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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF MARIN  
GENERAL CIVIL DIVISION - SAN RAFAEL**

BRUCE FORD, JOSEPH HARVARD,  
SANDRAHUSER, individually, on behalf of  
all others similarly situated, and on behalf of  
the general public,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

AXIS APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT  
SOLUTIONS, a California Corporation;  
KIMBERLY DAWN PEROTTI; MICHAEL  
SIMMONS, and DOES 1 through 50,  
inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: CIV 1403236

Hon. Roy O. Chernus

**[Proposed] ORDER GRANTING  
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR  
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS  
ACTION SETTLEMENT, CERTIFICATION  
OF SETTLEMENT CLASS, AND  
APPROVING CLASS REPRESENTATIVES,  
CLASS COUNSEL, AND CLASS NOTICE**

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**[Proposed] ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY  
APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT, CERTIFICATION OF SETTLEMENT  
CLASS, AND APPROVING CLASS REPRESENTATIVES, CLASS COUNSEL, AND  
CLASS NOTICE (CASE NO.: CIV 1403236)**

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2 On Sept. 9, 2015, the undersigned heard a joint motion by Bruce Ford, Joseph Harvard, and  
3 Sandra Huser (collectively, the "Class Representatives"), for an order preliminarily approving a  
4 proposed settlement of the above-entitled putative class action. The undersigned having considered  
5 the Motion, Class Action Settlement Agreement ("Settlement"), the proposed Notice of Class Action  
6 Settlement ("Class Notice"), and the submissions and arguments of counsel,<sup>1</sup>

7 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

8 1. The Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement is GRANTED  
9 pursuant to California Rule of Court 3.769.

10 2. The Court finds on a preliminary basis that the settlement memorialized in the  
11 Stipulation falls within the range of reasonableness and, therefore, meets the requirements for  
12 preliminary approval.

13 3. The Court conditionally certifies, for settlement purposes only a class of all persons  
14 who are or have been employed by one or more Defendants as Appraisers, including employees with  
15 the job title "In-House Appraiser," "Staff Appraiser," "Review Appraiser," "Lead Appraiser," "In-  
16 House Review Appraiser," "Senior Review Appraiser," "Quality Control Reviewer," "QC Reviewer,"  
17 and any other employee performing the same or similar duties for Defendants within California at any  
18 time from August 22, 2010 through April 23, 2015 (the "Class").

19 4. The Court appoints Bruce Ford, Joseph Harvard, and Sandra Huser as Class  
20 Representatives.

21 5. The Court appoints Bryan Schwartz Law as Class Counsel.

22 6. The Court appoints Gilardi & Co. as Claims Administrator.

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25 <sup>1</sup> All capitalized terms in this Order shall have the same definitions as those set forth in the Motion.



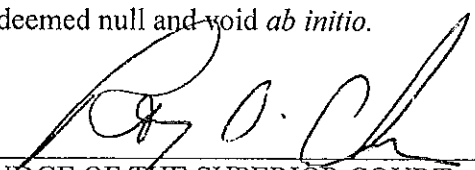
1 (a) The Claims Administrator shall mail Class Notice to the Class Members as  
2 soon as practicable upon Preliminary Approval of the settlement, but no later than 15 days after entry  
3 of this Order.

4 (b) Objections to the settlement and requests for exclusion must be submitted and  
5 postmarked no later than the date thirty (30) days after the Class Notice is mailed.

6 (c) The final fairness hearing is to be held on Dec 2, 2015, at 8:30 a.m.

7 13. In the event that the Final Order is not entered for any reason, then the Settlement, as  
8 well as the findings contained herein, shall be deemed null and void *ab initio*.

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10 DATED: 9/9, 2015

  
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12 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
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