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ALERT!

To: All Agents & Attorneys in the States of Texas & New Mexico
From: Stephen R. Streiff
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Re: Ameriquest Mortgage Co.

A published report in Reuters last week, picked up by many publications over the weekend, stated that Ameriquest Mortgage Co. has stopped taking loan applications and that its parent company, ACC Capital Holdings, has sold Ameriquest's remaining mortgage assets and service business to Citigroup, Inc. Ameriquest's website now contains a statement that it is not accepting new loan applications.

As a result of these disclosures, **Old Republic operations or agents should not close loans** involving Ameriquest Mortgage Co. **unless they currently have good funds** in their escrow account for the loan. For purposes of this **ALERT!**, the term "good funds" should be construed to mean that the funds for the loan have actually been received by the bank and have been credited to the appropriate escrow account.

This **ALERT!** is being issued for the sole purpose of meeting the Company's predetermined underwriting criteria and should in no way be construed as slanderous or defamatory material against any of the parties named herein.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact David Rhodes or Steve Streiff in our Legal Department.