BILL LOCKYER Attorney General ORIGINAL FILED W. DEAN FREEMAN Lead Supervising Deputy Attorney General MARK P. RICHELSON JUL 0 2 2003 Supervising Deputy Attorney General RAYMOND B. JUE, State Bar No. 061656 LOS ANGELES Deputy Attorney General LIŜA W. CHAO. Deputy Attorney General, State Bar No. 198536 SUPERIOR COURT 300 South Spring Street, Room 1702 Los Angeles, California 90013 Telephone: (213) 897-2480 Fax: (213) 897-5775 8 Attomeys for Applicant Insurance Commissioner of the State of California 9 10 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 11 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 12 13 Case No.: BS083582 INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE 14 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, [PROPOSED] ORDER APPOINTING **INSURANCE COMMISSIONER AS** 15 Applicant. LIQUIDATOR AND RESTRAINING ORDERS 16 V. Date: 17 July 2, 2003 FREMONT INDEMNITY COMPANY, a Time: 9:30 a.m. California corporation, Dept.: 18 Respondent. 19 20 The verified Application of the Insurance Commissioner of the State of California 21 "Commissioner") for an Order Appointing Commissioner as Liquidator of Fremont Indemnity Company ("Respondent") came on regularly for hearing in Department 86 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court. GOOD CAUSE APPEARING FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S VERIFIED 25 APPLICATION, THIS COURT MAKES THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS: 27 Respondent is insolvent. It would be futile for the Commissioner to continue to proceed as Conservator of 28

(PROPOSED) ORDER APPOINTING INSURANCE COMMISSIONER AS LIQUIDATOR AND RESTRAINING ORDERS

3. Respondent does not meet the requirements for issuance to it of a Certificate of Authority.

4. There exist sufficient factual and legal grounds for the Commissioner to liquidate and wind up the business of Respondent in a manner consistent with the provisions of this Order.

WHEREFORE, GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, THIS COURT MAKES THE
FOLLOWING ORDERS (for all purposes in this order, the term "Respondent," wherever used and used in whatever context or reference, shall mean Respondent Fremont Indemnity Company and shall mean for all purposes, wherever used and in whatever context or reference, all the following entities: the former Fremont Indemnity Company, Comstock Insurance Company, Fremont Industrial Indemnity Insurance Company, Fremont Compensation Insurance Company, Fremont Casualty Company, and Fremont Pacific Insurance Company):

- 1. The Commissioner's status as Conservator is terminated, and he is appointed as Liquidator of Respondent, as set forth in Insurance Code §1016, and directed as Liquidator to liquidate and wind up the affairs of Respondent, to conduct the business of Respondent, or so much as thereof may seem appropriate, to pay or defer payment of all proper claims and obligations against Respondent accruing prior to or subsequent to his appointment as Liquidator of Respondent and to act in all ways and exercise all powers necessary for the purpose of carrying out such order;
- 2. The Liquidator is authorized to assume or reject, or to modify, any executory contracts, including without limitation, any lease, rental or utilization contract or agreement (including any schedule to any such contract or agreement), and any license or other arrangement for the use of computer software of business information systems, to which Respondent is a party or as to which Respondent agrees to accept an assignment of such contract; the Liquidator is directed to effect any such assumption or rejection or modification of any executory contract not later than 120 days of the date of the Order Appointing Conservator, unless such date is extended by application to and further order of this Court; all executory contracts that are not expressly assumed by the Liquidator shall be deemed rejected; any party to a contract that is rejected by the

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Liquidator pursuant to this order shall be permitted to file a proof of claim against the liquidation estate, which claim shall be treated in accordance with Insurance Code §1010, et seq.;

