

BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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IN RE: : VIOLATIONS:
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COLEMONT INSURANCE : Sections 611-A(2) and 641.1-A(a) of Act 147
BROKERS OF GEORGIA, LLC : of 2002 (40 P.S. §§ 310.11 and 310.41a(a))
2859 Paces Ferry Road, Suite #1500 : :
Atlanta, GA 30339 : Section 1615 of the Surplus Lines Act,
: Act of May 17, 1921, P.L. 682, added by
: the Act of December 18, 1992, P.L. 1519
: (40 P.S. § 991.1615)
: :
Respondent. : Docket No. C006-09-002

CONSENT ORDER

AND NOW, this *4th* day of *December*, 2006 this Order is hereby issued by the Deputy Insurance Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to the statutes cited above and in disposition of the matter captioned above.

1. Respondent hereby admits and acknowledges that it has received proper notice of its rights to a formal administrative hearing pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, 2 Pa.C.S.A. §101, et seq., or other applicable law.
2. Respondent hereby waives all rights to a formal administrative hearing in this matter, and agrees that this Consent Order, and the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein, shall have the full force and effect of an Order duly entered in accordance with the adjudicatory procedures set forth in the Administrative Agency Law, supra, or other applicable law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

3. The Deputy Insurance Commissioner finds true and correct each of the following Findings of Fact:

- (a) Respondent is Colemont Insurance Brokers of Georgia, LLC, and maintains its address at 2859 Paces Ferry Road, Suite #1500, Atlanta, Georgia 30339.
- (b) Respondent received its non-resident producer and surplus lines licenses on November 1, 2004. Its designated licensee, James C. Ross, possessed a non-resident producer license but no surplus lines license until November 1, 2004.
- (c) During 1991 through 2000, Respondent procured approximately 36 surplus lines insurance policies although it did not possess a Pennsylvania surplus lines license.
- (d) During the aforementioned years, Respondent unsuccessfully attempted to remit surplus lines taxes of \$9,686.84 to the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue through a Pennsylvania surplus lines licensee.
- (e) Against a self-audit during 2006, Respondent discovered the surplus lines taxes had not been received by the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

- (f) On February 16, 2006, Respondent remitted the surplus lines taxes of \$9,686.84 to the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.
- (g) Respondent self reported its findings to this Department.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4. In accord with the above Findings of Fact and applicable provisions of law, the Deputy Insurance Commissioner concludes and finds the following Conclusions of Law:

- (a) Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department.
- (b) Section 611-A(2) of Act 147 of 2002 prohibits a licensee from violating the insurance laws or regulations of this Commonwealth (40 P.S. § 310.11).
- (c) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(c) through 3(g) constitute doing business as an unlicensed surplus lines producer, in violation of Section 611-A(2) of Act 147 of 2002.
- (d) Section 641.1-A(a) of Act 147 of 2002 prohibits a licensee from accepting applications or orders for insurance from any person or securing any insurance business that was sold, solicited or negotiated by any person acting without an insurance producer license (40 P.S. § 310.41a(a)).
- (e) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(c) through 3(g) violate Section 641.1-A(a) of Act 147 of 2002.

- (f) Respondent's violations of Sections 611-A(2) and 641.1-A(a) of Act 147 are punishable by the following, under Section 691-A of Act 147 of 2003 (40 P.S. § 310.91):
- (i) suspension, revocation or refusal to issue the certificate of qualification or license;
 - (ii) imposition of a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for every violation of the Act;
 - (iii) an order to cease and desist; and
 - (iv) any other conditions as the Commissioner deems appropriate.
- (g) Section 1615 of the Surplus Lines Act prohibits any agent or broker licensed by the Department to transact surplus lines insurance unless such agent or broker is licensed as a surplus lines agent.
- (h) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(c) through 3(g) constitute transacting surplus lines insurance without being properly licensed.
- (i) Respondent's violation of Section 1615 of the Surplus Lines Act is punishable by the following, under Section 1625(b) of the Surplus Lines Act:
- (i) imposition of a penalty not exceeding \$1,000 for the first offense and \$2,000 for each succeeding offense.

ORDER

5. In accord with the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Deputy Insurance Commissioner orders and Respondent consents to the following:

- (a) Respondent shall cease and desist from engaging in the activities described herein in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.
- (b) Respondent's certificates and licenses may be immediately suspended by the Department following its investigation and determination that (i) any terms of this Order have not been complied with, or (ii) any complaint against Respondent is accurate and a statute or regulation has been violated. The Department's right to act under this section is limited to a period of three (3) years from the date of this Order.
- (c) Respondent specifically waives its right to prior notice of said suspension, but will be entitled to a hearing upon written request received by the Department no later than thirty (30) days after the date the Department mailed to Respondent by certified mail, return receipt requested, notification of said suspension, which hearing shall be scheduled for a date within sixty (60) days of the Department's receipt of Respondent's written request.
- (d) At the hearing referred to in paragraph 5(c) of this Order, Respondent shall have the burden of demonstrating that it is worthy of a license.
- (e) In the event Respondent's certificates and licenses are suspended pursuant to paragraph 5(b) above, and Respondent either fails to

request a hearing within thirty (30) days or at the hearing fails to demonstrate that it is worthy of a license, Respondent's suspended certificates and licenses shall be revoked.

6. In the event the Deputy Insurance Commissioner finds that there has been a breach of any of the provisions of this Order, based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein, the Department may pursue any and all legal remedies available, including but not limited to the following: The Department may enforce the provisions of this Order in an administrative action pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, supra, or other relevant provision of law; or, if applicable, the Department may enforce the provisions of this Order in any other court of law or equity having jurisdiction.

7. Alternatively, in the event the Deputy Commissioner finds that there has been a breach of any of the provisions of this Order, the Deputy Commissioner may declare this Order to be null and void and, thereupon, reopen the entire matter for appropriate action pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, supra, or other relevant provision of law.

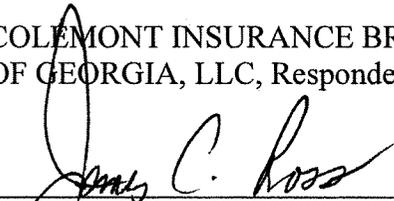
8. In any such enforcement proceeding, Respondent may contest whether a breach of the provisions of this Order has occurred but may not contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein.

9. Respondent hereby expressly waives any relevant statute of limitations and application of the doctrine of laches for purposes of any enforcement of this Order.

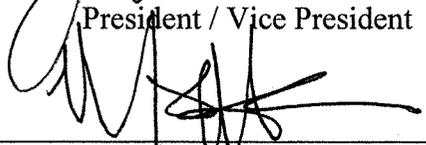
10. This Order constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the matters referred to herein, and it may not be amended or modified except by an amended order signed by all the parties hereto.

11. This Order shall be final upon execution by the Deputy Insurance Commissioner. Only the Insurance Commissioner or the duly authorized Deputy Insurance Commissioner is authorized to bind the Insurance Department with respect to the settlement of the alleged violation of law contained herein, and this Consent Order is not effective until executed by the Insurance Commissioner or the duly authorized Deputy Insurance Commissioner.

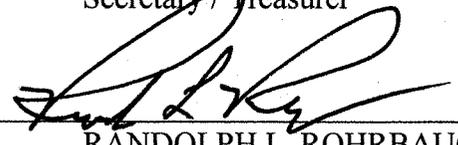
BY: COLEMONT INSURANCE BROKERS,
OF GEORGIA, LLC, Respondent



President / Vice President



Secretary / Treasurer



RANDOLPH L. ROHRBAUGH
Deputy Insurance Commissioner
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania