount, Validity, or Priority of Liens

- 9. The Debtors shall have discretion to waive the automatic stay imposed by section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code applicable to actions involving the amount, validity, and/or priority of liens with respect to properties subject to mortgages owned or serviced by the Debtors (such actions, "<u>Title Disputes</u>") to allow Interested Parties to assert a defense, including the appeals of such, in Title Disputes.
- 10. Absent further order of this Court, the automatic stay shall remain in full force and effect with respect to any and all other pending or future claims, cross-claims, third-party claims, and counterclaims against the Debtors, including with respect to (a) monetary relief of any kind or any nature against the Debtors, (b) relief that if granted would affect the amount, validity, and/or priority of lien(s) held by the Debtors, (c) actions for partition, eminent domain, or seizure of the property securing lien(s) held by the Debtors, (d) relief that is not necessary for the resolution of the Title Dispute, or (e) actions asserted in the form of a class action or collective action.
- 11. Should there be any disagreements between or among any Interested Parties and/or the Debtors regarding whether any claims, cross-claims, third-party claims, or counterclaims fall within the Debtors' discretionary exception to the automatic stay approved by this Court, this Court shall have jurisdiction to hear and resolve such disputes.

Other Relief

12. None of the relief requested by the Debtors in the Motion or granted herein shall be deemed to expand or increase the Debtors' rights with respect to any mortgages or servicing rights that are not property of the Debtors' estates, including, in connection with, for example:

- i. Those certain Purchased Mortgage Loans and Servicing Rights (as such terms are defined in the TIAA Agreement) and any property purchased by (or pledged to) under that certain Master Repurchase Agreement, dated September 15, 2017 (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, and together with all guarantees, schedules and exhibits thereto, Facility Documents (as defined therein) and confirmations exchanged pursuant to Transactions entered into in connection therewith, the "TIAA Agreement" or "TIAA Repo Facility"), by and between TIAA, FSB, formerly known as EverBank ("TIAA") and Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC;
- ii. Those certain mortgages, loans and servicing rights and any property purchased by (or pledged to) Nomura (as defined below) under (a) that certain Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement, by and between Nomura Corporate Funding Americas, LLC, Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC and Broad Street Funding Trust II, dated as of June 4, 2019, as amended; (b) that certain Master Repurchase Agreement, by and between Nomura Securities International, Inc. and Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC, dated as of January 9, 2017, as amended; and (c) that certain Master Repurchase Agreement, by and between Nomura Securities International, Inc. and RMIT Operating II LLC, dated as of May 26, 2015, as amended (such agreements, in each case, together with all guarantees, schedules and exhibits thereto, and confirmations exchanged pursuant to transactions entered into in connection with any of the foregoing the "Nomura Repo Facilities" and the Nomura parties thereto, collectively, "Nomura");
- Any property purchased by (or pledged to) Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage iii. Capital LLC, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch, and Alpine Securitization LTD (in their respective capacities as administrative agent and/or buyers, as applicable) pursuant to (a) the Master Repurchase Agreement between Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch and Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC, dated January 15, 2021, (b) the Master Repurchase Agreement between Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC, dated January 15, 2021, (c) the Master Repurchase Agreement between Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch and RMIT Operating II LLC, dated March 1, 2022, (d) the Master Repurchase Agreement between Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and RMIT Operating II LLC, dated March 1, 2022, (e) the Master Repurchase Agreement between Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Capital LLC (as administrative agent), Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch, Alpine Securitization LTD (along with certain other buyers) and Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC, dated September 30, 2022 and (f) any and all other contracts, agreements or other documents entered into in connection with the foregoing (a) through (f) (the foregoing (a) through (f), collectively, the "Credit Suisse Repo Facilities"); and
- iv. Any property purchased by (or pledged to) Barclays Bank PLC ("<u>Barclays</u>") under that certain Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of May 15, 2017 (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified

from time to time), among Barclays as purchaser and agent, Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC, as sellers, and Reverse Mortgage Investment Trust Inc, RMIT Operating I LLC, RMIT Operating II LLC, and RMIT Cash Management LLC, as guarantors (the "Barclays Repo Facility").

The Debtors' rights are reserved to seek any such relief at a later date and all party's remedies and rights to object to any such relief are likewise reserved.

- 13. Nothing in this Final Order or these bankruptcy cases precludes Celink from performing its duties and obligations to deposit, transfer and remit funds in accordance with (i) the Nomura Repo Facilities, (ii) the Credit Suisse Repo Facilities; (iii) the TIAA Repo Facility; and (iv) the Barclays Repo Facility, and in each case of the foregoing (i) though (iv), all contracts, agreements or other documents (including, without limitation, all guarantees, schedules and exhibits thereto) in connection with such facilities. The stay imposed by section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code shall not apply to the activities of Celink. Celink may comply with all warehouse lender exercise of rights and remedies consistent with the underlying agreements pursuant to the safe harbor protections under section 559 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 14. Nothing contained in the Motion or this Final Order, nor any payment made pursuant to the authority granted by this Final Order, shall constitute or be construed as (i) an admission as to the validity of any claim against the Debtors; (ii) a waiver of the Debtors' or any appropriate party in interest's rights to dispute the amount of, basis for, or validity of any claim against the Debtors; (iii) a waiver of any claims or causes of action which may exist against any creditor or interest holder; or (iv) an approval, assumption, adoption, or rejection of any agreement, contract, lease, program, or policy between the Debtors and any third party under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 15. <u>GNMA Reservation</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Final Order, no lien or security interest granted by this Final Order shall attach to, modify,