- 3. The Liquidator is authorized to take possession of all the assets of Respondent including books, records and property, both real and personal, accounts, safe deposit boxes, rights of action, and all such assets as may be in the name of Respondent, wheresoever situated;
- 4. The Liquidator is vested with title to all property and assets of Respondent, including deposits, securities, contracts, rights of actions, books, records and other assets of every type and nature, and including both those presently in Respondent's possession and those which may be discovered hereafter, wheresoever situated, and the Liquidator is authorized to deal with the same in his own name as Liquidator or in the name of Respondent, and all persons are enjoined from interfering with Liquidator's possession and title thereto;
- 5. The Liquidator shall have all the powers of the directors, officers and managers of Respondent, whose authorities are suspended except as such powers may be redelegated by the Liquidator;
- 6. The Liquidator is authorized to terminate compensation arrangements with employees, to enter into new compensation arrangements with employees, including arrangements containing retention incentives, and the Liquidator is authorized to hire employees on such terms and conditions as he deems reasonable;
- 7. Except upon the express authorization of the Liquidator, Respondent, its officers, directors, agents and employees are enjoined from transacting any of the business of Respondent, whether in the State of California or elsewhere, or from disposing of, using, transferring, selling, assigning, canceling, alienating, hypothecating or concealing in any manner or any way, or assisting any person in any of the foregoing, of the property or assets of Respondent or property or assets in the possession of Respondent, of any nature or kind, including claims or causes of action, until further order of this Court and further, such persons are enjoined from obstructing or interfering with the Liquidator's conduct of his or her duties as Liquidator;
- 8. All persons are enjoined from instituting or prosecuting or maintaining any action at law or suit in equity, including but not limited to actions or proceedings to compel discovery

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or production of documents or testimony and matters in arbitration, except in matters before either the California Workers Compensation Appeals Board or equivalent administrative boards or organizations performing such functions in other states in which Respondent issued workers compensation policies, against Respondent or against the Liquidator, and from attaching, executing upon, redeeming of or taking any other legal proceedings against any of the property or assets of Respondent, and from doing any act interfering with the conduct of said business by the Liquidator, except upon order from this Court obtained after reasonable notice to the Liquidator:

- Respondent and all officers, directors, agents and employees of Respondent are 9. directed to deliver to, and immediately make available to, the Liquidator all assets, books, records, accounts, records, information, computers, tapes, discs, writings, other recordings of nformation, equipment and other property of Respondent, wheresoever situated, in said persons ustody or control and further, the aforesaid persons shall disclose verbally, or in writing if equested by the Liquidator, the exact whereabouts of the foregoing items if such items are not in the possession custody or control of said persons;
- 10. All officers, directors, trustees, employees or agents of Respondent, or any other person, firm, association, partnership, corporate parent, holding company, affiliate or other entity in charge of any aspect of Respondent's affairs, either in whole or in part, and including but not limited to banks, savings and loan associations, financial or lending institutions, brokers, stock or mutual associations, or any parent, holding company, subsidiary or affiliated corporation or any other representative acting in concert with Respondent, are directed to cooperate with the iquidator in the performance of his or her duties;
- The Liquidator is authorized to pay for his costs in bringing and maintaining this 11. action, and such other actions as are necessary to carry out his functions as Liquidator (including reasonable costs of operating Respondent such as direct and allocated direct costs, direct and allocated general and administrative costs and overhead, and all other allocated costs), out of the funds and assets of Respondent; and if there are insufficient funds, to pay for his costs out of the Insurance Fund, pursuant to Insurance Code section 1035;

- 12. All funds, assets, and accounts, including certificates of deposit, bank accounts, and mutual fund shares, of Respondent, in various financial depositary institutions, including banks, savings and loan associations, industrial loan companies, mutual funds or stock brokerages, wheresoever situated, shall be vested in the Liquidator and subject to withdrawal upon his order only. This order does not convert funds held in a fiduciary capacity to general assets of the Liquidator;
- 13. All persons who maintain records for Respondent, pursuant to written contract or any other agreement, shall maintain such records and shall deliver to the Liquidator such records upon his request;
- 14. All agents of Respondent and all brokers who have done business with Respondent, are directed to make all remittances of all funds collected by them or in their hands directly to the Liquidator. This obligation to remit collected funds is continuing in nature;
- 15. All persons having possession of any lists of policyholders or escrow holders of Respondent shall deliver all such lists to the Liquidator; and that all persons are enjoined from using any such lists or any information contained therein without the consent of the Liquidator;
- 16. The Liquidator is authorized to initiate such equitable or legal actions or proceedings in this or other states as may appear to him necessary to carry out his functions as Liquidator;
- 17. The Liquidator is authorized to appoint and employ special deputies, estate managers, other professionals, clerks and assistants and to give each of them such power and authority as he may deem necessary, and the Liquidator is authorized to compensate these persons from the assets of Respondent as he may deem appropriate;
- 18. The Liquidator is authorized to divert, take possession of and secure all mail of Respondent, in order to screen such mail, and to effect a change in the rights to use any and all post office boxes and other mail collection facilities used by Respondent;
- 19. Respondent and its officers, directors, agents, servants, employees, successors, assigns, affiliates, and other persons or entities under their control and all persons or entities in concert or participation with Respondent, and each of them, are directed to turn over to the

