

**BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY OF
CIFG ASSURANCE NORTH AMERICA, INC.**

A.I.D. NO. 2008- 094

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

Now on this day the matter of Arkansas Certificate of Authority No. 1488 of CIFG ASSURANCE NORTH AMERICA, INC., NAIC #25771 ("Company"), a New York-domiciled insurer, is taken under consideration by Julie Benafield Bowman, Insurance Commissioner for the State of Arkansas ("Commissioner"), as presented by Amanda Rose, Associate Counsel, Legal Division of the Arkansas Insurance Department ("Department") and by the Finance Division of the Department. From the facts, matters and other things before the Commissioner, she finds as follows:

1. That the Commissioner has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter involved herein.
2. That the Company is a property and casualty insurer domiciled in the State of New York and authorized to sell surety insurance in the State of Arkansas.
3. That, as of September 30, 2008, the Company's quarterly financial statement shows a total capital and surplus of negative one billion, three hundred eleven million, nine hundred four thousand, four hundred twenty-four dollars (-\$1,311,904,424.00).
4. That based on its total capital and surplus, the Company no longer meets the requirements for the authority originally granted it.
5. That on this date the Commissioner has determined that the causes as stated make it appropriate and expedient to suspend the Company's Arkansas Certificate of Authority.

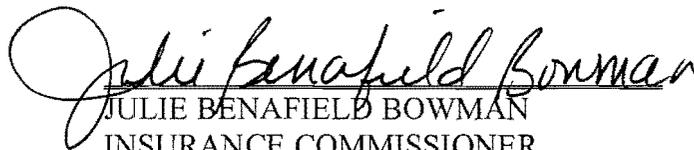
6. That, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 23-63-212(a)(2), 23-63-214 and 23-63-215, the Commissioner hereby orders an immediate suspension of the Arkansas Certificate of Authority of CIFG Assurance North America, Inc. The suspension shall continue and remain in place until further order of the Commissioner.

7. That the Company shall cease writing any and all new or renewal direct business in the State of Arkansas, and shall issue no new insurance policies or assume any risks located in Arkansas.

8. That during the period of this suspension, the Commissioner hereby waives the requirement that the Company file its annual statements and pay fees, licenses, and taxes as required under the Arkansas Insurance Code.

9. Pursuant to the waiver provisions of Department Rule 56, the Company's payment of the Rule 56 fee ("CFRF") is waived; further, under the provisions of Department Rule 5, any anti-fraud assessments are hereby waived for the Company during the period of suspension.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 31st DAY OF DECEMBER, 2008.


JULIE BENAFIELD BOWMAN
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
STATE OF ARKANSAS