include, or otherwise affect mortgages or participations (as defined in the "GNMA" Agreements")³ including but not limited to mortgage servicing rights ("MSRs") associated with mortgages or participations that (i) back or are otherwise associated with securities guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association ("GNMA"), and (ii) are now or hereafter serviced by Debtor RMF (or any of their respective affiliates), except as expressly consented to by GNMA pursuant to that certain Acknowledgment Agreement dated May 8, 2019 between and among RMF, Leadenhall Life Insurance Linked Investments Fund Plc, and GNMA (the "Acknowledgment Agreement"). For the avoidance of doubt, and without limiting the foregoing, nothing in this Final Order subordinates, primes, grants a lien in, or otherwise impairs GNMA's interest in, or rights to, the mortgages or participations backing or otherwise associated with GNMA guaranteed securities and/or any related collateral, including, but not limited to, cash, accounts or collateral held or required to be held by the Debtors any non-Debtor affiliates, GNMA, or any other party in connection with GNMA Agreements, including without limitation the Principal and Interest Custodial Accounts and Taxes and Insurance Custodial Accounts, established in accordance with the GNMA program requirements. GNMA reserves all rights pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1721(g), and all rights in all of its agreements with the Debtors and any non-Debtor affiliates, including the GNMA Agreements, none of which is impaired by the Final Order.

16. <u>FHA Reservation</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Final Order, nothing in this Final Order shall (a) modify, impair or affect any contract, contract of insurance, HECM second mortgage lien, agreement, approval, authorization or writing of the

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³ Defined to refer to the Ginnie Mae Mortgage-Backed Securities Guide, 5500.3 Rev. 1 (the "<u>Guide</u>"), along with any and all Guaranty Agreements, MBS prospectus documents, cross default agreements, escrow agreements, corporate guaranties, acknowledgement agreements, supplements, addendums, amendments, or related agreements.

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Federal Housing Administration ("FHA") (collectively, "FHA Documents"); (b) release or waive any Debtor's or non-debtor's obligations and liabilities pursuant to any and all statutes, regulations, rules, policies and procedures of FHA including, without limitation, (i) Title II of the National Housing Act (12 USC §1707 et seq.), (ii) 24 C.F.R. Parts 201 203 and 206, and (iii) FHA Handbooks and Mortgagee Letters (collectively, "FHA Requirements"); or (c) authorize or grant any lien or security interest in any escrow or custodial account, and all funds therein, held by the Debtors for the benefit of borrowers with FHA-insured mortgages.
- 17. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in the Final Order shall be construed to (a) limit the right of the United States to take any legally-authorized action; (b) waive, release or obviate the Debtors' obligations and requirements to comply with all Federal Law; or (c) modify, impair or affect the United States' rights and defenses of setoff and recoupment.
- 18. Nothing contained in the Motion or this Final Order shall limit the right of any party to seek relief from the automatic stay to terminate the Company as servicer under the terms of any documents governing the Debtors' Servicing Obligations and prevent the Company from performing any such further Servicing Obligations in connection therewith post-termination.
- 19. Fannie Mae shall be entitled to the additional reservations of rights as stipulated on the record of the interim hearing held on December 5, 2022 with respect to the Motion.
- 20. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, nothing in this Final Order shall modify or otherwise affect the (i) *Order Approving the Stipulation Granting Fannie Mae Limited Relief from the Automatic Stay and Authorizing Certain Advances* [Docket No. 243] or Fannie Mae's rights under the *Stipulation Granting Fannie Mae Limited Relief From the Automatic Stay and Authorizing Certain Advances* [Docket No. 243-1] or (ii) *Order Approving the Stipulation*

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Granting Relief from the Automatic Stay, Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Assets, Authorizing

Certain Advances, and Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 397] or Nomura's rights under the

Stipulation granting Relief from the Automatic Stay, Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Assets,

Authorizing Certain Advances, and Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 397-1].

21. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, nothing in this Order or the

Motion authorizes the Debtors to perform servicing activities in connection with mortgages

and/or servicing rights that are no longer property of the Debtors' estates.

22. Nothing herein shall create, nor is intended to create, any rights in favor of or

enhance the status of any claim held by any party.

23. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the right of any governmental unit (as

such term is defined in section 101(27) of the Bankruptcy Code) to take any action not subject to

the automatic stay.

24. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient

notice of such Motion and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Rules are

satisfied by such notice.

25. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), this Final Order shall be immediately

effective and enforceable upon its entry.

26. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the terms and conditions of this

Final Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

27. The Debtors are authorized to take all action necessary to effectuate the relief

granted in this Final Order in accordance with the Motion.

28. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from

or related to the implementation, interpretation, and/or enforcement of this Final Order.

Dated: February 22nd, 2023

Wilmington, Delaware

MARY F. WALRATH

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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