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- Liquidator all records, documentation, charts and/or descriptive materials of all funds, assets, property (owned beneficially or otherwise), and all other assets of Respondent wherever situated, and all books and records of accounts, title documents and other documents in their possession or under their control, which relate, directly or indirectly to assets or property owned or held by Respondent or to the business or operations of Respondent; 20.
- Except with leave of court issued after a hearing in which the Liquidator has received reasonable notice, all persons are enjoined from obtaining preferences, judgments, attachments or other liens, or making any levy against Respondent or its assets or property, and from executing or issuing or causing the execution or issuance of any court attachment. subpoena, replevin, execution or other process for the purpose of impounding or taking possession of or interfering with or creating or enforcing a lien upon any property or assets lowned or in the possession of Respondent or the Liquidator, wheresoever situated, and from doing any act interfering with the conduct of said business by the Liquidator;
- 21. Except with leave of court issued after a hearing in which the Liquidator has received reasonable notice, all persons are enjoined from accelerating the due date of any obligation or claimed obligation; exercising any right of set-off; taking, retaining, retaking or attempting to retake possession of any real or personal property; withholding or diverting any rent or other obligation; doing any act or other thing whatsoever to interfere with the possession of or management by the Liquidator of the property and assets, owned or controlled by Respondent or in the possession of Respondent or in any way interfering with the Liquidator or to interfere in any manner during the pendency of this proceeding with the exclusive jurisdiction of this Court over Respondent;
 - 22. All persons are enjoined from waste of assets of Respondent;
- 23. Any and all provisions of any agreement entered into by and between any third party and Respondent, including by way of illustration, but not limited to, the following types of agreements (as well as any amendments, assignments, or modifications thereto): financial guarantee bonds, promissory notes, loan agreements, security agreements, deeds of trust, mortgages, indemnification agreements, subrogation agreements, subordination agreements,

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- 24. The Liquidator is authorized, pursuant to Insurance Code §1037, subsection (g), to invest and reinvest all assets in a manner he deems to be in the best interest of the creditors of the estate, including investing and reinvesting assets through an investment pool consisting exclusively of assets from other estates for which the Insurance Commissioner is the liquidator. To the extent that the Liquidator invests and reinvests through such an investment pool, such investments and re-investments may exceed \$100,000. Further, the Liquidator may make investments or reinvestments in excess of \$100,000, but not exceeding \$5,000,000 per investment or reinvestment, without prior approval if such investments or reinvestments are made pursuant to the investment guidelines of the Liquidator's Conservation & Liquidation Office, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference. The Liquidator shall file quarterly reports of such investments in excess of \$100,000 (other than investments or reinvestments in an investment pool) with the Court, with notice to all persons on the service list, such reports to be filed within 60 days of the end of each quarter;
- 25. The Liquidator is authorized to pay as expenses of administration all expenses heretofore incurred by the Commissioner as Conservator which are presently unpaid, and the Liquidator is authorized to pay, upon presentation, the full amount of any checks or drafts which

to dispose of any property of Respondent by any commercially reasonable method, including, but not limited to, sales at public auctions or sales in bulk to the high bidder (provided at least three

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27. All insurance policies issued by Respondent shall be terminated and canceled effective thirty (30) days following the issuance of this order, and the Liquidator shall notify promptly all policyholders and all bail bond or other surety agents of such policy termination and cancellation by First Class Mail at the last known address of such policyholders;

(3) independent dealers in the kind of property sold are given notice of the opportunity to bid);

The Liquidator is authorized, pursuant to Insurance Code §1037, subsection (d),

- All prior injunctions and other orders of this Court, except to the extent expressly modified herein, are reaffirmed and remain in full force and effect; all powers and authority granted to the Liquidator under this order are in addition to and not in limitation of the powers of the Liquidator under the Insurance Code and any other statutory or applicable case law;
- 29. The rights and liabilities of claimants, creditors, shareholders, policyholders, escrow holders and all other persons interested in the assets of Respondent, including the State of California, are fixed as of the date of the entry of this order; and
- 30. Any and all claims against Respondent (except those policyholder claims already pending against Respondent, which are hereby deemed filed with the Liquidator, who shall maintain a list of such claims), including those which in any way affect or seek to affect any of the assets of Respondent, wherever or however such assets may be owned or held, must be filed by no later than June 30, 2004, (the "Claims Bar Date"), together with proper proof thereof, in accordance with the provisions of Insurance Code §1010, et seq., including, but not limited to §1023, and any claim not filed by the Claims Bar Date is conclusively deemed forever waived.

