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## FINAL NOTICE

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To: **Nationwide Finance Limited**

Of: **2 Manor Close  
Minchinhampton  
Stroud  
Gloucestershire  
GL6 9DG**

Dated: **20 September 2006**

**TAKE NOTICE: The Financial Services Authority (the "FSA") of 25 The North Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London E14 5HS gives you final notice about a decision to cancel the permission granted to Nationwide Finance Limited, to carry on regulated activities.**

### **1. ACTION**

- 1.1 The FSA gave Nationwide Finance Limited ("NFL") a Decision Notice on 2 August 2006 (the "Decision Notice") which notified NFL that for the reasons given below and pursuant to section 45 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "Act"), the FSA had decided to cancel the permission granted to NFL pursuant to Part IV of the Act (the "Part IV permission").
- 1.2 NFL was informed of its statutory right to make a reference to the Financial Services and Markets Tribunal, but NFL has not referred the Decision Notice to the Tribunal within 28 days of the date on which the Decision Notice was given to NFL. Accordingly, the FSA has today cancelled the Part IV Permission.

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## **2. REASONS FOR ACTION**

- 2.1 On the basis of the facts and matters and conclusions described in the Warning Notice issued to NFL on 15 June 2006, and in the Decision Notice, it appears to the FSA that NFL is failing to satisfy the threshold conditions set out in Schedule 6 to the Act in that the FSA is not satisfied that NFL is a fit and proper person, having regard to all the circumstances, including the need to ensure that its business is conducted soundly and prudently. Furthermore, it appears that NFL has failed to meet the requirements of the FSA's Principles for Businesses. In the opinion of the FSA, NFL has failed to conduct its business with integrity, failed to pay due regard to the interests of a customer and to treat him fairly and has failed to deal with its regulator in an open and cooperative way.
- 2.2 Specifically, in February 2003 NFL received £19,000 of a client's money, which was due for onward investment and deposited it into its company bank account, despite not being authorised by the FSA to handle client money. NFL has failed to return £14,000 of the money due to the client or to comply with a County Court Judgement ("CCJ") for £15,059.50 obtained by the client on 13 September 2005. NFL has also failed to provide a substantive response to the FSA's repeated requests for information.

## **3. IMPORTANT**

- 3.1 This Final Notice is given to NFL in accordance with section 390(1) of the Act.

### **Publicity**

- 3.2 Sections 391(4), 391(6) and 391(7) of the Act apply to the publication of information about the matter to which this Final Notice relates. Under those provisions, the FSA must publish such information about the matter to which this Final Notice relates as the FSA considers appropriate. The information may be published in such manner as the FSA considers appropriate. However, the FSA may not publish information if such publication would, in the opinion of the FSA, be unfair to you or prejudicial to the interests of consumers.
- 3.3 The FSA intends to publish such information about the matter to which this Final Notice relates as it considers appropriate.

### **FSA Contact**

- 3.4 For more information concerning this matter generally, you should contact Lehong Mac at the FSA (direct line: 020 7066 5742/fax: 020 7066 9721).

**John Kirby**  
**FSA Enforcement Division**