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INSURANCE COMMISSIONER of the STATE of CALIFORNIA

CONSERVATION & LIQUIDATION OFFICE

INVESTMENT GUIDELINES

Objectives

To maintain safety of principal and to maximize available yield while assuming a minimum of risk through a balance of quality and diversification within the investment portfolio.

A. Safety

Quality

None of the Portfolio will be invested in fixed income securities rated below investment grade quality by Standard & Poor's, Moody's or by another nationally recognized statistical rating organization. Unrated securities may not be held. The minimum average market value weighted credit quality of securities in the Portfolio will be AA- by Standard & Poor's and Aa3 by Moody's or their equivalent.

Commercial Paper will be rated no less than A1 by Standard & Poor's or P1 by Moody's.

Sectors

Permitted investments for the Portfolio shall include:

- 1. Fixed income securities and other fixed income obligations of any type which may be issued or guaranteed by (i) the U.S. and the agencies, instrumentalities, and political sub-divisions of the U.S., and (ii) U.S. corporations, trusts and special purpose entities. Such securities must be traded on exchanges or in over the counter markets in the U.S.. No emerging markets' securities are allowed.
- 2. Repurchase agreements.

Restrictions on permitted investments

None of the Portfolio may be invested in foreign securities and in securities not denominated in U.S. dollars. Manager may not elect to hedge currency and/or interest rate exposure. No speculative currency positions are permitted.

All repurchase agreements will be transacted with counterparties approved by the Manager in accordance with its policies and procedures and terms and conditions set forth in the applicable Investment Management Agreement and any applicable Master Repurchase Agreement(s).

No investment in interest only ("IO"), principal only ("PO"), or inverse floater CMOs are permitted. The manager should only accept reasonable prepayment risk, consistent with the stated objectives of their respective funds.

Derivatives, or financial investments containing derivatives, are not permitted, defined as options, forwards, futures and swaps.

Investment transactions (i) which result in leverage or short sales and/or (ii) with affiliates of the Manager, are not permitted.

Diversification

No more than 5 % of the Portfolio will be invested in the securities of any one issuer, other than those securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies, and instrumentalities and refunded municipal issues (all of which may be held without limit). For the purposes of this guideline, asset backed and mortgage-related securities (not issued by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities), issued by trusts and other special purpose entities, will be limited to no more than 5 percent per issue, in addition to a common originator limit of no more than 20 percent.

B. Maturity

Portfolio duration will be maintained within a range of (+/-) six months of the index under normal market conditions. There will be no restriction on the duration of any single security. Duration will be calculated adjusting for

any optionality in securities as well as adjusting for the expected prepayment level of mortgage-backed security pools.

C. Calculation of Returns

Returns will be calculated in compliance with the Association for Investment Management and Research standards.

D. General

All percentage restrictions on Portfolio holdings will initially be evaluated at the time of purchase. At any time thereafter, concentrations in eligible portfolio investments will not exceed the prescribed limit by more than one percent.

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, Manager will not be required to sell any particular holding because a rating of a security is downgraded subsequent to purchase. However, Manager is required to notify the client in the event of a downgrade below investment grade. In the event a security is split rated, the lower rating will apply with respect to all portfolio percentage and quality restrictions.

Investment personnel who will have input into or control over any investment decision on behalf of the Commissioner are required, if they have a beneficial interest in that security, to disclose in writing their beneficial interest and receive written authority from the Commissioner before an investment decision is made.

E. Benchmark

The benchmark for the Portfolio will be the Lehman 1-3 Gov/Credit A or better, (the "Index"). The objective of the Portfolio will be to maintain safety of principal and maximize available yield while assuming a minimum of risk through a balance of quality and diversification within the portfolio.